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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnett

Emotions have been running high, and we've caught the attention of the media and the rest of intown Atlanta over something that would seem to be innocuous – a community garden in Inman Park.

I am repeating here some of what I relayed to the Yahoo group, so apologies for any repetition. I was asked to talk on camera to a WSB-TV reporter last week as IPNA president. Out of what I told her 99.99 percent ended up on the editing room floor, but here is what I had to say.

I won't accept the terms "controversy" and "for and against" on this subject, because they are not accurate. As with everything else in Inman Park, we are passionate about this community. It is that passion that helped us fight off a highway (and *continue* to fight off that highway), helped us rally against high-speed rail on our BeltLine pedestrian path, and helps us protect our historical integrity and aesthetics, among many other things. We are not a community of complacency - that would not be a place I think any of us would choose to live.

This passion drives us when we are working with (or against) people from the outside. And, it drives us when we are making decisions among ourselves about things inside the neighborhood.

I have not heard of one person here who is *against* a community garden in Inman Park. The question being debated is what the ideal location is for the garden.

Currently, the garden planning committee is meeting and engaging in discussions with residents of streets close to the potential locations, and **Kwanza Hall** is helping out in a mediating capacity. I regret that I did not try to serve in that capacity sooner, but have tried, when the matter has come up at IPNA meetings, to allow for and to maintain a forum for re-spectful and open discussions. Because the topic has come to the forefront and has attracted so much discussion, it has out-grown the confines of what are already heavily scheduled IPNA meetings. Thus, at our February meeting, it was decided future meetings on garden issues would be specially set to concentrate on that issue alone.

As to process, I remind everyone, in everything we do here, that we are all volunteers. That is what makes us such a strong community. Whatever may have or have not been done when the garden planning first began is over and done with. What stands now is that committee members, gardeners, and neighbors are at the table together working to come up with solutions, rather than rehashing any prior problems. This also makes us a strong community.

So often neighbors from other communities comment to me that they look to Inman Park as the role model for how to get things done – how to put on a successful Festival, how to raise funds for the community, how to protect our history, how to work with City Hall, and so much more. I hope we will soon get to solutions on this issue, and can serve as a role model for others who would like to make a community garden part of their neighborhood.

Please attend the garden meetings if you have interest, and please learn more of the facts regarding the garden plans, Park Pride's program, and Freedom Park.

Please look at Park Pride's website at www.parkpride.org for the details on the garden program and its guidelines, as well as other community gardens in Atlanta. Look at www.freedompark.org for more information about the city's biggest park. And look at <http://ponceyhighland.com> to learn about their community garden already in Freedom Park.

I know we all love Inman Park, and *THAT* is one thing never in dispute.

BUTTERFLY BALL 2010 TICKET SALES

By Karin Mebius

Butterfly Ball is the traditional kick-off party to open Festival. It will be held on Friday, April 23, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight this year. All IPNA Members are invited to this gala event. The party is organized by the IPNA Festival Committee, so, if your membership is current, you will receive a printed invitation, which will be personally hand delivered to your door very soon.

Priority seating is given to all current IPNA members, therefore there is a timeline for ordering. Current member ticket sales will start on March 21 and ticket sales for new-members and/or non members will start on April 3. Please go to the website at:

www.inmanpark.org/butterflyball

to reserve and buy your tickets, or you can go to **Laura Salazar's** porch at 201 Hurt St. and fill out a ticket request form there. Tickets must be pre-ordered and are given out on a first-come, first-served basis. You can either reserve individual tickets or you can reserve a table. **A table seats eight people and only one table per household is allowed.**

Due to popular demand, we are bringing back the band **Kingsized**. Bandleader and lead singer "**Big Mike**" Geier is already

planning all kinds of special surprises and I am confident that his 10-member crew will blow us all away again!

We will have two cash bars and a great complimentary buffet including delicious desserts. All non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary. And, as always, the dress code is "festive".

We still need a few more volunteers to help decorate the tent on Friday afternoon. So if you are interested, e-mail me at:

karinmebius@gmail.com

or sign up at:

www.inmanpark.org,

and

LET'S GET THE PARTY STARTED!

STREET CLOSINGS FESTIVAL 2010

By Chuck Clarke

It's that time of the year again. Festival will be here on April 23, 24, and 25. We will be closing the streets this year as we did last year in order to accommodate the Festival vendors, the Festival tour bus route, and to make life safer for participants.

For the convenience of the tents and food vendors, the following streets (as marked on the map) will be closed from 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 23, until Sunday, April 25, at 11:00 p.m.:

Euclid Avenue starting at Elizabeth Street west to Waverly Way

Waverly Way starting at Poplar Circle and Euclid Avenue to the bend

Delta Place along the east side of Delta Park to Edgewood Avenue

Residents with vehicles parked on these streets will need to move their vehicles prior to the street closings. Failure to do so could result in the vehicle being towed.

The following streets will close Saturday, April 24, at 5:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m.:

Euclid Avenue between Alta Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

Edgewood Avenue between Hurt Street and Waddell Street

Elizabeth Street between DeKalb Avenue and Lake Avenue

Waverly Way between DeKalb Avenue and Euclid Avenue, past Euclid Avenue to Elizabeth Street, past Elizabeth Street and back to Euclid Avenue

Delta Place between DeKalb Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

Hurt Street between DeKalb Avenue and Waverly Way

For the parade, Saturday, April 24:

From 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. to stage the Parade, please note: Edgewood Avenue will be closed at Krog Street, and Waddell Street will be closed to all traffic, except for the shuttle bus, from Lake Avenue to Edgewood Avenue

Limited access will only be available at night, after Festival hours, to streets that are indicated on the map as "INACCESSIBLE". However, streets with vendors and marked "CLOSED" on the map will be closed to all traffic during all of Saturday and Sunday (until 7:00 p.m.).

If you have a car on one of the streets with tents or food vendors, PLEASE RELOCATE YOUR VEHICLE OFF OF THESE STREETS PRIOR TO FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. OR YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE TOWED.

If you have a car on one of the "CLOSED" streets and will need the vehicle during Festival hours, please relocate your vehicle off of these streets prior to Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

The Festival Committee and staff are very conscious of the effort residents put forth to accommodate these closings and we appreciate your enduring the inconvenience to help make this weekend a great success.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2010, IPNA MEETING

By Ellen McManus substituting for Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette welcomed the group. She asked that newcomers introduce themselves and the following did: **Patsy Fisher**, who lives on Alta - she has been in the neighborhood five years, but this is her first meeting; **John Pigott**, who just bought the fluorescent yellow house on North Highland Ave.; **Arlene Gilman**, who just moved to Bass lofts; **Emily Robbins** with Schuon Kitchens and Baths at Studioplex; and **Paul Perry**, who has lived on Lake Ave for two years.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A motion to accept the Minutes from last month's meeting was made. **Carolyn McLaughlin** pointed out that a correction should be made. The Minutes state a vote was taken to support the Inman Park Community Garden accepting a grant from Park Pride. The Minutes should have stated there was an announcement that a vote would be taken this month. The motion to accept the amended minutes was seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Oreon Mann** announced this month's book club will be hosted by **Naomi Grishman** on February 24 at 462 North Highland Ave. at 7:00 p.m. The book will be *The Help* by **Kathryn Stockett**. Please bring a covered dish to share.
2. **Cathy Bradshaw** announced she is collecting children's books for the African Library Project, which will start two libraries in Africa. There is a box for donations on her front porch (206 Hurt St.), at 236 Elizabeth St, at Mary Lin Elementary and at the Inman Park United Methodist Church. More information can be found on the Inman Park website and the Yahoo group. She is also accepting cash donations to pay for shipping to New Orleans and then Africa. A question was asked about whether it would be more efficient to just send money to Africa to buy books there. She said the answer is no; many of the countries don't have any books at all, and that a lot of research has been done to determine the most effective way to get the books to the libraries. There will be a neighborhood book drive on March 20 to pick up books.
3. **Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party will be held on Friday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. at 413 Sinclair, the home of **Leigh Hays**. The party is open to anyone in the neighborhood. Bring a dish to share and whatever you want to drink.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Lt. Brent Schierbaum, chief of the Inman Park Security Patrol, reported on the crime in Inman Park. He said car break-ins are still the most crime, especially with all of the shopping in the neighborhood. Officers are stopping individuals on bicycles with backpacks. If you have anyone visiting from out of town, remind them not to leave items visible in cars. A motorcycle shop on Elizabeth St. was broken into, also an apartment on Sinclair Ave., where a window was jimmied. The good news is there have been no robberies of pedestrians or businesses in the past month.

Lt. Schierbaum also addressed the recent Caroline St. shooting. He said on that Sunday at 4:00 p.m. a significant shipment of drugs (approximately 1,000 lbs. of marijuana) was being moved north on Moreland Ave. There was an attempt to steal it at Caroline St., which was unsuccessful. However, a resident of Grant Park was shot and the police became involved. The chase continued up Moreland Ave. and onto Ponce de Leon Ave. Officers found cars and boxes of drugs in nearby woods. Three arrests have been made and federal charges are pending. He touched on what the complications of having a crime scene in a public shopping area are and pointed out that police had to rope off any area that had a shell casing. It is a very labor intensive and time-consuming process. He asked that everyone please be understanding and patient if you end up stuck in the traffic that ensues from such an occurrence.

Al Caproni asked if anything can be done about a car that is sitting for a long time in one place without being moved. Lt. Schierbaum said there must be something wrong for the car to be ticketed or towed. For example, if the car is leaking fluid, has an expired tag, or expired insurance it can be towed.

Lt. Schierbaum announced that every month the IP Security Patrol selects an officer to recognize. This month's honoree is **Officer Brian Walters**. Last November, a resident on Edgewood Ave. looked out of the window and saw someone in the neighbor's yard. The resident called the Security Patrol and Officer Walters came to the scene. He looked through an open window on the back of the house and saw someone crouching inside the house. The burglar ran and officers chased him and caught him. For apprehension of a burglar inside of a home, Officer Walters was presented with a \$50 American Express gift card.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Kwanza Hall, our Atlanta City Councilperson, was introduced. He reported that the biggest focus in the City right now is the budget for policing and pensions. He said he feels really good about **Mayor Reed** and is encouraged by changes that he sees around the city, but cautioned that it will take time to get everything done. Good things are happening in our district, and he appreciates all of **Jay Tribby's** work (Jay received a round of applause). Kwanza stated he is trying to reach out to constituents on Facebook, Twitter, etc. He reported there is a new Zone 6 commander coming in: **Major Dalton**. There will be a meet and greet on March 3 at Park's Edge at 7:00 p.m. City Hall East is still an issue; negotiations are ongoing between the developer and the City, but the price is much lower than the City wants. The 15-acre park in Old Fourth Ward will come on line later this year.

Kwanza was asked for his opinion on the proposed Inman Park Community Garden. **Lisa Burnette** clarified that the meeting discussion on this topic will happen under Old Business, but he can offer his thoughts at this point. Kwanza apologized for not being more involved since the beginning to help bring people together, but stated he is a big proponent of community gardens, would like to seek compromise on this issue and hopes everyone will work hard to come up with a solution. He pointed out that the community garden in Poncey Highland was constructed with no issues because there are no immediate neighbors. Residents on Hurt St. are very concerned about the proposed location of the garden, which is on Hurt St. in Freedom Park.

Congressman David Scott spoke and stated his opinion that residents on Hurt St. will be directly impacted by this project. He stated that he and several other residents on Hurt St. are in opposition to this particular location for the garden and wanted an alternate location to be used that is not on Hurt St. Congressman Scott spoke at some length about his history and position in the neighborhood and asked the group to respect his wishes and those of other residents and choose a site that is wanted by the immediate neighbors.

Braxton Cotton from Councilman **Lamar Willis'** office, announced he will be leaving the office. He echoed comments made by **Kwanza Hall** that the City of Atlanta is going through a difficult time.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

TREASURER – Cameron Childress

Cameron reported the following budgeted expenses for this month:

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| <i>Advocator</i> | \$1,366.20 |
| Public Safety | \$12,439.17 |
| Beautification | \$1,080.00 |
| Christmas Party | \$120.87 |
| Babysitters (for IPNA meetings) | \$50.00 |
| NPU-N Rent Expense | \$50.00 |
| Traffic Calming Plan | \$3,920.00 |
| Mini-Precinct Expense | \$1,500.00 |

A motion was made to approve these expenses. It was seconded and passed.

Cameron also reminded everyone that IPNA changed our mailing address last year; if you know of anyone who might be sending info to IPNA, please let Cameron know and he will provide a letter that can be sent to notify people of the new mailing address.

Lisa Burnette said she has information about potential grant money for trees; she will give it to **Richard Westrick** after the meeting.

SECRETARY – Stephanie McCaa

Stephanie was unable to attend the meeting. **Ellen McManus** is filling in for her. She has nothing to report.

PRESIDENT – Lisa Burnette

Lisa then reflected on **Congressman Scott's** comments about the neighborhood. She pointed out that there is a separate committee that is organizing the community garden; however, IPNA has been asked to be supportive and we have. She asked **Carolyn McLaughlin** for clarification on the vote that is needed from the neighborhood.

Carolyn stated there must be a show of support from Inman Park for the garden to receive grant money to put a community garden in Freedom Park; this support is NOT dependent on a particular site. This is a “yes, we want a garden in Freedom Park in our neighborhood” or “no, we do not” vote. **Lisa** pointed out this is not on our agenda for this evening. **Richard Westrick** moved to add it to the agenda. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion carried but was not unanimous. **Carolyn** made a motion to vote whether the neighborhood supports the general concept of a community garden in Freedom Park in Inman Park. One individual stood up and claimed he had been misled to believe this was just one garden. **Carolyn** asked **Scott Eakin** to explain the layout of the proposed garden. **Scott** explained that the community garden will be a single garden with 40 plots that are 4 feet x 8 feet. Individuals are granted a plot by lottery. There is a whole list of regulations governing how a community garden is done. There can be no permanent structures or buildings. The whole garden will cover about 1/10 of an acre. There are community gardens like this all over the City. Some plots will be committed to donate food to charity. Freedom Park has rules about the garden: it can be fenced, but cannot be locked. Individual gardeners sign an agreement that they will maintain their plot. The Garden has the right to take over a plot that is not properly maintained. A question was asked if anyone can apply to have a plot in the garden. The answer is that Park Pride does not allow anyone to be excluded from the garden. Much discussion ensued.

Kwanza Hall intervened and encouraged everyone to calm down and slow down. He recommended the different parties spend more time working together to come to some kind of consensus. **Sandy Hoke** remarked that he was V.P. of Zoning when the park land was transferred from the DOT to Freedom Park. A mediator was involved in that process, and he suggested that this discussion be taken off-line in terms of the site selection and go through some kind of mediation. He pointed out the motion up for a vote does not include site selection.

Chris Kaylor suggested that both sides publish articles in the *Advocator* presenting their cases. **Lisa** asked if the grant will be lost if there is no vote tonight. The answer is no. **Carolyn** withdrew her motion for the vote and said that a special meeting would be set up and the Yahoo group and the Inman Park mailout (sign up on www.inmanpark.org) will be used to publicize it.

V.P. Planning – Bill Goodman

Bill announced that the BeltLine portion of our path is opening in March. Two other trails are also opening. The BeltLine is looking for art to go on the trail. Go to www.art.BeltLine.org or e-mail **Bill** directly to get an application. **Lisa** asked about materials for the trail. **Bill** said they are planning to use wood mulch to make it semi-runner-friendly.

Jonathan Miller announced that on Thursday, March 4, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., the Quarterly BeltLine Briefing meeting will be held at Atlanta Public Schools. **Jonathan** also announced that BeltLine Subarea 4 (south of DeKalb Ave. down to Grant Park, including the Hulseley Yards) kicked off their planning process with a meeting on February 8, 2010.

V.P. ZONING – Amy Higgins

292 Moreland Ave – Wrecking Bar. Last month **Bob Sandage** gave an overview of his plans for the property as a Brew Pub and event facility. Currently the zoning ordinance would not allow a liquor license within 300 feet of residence. **Bob** is working with an attorney to modify the zoning ordinance. **Bob** then read the final draft of an amendment to section 1088 of the City Municipal Code. The amendment would allow a brew pub on a national historic site with the following restrictions: Alcohol sales must stop at 11:00 p.m., Sunday-Thursday, and 12:00 midnight Friday and Saturday. This addresses the concern of immediate neighbors that a future owner would stay open later. With this in the City Code, it is enforceable for future uses of the property. Contact **Bob** if you are interested in the full text of the revision. Once completed, the legislation would go to **Kwanza Hall's** office and he would support the legislation. The first vote at tonight's meeting is to support the immediate neighbors request to include hours of operation in the amendment to the City Code and to ask the neighborhood to support the immediate neighbors' approval of the bill to be introduced to allow a brew pub on this site. A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NPU Report – Jonathan Miller

Jonathan announced MARTA Community Forums will be held at MARTA Headquarters on Saturday, February 20 (10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Additional BeltLine activities include an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at Trees Atlanta in Reynoldstown, and a BeltLine Volunteer night on Thursday, March 18, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Park Tavern. **Jonathan** also briefly described Park Pride's two grant programs (Community Grants and Micro-grants) to support projects in city parks; more details are forthcoming as NPU-N develops a vetting process to take place in March. Finally, **Jonathan** announced the beginning of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Short-term Work Program (STWP) annual update to address 2011-2015; more to come as this process unfolds over the next few months.

Jonathan described how he was participating in the reconstituted group consisting of the chairs of NPUs E, F, M, and N to raise awareness of the concerns raised by the nearly completed departure of City departments from City Hall East (the Old Sears Building on Ponce de Leon Ave.). The four Chairs have gotten together and drafted a letter to be sent to **Mayor Reed** in early March expressing the following points:

- City Hall East is valued and securing it is a high priority.
- It is important that City Hall East be secured against vandals.
- Although difficult to accept, a reduction in the sale price in light of the market would be supported.
- The 4 NPUs expect to be integrally involved in the decisions to be made.

Jonathan asked for IPNA's support for the letter. A motion was made and seconded to support the letter. The membership voted unanimously to support it.

V.P. PUBLIC SAFETY – Bob Sandage

Bob reported that violent crime is down in the last couple of months. We are planning to start the fundraising drive for the next year.

V.P. HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Adam Stillman with help from Rick Bizot

1. Presentation on Historic Regulations and the Compatibility Rule.

Adam gave a quick overview of the neighborhood historic regulations. A contributing structure is one that was built before 1945 with the original form still recognizable. The compatibility rule looks at contributing houses on the same blockface to determine allowable building heights and yard setbacks. A blockface includes houses on the same side of the street between intersecting streets. Houses on corner lots that face an intersecting street are not included. The compatibility rule states that setback distances and heights must fall within a range bounded by the smallest and largest houses on the blockface. There is a maximum allowable height of 35 feet from grade to the top of roof.

- 2. 418 North Highland Ave.** - Homeowner **John Pigott** presented plans for the proposed renovation and addition to the existing contributing structure. At the Immediate Neighbors' Meeting held on February 15, the neighbors voted unanimously to support a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness. This house was built in 1918. The plan includes restoring the chimney, replacing the front porch exactly as it was originally, replacing aluminum windows with custom wood windows, and adding an 11-foot master bedroom addition to the rear. A motion was made to approve immediate neighbors' support. The motion was seconded and passed. A variance to modify yard setbacks may be required, because this is the only contributing house on the blockface. Because that variance had not yet been applied for, no vote was taken.
- 3. 836 Dixie Ave.** - Because **Adam Stillman** is the architect and applicant for the project, former VP of Historic Preservation **Rick Bizot** conducted this portion of the meeting. No one attended the immediate neighbors' meeting held on February 16. **Carolyn McLaughlin** mentioned that she had not received a flyer for the meeting. Adam clarified that neighbors within 300' (not 300 yards) receive flyers, and that Carolyn should have received one. The home is a single-family contributing structure that is one level on the street and two levels in back. The proposed work includes renovations to the front and a two-story addition in the rear. The existing porch is not original. The proposal includes restoring the wooden porch floor and granite foundation, and rebuilding the columns, rails, and porch roof to an appropriate style. The existing vinyl siding and brick-patterned paper siding will be removed and replaced with Hardiplank. The two-story addition in the back will add additional living space to create a 3-bedroom home. The lower level will contain a garage and a separate apartment. **Jonathan Miller** asked whether the lot was zoned R-5 (one- and two-family) or RG2 (multifamily). Adam received a zoning verification letter from the Bureau of Planning that the lot is zoned R-5. There was a motion to support the application for the Type III Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded and approved.
- 4. 849 Virgil St.** - Architects **Rick Bizot** and **Ute Banse** presented plans for a new house which will require a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness and a Variance Petition Addendum (they are requesting a number of variances, but the UDC treats them all as one variance). At the immediate neighbors meeting held on February 16, there were two votes. On the Certificate of Appropriateness, four voted in favor and one abstained. All abstained from voting on the variance because the UDC staff report had not yet been received. Rick explained that other lots on the block are between 30-40 feet wide, and this lot is 50 feet wide, which presented some challenges in the design and necessitated some variances. The house will be one and-a-half stories with three bedrooms and three baths. The eave of the proposed house is in line with neighboring houses. There will be a basement with a laundry, bath, and unfinished spaces. Rick said they attempted to design the house to fit into the overall style of the neighborhood and meet the spirit of the regulations. Variances increase the right sideyard setback from 4.3 feet to 12 feet (which allows for a driveway along the side of the house), increase the distance from grade to the first floor by four inches (because the site is steeper than surrounding sites), and increase the height from grade to the roof peak (in proportion with increased width of this property), which will be 5 ½ feet higher than the house next door. The roof is steeper to provide more usable space in the attic. **Tim Allen** is the owner/builder and also plans to live in the house. Other variances include a roof pitch change, double windows on the front of house, and triple windows on the side, adding some architectural details not found on the blockface, and adding a shed dormer on the side of the house. They are asking support for the design as proposed and for variances to allow the design on this lot. Variances are specific to this lot and design. The next door neighbor, **Katie Rudd**, asked about trees that are existing where the driveway and a retaining wall would go. Those trees would have to be removed. Rick and Ute explained that any construction on the lot would likely necessitate removal of the trees because the root zones extend far into the lot. The rear neighbor, **Eileen Brown**, stood up and expressed concerns with the scale of the house and her opinion that this would be overbuilding on the property. Rick disagreed with this characterization of the design. Much discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to approve the immediate neighbors' vote on the Certificate of Appropriateness. A hand vote was taken and the motion failed 9-16. A motion was made and seconded to oppose the Variance Petition Addendum. That motion passed 13-7.
- 5. 292 Moreland Ave.** - UDC application and proposed legislation regarding zoning.
This item was taken off the agenda.

Adam also announced that **Teresa Burk** has volunteered to serve as chair of the Inman Park archives, which are stored in the Trolley Barn. **Lisa Burnette** clarified that the Board decided to make the Archives a committee chair under Historic Preservation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

On behalf of **Nick Franz**, **Lisa Burnette** announced that Festival is only TWO months away and urged everyone to volunteer.

Danny Feig-Sandoval asked if anyone sees someone drive over any of the recently-installed traffic calming features on Lake Ave. to please report them.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is March 17 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 10:14 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!

| UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES | APPLICATION DEADLINE | HEARING DATE |
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| | March 23 | April 14 |
| | April 6 | April 28 |

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

- **Freedom Park (intersection of Hurt St. and Euclid Ave.)** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (IP-09-201) to allow site work (community garden) – Deferred to the hearing on March 10.
- **182 Degrass Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-272) for a variance to allow metal or non-asphalt shingles to be used when asphalt shingles would otherwise be required and an Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow re-visions to plans – Approved with conditions.
- **487 North Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-21) to allow new signage – Approved with conditions.
- **418 North Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-014) to allow rear addition, pergola, and front facade renovations – Deferred to the hearing on March 24.
- **158 Elizabeth St.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-09-241) for a variance from the requirement to use asphalt shingles (required by the com-patibility rule) to allow the installation of a standing seam metal roof (proposed). Deferred to the hearing on May 12.

Applications Scheduled for AUDC (see above for deferred applications):

March 10:

- **836 Dixie Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-045) to allow for a rear addition and renovations.
- **851 Virgil St. (a.k.a 849 Virgil St., 0 Hale)** - Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-10-048) on a variance to increase the southwest side yard setback from 4.3 feet (required) to 12 feet (proposed), increase the maximum height from 21 feet (required) to 26.5 feet (proposed), increase the height of the first floor above grade from 49 inches (required) to 53 inches (proposed) and to allow a different roof pitch, fenestration, front porch, ornamentation, use of dormers, and front steps/walk-way configuration than that allowed by the compatibility rule; and (HD-10-049) to allow the construction of a single-family residence.

March 24:

- **418 North Highland Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-014) to allow rear addition, pergola, and front facade renovations, and variance to increase rear yard setback from 38 feet to 40 feet.

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| 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

By Megan Holder-Chandler

After being sent abroad for work during the last quarter of 2009, it is certainly great to be back in the neighborhood I love. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **David Laube** and **Jonathan Miller** for filling in at the NPU meetings for me during my absence.

One of the more exciting things this past month was a presentation given by Park Pride. Through a generous grant from the Woodruff Foundation, Park Pride has several grants to bring small and large scale change to parks across the city. There are two types of grants: community grants and micro-grants. The community grants range from \$20,000 - \$50,000 and require workshop attendance as part of the application process. Each NPU is eligible for \$1,000 worth of micro-grant dollars each year to be used on a project(s) for their neighborhoods. The NPU can decide how the grant is divided based on the number of applicants.

For more information on specific requirements visit our website at: www.parkpride.org or e-mail **Eva Bradley** at eva@parkpride.org.

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

March Porch Party

at the home of

Patty McGuigan & Michael Robinson

814 Virgil Street

Friday, March 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?

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SIX IMPORTANT REMINDERS

By Jan Keith

For those of you who are "list makers," here are six reminders for you to put on your "to do list":

1. Festival has nearly 1,000 volunteer slots/opportunities needing your help. Have you signed up yet? It's easy and you'll have an incredible time volunteering. You'll also have the satisfaction of knowing that you're contributing to making the best festival in the world happen in our Small Town Downtown. Remember, if you sign up to house sit during the Saturday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. time slot, you'll receive a free Tour of Homes ticket *after* you complete your shift. Go to www.inmanpark.org to volunteer.
2. Have you arranged to go on tour Friday? All houses are open for the short tour from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Friday's tour will have no lines, no closed streets, and lots of time to visit with other neighbors and, of course, with our wonderful tour homeowners. Saturday and Sunday tour hours are from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
3. Have you bought your discount tour tickets yet? They will be available at the March 17 and the April 21 IPNA meetings for \$12 for *members of the IPNA*. You must be a member in good standing (i.e., paid your membership dues) to get the deep discount. Tickets will also be available at 889 Edgewood Ave. and at 177 Elizabeth St. until Thursday, April 22.
4. Have you encouraged your friends and neighbors to buy tour tickets? Advance tickets are \$15 for non-members and \$20 during Festival. There are some great prizes if you sell the most tickets! Also, tickets are available online from the IPNA website. Plus many local merchants will have tickets at the discount price before Festival.

5. Have you cleaned up the unsightly trash and leaves from your neighbor's sidewalk (knowing that you've already taken care of your own long ago!)? Festival is the time when we want our neighborhood to look its best. Take a few minutes to pick up and spruce up areas that need it. Be especially mindful to areas where the street vendors and entertainment occurs, and near and around houses on tour.
6. Have you marked your calendar for April 23, 24, and 25? Fun is going to happen and we want you to join us. *Volunteer! Buy tickets! Spend money! Have fun!*
See you on tour and at Festival!

We are proud to welcome Inman Park as a sponsor of Friends of Festival

**THE INMAN PARK SPRING FESTIVAL
INVITES YOU TO KICK OFF FESTIVAL WEEKEND AT THE**

**CATERPILLAR COSTUME BALL
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!**

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010, 5:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

Held at the "Outdoor Classroom" of the
Inman Park Cooperative Preschool 760 Edgewood Ave.
Hayride by friend Bo Bradshaw, Face Painting - - - Other Fun Activities! Prizes!
Hot Dogs, Veggie Dogs, Popcorn, & Cupcakes!
Be sure to wear your favorite costume!
Tickets available at the gate -
\$2.00 per person (grownups and kids alike!)

For more information contact:
Kristine Sandage
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or 678-521-4329

For volunteer opportunities: [http://www.inmanpark.org/
festival/volunteer/default.aspx](http://www.inmanpark.org/festival/volunteer/default.aspx)

MARCH PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS
by Bob Sandage
Inman Park VP of Public Safety

February continued what we all hope will end up being a trend; and that is a reduction in robbery, assault, and violent crimes.

| | Feb 2010 | Feb 2009 | YTD 2010 | YTD 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Inman Park Assaults and Robberies | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| L5P Assaults and Robberies | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| All of Beat 604 / 605 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 |

The one year-to-date violent crime in Inman Park was a domestic situation where one resident threatened another at the same address with a knife. The decrease in violent crime may surprise some because of the recent shooting of an innocent by-stander on Moreland in front of the Edgewood Shopping Center. That crime is not included in this report as the Edgewood Shopping Center because it is in Beat 607 which, along with Beat 606, has seen a significant number of armed robberies since the first of the year. Thanks again to **John Hines** for his assistance in collecting and analyzing the APD crime data.

One night during the last weekend in February, some residents noted an APD cruiser presence at Austin and Sinclair. This was a random police roadblock checking IDs. Activities such as this, and the continued presence and diligence of our Inman Park Security Patrol are helping to reduce violent crime in our neighborhood. Now, if we could just get everyone NOT TO LEAVE VALUABLES IN their cars, maybe we would see a reduction in

car break-ins!

Please begin planning to renew your Security Patrol membership if you have not done so already. We are only able to help make the neighborhood more safe through your contributions.

Until next month, please stay safe!

| INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL FEBRUARY 2010 - ACTIVITY REPORT <i>By Lt. Brent Schierbaum</i> | | | | | |
|---|-----|---|---|-----------------------------|----|
| Directed Patrols | 275 | Car Accident | 2 | Open Window/Door | 1 |
| Drop Ins / Park and Walks | 154 | Road Block (With Zone 6) | 2 | Welfare Check | 1 |
| Suspicious Persons | 12 | Roadway / Sidewalk Obstruction | 2 | Illegal Drug Activity | 1 |
| Residential Alarm | 12 | Burglary In Progress (Assisting Zone 6) | 2 | Burglary | 1 |
| Information Request | 9 | Hit and Run | 1 | Disorderly Juveniles: | 1 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 8 | Intoxicated Driver | 1 | Animal Call | 1 |
| Theft: | 6 | Person Injured | 1 | Field Interviews | 5 |
| Noise Complaint | 3 | Abandoned Auto | 1 | Association Member Contacts | 10 |
| Disturbance | 3 | Intoxicated Person | 1 | ARRESTS | 1 |
| | | | | Driving Under the Influence | |

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 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 change your behavior so we can all be safe.

February is the shortest month of the year, hopefully future reports will be as short as this one, although it is surprisingly succinct. It appears that crime is way down. The APD has changed the format in which the crime reports are delivered to us, but I am hoping the reports we receive are still complete.

Judging from the activity reports from the Security Patrol, and just talking to our officers, it looks like we are headed in the right direction. This does not mean, however, that it is ok to go back to not paying attention to our surroundings (several of the crimes reported happened simply because the victim let their guard down), being mindful of what we leave in our car (laptops still seem to be the big item this year on every thief's wish list), or reporting any and all suspicious activity to 911.

The burglary at Savi Urban Market during the first week of March (not yet on this report) is just another reminder for us to look out for all of our neighbors, both residential and commercial. Six to eight men pulled up in a stolen van, broke the lock to the back door, and hauled off the store's ATM machine. If you see suspicious behavior – people wandering around businesses at odd hours, vehicles cruising around the block several times, please call 911 and then the Security Patrol. Your business neighbors will thank you!

We are gearing up for our 2010 Membership drive, so if you are not a member, please consider doing your part, and if you are renewing, please consider upgrading your membership to take advantage of the added benefits.

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

| DATE | TIME | CRIME | BLOCK LOCATION | NOTEWORTHY |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1/28 | 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 1100 Block Euclid Ave. | Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: bag and laptop. |
| 2/1 | 12:00 a.m. | Theft from Auto | 1000 Block Austin Ave. | Briefcase taken from vehicle. No sign of forced entry. Victim thinks vehicle may have been left unsecured. |
| 2/3 | 4:50 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 1100 Block Euclid Ave. | Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: backpack, camera and papers. |
| 2/5 | 10:00 p.m. | Commercial Burglary | 200 Block Elizabeth St. | Someone broke off front lock on business, entered. Stolen: tools and clothing. |

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|------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 2/5 | 9:00 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 100 Block Montag Circle | Driver's side window smashed. Stolen: golf clubs, tennis rackets, and GPS. |
| 2/8 | 11:25 a.m. | Theft | 300 Block North Highland Ave. | Victim left duffle bag on trunk of car and went inside. Upon return, an unknown male was seen taking the bag. |
| 2/13 | 6:00 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 300 Block Moreland Ave. | Rear driver's side window smashed . Stolen: laptop and bag. |
| 2/17 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 200 Block North Highland Ave. | Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop and bag. |
| 2/17 | 6:45 p.m. | Theft | 1100 Block Euclid Ave. | Victim left laptop at table with friend. Upon return, friend and laptop were gone.. |
| 2/19 | 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 1000 Block Euclid Ave. | Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop. |
| 2/22 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 800 Block Euclid Ave. | Rear drivers' side window smashed . Stolen: purse and contents. |
| 2/23 | Overnight | Auto Theft | 700 Block Edgewood Ave. | Vehicle stolen from parking lot. |
| 2/24 | 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Auto Theft | 400 block Seminole Ave. | Victim let two friends use car. Friends parked car at location and it was stolen. |
| 2/24 | 9:40 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 1100 Block Euclid Ave. | Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop and bag. |
| 2/25 | 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. | Theft from Auto | 400 Block Seminole Ave. | Passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop and bag. |

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."

A TREE WATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

By Richard Westrick

Trees Atlanta's contractor has completed the work on the Spruce St./Edgewood Ave. and Haralson Ave. projects. The new tree wells and trees are now in place. Cathedral Live Oaks (9) and Snowcone Japanese Snowbells (13) on Spruce St., Merrill Magnolias (4) on Edgewood Ave. at Spruce St., and Southern Sugar Maples (9) and Chinese Fringetrees (14) on Haralson Ave. That's a total of 49 trees, and they look truly awesome.

These projects are part of a long-range plan to replace the ageing Bradford Pears in the neighborhood, and were done in consultation with the neighbors on the streets. We have been very fortunate in that Georgia Power had grant money available for this purpose – they contributed \$7,500 to the Spruce St./Edgewood Ave. project.

We contracted with Trees Atlanta to do the sidewalk cuts and plant the trees. They are also responsible for maintenance (including watering) for the first year, and the trees are guaranteed for the first year.

We have transformed these streets. In just a few years, the transformation will be all the more remarkable, as the trees get established.

So, in not quite 10 years, with partnership all along the way with Trees Atlanta and much help from neighborhood volunteers, we have managed to change the look of four streets (Dekalb Ave., Edgewood Ave./Elizabeth St., Spruce St., Haralson Ave.), reforest our parks, plant more than 600 trees in all, increase the diversity of our future tree canopy (more than 70 different tree species and cultivars), create an arboretum focused on flowering trees, pay for some high and heavy pruning, and win an award from the City of Atlanta.

Thanks to everyone who has attended TreeHuggers' Ball and/or worked on Festival – money is the fertilizer for all this activity!

TREE OF THE MONTH

By Amy Higgins

Arboretum Committee Co-chair

Each month, starting with March, Tree Watch will feature a species of tree. This month let's start with the lovely Merrill Magnolia (Scientific name "Magnolia x Loebneri - Merrill"). Tree Watch recently completed a planting of these elegant trees along Edgewood Ave. and Spruce St. in front of the Sugar Magnolia Bed and Breakfast.

"Merrills" are a deciduous type of Magnolia and produce white blossoms with a blush of pink in the center and a pleasing fragrance. Look for blooms starting in early to mid-March. This variety of magnolia grows up to about

20 - 25 feet tall and forms a graceful round canopy. The magnolia family of trees is ancient and first appeared on Earth nearly 60 million years ago. The Merrill Magnolia has been around since the 1930s and is a cross between Magnolia Kobus and Magnolia Stellata

A TREE WATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

By Richard Westrick

Time flies when you're having fun. So it's a bit of a shock to realize that Inman Park Tree Watch is more than a decade old.

About 10 years ago, we were finishing up a tree survey of the neighborhood. We had no idea just how much fun – and work, too, of course – lay ahead. It was a big group back then, full of vim and vigor. Our regular meetings were SRO. Folks were brimming with ideas. **Nancy Morrison** and **Richard Westrick** co-chaired a lively group, eager to defend and replenish our tree canopy.

Well, we've lost quite a few people along the way. Some chairs sit empty now, and the rest of us tend to need an ice pack after a day of digging holes in the ground.

Still, all of us, both current and former Tree Watchers, can be proud of what has been accomplished:

- 600-700 newly planted trees;
- more than 70 different species and cultivars to increase bio-diversity;
- new trees lining Dekalb Ave. extending from the MARTA Station westward to Delta Place, featuring about a dozen different species;
- improved street-scapes on Haralson Ave., Spruce St., and Edgewood Ave. where new shade and flowering trees in tree wells have replaced mangled Bradford pears;
- many new trees in our parks to feed and shelter our critters and to provide shade in the summer;
- professional pruning of our mature street trees;
- an award-winning neighborhood arboretum, focused on flowering trees, with more than 70 common and unusual trees identified by granite markers;
- the fabulous Tree Huggers Ball in February every year, where Inman Park has the opportunity to do good by doing one of the things it does best: *PARTY!*;
- many mulching, watering, and pruning workdays to maintain our new trees and keep them alive during the recent drought; and,
- educational lectures at the Trolley Barn and articles in the *Advocator*.

Trees Atlanta has been our close partner in all this, and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

We are also grateful to you, Inman Park. You've come to the Tree Huggers Ball and opened your wallets. At the Festival, you stuffed beer cups marked "Tips for Trees" with \$20 bills. You allocated precious IPNA funds to Tree Watch for our big projects on Spruce St. and Haralson Ave. You've turned out on Saturday mornings to help the kids from Trees Atlanta to plant trees in the ground. You've offered steady encouragement all along the way.

Are we done? Heck no. We've got almost 700 trees to take care of, and some of you – yep, we're looking at you – have room in your front yard for a shade tree. You'll be hearing from us.

Until then, don't forget to mulch and water, junk the weed-eater, and honk if you love trees!

TREE HUGGERS' BALL

By Sally E. McClintock

The Inman Park Tree Watch committee was pleased to host its Tenth Annual Tree Huggers' Ball on February 6. Funds were raised to plant new and maintain existing neighborhood trees. We appreciate the many friends and neighbors who attended this wonderful event, as well as our sponsors and contributors. Please join us in thanking the individuals and companies who helped to make the event a success:

- **The Trolley Barn, our host**
- Hall's of Fine Wines, wine sponsor
- **The Euclid Avenue Yacht Club, beer provider**
- **The Porter Beer Bar, beer provider**
- **Savi Urban Market, beer provider**
- **Andy Rhodes, centerpieces**

Our band:

- **Squirrelheads**

Our dinner:

- **Highland Bakery**

Raffle item donations:

- **Fritti/Sotto Sotto**
- **Park's Edge**
- **Pure Taqueria**
- **Shaun's**
- **Susan Danner**
- **The Albert**
- **Wisteria Restaurant**
- **Zaya Mediterranean Cuisine**

FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE:
THE ATLANTA EXPOSITION
Press Release

In 1895, the Atlanta Exposition thrust the city and the South into the forefront of international news. Atlantans, legendary for their pluck, resolved to host an exhibition of the world's cultural, agricultural, and manufacturing products while promoting civil liberties for women and African Americans. Patriotism and industrialism fueled the show. Thirty years before, the Civil War had destroyed the cotton-producing states of America, and this exposition illustrated those states' progress in the years following the war.

In one day, attendees such as U.S President **Grover Cleveland** could view Italian art, a live school for the deaf, the Liberty Bell, trained elephants, a Mexican village, and, of course, cotton manufacturing. There were other, smaller fairs in Atlanta, but the Cotton States and International Exposition will be known forever as "The Atlanta Exposition" because of its magnitude -- both physically and intellectually. Today the remnants of the fairgrounds comprise Atlanta's beloved green spot: Piedmont Park.

Inman Park's very own **Sharon Foster Jones**, author of "Images of America, Inman Park," has just published a new book titled "The Atlanta Exposition". The images in the book take the reader on a journey through Piedmont Park as it appeared in 1895 - both inside and outside of the massive buildings that once encircled the park. It was at this exposition that **Booker T. Washington** gave his "Atlanta Compromise" speech and where motion pictures were first shown. On the cover, fair-goers mill about in the area that now hosts a volleyball court in the Active Oval at Piedmont Park.

There are two book signings planned:

1. March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Eagle Eye Book Shop,
2076 North Decatur Road, Decatur .
2. April 3 at 4:00 p.m. at Border's in Buckhead,
3637 Peachtree Road., Atlanta.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

By Patches Mongeon

**Come join your friends for a special
 traditional and vegetarian Irish dinner at the
 Inman Park United Methodist Church
 before the neighborhood IPNA meeting.**

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Adults \$10 Children \$4

Proceeds will support Inman Park United Methodist Church's mission trip to Brazil. The trip was originally scheduled for March, however, it had to be postponed due to scheduling conflicts. This will also give us more time to raise funds! The current plans are to make the trip in the early summer.

We look forward to serving you!

THEATRE AL FRESCO - A HIT!

By Lindsay Hill

On Saturday April 24, at 7:30 p.m., **Theatre Al Fresco** returns for its 20th year, presenting great performances by our local theaters under the Festival tent. As in the past, we expect to sell out by the end of March, so if you haven't already reserved your table, *NOW* is the time to do so. Reserve your table by contacting **Marie Wooldridge*** OR reserve and pay online through the Paypal link on our new website **www.inmanpark-theatrenight.com**. Then gather your guests, pack your picnic baskets, and prepare to be entertained!

If you are new to the neighborhood, this is a great way to sample our local theaters and the fantastic work they do throughout the year. Please visit the website or contact a committee member to find out more.

As always, the theatres need your financial support and we are seeking sponsors for this event. All contributions are tax-deductible, and 97% of the proceeds go directly to the theatres. Last year, because of your generous support, we raised more than \$20,000!

Sponsorship is available at four levels, ranging from a \$100 STAR Sponsor to a \$1,000 or more PRODUCING Sponsor. Sponsorship at the \$500 and above level includes a table for six. For others, the cost of a table for six is \$120.

Please be as generous as possible since our theatres need assistance more than ever in this tough economic climate. If you have not been contacted and are unfamiliar with the sponsorship options, visit the website or contact a committee member to request information.

Also, in memory of **Margie Venezia**, who was an enthusiastic committee member and supporter of Inman Park Theatre Night, we have created "MARGIE'S STARS". We invite you to honor Margie by sending a donation check in any amount. Please make it payable to "Friends of Inman Park". We will recognize Margie's Stars in the program, and the funds will be distributed to the theatres in her name.

We welcome **Barbara Black, Lindsay Hill, Judi Knight** and **Cory Feig-Sandoval** as new committee members. Cory has been helping with tent clean-up for several years and is taking over this job from **Wendy Patterson**. Thanks to Wendy for her many years of good work!

Also, please consider volunteering some of your time to clean under the tent *BEFORE* the event. It's easy. Just go to :

www.ipna.org, click "Volunteer",

create an account and sign up to help us out. We need you!

Please note that checks should be made payable to "Friends of Inman Park" with "Theatre Night" on the memo line.

See you under the tent!

REMEMBER - NO CANDLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE TENT

INMAN PARK 2010 THEATRE NIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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March 20 Children Book Drive
Swaziland Children Libraries
Cathy Bradshaw, Judy Clements, Lisa Burnette
and the
Awesome Tweens Committee of Inman Park:
Audrey Burnette, Frankie Clarke, Grace Dwyer and Claire Miller
and our special Teen Helper, Cory Feig-Sandoval
By Judy Clements

We will be collecting books on March 20, for the two Swaziland libraries we are creating. We will come to your house to pick up your books. Let us know if you can participate and call 404-524-4190 or 404-523-9922 to get your address on our schedule of pick ups. We can also pick up your books at other times, but no later than March 31, the ultimate deadline for this project.

Our team will be sorting and packing books at the Inman Park United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20. Drop by and give us a hand.

We can use any books appropriate for Pre-K through 8th grades. The books can be new or gently used. We will sort and pack them and ship them to Swaziland for two free-lending libraries for children. We are doing this project through the African Library Project, www.africanlibraryproject.org, created and managed by **Bo Bradshaw's** sister **Chris**. So far, Chris and her staff of volunteers around the U.S. have created over 375 libraries in southern Africa. Get in touch with us to donate books or to donate cash to help with shipping.

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We need help sorting and packing books and driving around picking up boxes of books. We need empty heavy duty boxes and contributions to help with the cost of shipping.

Call or e-mail to let us know if you will help.

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| 2010 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR |
| The Book Club meets on the 4 th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish |
| 2010 |
| MARCH 24 |
| <i>Bound South</i> 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 |
| <i>There's No Me Without You</i> By Melissa Fay Greene Hosted by Tara Burdeslaw 235 Pearl St. (Cabbagetown) |
| JUNE 23 |
| <i>Loving Frank</i> By Nancy Horan Hosted by Marnie McMurry 466 North Highland Ave. Unit 1 |
| For Information: 404-688-7330 |

WIRES ENDANGER WALKERS

By Jo Ann Zyla

Win Prizes for Reporting Hazardous Utility Wires in March!

Have you seen utility wires, telephone lines, or metal cables on the sidewalks in your neighborhood or near your place of work? Loose wires in the pedestrian path can trip people and cause serious injury. You could win a prize by reporting wire hazards in March.

PEDS, metro Atlanta's pedestrian advocacy organization, invites all metro Atlanta neighbors (that's you) to report wire hazards online at www.peds.org during the month of March. The more hazardous wires you report in March, the more chances you have to win. Learn how you can participate at www.peds.org.

MAY IS SIDEWALK SUBSIDY MONTH: *SIGN UP NOW!*

By Millie Astin

The IPNA Sidewalk Committee is gearing up for Phase 6 of our Sidewalk Subsidy Program. We have been working with Inman Park homeowners since 2004 to repair and replace treacherous sidewalks.

More than 100 homeowner sidewalks and five large public sidewalks have been replaced. Your sidewalk could be next!

What exactly is the Sidewalk Committee offering? The subsidy will pay for 50 percent of individual sidewalk repair up to \$2,000. For example, if your sidewalk repair costs \$3,000, the subsidy would pay \$1,500. For a sidewalk costing \$3,880, it would pay \$1,940. For a sidewalk costing \$4,000 or more, it would pay a maximum of \$2,000. If you are on a corner lot and are replacing both sidewalks, the subsidy will pay up to \$4,000. Additionally, to encourage multiple expanses of sidewalks being completed, contiguous homeowners can receive larger subsidies.

Two contiguous neighbors will receive a 55% subsidy up to \$2,200. Three or more contiguous neighbors will receive a 60 per-cent subsidy up to \$2,400.

Some frequently asked questions are:

Q. *What does a sidewalk cost?*

A. Our contractor charges approximately \$8-\$9/square foot. Prices vary somewhat depending on site conditions and complexity of the job. Prices for the stamped concrete run slightly higher.

Q. *Can I use another contractor?*

A. Not if your sidewalk is to be replaced with pavers or brick. When we began the subsidy program, we obtained estimates from several contractors. Based on price, quality of work, and neighborhood recommendations, we chose **Peter Coyne** of Oakview Landscape Construction to do these various types of sidewalks. We have been extremely happy with this contractor.

He has offered reasonable prices, obtained the required permits, demonstrated superior workmanship, and has been very easy to work with (despite occasional homeowner irascibility). So, we plan to stick with Peter.

Q. *What if I need to have my sidewalk replaced with stamped concrete?*

A. Because prices for stamped concrete, are higher, you may use our contractor, the City, or your own contractor. However, keep in mind that all work must be permitted by the City. We will not reimburse you without proof of having obtained City permits for the work. Also, keep in mind you will have to work out your own arrangement for the payment with your contractor or the City.

Q. *Do I have a choice about what kind of sidewalk I get?*

A. Not really. The City, as well as Historic Regulations, mandate we be as consistent as possible. We look at what material has been used and the style of your current sidewalk, the sidewalks to your immediate left and right, and the overall blockface. Usually, being consistent is very straightforward. However, in a neighborhood where you have pavers, bricks, concrete, stamped concrete, and, sometimes, no sidewalks, occasionally we run into gray areas. We'll try to work with homeowners to their satisfaction within these parameters.

Q. *If I have to pay my portion of the cost up-front, what assurance do I have that the work will be done to my satisfaction?*

A. The contractor will not be paid until both the City inspector and homeowner(s) have approved the work. Remember, we do have a track record with this contractor and 100+ happy sidewalk owners.

Q. *So, how does the Sidewalk Subsidy Program work?*

A. This is how it works:

1. When we have a group of interested homeowners, **Peter Coyne** of Oakview Landscape Construction, our sidewalk contractor, will visit each site and provide an estimate to replace the sidewalk.
2. The Sidewalk Committee then contacts the homeowners (preferably by e-mail) to let them know how much it will cost for their sidewalk to be replaced and how much of this they will be responsible for. Shortly thereafter, the contractor will send out contracts to all the homeowners with a deadline for the contracts to be returned.
3. Homeowners who decide to go forward with the sidewalk project sign their contracts and send them directly to the contractor.
4. When all of the contracts have been received, the contractor obtains permits from the City and schedules inspections.
5. Two or three weeks before work is to begin, the Sidewalk Committee will contact you to ask you to send your portion of the sidewalk cost directly to the contractor. No work can begin until payments are received. These depend on the amount of your subsidy. The percentage to be paid up-front cannot be negotiated.

If you would like to sign up for our May Sidewalk Repair project, please send your name, address of property, and phone numbers to mcastin@bellsouth.net to request an estimate. Deadline is April 15, 2010.

COMMUNITY GARDENS IN FREEDOM PARK

By Janis and Sam Newcom

As residents of Hurt Street across from the proposed Inman Park Community Gardens we have a vested interest in the project and would, of course, be continually and most significantly impacted. The residents on the 100 block of Hurt Street will all be continuously impacted in some way. Failure to hold an immediate neighbors meeting has resulted in distrust in future interactions with the garden group. It is our hope that, in the future, all impacted neighbors will be invited to an Immediate Neighbors meeting to be allowed to voice their opinion regarding any proposal affecting them. That opinion should be reported to the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the community-at-large.

The name Freedom Park was selected because this is where slavery was defeated, slaves were freed, and those men who fought peacefully for freedom (**Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis, and James Earl Carter**) are honored. This is an important distinction for Inman Park and Atlanta and should not be discarded or disrespected.

HISTORY OF THE SITE – The Inman Park Historic District Regulations were signed into law, April 10, 2002, to preserve the character, architecture, and original historic plans of the district. Critical to the important history of Inman Park is not only the Victorian architecture of the late 1800s and **Joel Hurt's** interest in **Olmstead** design philosophy for urban living, but the ability of Atlanta residents to arise from the ashes of the Civil War.

One day of that long battle (July 22, 1864) is portrayed in the world's largest painting, the Atlanta Cyclorama. The Confederate troops initially broke the Union line adjacent to **George Troup Hurt's** nearly completed farm house (foundation on Degress – named for the Degress Battery). Union troops reformed in the land proposed for the community gardens and retook the farm house. This home was then burned to the ground five days later with a church now constructed on the old foundation. **Augustus Hurt's** home, sitting on the site of the Carter Center, became **General Sherman's** headquarters for the battle of Atlanta. It was torn apart for lumber in the days following the completion of this battle as the Union moved to complete the surrender of Atlanta. Of the battle, Pvt. **Sam R. Watkins** of the 1st Tennessee Infantry wrote that he saw “dead Generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, and privates piled indiscriminately everywhere, blood gathered in pools and streams of blood.” We should not dishonor these Americans or desecrate the ground on which they died.

Eight years following the battle, the civil engineer, a second cousin, **Joel Hurt**, visited Atlanta while surveying for the railroad and began acquiring land, including some of his relatives' former farm land. In 1887, he formed the East Atlanta Land Company, and created the idea of Inman Park. Our home, designed by **W.T. Downing**, who later designed **Earnest Woodruff's** and **Joel Hurt's** homes, was designed for **William Newell**, May 12, 1896. Mr. Newell was the manager of the King Hardware store on Peachtree. His grandson visits periodically from Ohio.

The site of the proposed community gardens, maintained as pasture land, eventually was sold for home plots, as well as a Baptist church and Sunday School across the street. The deterioration of these homes and structures is well documented. Forced school integration in the 1960s drove some to the suburbs and gated communities. Residents unafraid of integration remained but the need for faster access to the inner city led to a plan for freeways. The story of the Stone Mountain Freeway plan and condemnation procedures leading to the destruction of hundreds of homes, churches, and commercial property in the linear plot now known as Freedom Park is well known to most Inman Parkers. Upon our arrival in 1984, the planned freeway was still underway. A group called the RoadBusters was using non-violent protest means to stop early construction in Candler Park (ask **Danny Feig-Sandoval** if you want to know more about this). Another group was formed with **Jack Boozer**, Ph.D (Emory Theology), **Druid Hills**, and **Richard Ossoff** (Inman Park, Washita) heading it up. The group was called Citizens Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares In Our Neighborhoods (CAUTION) and became the source of most legal action. This group, with **Sally Dorn** (Inman Park, Euclid) arranged the final legal settlement. **Sam** served in the final years of CAUTION's activities as one of the 7 Inman Park representatives. CAUTION picketed the **CARTER** center dedication and **Ronald Reagan's** appearance because **Jimmy Carter** wanted the freeway constructed (“EXPRES WAY”). It was reported that he felt the neighborhood was so violent that three or four lanes of elevated freeway surrounding the library would be necessary to secure the grounds. We eventually settled the lawsuits and injunctions with a written document. Among the statements pertinent to this discussion are:

Passive Use Only – Because of the multiple crimes originating in the abandoned, condemned state property, it was felt that safety should be foremost. This could not be assured by the Atlanta and MARTA Police because of the tall weeds, fallen trees, partially destroyed homes, and other hiding places. These crimes were significant. There were repeated armed robberies. Several neighbors were shot and killed in the garden site including **Lloyd Patrick Mullins** and **Michael Futhy**. A MARTA passenger was dragged to Poplar Circle and raped repeatedly by a youth gang. According to **Captain Hotopp** of the MARTA police, some of these crimes were eventually attributed to a gang attempting to occupy and control the Inman Park-Reynoldstown station (gang graffiti is still visible throughout Little 5 Points and Inman Park). The CAUTION-GEORGIA state road settlement agreed that the state property would only be available for passive use. Passive use was defined as the absence of any fixed

structures – no backstops for baseball, no bleachers, no picnic tables, no fire pits, no basketball courts, no tennis courts, and no buildings. Therefore, no part of this public park would become a repeat stop for anyone or tend to become owned by any one group. There would be a minimum of hiding places. The current Inman Park Community Gardens grant from Park Pride requires individual, privately leased, four feet by eight feet fenced garden plots, raised off the ground, with fences, unlocked gates, and squirrel-proof chicken-wire co-vers. Thirty to forty-two are currently planned. In addition, the signed lease requires storage for tools, hoses, garden supplies, herbicides and insecticides made from natural materials, and organic or non-organic seeds and seedlings. “Plots do not have to be picture perfect...Restraining devices should be used to keep plants upright – like tomato cages or bean poles.”

UNACCEPTABLE. Crime is high on everyone’s mind. These private garden structures offer new hiding places adjacent to the Inman Park MARTA station and our homes. Prior to creation of the clean pastureland, our own home was broken into three times. Assaulted and bleeding MAR-TA passengers appeared on our doorstep. Other homes on Hurt Street were broken into by criminals watching from hiding places in the parkland. Most of these hiding places have now been eradicated by removal of unnecessary structures, trimming of low lying foliage, regular removal of trash, and a close neighborhood watch with occasional police action.

In addition to home break-ins and invasions, the park is the first convenient bathroom stop adjacent to the MARTA station for those gearing up for a trip to Little 5 Points or coming back with a full bladder. Any screen providing privacy is a public latrine. The current clearing has reduced public urination, defecation, forni-(Newcom: cation, injection of substances, consumption of alcohol, and overnight camping to an all time low. Yes, the crimes are prosecuted and yes, we have spent time in courtrooms testifying. This is not the way we like to spend our time. Any new screening will reintroduce all of these activities.

At the time of the CAUTION settlement, a small group of Inman Parkers was anxious to develop the property with homes, condominiums, and apartment houses. This was pitched as a way to prevent crime – each side of the street watching each other’s property. The Hurt Street Group (lead by **Ruth Wall** – also a CAUTION member) and the Newcoms vigorously OPPOSED construction. We wanted to clean up the state property, make it visually as near the BATTLEFIELD configuration as possible, and remove all sight obstructions to eliminate hiding spots for criminals. We also wanted a public park for Atlanta which is still deficient in public park space. With **Bill McMurray’s** help, we estimated the value of the property at about 17 million dollars at that time and sold the neighborhood on the idea of holding this property together rather than releasing it to the developers. It should be noted that Congressman **David Scott**, not then an Inman Park resident, but Chairman of the Georgia State Senate Rules Committee, was instrumental in negotiating a favorable settlement for Inman Park. The recent attacks on Congressman Scott by uninformed residents have embarrassed Inman Park and Atlanta in the media. We hope that Inman Parkers will denounce personal attacks on any Inman Park resident.

OUR POSITION: Our position, previously stated, is that public parks should remain public to all users. No portion of the park should be assigned to any one person at the exclusion of any other.

The rules of the state property should be adhered to: no non-passive use, and no structures.

Liability should remain with the public for safety, maintenance, health issues, etc. (The Park Pride proposals require the individual gardener to sign forms accepting all liability. These Inman Park gardeners presumably hold little liability insurance for damages incurred and may be unaware of Federal Environmental Protection Agency Rules regarding Nitrogen and Phosphorus ground water contamination, or required Federal Organic Gardening licensure).

Historic significance of Freedom Park should be acknowledged by the neighborhood, state, and federal agencies.

We support a Community Garden as defined by the American Community Gardening Association (founded in 1979) rather than the concept promoted by the private, non-profit, foundation, Park Pride. Rather than convert the small amount of public park land in Atlanta to private lease and exclusive use as per Park Pride, contribute to the neighborhood by cleaning up neglected lots (for example the Washita lot on Euclid Ave., the lots west of the neighborhood on Edgewood Ave., unsold lots west of the Lizzie Chapel on Euclid Ave., the many abandoned lots along DeKalb Ave. or even the unused space in the Hollow behind the 200 block of Hurt Street.

We know that the impacted Hurt Street neighbors have additional concerns that we did not fully address. Inman Park is a neighborhood of strong opinions and multiple opinions and we speak only for ourselves.

The name Freedom Park of Atlanta should not become an oxymoron containing restricted, private holdings.

INMAN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Megan Holder-Chandler

About nine months ago, the idea of a community garden started showing up in the *Advocator* and buzz started growing in the neighborhood about making it happen. Much of the buzz at that time was in response to a property owner hoping to sell his lot and have it used in Inman Park as a community garden. And thus, the Inman Park Community Garden Committee was quickly and enthusiastically formed.

Today, much of the buzz in the neighborhood is about the controversy surrounding the site location on the committee’s current application before the UDC. The committee would like to take this opportunity to share with you how we got here, how we’ve changed course, and how the garden can be enjoyed by everyone.

More than 30 residents attended the first committee meeting last June. We divided into sub-committees for operations, ownership, property purchase, and all-purpose. Very early in the process it became apparent that purchasing property would be too costly and the burden of the mortgage over time was not something the committee felt was appropriate to undertake. Investigation then began into land lease options and grant opportunities. At this time we discovered the “Win a Community Garden Grant” sponsored by Park Pride. This was deemed the most cost effective way to help the neighborhood get a community garden. Additionally, one of the stipulations was that it be located in a city park. The committee viewed this as a huge plus because it would allow not just individuals with plots to enjoy the garden, but any resident or visitor of the neighborhood could enjoy it.

The Park Pride grants are a direct response to the resolution passed by City Council to increase the number of community gardens in city parks. (There are currently twelve other community gardens in city parks). Community gardens in city parks are not just an Atlanta phenomenon, but a concept being adopted by cities across the country as a way to build a community and help offset maintenance costs in parks by having other groups maintain those portions of the park.

The application process had two rounds. In the first round, we only had to identify which park in the neighborhood we would like the garden. Freedom Park was selected because it is the only park in the neighborhood that could accommodate an area large enough that also received full sun, and topography that could work. Oddly enough, in this process we discovered that Joel Hurt used a portion of what is now Freedom Park as a garden. "He [Hurt] made use of a large part of the Inman Park acreage for farming and grazing until it was sold. On Hurt Street and earlier on a section of the Mesa, wheat, corn and alfalfa in rotation were grown." (Quote from the book *Joel Hurt and the Development of Atlanta* by Sarah Simms. pp. 130-131)

The second round of the application had many requirements, including a more specific site location. Members of the committee independently walked the site and then came together to discuss locations that they thought would work. Each person who walked the park felt an area between the MARTA lot and Euclid Ave. showed the most promise. The committee also felt that the corner of Hurt St. and Euclid Ave. was very utilized and that the garden should not be put there.

And here is where the controversy begins... the committee admits that our process has not been perfect, but it has always remained focused on securing a garden for our neighborhood. Perhaps our biggest misstep was not having an immediate neighbors meeting before submitting the application. Since we became aware of the immediate neighbors concerns, we have worked diligently to include them in the process of trying to find a solution that works for all involved. We appreciate the time they have spent with us working towards a resolution. They have even walked the park with us to help identify alternate locations for our neighborhood's garden. One of the biggest areas of the confusion for all involved has to do with the UDC process. The area of Freedom Park the site location falls in is zoned SPI-5, and there is debate about what exactly the UDC can ask of the applicant and actually rule on. This is one of the reasons for the multiple deferrals of our application.

Ultimately, we could not find resolution on the site currently in our application. However, we as the applicant do not have the power to simply move to another site. The site must be approved by Park Pride and Parks Department. We can't officially amend our site until we have a new home for the garden, but the current site is no longer in consideration and will NOT be the garden location. Recently, the Parks Department, Park Pride, **Kwanza Hall**, and **Jay Tribby** walked the entire park to let us know other sites that could be approved.

After the review by the Parks Department, three sites were deemed viable. (Two others were feasible, but would have needed a \$25,000 investment.) Two of these sites are located in Freedom Park between the MARTA lot and Euclid Ave. The remaining location is between Austin Ave. and Euclid Ave. Immediate neighbor meetings are being held at each location on Sunday, March 7 (Please note: By the time this publication is delivered to you, the meetings will have been held.) We are hoping that the feedback from the immediate neighbors will give the committee a clear direction on how to proceed. Also, a neighborhood-wide meeting will be held to answer questions about the process and next steps.

Part of the committee's diligence in pursuing this is a result of the strong desire of the neighborhood to have a community garden. This was evidenced in the neighborhood-wide survey. The survey found that... 85.2 percent of respondents said they support a community garden here, and 51.9 percent want to actively participate. To date, 47 families have signed up for garden plots. Having a plot is not the only way to get involved in the community garden. We plan to have guest speakers and activities in the garden throughout the year that ANYONE can participate in.

We will keep you informed of our progress, and are excited about the day when we can all enjoy this garden!!!

IMPORTANT CORRECTION!

FESTIVAL TOUR OF HOMES

By Jan Keith

A gremlin attacked my article in the February Advocate. For the record: all houses and gardens are open all three days for your touring pleasure. Friday, April 23, is the short tour from noon to 4:00. Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, is the long tour from noon to 6:00 pm. The houses, lofts and gardens are incredible. Houses range from the largest home in Inman Park to a coop (yes coop, not co-op) where some special girls reside. Need decorating ideas? You've got them on tour. Have you seen the special Japanese maple that is only one of ten growing in America? There are some fab kitchens with state-of-the-art appliances and some incredible adaptive reuses of space and materials. After all, HIP Inman Park was the first neighborhood in Atlanta to "go green" and reuse/reclaim old homes. Come out and celebrate our 39th Festival and Tour of Homes. Volunteer! Have fun! See you on tour!

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY!

By Kristy Rupp

Observe Earth Day, celebrate the end of tax season, and finish up your spring cleaning all in one place! The Community School and Eagle Secure Shredding are sponsoring a Community Shred Day on **April 24** from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Decatur.

Come have your old tax records, bills, bank statements, and other confidential documents shredded and recycled by Atlanta's premiere shredding company. Donations of \$5 per bankers box (maximum of five boxes per patron please) are welcome and all proceeds will support The Community School, a school for junior and high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The First Baptist Church is located at 308 Clairemont Ave., Decatur, 30030. Visit www.thecommunityschool.net for more information about the school and the vent. Hope to see you there!

EAST LAKE GARDEN TOUR

By Julie Barnes

The East Lake Garden Club invites you to the second Annual East Lake Garden Tour on Saturday May 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. This self-guided tour will feature seven beautiful and unique East Lake gardens, along with local artwork from various artists.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available from GardenHood, 347 Boulevard Dr., S.E., the East Lake Foundation, 2606 Alston Dr., S.E., Le Petit March, 1963 Hosea L. Williams Dr., and on-line at: www.eastlakegardenclub.com

ADVOCATOR UPDATE

By Betty Ridderhoff

There were several errors in the February issue of the *Advocator* in spite of all the efforts on the part of the staff to proofread all the articles. This happened because certain guidelines for submitting articles for publication were not followed.

Guideline for submitting articles:

1. **DEADLINE IS ALWAYS 10:00 P.M. ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.** Articles received after this time and date will not be published, regardless of who has sub-mitted them. Since articles can be submitted any time during the month, there is no excuse to submit them late.
2. Articles should be submitted as PLAIN document or RICH TEXT FILES. **DO NOT FORMAT THEM YOUR WAY.** Your programs may not be compatible with the formatting used in the *Advocator* and often causes problems when we do the layout for it. This was the cause of the errors in the February issue. We received one article extremely late and it had been previously formatted and protected. When we put it into the *Advocator*, it changed the formatting on all of the pages.
3. Please include your by-line (name) on your article.
4. Please avoid putting text boxes in your articles. Either put a plain border around the text you want in a box, or indicate you would like it put into a box and we will do it for you. In some cases, you might create a table to put your text into.
5. **DO NOT PUT HIDDEN TEXT OR MARKINGS IN YOUR ARTICLE.** This causes a problem on all the pages formatted after your article is put in place.
6. Do not 'write protect' your articles or ads.
7. The staff must have enough time to proofread each article, make corrections, and return it to the editor for inclusion in the layout of the *Advocator*. This all takes a lot of time to co-ordinate everything, it cannot be done in a day.
8. Ads may also be submitted any time during the month. Preferred formatting for ads is JPEG (this is compatible with a word processing program) or PDF. They must be black and white as we do not publish in color.
9. When you submit something to be published in the *Advocator*, you will receive a reply thanking you for the article or ad. If you do not receive a reply, send it to us again. Cyberspace is good, but it is not perfect.

ALL ABOUT JOURNEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Submitted by Lindsay Keeler

Journey Performing Arts Center is an intown arts education organizations focusing on the disciplines of dance, drama and music. This local non-profit organization recently moved to offices in the Edgewood neighborhood at 14 Moreland Ave. at the intersection of Moreland Ave. and Boulevard, and serves the Cabbagetown, Edgewood, Little 5 Points, East Atlanta, Reynoldstown, and other intown neighborhoods. Journey is also in the process of acquiring a new studio location to hold its growing dance and martial arts classes.

While Journey Performing Arts Center is best known for the dance classes and outreach programs it runs at several Fulton County schools, it is also currently offering classes to Atlanta-area children in music theory, vocal lessons, and theatrical training. Journey has recently added two brand new courses: Introduction to World Music and Introduction to Voice. The music and vocal coaches come with years of experience and have earned many accolades for their work in the performing arts.

These classes can be scheduled on a group or individual basis and registration is as simple as visiting their website at: www.journeyartscenter.org.

They are accepting students as young as 3 years old up to 17 years of age for these courses. Instruction for these courses is held at Journey's business office every Saturday. By adding these new classes, Journey Performing Arts Center is hoping to reach more Atlanta-area youth in their efforts to provide an education in the performing arts!

For more information, please visit our website at: www.journeyartscenter.org

ING GEORGIA MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

Submitted by Peggy Rogers

ING is having a marathon, half-marathon, and Health & Fitness Expo the weekend of Friday, March 19 through Sunday, March 21.

Friday, March 19, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.: ING Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo held at the Georgia Dome, free and open to the public. The Expo features race packet pick-up, fitness-oriented speakers, exhibitors, and vendors.

Saturday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m.: Publix Run Wild 5K at 8:00 a.m. and Kids Fun Run for children (ages 10 and under) at 9:00 a.m. held at Grant Park near the entrance to Zoo Atlanta and the Cyclorama.

Race day registration for both events opens at 7:00 a.m. Participants can purchase discounted Zoo Atlanta tickets which are valid from 3/30/10 - 12/31/10.

Sunday, March 21, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: ING Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon will be held with a start and finish at Centennial Olympic Park and a route that takes the runners through Inman Park. Inman Park neighbors who want to cheer on "our" runners should gather at the corner of Hurt St. and Euclid Ave. at about 7:30 a.m. Quite a few IP residents will be running this year. Visit www.INGGeorgiaMarathon.com, click on Community, then on Marathon Course, to view the 2010 Course Map and 2010 Street List.

During the event, each intersection along the course will be staffed with Police Officers to direct traffic and maintain public safety. Police will direct emergency vehicles across the course but will hold non-emergency vehicles until there is a gap in the participants. Note that there will be extended periods when there is a steady stream of participants during which vehicles will not be allowed to cross the participants' lanes. Drivers near the race course are urged to plan your travel route to avoid crossing the race course, or travel before the applicable street lanes are closed, or take MARTA, where possible.

ATLANTA-AREA NONPROFITS PARTNER FOR EARTH DAY BELTLINE CLEANUP

Submitted by Doug McLaughlin

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, 150 volunteers are expected to lend a hand for Earth Day to pick up trash, tires, debris, and remove invasive plants along the BeltLine from Montgomery Ferry Road to Westminster Drive. Volunteers will meet at Ansley Mall at 8:00 a.m. to check in, grab gloves and tools, and get to work. Their goal is to clear the walking trails that have already been established and restore them to clean, safe, walk-able paths for Atlanta residents and visitors.

Keep Atlanta Beautiful has partnered with the Atlanta BeltLine Inc., BeltLine Partnership, Trees Atlanta, Park Pride, Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy, Atlanta Community Tool Bank, and Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper to organize this cleanup. Sponsors include Republic Services and Selig.

A rally is planned before the cleanup to energize volunteers. Invited officials for the rally include Mayor **Kasim Reed**, City Council President **Caesar Mitchell** and City Council Representatives **Alex Wan** and **Aaron Watson**.

Additionally, cleanup partners are inviting neighborhoods all along the BeltLine to host their own cleanups. There are cleanups already planned near Virginia Highland and Freedom Parkway. Those interested in volunteering or planning a cleanup in their neighborhood can register online at www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org. Pre-registration closes at midnight on April 10, 2010. It's our BeltLine. Do your part. Get connected.

Following is some information about the partner organizations:

Keep Atlanta Beautiful: Keep Atlanta Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., serves Atlanta by developing and implementing public education and community improvement programs that make a cleaner and greener Atlanta. These initiatives enhance the quality of life and economic development in the community by instilling pride in community ownership and a behavior change that seeks improvements in littering, recycling, beautification, and natural resource conservation. www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org

Atlanta BeltLine Inc. (ABI): ABI, an affiliate of the Atlanta Development Authority, is the entity tasked with planning and executing the implementation of the BeltLine in partnership with the BeltLine team including City of Atlanta Departments. Its functions include specifically defining the BeltLine plan; leading efforts to secure federal, state and local funding; continuing the BeltLine community engagement process; and serving as the overall project management office to execute the BeltLine plan, including the coordination of planning and execution activities with other City of Atlanta departments and managing all vendors and suppliers. Atlanta BeltLine Inc. is also responsible for tracking and reporting progress on the BeltLine to the Atlanta City Council, Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County, the three taxing authorities that authorized the BeltLine TAD legislation in 2005.

The BeltLine Partnership (BLP): BLP is a non-profit organization committed to raising funds from private and phil-anthropic sources to support the BeltLine; working with neighborhoods, community organizations, faith

organizations, businesses and other groups to raise general awareness and broad-based support for the BeltLine; and serving as a catalyst to mobilize resources to address the social concerns raised by new development a-round the BeltLine. www.beltline.org


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

Park Pride:

Park Pride, founded in 1989, is the only organization that works with communities all over Atlanta to improve their parks. In 2007, Park Pride coordinated more than 20,000 hours of volunteer work in Atlanta parks, developed new conceptual park plans for seven parks and helped start more than a dozen “Friends of the Park” groups. Park Pride is able to engage and serve the community by generating Friends of the Park groups, focusing on advocacy efforts as well as promoting participation in its Adopt-a-Park, Park Visioning, Volunteer, Fiscal Partners and Micro Grant programs. Park Pride continues to work with local organizations and community members to support the creation of the Atlanta BeltLine, which promises to create more than 1,000 acres of new parks and 33 miles of trails. The organization’s annual Parks & Greenspace Conference serves as the signature event in our work to create a world class park system in Atlanta. www.parkpride.org

Atlanta Community ToolBank:

Established in 1991, the Atlanta Community ToolBank strengthens communities through the use of shared resources. Two unique programs, the Tool Lending Program and HouseProud, equip volunteers to implement a diverse range of service initiatives including home and facility repairs, playground builds, park restoration, community cleanups and much more. Over 200 charitable groups utilize the Tool Lending Program annually to access 150 different tool types. The HouseProud pro-gram also provides no-cost critical home repairs year-round for senior and disabled residents of designated Atlanta neighborhoods. Over 50,000 volunteers put ToolBank inventory to good use each year, completing more than 1,000 community based projects. For more information about the Atlanta Community ToolBank, visit their website at: www.atlanta.toolbank.org.

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | | | |
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| COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM MARCH 15, 2010, TO APRIL 23, 2010  | | | | 39 DAYS |
| DATE | DAY/TIME | EVENT | Pg. | LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER |
| Mar. 14 | Sun. | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME | | |
| Mar. 17 | Wed. 7:30 p.m. | IPNA Meeting | | 1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576 |
| | | ST. PATRICK'S DAY | | |
| Mar. 20 | Sat. | FIRST DAY OF SPRING | | |
| Mar. 24 | Wed. 7:00 p.m. | Book Club | 17 | 889 Edgewood Ave. 404-688-7330 |
| Mar. 26 | Fri. 7:30 p.m. | Porch Party | 9 | 814 Virgil St. 404-523-4801 |
| Mar. 27 | Sat. 5:30 p.m. | Sharon Jones Book Signing | 15 | Eagle Book Shop 2076 N. Decatur Rd., |
| Mar. 28 | Sun. | PALM SUNDAY | | |
| Mar. 30 | Tues. | PASSOVER BEGINS @ SUNDOWN | | |
| Apr. 01 | Thurs. 10:00 p.m. | ADVOCATOR DEADLINE | | e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net |
| | | APRIL FOOL'S DAY | | |
| Apr. 02 | Fri. | GOOD FRIDAY | | |
| Apr. 03 | Sat. 4:00 p.m. | Sharon Jones Book Signing | 15 | Border's 3637 Peachtree Rd., Buckhead |
| Apr. 04 | Sun. | EASTER | | |
| Apr. 13 | Tues. 7:30 p.m. | Festival Meeting | | Trolley Barn |

MARCH 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. Historic Preservation:**
 - 1. 418 North Highland Ave.
 - 2. Presentation on Historic Regulations, Certificates of Appropriateness, and Building Permits.
 - B. Treasurer:**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures.
 - C. Secretary**
 - D. President**
 - E. Planning**
 - F. Zoning:**
 - 1. NPU Report:
 - G. Public Safety**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**