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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

My brain has been scattered this week so I'm just going to go with that and throw out some random items of interest and goings-on in the neighborhood this month.

There are two bills of interest that have come before the Georgia Legislature in recent weeks. The first bill would PROHIBIT a highway or tunnel from being built in intown Atlanta. The second bill would allow single-family homeowners who pay for a neighborhood private security patrol up to \$1,200 in income tax credit. I will keep you up-to-date on both in the blog; it will be interesting to follow. I'll also provide links to the newspaper articles discussing the bills at: <http://blog.inmanpark.org>.

By the time you read this, the annual Tree Hugger's Ball will have come and gone. This is the primary fundraiser for the Inman Park Tree Watch – the committee who partners with Trees Atlanta to take care of maintaining, replacing, and adding to the trees in Inman Park. If you couldn't make it, you can still contribute by writing a check to Friends of Inman Park, earmarked for Tree Watch. As we're all too aware, the drought has ended, but it took a lot of our trees with it. The Tree Watch committee is in great need of funds to replace the many trees we've lost, and take care of those that survived.

Now is the time to *VOLUNTEER FOR FESTIVAL!* We've got two months left of planning, and the website is ready for you to sign on to a shift at www.inmanpark.org. No excuses! You will enjoy Festival all weekend, so give up a mere two hours to help make it happen.

Speaking of Festival, the myth still lingers that we have an annual clean-up the week or so before Festival. YEARS ago the city used to come pick up whatever we threw on the curb one special week before Festival. However they discontinued this practice long ago. If you want to do spring cleaning before Festival (as we all want to do), you need to call the Sanitation Department to arrange a special pick-up of items that you can't fit in your Herbie. Remember, they won't take building materials.

After months and months of promises, the new website really and truly will be going live by March, thanks to neighbor volunteer **Mike Murphy**. I will get everyone details before we launch. One element I am adding to the site is a FAQ section for neighbors, to answer those questions that pop up time and again on the yahoo group, such as "How do I get a new recycling bin if mine was stolen", or "Who do I call if my streetlight is out?". If you have any of these questions you would like to see posted on the website (or better yet, have both the question and answers), let me know by e-mail at: president@inmanpark.org.

I told you my thoughts were scattered this month! I'll blame it on cabin fever.

Stay warm and dry everyone.

ARE YOU A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING?

By Betty Ridderhoff

It's time to renew your IPNA and Security Patrol membership. You must be a member for 15 days prior to a meeting in order to vote at that meeting. Membership applications are available online and in every issue of the *Advocator*, or request one from bridderhoff@bellsouth.net. Also, if you're not certain if you have renewed for 2010-2011, you can send an e-mail to this same address and we can tell you.

Join our Security Patrol also. If you are a homeowner, please sign up as a member. If you are a renter, you can make a donation to the Security Patrol. Membership fees and donations are used to pay for extra patrol hours. Our goal is to have a 24/7 patrol.

You can send one check to pay both your IPNA and Security Patrol Membership fees. It's very simple, one application and one check.

FESTIVAL 2010

By Nick Franz
2010 Festival Chair

As I author this article, Atlanta is in the midst of the worst cold spell I can remember in my 18 years in our fine city. So, with the chill, I naturally think of being warm, which brings me to the next season we have the joy of experiencing – *spring*. If one lives in Inman Park and thinks of spring, the next natural progression is the Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes!

Your 2010 Festival Committee has been hard at work planning for this event. When this edition of the *Advocator* arrives on your front porch, we will be a little over two months away from Festival 2010, slated for April 23-25, 2010. The bands have been booked, the art has been selected, the beverages have been ordered, and we have many wonderful houses ready for tour. And, we will also have a couple gardens on tour. I want to thank the Festival Committee for their hard work thus far and their attention to details.

Our ambition is to continue to make the Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes the best festival in Atlanta. It is important to note that we are the only all-volunteer festival in Atlanta – a fact we should all be very proud of and a tradition we need to continue. I ask each of you to consider volunteering for the variety of jobs we have available. Go to www.inmanpark.org and click on “volunteer for Festival”. It’s that easy! Your help and support are what differentiates our festival from all others in Atlanta and provides our community with funds to operate. Please join your neighbors and volunteer for Festival 2010!

In advance, thank you for your efforts.

**Next Festival meeting will be on
Tuesday, March 9
at the
Trolley Barn
at 7:30 p.m.**

KEEP THE L5P MINI-PRECINCT OPEN

By Richard Shapiro, D.D.S.

Our new Mayor has set the goal of greatly increasing the size of Atlanta’s Police force, but, for now, the numbers remain low, and, if he is successful, it will still take some time to recruit, train, and find funding for new officers. Although there are dueling statistics on the Atlanta crime rates, one thing for sure—we are all still concerned about the level of crime and the dangerous world we live in. It is critically important to do everything we can to protect ourselves.

The Little 5 Points Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct is now, beginning its 12th year of existence. It continues to be a cornerstone in our multi-prong approach to reduce crime in our community (while there is no magic bullet, each step we take helps incrementally). The Mini-Precinct continues to provide a crucial increased police presence in our community. However, we need your help to keep it open.

The L5P Mini-Precinct is a public/ private partnership between the community and the City of Atlanta. The community provided the funds to renovate the space and continues to pay for rent, utilities, and other operating costs. The Police Dept. provides the officers, equipment, supplies, video surveillance, etc. The bulk of funding for this satellite police station comes from L5P Business Association members with substantial contributions from the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the Candler Park Neighbor Neighborhood Organization. The rest of the funding is provided by contributions from the individual households in the area. Yes, we pay taxes; yes, there should be enough cops on the streets; yes, we should be fighting mad and fighting hard to improve that; and yes, in a perfect world we wouldn’t have to pay extra for better police coverage. But it’s not a perfect world; crime continues to be a major problem, and we have to face the realities. Having a Mini-Precinct here is a great opportunity for us to get a lot of police presence bang for our private bucks.

Since it opened, the increased presence and visibility of Atlanta Police Officers that the Mini-Precinct brings to our community has made a significant difference in the conduct of those hanging out in L5P and the surrounding community. We are particularly pleased to continue to have Officer **Dino LaRosa** (an aggressive officer with decades of familiarity with the L5P area, including many years as our local bicycle officer), assigned to the L5P Mini-Precinct. Our area is far less dangerous than it used to be. It’s really a *no-brainer*, having more cops around makes criminals and problematic elements stay away and/or watch their behavior. This protects people, possessions, and property values.

Closing the Mini-Precinct would be so irreversible; if it closes we won’t get it back. Keeping the Mini-Precinct here does require funding. Please send your contribution now. If you haven’t contributed to the Mini-Precinct Fund in the past, now is a good time to consider joining the hundreds of your neighbors who have been supporting this worthwhile endeavor. It’s the right thing to do for your community, your neighbors, and, most of all, yourself.

A yearly contribution of \$50 or more is suggested. It’s a small price to pay to insure that this valuable project continues to serve our area.

Please invest in your community and send your check to:

**L5PBA Mini-Precinct Fund
PO Box 5733
Atlanta, GA 31107**

Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. These contributions should be tax deduct-ible—check with your tax professional.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN IPNA AND SECURITY PATROL *TODAY!*

READ ABOUT ALL THE BENEFITS YOU WILL RECEIVE. THEY ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IN THIS ISSUE. The presence of our Security Patrol car has made a huge difference in the crime in Inman Park. If everyone would join as a member, it would be possible to have a wonderful crew of officers on duty 24/7. Stop to say Thank you when you see them around the neighborhood.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2010, IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette welcomed the group. She asked that newcomers introduce themselves and the following did: **Sherrie Jones** from Inman Animal Hospital.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oreon Mann announced this month's book club will be held January 27, at his home at 877 Edgewood Ave. at 7:00 p.m. The book is *The Space Between Us* by **Thrity Umrigar**. Please bring a covered dish to share.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

The new Zone 6 Commander, **Major John R. Dalton**, introduced himself. He promises to continue the excellent job of **Major Propes** and is extremely committed to the neighborhood. **Lt. Brent Schierbaum**, Chief of the Inman Park Security Patrol, reported on a spike in car break-ins around L5P in the parking lots off of Euclid Ave. The majority of the victims are visitors, but there have also been some break-ins on Dixie Ave. and near Springvale Park. Please be on the lookout for a maroon Buick 1996 LeSabre, license plate BVJ 2541. This person is wanted for numerous car break-ins. There will be a greater police presence in Zone 6 with reserve retired officers and discretionary officers on patrol.

He also reported on two burglaries in apartment complexes off North Highland. The biggest news was the December 30 robbery at gunpoint at 6:30 p.m. that took place outside of Shaun's. Lt. Schierbaum reminded everyone to stay alert at all times when walking, going to the ATM, or getting in and out of your car. The person who robbed Zesto's, **Albert Hurd**, was arrested through some tips on Crimestoppers. He and another person who was wanted for robbery were taken into custody.

Detective Roy was introduced as IPP's Officer of the Month. She spotted a suspicious person at Krog St. and Lake Ave. and approached him. He turned out to be in possession of a handgun and knife and was a convicted felon who was violating his parole. She was presented with an American Express gift card in the amount of \$50.

Carolyn McLaughlin has noticed more tagging in the neighborhood, especially around the Lizzie Chapel area. **Lt. Schierbaum** said he will get someone to photograph the tags and see if they are gang tags or just graffiti.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Jay Tribby, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, reminded residents that if you are still having problems with your water bill to resend your information to him at: khall@atlantaga.gov.

The situation with vacant office buildings in Midtown and Buckhead, combined with foreclosures in the southern part of the city, means a tough budget year because the City is so dependent on property taxes. He asked everyone to please be involved and contact him with your questions, comments, and concerns.

Braxton Cotton, from **Councilman Lamar Willis'** office, said to also please contact their office at: braxtoncotton@hotmail.com if you have concerns or questions.

IPNA OFFICER REPORTS

SECRETARY – Stephanie McCaa

Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT – Lisa Burnette

Lisa introduced **Peggy Rogers** from ING, who discussed details of the ING Marathon and Half-Marathon, which will take place Sunday, March 21. The course starts and ends in Centennial Olympic Park and is the same course as last year. There will be a Challenge Cheering Zone again with prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 that must be used for a neighborhood fitness initiatives. The cheering zones will be judged by the participants who can vote on-line. February 15 is the deadline for registration as a cheering zone. A motion to approve the date of the marathon was seconded and passed.

Lisa also reported on recent complaints about flyers from the AJC, which have been littering the streets. After some discussion it was determined that you could call the AJC and ask to be taken off the distribution list. In addition, **Lisa** suggested that she write a letter on behalf of the neighborhood asking them to stop the flyers. A motion was made to approve **Lisa's** writing of the letter. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion of the cell tower appeal hearing was moved from Old Business because many people in attendance were very interested in the outcome and update. IPNA lost the hearing, although our attorney made a well-argued case. We lost because BZA determined

that this issue is beyond their standard of review and what they are allowed to overturn based on their authority. Lisa explained, if we want to take this issue any further, we would have to file a lawsuit. The IPNA Board's suggestion is we should not proceed because of the expense and there is no precedent for this issue; it would be a novel legal issue. If we won the lawsuit, it would most likely then go to the Court of Appeals and Superior Court. However, Lisa explained that it is the neighborhood's decision as to how we proceed. **Regina Brewer** said that she agreed with the Board's recommendation and suggested we reach out to see if there are any organizations that would pursue this case because the City and T-Mobile did break the law in using the park inappropriately. Lisa Burnette concurred that we could reach out. Someone asked where the money from T-Mobile goes in the City budget. Regina Brewer said it supposedly goes to city parks. A motion was made, seconded, and passed not to pursue litigation in the State court.

Lisa Burnette thanked **Regina Brewer, Randy Bailey**, and everyone else who worked on this fight.

V.P. ZONING – Amy Higgins

Bob Sandage has a proposal to renovate the Wrecking Bar. He is just presenting his plan tonight; there is no vote on the table. The big stumbling blocks are the liquor license and parking. The problem with the liquor license is you cannot have one within 300 feet of a residence unless it is for a restaurant. There needs to be an amendment to the L5P zoning ordinance to allow a brew pub to operate within 300 feet of a residence. Bob had an immediate neighbors meeting on Sunday and received their full support for an amendment. The question was raised as to whether we can craft the amendment to protect the neighbors from any future development on that site should the space change hands.

A liquor license is given to a person, not an address, so any new venture would have to go before the review board and neighborhood. Bob's vision for the site is a restaurant, brewing area, and event facility. The restaurant would feature locally grown, healthy items, with lunch entrees ranging from \$6-\$10 and dinner entrees from \$10-\$17. There would be seating for 70-80 in the pub. The parking requirements are 33 spaces and they currently only have 20. He is still looking at off-site parking options. All events parking will need to be off-site. Hours of operation would include 11:00 p.m. closing on weeknights and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

George Gary asked if the neighbors are going to want neighborhood parking permits. Bob Sandage said he will be encouraging the patrons not to park on the street but rather in designated parking areas, to be determined. Bob also talked about using a covenant in the property deed to protect the neighbors from a new business in the future getting extended hours. **Regina Brewer** encouraged everyone to work with Bob to make his plans happen.

There was a short discussion about the potential impact on the Wrecking Bar plans by the Moreland Corridor Study, which includes adding crosswalks and lights on Moreland Ave. between Euclid Ave and the DeKalb overpass. **Richard Shapiro** said he doubts these changes will ever happen because there are too many different government entities at work. **Jonathan Miller** suggested that lots of other associations become involved in the process including Atlanta Youth Soccer Association, Candler Park, and L5P Business Association.

NPU REPORT – Jonathan Miller was elected Chairman again. He reported that the City might move code enforcement under the police department. He attended a big meeting at the new police headquarters. Public safety will be top priority for this administration. He will write an article in the *Advocator* about the meeting.

V.P. PUBLIC SAFETY – Bob Sandage

Bob presented a recap from the holiday season. Overall we did well with regard to crime numbers. The Santa's Safety Run brought in \$1,000 for the Security Patrol. There are still Safety Run T-shirts left. Please contact him if you would like to buy one (they are \$5).

V.P. HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Adam Stillman

The agenda item for 182 DeGress has been withdrawn. 836 Dixie Ave. has been moved to next month's agenda. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to add 875 Ashland Ave. to tonight's agenda. **Audrey Godiers** and **Magnus Perrson** presented plans for a Type III Application for an addition to a house that is a contributing structure. The application received a unanimous immediate neighbors' support. The addition will almost be impossible to see from the street. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to support the immediate neighbors' support.

TREASURER – Cameron Childress

Cameron was not able to attend so **Bob Sandage** reported for him:

<i>Advocator</i> (two months)	\$4,843.00
Public Safety (patrol, yard signs, fuel for car)	\$18,411.24
Beautification (landscaping)	\$1,378.00
Historic Preservation (cell phone tower legal fight)	\$13,276.67
Babysitters (only at meetings)	\$50.00
Inman Park United Methodist Church (two years' rent)	\$5,400.00
Website (hosting)	\$315.00
Traffic calming plan	\$66.81
Education Donations (budgeted donation to Mary Lin PTA, Mary Lin Education Foundation, Grady High School, Inman Middle School)	\$7,300.00
Historic Fourth Ward Conservancy (budgeted donation)	\$1,000.00
L5P Community Center (budgeted donation)	\$2,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSE \$54,040.72

A motion to approve all budgeted items over \$1,000 was made, seconded, and approved. A separate motion to approve the unbudgeted expenditure for church rent was made, seconded, and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FESTIVAL: Terry Sagedy reported that the Festival poster debuted on Facebook today. "Friend" him if you would like to see it... if

you are his Facebook friend, then pass it on.

TRAFFIC CALMING: **Danny Feig-Sandoval** reported the landscaping is almost completed. There is just one island left to be completed on North Highland Ave. at Washita Ave. The City is out this week painting some crosswalks in our neighborhood. Some neighbors on Edgewood Ave. are working on traffic calming there, and the City has agreed to do some plans such as raised crosswalks.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Carolyn McLaughlin reported that, in order to receive money from Park Pride we need to show a vote of support from the community that we would like the community garden to be in Freedom Park. We are not voting on a specific site. A motion to approve a community garden in Freedom Park was made, seconded, and passed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is February 17 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

LOOKING FOR A FUN TIME?

By Jan Keith

If you've been trying to get more involved in the neighborhood, here's your chance. We need a lot of house sitters during Festival. It's easy, and you get a volunteer house tour T-shirt to boot!

Shifts are for two hours. You serve as an Inman Park Ambassador by welcoming people into our tour homes and helping out the home tour owners. Sounds easy? It is.

And it's easy to sign up: just go to www.inmanpark.org, click on Festival, go to House Tour volunteers and choose your location. Very easy. And if you volunteer for the Saturday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. shift, you'll also receive a free Tour of Homes ticket (\$20 value)!

Now that's what I call fun.

FRIENDS OF FESTIVAL FIRST DONORS FOR 2010!!

By Carrington Moore

**The Stove Works
Inman Alley Association
Studioplex
BOND Community FCU**

CHEAP TIX

By Jan Keith

Tour of Homes tickets will be available to members of IPNA for \$12 at the IPNA meetings on March 17 and April 21, as well as at 889 Edgewood Ave. (the Keith's) and 177 Elizabeth St. (the Westrick's) until April 22, the Thursday before Festival.

Advance tickets are \$15 for non-members and \$20 during Festival. Tickets are available at a number of venues, but remind your friends that they can use PayPal and purchase online tickets right off the IPNA website at www.inmanpark.org.

And speaking of friends, the easiest time to see the homes is Friday, April 23, during the short tour from noon to 4:00 p.m. Not only can you drive right up to the houses without the Festival crowds and blocked streets, but you have a more leisurely tour with time to visit the homeowners and other neighbors also out touring. Nine of the twelve homes are open on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, when all twelve homes open their doors, tour hours are noon to 6:00 p.m.

See you on tour! And remember to encourage your non-Inman Park friends to use MARTA.

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

February Porch Party
at the home of
Leigh Hays
413 Sinclair Avenue
Friday, February 26, 7:30 P.M.

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

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Does your porch want to host a porch party?
It's easy and fun!
Call Richard or Pat Westrick 404-523-4801

Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!
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2010 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!

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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

INMAN PARK AFRICAN LIBRARY PROJECT

*By Cathy Bradshaw, Judy Clements,
Lisa Burnette, and Inman Park Children's Committee*

In the January *Advocator*, Lisa Burnette introduced the African Library Project. We will be collecting books to create a library in Swaziland, in southern Africa.

We are off and running on this project, but need some help.

Here is how you can help.

What: The African Library Project is a non-profit organization founded and operated by **Bo Bradshaw's** sister, **Chris**, who got the idea while traveling in Africa with her family. While in Lesotho, Chris learned there were no libraries in the entire country. *Wow*. No libraries. No books. This realization turned into a thriving volunteer organization that has created over 375 libraries in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Cameroon, Lesotho, Nigeria, Botswana, Swaziland, and Malawi. (Get out your maps!)

Where: We will collect and ship 1000 books to create a library for an elementary school in Swaziland. Volunteers in Swaziland will provide the space, build the bookshelves and manage the library. This will be a free lending library, the same as we enjoy all over the U.S.

When: We will collect the books until March 31. We will ship them to New Orleans by April 15 where they will be combined with books from other book drives for other libraries. They will then be shipped to Africa by African Library Project volunteers.

How Much: We need 1,000 books, \$500 for packing materials and shipping plus volunteers to help.

Volunteers: We need volunteers who will:

- Get the word out & create a buzz! Check out the website at:
africanlibraryproject.org
- Collect and sort books.
- Pack books.
- Ship books.
- Raise money to pay for packing materials and shipping.

Create a Buzz:

- Distribute flyers (we can send you a .pdf).
- Show the African Library Project dvd to your friends or group (we can make you a copy).
- Ask your friends to help.
- Talk to school groups, scout troops, church groups, book clubs, dining groups, friends. and neighbors are all great groups to help out with this project.
- Spread the word!

Collection Points: Collection points have been set up and are clearly marked at:

- Inman Park United Methodist Church, the covered porch by the ramp.
- Cathy & Bo Bradshaw, 206 Hurt Str., front porch.
- Judy Clements, 236 Elizabeth St., front porch & side porch.
- We will also pick up your books if you contact Cathy or Judy.

Which Books? These are especially good to send:

1. Children's picture books.
2. Children's fiction and non-fiction.

3. Early readers.
4. Juvenile literature.
5. Teacher books.
6. Children's dictionaries.
7. Children's encyclopedias.
8. Encyclopedias less than 15 years old.
9. Accurate atlases.
10. Thesauruses.
11. Paperback textbooks in math, English, geography and science at appropriate level.
12. Books with universal themes (friendship, animals, love, etc.).

Paper or Hardback: Paperbacks preferred because they are cheaper to ship.

Condition: Gently used is fine.

No-No: We cannot send any of the following:

1. No religious books of any kind.
2. No books about our American holidays.
3. No books about consumer goods or electronic gadgets.
4. No adult romance novels.
5. No books with tiny print and no pictures.
6. No books with lots of American slang.
7. No political books.

For more information, contact any of us:

Cathy: Cbrad999@bellsouth.net or 404-524-4190

Judy: judyclements@bellsouth.net or 404-523-9922

Lisa: lisaburnette@bellsouth.net or 404-659-4122

THEATRE AL FRESCO - A HIT!

By David Hudson

Theatre Al Fresco returns for its 20th year, once again presenting great theatre under the Festival tent. Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 24, and come prepared to enjoy remarkable vignettes from our local theatre companies. In addition to Dad's Garage Theatre Company, Horizon Theatre Company, and 7 Stages, Synchronicity Performance Group will be joining us again this year. If you are new to the neighborhood this is a great way to become familiar with our local theaters and the great work they do throughout the year right in our own backyard. Here's how it all works. (For those of you who have been around awhile just skip to the part where we ask for sponsorship money.)

Dinner under the Festival tent begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday April 24. You bring dinner, drink, and festive table décor (please remember **NO CANDLES** are permitted under the tent) and a group of six to fill your table and whatever else suits your dining fancy. We provide the tables, chairs and fabulous theatre for your viewing pleasure. Beginning around 8:30 p.m. each of our neighborhood theaters will take the stage and present a bit of their repertoire for you to enjoy, and the evening generally wraps up around 10:30 p.m. All this in the company of neighbors and friends. Doesn't get much better, really.

Reservations for sponsorship will be accepted until March 23 at which time any remaining tables will become available.

Sponsorship is easy, provides priority table assignments and, of course, greatly benefits our neighborhood theaters, which add so much to the quality of life in our neighborhood; and it is tax deductible. Sponsorship is available on four levels; please choose the one that works best for you. Sponsorships are as follows:

PRODUCING sponsors: Sponsors of \$1,000 or more. These sponsors will have their names or business names prominently displayed on a banner behind the stage and in the program and will receive one table, seating six, in close proximity of the stage as a part of their sponsorship benefits.

PATRON sponsors: Sponsors of \$500 to \$1,000. These sponsors will have their names listed in the program and receive one table seating six.

ANGEL sponsors: Sponsors at the \$200 to \$500 level. These sponsors will have their names listed in the program as a table sponsor and receive priority seating. Please note that this level of sponsorship does not include the cost of a table. Tables seating six may be reserved for an additional \$120.00 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

STAR sponsors: Sponsors of \$100 to \$200. These sponsors will have their names listed in the program and receive priority seating. This level also does not include the cost of the table. A table seating six may be reserved for an additional cost of \$120.00 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

In memory of **Margie Veneziale**, we have created "MARGIE'S STARS". You are invited to become a member by sending a check in any amount made payable to "Friends of Inman Park". We will recognize all of Margie's Stars at Theatre Night with a special listing in the program. The Margie's Stars funds will be added to sponsorship donations and will be distributed to the theatres.

This is a critical time in the lives of many theaters as funding continues to disappear from both public and private sources. We are very concerned about the financial health of our local theaters. Their fiscal challenges have increased, and they need our donations more than ever. It would be a shame to lose any of our theaters but we fear that is a possibility. We hope you will consider increasing the amount of money you contribute to this very worthwhile cause and allow us to make a larger contribution to our neighborhood theaters.

Tables not reserved by sponsors as of March 23 will be available for a cost of \$120 per table. Reservations and sponsorship commitments may be made by telephone or e-mail to **Marie Wooldridge**, who manages this part of our production. As always she will keep up with the reservations, the money, and the number of remaining tables without ever once losing her cool. She can be reached at 404 880-9065 or mjwooldridge@comcast.net.

Please remember the actual table assignments are not made until she RECEIVES YOUR CHECK. So the sooner you send in your money, the better your seats will be.

Checks should be made out to "Friends of Inman Park" with "Theatre Night" in the memo line. All donations made to Friends of Inman Park are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

This event sells out every year. We urge you to decide on your level of sponsorship, contact Marie, and send in your check (made out to "Friends of Inman Park") as quickly as possible.

Once again we thank you for your continuing support of both this event and of the theaters that we are so lucky to have within walking distance of our very own "hood". Come join us for an evening of laughter, great food, lovely tables, and fabulous theatre all this in the company of neighbors and friends.

We welcome **Barbara Black, Lindsay Hill, and Judi Knight** as new members of our committee. Please feel free to call with any questions you might have or if you would like to volunteer your time to help set up or clean up after the event.

Cathy Bradshaw	404-524-4190
Barbara Black	678-772-2058
Judy Clements	404 523-9922
Lindsay Hill	404 550-1055
David Hudson	404 702-9155
Judi Knight	770 714-8616
Jane Kourkoulis	404-577-7845
Terry Sagedy	404 525-9019
Marie Wooldridge	404 880-9065

(Editor's note: Before you think we didn't edit this article properly, please note the explanations for the spelling of 'theater' and 'theatre'. Theater: A building, room, or an outdoor structure for the presentation of plays, movies, or other dramatic performances. Theatre: The performance of or reference to the actors/actresses.)

ARBOR DAY

Press release from Trees Atlanta

On February 19, Georgia Arbor Day will be upon us! Georgia Arbor Day is a state holiday that reminds us to reflect upon the importance of trees in our state. The holiday gives everyone an opportunity to learn about trees and the environmental, social, economic, and health benefits they provide to communities. Inman Park is ahead of the game when it comes to appreciating the value of trees: this neighborhood has its own arboretum!

As you know, an arboretum is a collection of trees and other mostly woody plants that are cultivated for display, educational, and scientific purposes. Typically, an arboretum is located in a garden or park. A *neighborhood* arboretum is a little different because it includes trees growing in yards, sidewalk planting strips, and neighborhood parks. Attractive granite markers are installed beside the trees selected or planted for the arboretum, to enlighten walkers about the names and unique characteristics of the beautiful trees that surround them.

On Georgia Arbor Day, Trees Atlanta will be planting trees in Freedom Park and mulching in Inman Park. Everyone is invited! Many of the new trees will be added to the arboretum, ensuring that a diverse canopy of trees continue to protect the wildlife and people of this neighborhood.

Meet long-time Trees Atlanta volunteer and Inman Park resident Jim Abbot at 9:00 a.m. in Freedom Park, at the intersection of North Highland Ave. and Carmel Ave. (where the bicycle path crosses Highland Ave.) for a day of planting trees in Freedom Park and mulching in Inman Park. When the project ends at noon, volunteers who have participated in the planting can enjoy pizza at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, where they can also browse the art from the Arbor Day Photography Show featuring work from **Kathryn Kolb** and **David Knox**. See you there!

Condolences to the family and friends of **Bernadette Andrews**,

better known to everyone as “Bernie the Dogwalker”, or as my husband Duane would call her, Donnie the Birdwalker. Bernie passed away from cancer January 20, 2010.

If you didn't know Bernie, you probably have seen her with her red hair and ball cap walking a handful of dogs through the streets of our neighborhood.

Bernie lived in Inman Park in the apartments down by the pond on Waverly Way with her partner **Johnny Weddington** for more than 20 years.

She loved my basset hounds and all the other animals she cared for. I never worried about going out of town because I knew my animals would get more walks and attention than I even give them!

We will be having a memorial potluck brunch at my loft at:

Judi Knight

130 A Krog Street

on Sunday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m. Please let me know if you will come. (J.knight@comcast.net)

AVIS G. WILLIAMS LIBRARY IN TOCO HILLS OFFERS A FREE SEMINAR SERIES IN MARCH

By Kelly Cheek

This March, the Toco Hills – Avis G. Williams Library in Decatur will host a free seminar series focused on green remodeling. Topics discussed will be: the Homeowner’s Guide to Green Remodeling, Show Me the Money: Why Green makes Sense for Your Wallet, and Creating a Healthy Home. The library will feature local green experts as speakers. **Joe Thomas** and **Steve Herzlieb** will speak sharing their extensive experiences with green renovations. The seminar series was originally given at the Decatur Library.

The date and description of each seminar is as follows:

Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.:

The Homeowner’s Guide to Green Remodeling

Thinking of going green but don’t know where to begin? This seminar will discuss the typical inefficiencies of an old home, some possible solutions, and how incorporating “green” into your home will benefit your wallet, health, and peace of mind.

Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.:

Show Me the Money: Why Green Makes Sense for Your Wallet

This seminar will discuss how certain green improvements to your home will increase energy efficiency and save you money. In addition, you will learn how the most recent green tax credits and rebates will put even more money in your pocket.

Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.:

Creating a Healthy Home

Recent EPA studies have shown that the air in your home may be even more harmful than the air outside. In this seminar, you’ll learn how to improve the indoor air quality of your home and protect your family from indoor air pollutants like gases, chemicals, pests, radon, and carbon monoxide.

For more information, call 404-378-6962 or visit the DeKalb County Public Library website at:

www.dekalblibrary.org/branches/toco-hill.html

The library is located at:

1282 McConnell Dr.

Decatur, GA 30033.

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR JANUARY 2010

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 make changes in your behavior so we can all be safe.

Thankfully this is a very short crime report – hopefully we are getting the year off to a good start. I did, however, leave off the 14 car break-ins that took place in the parking lots of businesses in Little Five Points – most notably the lot behind Variety Playhouse and the lots next to FrontPage News. It seems like the criminals have been doing some major shopping in the vehicles of visitors to our neighborhood. Please continue your excellent practice of not leaving anything of value in your car, and make sure you spread the word to your friends when they come to visit.

Be safe and thanks to all of you who support the Security Patrol.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
12/29	4:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Colquitt Ave.	Rear passenger window broken but nothing taken.
12/30	6:35 p.m.	Robbery	1000 Block Edgewood Ave.	Victims were getting in their car when approached by suspect, who reached in and took their purses, produced a pistol, and then stole the car as well.
12/30 - 12/31	8:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Front and rear passenger windows smashed. Stolen: laptop, multimedia device and backpack.
12/31 - 01/01	Overnight	Auto Theft	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Car stolen from street.
01/02	8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Validation sticker removed from license plate.
01/02 - 01/03	11:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Front passenger window smashed. Stolen: purse and digital camera.
01/04 - 01/05	10:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	800 Block Dixie Ave.	Passenger side vent window smashed. Stolen: in-dash stereo.
01/05	6:30 p.m.	Aggravated Assault	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Acquaintance pulled a knife on three victims after being asked to leave apartment.
1/14	1:00 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.	Burglary	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Cardboard covering a broken window on apartment door was removed and entry made. Stolen: wallet, cell phone, and 13" TV. Victim was inside the re- sidence.

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."

FEBRUARY PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

By Bob Sandage, Inman Park VP of Public Safety

January was a pretty typical month for Public Safety in Inman Park. There were continued issues with car break-ins, but, overall, few issues with violent crime in Inman Park proper. The surrounding neighborhoods, however, do seem to be getting our share of violent crime. On January 31, a Penske truck with about half a ton of marijuana engaged with a Mercedes in the Edgewood Shopping Plaza. Shots were fired near the Wachovia bank. A driver at the corner of Moreland Ave. and Caroline St. was struck by a bullet that passed through the rear door and the back of the drivers' seat. The victim is in serious condition but is improving as of the writing of this article. This incident shows that although our Security Patrol is taking a bite out of crime in our neighborhood, violent crime is just a short distance away. We must work to empower our surrounding neighbors with as much non-financial assistance as possible so they may set up similar programs.

Beginning with this month's article, I plan to offer highlights of **John Hines'** analysis of violent crime statistics. In his report for the last week of January, there were only three violent crimes reported in APD Beats 604 and 605 (Inman Park, Candler Park, L5P, Poncey-Highland). One of these was in Inman Park, and appeared to be domestic violence in which one person threatened the other with a knife (no injuries resulting). The number of violent crimes was significantly less than the same period last year, and the last few months, but it is too early to determine any trends.

We are now entering the traditional peak fundraising season for Security Patrol. I had hoped to be able to tell you that for this big push we would be able to offer electronic payment via a revamped Inman Park website, but progress on the website effort is still ongoing. A message that we have heard loud and clear over the past year is that although Security Patrol fees are a great value for the protection residents obtain, it is still difficult to shell out up to \$300 all at once (and at tax time, none-the-less!). When the new Inman Park website is launched, hopefully, before Festival, we will implement the ability to pay quarterly for those who wish to do so – likely at a small premium. We also hope to use the new site and other electronic means to communicate neighborhood specials offered by our local businesses exclusively to Security Patrol members. ID cards will be redesigned with more information and distributed so that members

can take advantage of these offers.

The bottom line: the coordination between area businesses and residents will be at a level by May that Security Patrol membership pays for itself. Assuming, you go out to eat twice a month, stop by one of the markets, have your dry cleaning done, and go for medical/dental services at participating businesses in Inman Park, you could save as much as you spend on Security Patrol dues. You get the protection of Security Patrol at effectively no cost, and the area businesses get additional sales.

Until next month, please stay safe!

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL			
JANUARY 2010 ACTIVITY REPORT			
<i>By Lt. Brent Schierbaum</i>			
Directed Patrols	370	Fire	1
Drop Ins / Park & Walks	159	Wanted Person	1
Suspicious Persons	23	Found Property	1
Residential Alarm	11	Criminal Trespass	1
Suspicious Vehicle	4	Prowler	1
Theft	4	Public Indecency	1
Information For Police	4	Mentally Ill Subject	1
Reckless Driver	3	Loud Music	1
Disturbance	2	Welfare Check	1
Car Accident	1	Field Interviews	4
Hit and Run	1	Association Member Contacts	17
Person Hit by Car	1	Arrests	0

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 neighborhood meetings can be set up. Thanks!

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

- **Freedom Park (intersection of Hurt Ave. and Euclid Ave.)** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow site work (community garden) – Deferred to the hearing on February 10.
- **240 North Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a new business sign – Approved with Conditions.
- **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 – Deferred to the hearing on February 10.

Applications Scheduled for AUDC:

February 10:

- **418 North Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-014) to allow rear addition, pergola, and front facade renovations.

Applications Scheduled for IPNA:

- **836 Dixie Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for an addition to an existing contributing structure.
- **849 Virgil St.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for construction of a new house on an empty lot.

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	APPLICATION DEADLINE	HEARING DATE:
	February 16	March 10
	March 2	March 24

AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION			
Website	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

NPU-N UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2010

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of NPU-N

At its January meeting NPU-N took care of several items of administrative business, setting dates for the November and December, 2010 meetings and discussing the process of reaffirming the By-Laws. Be prepared to vote in either May or June. (Spoiler alert: No changes proposed. Same old same old.) We also voted to support an application for a change of agent liquor license for the Flying Biscuit in Candler Park and a parking special exception in Reynoldstown.

We had some interesting visitors. The new fire chief, **George Turner**, came to introduce himself. **Mickey Wade** from Atlanta GasLight came to update us about the continuing work in our area. **Angela Bowers-Irvin** from the City's office that monitors the new outsourced parking enforcement program came to meet us. (Note: Little 5 Points is one of the initial targeted areas for this program.) The MARTA and Atlanta departments were represented, as were Parks and Watershed Management.

Even **Josh Geller**, who is our new community prosecutor stopped by. Of course, **Jay Tribby** was there representing **Kwanza Hall**, as were two representatives from **Michael Julian Bond's** office. See! We know how to party!

Speaking of parties, I was invited along with representatives from around the city to the new Atlanta Police Department headquarters to meet the interim police chief, George Turner. The commanders of the four APD divisions as well as the next level down were present, including our beloved **Major Propes** and our new zone commander, **Major John Dalton**. The Mayor and several members of the City Council's Public Safety Committee came by to listen and answer questions. Needless to say, I have never been safer in my life!

The primary topic of the evening was the need for more officers, particularly in some areas of the City. The Mayor acknowledged this fact, indicated that it was a primary objective of his, but noted that the problem was in figuring out how to pay for it. He did note that a new section was focused on community-oriented policing was in the works with 50 officers slated to be hired using federal stimulus funds. He said that five officers had already been hired for this program.

Moreover, he said he thought the police force was too small and he was trying to increase the force to 2000 officers. As already noted in the news media, he mentioned re-opening the City's recreation centers as part of the drive to reduce juvenile crime. Also mentioned was a study to realign zones that is due within 180 days. Finally, Chief Turner indicated that staffing issues with the 911 system had been dealt with and selection of new leadership was slated for this month.

No big Inman Park issues are planned or expected for the February 25 meeting. However, be prepared to start hearing about the Park Pride grant process. The once-a-year Community Grants happen in March and the twice-a-year Microgrants happen in the spring and the fall. For more information, please go to www.ParkPride.org.

PARK PRIDE 9TH ANNUAL PARKS AND GREENSPACE CONFERENCE

March 20 - March 22, 2010

Press Release submitted by Emily Libman

Parks and Greenspace Conference

Monday, March 22, 2010, at the Atlanta Botanical Garden - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Conference features presenters from New York, Seattle, Chattanooga, Houston, Washington, Charlotte and Jacksonville to showcase best practices in parks and community engagement. Each year the Conference attracts hundreds of attendees from Atlanta and

surrounding cities. Conference highlights include the morning plenary session “From Red Fields to Green Fields: the macro economics of transforming \$3 billion of under-performing commercial real estate into parkland,” the Luncheon Keynote “From Brown to Green to Gold: Chattanooga’s Success, Atlanta BeltLine’s Promise,” and four distinct concurrent session tracks—Design, Build, Manage, and Community.

Details about sessions are available at parkpride.org.

Infrastructure Tour

Saturday, March 20

Visit Atlanta parks that, in addition to providing active and passive recreational opportunities, meet vital needs like flood control, sewage treatment, reservoir storage and transportation. The tour will feature Bellwood Quarry Reservoir and Clayton County’s Newman Wetlands Center.

Participants have the option of a full day tour (including lunch) or participating just in the morning or afternoon.

Community Garden Tour

Sunday, March 21

This tour highlights metro Atlanta’s cutting edge efforts that encourage community gardening in parks. The City of Atlanta allows communities to build and run their own community gardens in parks. The City of Suwannee has built Harvest Farm at Suwannee's White Street Park—a seven-acre park dedicated to community gardens and urban agriculture. Led by tour guides Eva Bradley, Walt Ray and Farmer D, tour participants will visit four of Atlanta's best community gardens.

Register for the conference and/or tours at: <http://parkpride.kintera.org/2010Conference>

SIGN UP TIME FOR THE INMAN PARK SWIM TEAM – THE BELUGAS

By Alex Coffman

For the 2010 season we will compete within our team and all three meets will be at the Inman Park Pool. Optional practices will began tentatively on May 19 starting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and regular practice will begin the week of June 1. Meets will be June 10, 17, and 24. We will have an end of season trophy party on Saturday, June 26.

Your family does not have to be a member of the Inman Park Pool to participate on the swim team. We had children from all over and from many different schools: Mary Lin, Inman Middle, Friends School, Children's School, Paideia, Toomer, etc. We hope to continue the tradition of a ‘community’ team much in the spirit of the IPCP Co-op, Festival, etc.

The fee for members of IPPA (Inman Park Pool Association) is \$125 for the first child and siblings are \$100 each. Non-members of IPPA pay \$175 per first child and \$100 for each additional sibling. The fee includes all the coaching sessions, team shirt, meets, and trophies. Talk to your friends and see if their kids would like to swim for the Belugas. It is a laid back but competitive environment, and we strive to allow every child to achieve success. Parent(s) of team members are required to volunteer for a shift or two during the meets. Some of the jobs are (but, not limited to): timing, ribbon duty, announcing, kid wrangling, runners, set up and clean up folks. The meets are fun and it is a great way to meet your neighbors. There will be an online sign up white board, so the positions will be covered prior to the start of each meet. Please check out your schedules as the meets start at 5:00 p.m. and end around 8:00 p.m.

We are looking for team sponsors. If you are interested please contact **Krista Baldwin** at krista.charlesray@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the team please feel free to email me at: alexcoff@att.net.

2010 INMAN PARK BELUGA SWIM TEAM

BOYS AND GIRLS (Must be age 6 as of May 1, 2010, and can swim one lap across the pool)

#1 CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____
CHILD'S AGE _____ GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____
TEE SIZE (YOUTH- S, M, L, XL) SHIRT _____ FEE: \$125 for IPPA Members and \$175 for Non Members
PARENT'S NAMES _____
HOME ADDRESS _____ APT # _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE () _____ E-MAIL _____
WORK (DAD) () _____ WORK (MOM) () _____
ON A TEAM IN 2009 SEASON: Yes No

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#2 CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____
CHILD'S AGE _____ GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____
TEE SIZE (YOUTH- S, M, L, XL) SHIRT _____ FEE: \$125 for IPPA Members and \$175 for Non Members
PARENT'S NAMES _____
HOME ADDRESS _____ APT # _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE () _____ E-MAIL _____
WORK (DAD) () _____ WORK (MOM) () _____
ON A TEAM IN 2009 SEASON: Yes No

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#3 CHILD'S #1 NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____
CHILD'S AGE _____ GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____
TEE SIZE (YOUTH- S, M, L, XL) SHIRT _____ FEE: \$125 for IPPA Members and \$175 for Non Members
PARENT'S NAMES _____
HOME ADDRESS _____ APT # _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE () _____ E-MAIL _____
WORK (DAD) () _____ WORK (MOM) () _____
ON A TEAM IN 2009 SEASON: Yes No

SPECIAL NEEDS/REQUESTS

Child's Physical Condition:

Child's Doctor _____ Phone () _____

LIST ANY PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DEFECTS OR DISEASES (Epilepsy, Heart Murmur, Rheumatic Fever, etc.) which your child may have or any other special medical information.

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

I/we, the parents of the above named boy or girl, hereby give my/our approval for his/her participation in activities during the current season. I/we assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from activities. I/we do further hereby release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the Inman Park Pool Association and the Inman Park Belugas, the organizers of the activity, sponsors, coaches, or any of the supervisors any or all of them. In case of injury to my/our son/daughter, I/we hereby waive claims against the organizers, sponsors coaches, or any of the supervisors appointed by them, I/we likewise release from responsibility any person transporting my/our son or daughter to and from the activity.

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

**Mail Application with check or money order to:
Inman Park Swim Team
210 Degress Avenue, Atlanta GA 30307**

To Be Completed By Inman Park Beluga Swim Team Only: Date of Registration Received: _____ Season: Summer 2010
FEE PAID: \$ _____ Money Order # _____ Check # _____ Record # _____

GOOD NEWS FROM GOOD MOVES DANCE COMPANY

By Kris Dwyer

Good Moves is dancing! Our dancers will perform at The Atlanta School's fundraiser for Haiti on Feb. 26 (see below). On March 6, we'll host a "Dance and Dessert", an entertaining event that combines performance and a peek into how a real dance lesson works. It's a fun event, especially if you or your child may want to join Good Moves. April is busy. Our Consort dancers will perform in the Inman Park Dance Festival. Also, our younger dancers will perform in Brooks & Company's "Shorts" concert (April 23 & 24). As summer arrives, we'll be busy hosting a **José Limon** workshop June 20-25 at Emory University. Good Moves is also reaching out! We're partnering with Dancers' Core to teach at Decatur's Global Village School, a refuge for girls from Afghanistan, Iraq, Burma, Liberia, Sudan and more. These girls, who have fled their home countries, are working with Good Moves to create poetry and dance of their experiences and hopes.

We've also had some changes. We'll miss **Carolyn McLaughlin**, our long-time Associate Director, who recently resigned. Carolyn's administrative, artistic, and education contributions have been of irreplaceable value to Good Moves. We wish her well. We also welcome two new faculty members.

Kristyn McGeehan is teaching Intermediate Ballet, Creative Pre-Ballet, and Ballet I. **Stephanie Johnson** is teaching Creative Pre-Ballet and Ballet I. Both Stephanie and Kristyn are professional dancers and are currently members of the Brooks and Company Dance.

Visit us in person or online at: www.goodmoves.org

Better yet, come and dance with us!

ATLANTA SCHOOL RAISES FUNDS FOR HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

By Jennifer Garey

The Atlanta School is having a special fundraiser on Friday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Inman Park United Methodist Church. A dinner of home-made soup, salad, bread, and dessert will be served for \$10/adults and \$5/children. Good Moves Dance Company will also be performing that evening and there are plans for an art-related special surprise. All proceeds from the dinner will be sent to CARE for Haitian Earthquake Relief. **We also would welcome donations made payable directly to CARE.** **Dora Ward**, our co-Director's daughter, works for CARE and will be giving our students a presentation on how the money they helped raise was used.

Please come and join us!

IN TOWN SCHOOL CELEBRATES MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK

By Kristine Sandage

Montessori schools worldwide will celebrate Montessori Education week February 21-27, 2010. Montessori In Town invites Atlanta parents to help them celebrate by scheduling a visit to see a Montessori classroom in action.

With two campuses in the Poncey Highland and Grant Park neighborhoods, Montessori In Town offers an AMI Accredited Montessori Primary program for children 2 ½ - 6 years of age. This brain-based, developmentally designed educational method emphasizes hands-on learning in a collaborative and peaceful environment.

The Poncey Highland campus is located at 1085 Ponce de Leon Ave. in the Education Building of Druid Hills Baptist Church (on the S.E. corner of North Highland Ave. and Ponce de Leon Ave.).

The Grant Park campus is located at 750 Glenwood Ave. at Glen Castle. It is easily accessed from I-20 and nestled between Glenwood Park and Zoo Atlanta.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year. For more information and to download an application, please visit:

www.montessoriintown.com

A ROARING TWENTIES AFFAIR

By Holly Mull

Ball set for February 27, 2010

Step back in time with The American Lung Association in Georgia on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Join us for a night of intimate jazz, dinner and dancing as we take you to the days of the speakeasy at Callanwalde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306. The Roaring Twenties Affair is a signature event for The American Lung Association and is guaranteed to be the talk of the town.

Bring your favorite guy or doll to this swanky bash and help support lung disease research, education and advocacy in the community. These exclusive tickets can be purchased for \$125 per person at: www.atlantaalaball.org or by calling 770-434-5864. Join the American Lung Association in Georgia for a roaring twenties evening you won't forget.

TREES AND DOGS

By Bob Eberwein

Six or seven years ago the row of Bradford Pear trees along Springvale Park at Edgewood Ave. was removed and replaced by trident maples, which thrived well. Three or four years ago a large park tree fell and pulled down two of these trees along with three utility poles – big mess! (As an aside, Georgia Power had three new poles and wiring back in place inside of 12 hours, quite remarkable.)

These two trees were soon replaced by Treewatch with two new ones, which did well for a couple years. But then, this past July, one of them started shedding sickly orange leaves and by October it was clearly dead. Nobody has analyzed the death of the tree, which has since been replaced *again*, but there is a likely culprit. Dog urine.

My tenant, **Fred Yalouris**, is design honcho for the Beltline, now working here since June 2008. His previous employment was as park design honcho for the Big Dig in Boston. Here's a story he tells me.

The folks concerned with street-side trees in Boston, annoyed at on-going tree loss, conducted a study to find out what was killing their trees along the street. Here are the three main reasons they determined were responsible for their tree loss:

Third-highest cause: vehicular tree homicide

Second-highest cause winter road salting

Main cause: dog urine

They were quite surprised at their findings.

I have noticed that the dog population in Inman Park has exploded. There is a pretty steady stream being walked by my house every day. All of them have peed against something, and that is usually a tree. Dogs have favorite trees. Owners have favorite trees for their dogs to pee on. And what's a little pee? Well, enough of it will kill a tree. Drought periods especially make trees desperate enough to drink even dog urine. A spray or two a day starts to get toxic for a smaller tree. And some of them get a good deal more. Newly planted trees really get hurt.

Bearing that in mind, if you have a dog, please try to "water" him (the girls do better) against inanimate objects: stone posts and pillars, walls, utility poles and boxes, but pull them away from trees with smaller than one-foot trunks. Larger trees can handle it, though I expect they're not particularly happy to be peed on.

Moving on from the subject of dog-wee, there is the subject of dog-doo.

My observation tells me that quite a few dog-walkers have quietly decided they will not be bothered with cleaning up after their dogs. I suspect that it is usually done at quiet times of the day (when nobody's looking?).


Little, and sometimes large, piles are regularly deposited on just the two or three properties around me. I expect the whole neighborhood suffers likewise. I thought Americans had been socialized about this in recent times, but there's apparently backsliding going on. (It's *so* much easier!)

Dogs are great companions, but they are not wired to eliminate thoughtfully, so it's the owner's responsibility to do the thoughtful thing for them, and to pick up after them.

And if you must pee and poop your dog in the old bad way (and shame on you), at least avoid 960 Edgewood Ave. That's my house in case you're wondering.

Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2010, TO APRIL 24, 2010 				68 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Feb. 17	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting		1015 Edgewood Ave.

Feb. 19	Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Arbor Day Tree Planting		North Highland Ave. & Carmel Ave.
Feb. 24	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Book Club	7	462 N. Highland Ave. (#1) 404-688-7330
Feb. 25	Thurs.		NPU-N Meeting		1083 Austin Avenue 404-522-8336
Feb. 26	Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Atlanta School Haiti Fundraiser	18	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-688-9550
	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	7	413 Sinclair Ave. 404-523-4801
Feb. 27	Sat.		Roaring Twenties Ball	19	Callenwolde Fine Arts Center
Mar. 01	Mon.	10:00 p.m.	<i>ADVOCATOR</i> DEADLINE		e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Mar. 06	Sat.		Good Moves Dance and Dessert	18	1015 Edgewood Ave.
Mar. 09	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Festival Meeting	1	Trolley Barn

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FEBRUARY AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers**
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- III. Announcements**
- IV. Police Officers' Reports**
- V. Elected Officials' Reports**
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:**
 - A. Treasurer:**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.**
 - B. Secretary**
 - C. President**
 - D. Planning**
 - E. Zoning:**
 - 1. 292 Moreland Ave. (To be discussed under
Historic Preservation with other issues regarding this property.)**
 - 2. NPU Report:**
 - a. Support for letter re: future develop
ment of City Hall East property.**
 - E. Public Safety**
 - F. Historic Preservation**
 - 1. 836 Dixie Ave.**
 - 2. 849 Virgil St.**
 - 3. 292 Moreland Ave. - UDC application and
proposed legislation regarding zoning.**
 - 4. Presentation on Historic Regulations and
the Compatibility Rule.**
 - G. Secretary**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**