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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Regina Brewer

I've just begun to settle in to this job and I can tell you the last board was busy. We will be most fortunate to reap the rewards of their hard work in the next year. One of their major initiatives was developing the new Inman Park website, which is now finished and in the testing stage. I haven't had a chance to really take it out for a spin, but it is quite wonderful (not a very "tech" description, but, hey, I'm a liberal arts major!). I'm anxious to get it online and active for the neighborhood to use.

July brings the fabulous Security Patrol Dine Out on July 28. We get to eat at our favorite participating restaurants, and those restaurants give a portion of their proceeds to the Inman Park Security Patrol.

We also have a new minister at the Inman Park United Methodist Church. Matthew Nelson and his family moved here from Augusta to take over the helm of the church. While many of us are not parishioners (myself included), we all recognize how important the church is to our neighborhood. So, if you get a chance, stop by and say hi and welcome the Nelsons to the 'hood.

Finally, we've got some projects that were on the shelf coming back that could significantly improve the quality of life in Inman Park. One of those projects is the Moreland Avenue Corridor Study. This project would greatly enhance the pedestrian experience along Moreland Avenue including safer sidewalks, more crosswalks, and landscaping. Another project that was shelved for many reasons was the master plan for the area behind Little Five Points and around Bass Fields. Several years ago a preliminary plan was developed that included a mixed-use development that addressed parking shortages for the theaters. Our current economy won't support that idea, but now is the time to look at creative ways to breathe new life into this idea.

We have many great opportunities in Inman Park, and we are always looking for people to bring their creative energy and ideas to the table. Interested? Give me a call or send me an email.

See you at the meeting in July. It will be short and sweet, just like the last one!

FROM YOUR EDITOR

By Diane Floyd

One question that keeps "coming up" in the neighborhood is the editorial policy for the *Advocator*. At times in the past it has seemed to some people that the pages of the *Advocator* were full of press releases yet, last month, a press release, that was printed, was shortened, much to the chagrin of the person who had submitted it.

The first thing you need to know is that, as the Editor of the *Advocator*, I make the final decision as to what is published. I make those decisions based on my thirty-one years of experience and knowledge of Inman Park, its history and the issues it faces. I receive some advice from the proofreaders and consult members of the IPNA Board as necessary.

The second thing that factors into my decisions is that the pages of the *Advocator* must be in multiples of four to allow it to be stapled. (Can't quite figure out why? Look carefully at the paper publication you are holding. It is printed in folio style on 11 x 17" paper, folded and stapled to produce the booklet that is distributed.) Sometimes "filler" is necessary! Sometimes things get left out! Sometimes things get shortened!

The third criteria that is applied is that all official information relating to IPNA is published, with only minimal editorial "meddling." The next group of articles that are included are those relating directly to Inman Park as a community and that provide information of interest to a large group of neighbors. Information that might be of interest to a few neighbors comes next.

I also try to be fair to our advertisers. Press releases that are meant to take the place of paid advertising are sometimes published, if space is available, but I try to

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2011 IPNA BUDGET

By Cameron Childress, Treasurer

It's that time of year again! IPNA's fiscal year runs from November 1 to October 31, and all budgets are published twice before being voted on. So, that means we need to start now!

Budget requests should be sent in electronic form to the Treasurer of IPNA at cameronc@gmail.com. Alternately, you can hand deliver them during the July 21 IPNA meeting or drop them off at the IPNA Mailbox at the Intown Business Center. If you have any questions about submitting your budget request, please feel free to call or email me anytime at 678-637-5072 or cameronc@gmail.com.

Committee Chairs

This article serves as the official notice to all our committee chairs and coordinators. **Your budget requests should be submitted to the Treasurer by July 31** to allow time for the Board to consider requests. Requests should be in writing and as detailed as possible to provide the rationale for requested funds.

Of course, not everything a committee asks for will be granted, but the more detailed a committee is in its request, the better the Board and the general membership will be able to judge the correct allocations of funds when it comes time to vote on our budget. Keep in mind we had a rainy Saturday during this year's festival. The money available in the budget will be smaller this year, so make your request count.

IPNA Members

As concerned members of IPNA, please make sure you let the Committee chairs know what you would like done over the coming fiscal year. The names and contact information for the Chairs and Coordinators are on the back page of the *Advocator*. The membership should also be thinking of possible new projects that might come up over the next year. Would any funding be needed for those?

Non-Members

Individuals may also submit written requests to ask for a budget line to be established for funding certain projects. To be considered, such requests should show an immediate and direct benefit to the neighborhood.

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

July 31: Deadline for budget requests
Sept. 15: IPNA Meeting, budget discussion and first vote
Oct. 20: IPNA Meeting, budget discussion and final vote
Oct. 31: 2009-2010 budget year ends
Nov. 1: 2010-2011 budget year begins

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limit those to once, or twice, per business and only to businesses located either in or very near to Inman Park.

Information from press releases sent by non-profit organizations are included based on their connection to Inman Park and the other publicity outlets available to them. For example, the Atlanta Preservation Center, founded by Inman Park resident Eileen Brown, got quite a lot of space last month for its city tours while the High Museum would not have.

Generally I depend on the residents of Inman Park to decide that they want to write an article for the *Advocator*. However, occasionally, I will solicit an article about a specific topic. I am always **very happy** to receive an article from anyone in the neighborhood. Is there a topic you think has not been adequately covered? Is there a topic you think has been entirely neglected? **Feel free** to help me correct that lapse! **BUT**, please understand that **ALL** articles **MUST** be sent to me in electronic form (Word document e-mailed to theadvocator@bellsouth.net) by the **FIRST** of the month to be considered for inclusion in the *Advocator* that "hits the street" the weekend before the third Wednesday (IPNA meeting) of every month.

Know that I take my responsibility as Editor of the *Advocator* very seriously and feel free to let me know of any concerns or questions you might have!

FEELING RUSHED

by Jerry Prine

When reading the Historic Preservation meeting minutes in the May *Advocator*, I saw a neighbor noting they were "feeling rushed" on a review of a new building proposal. This made me revisit my own "rushed" experience with Historic Preservation that took place in February.

I received an Immediate Neighbors Meeting notice on Saturday evening for a Tuesday meeting just as I was heading out of town for a business trip. Later I made a few calls to see who attended only to find that "no immediate neighbors attended," meaning that there was no chance for any comment, questions or vote on the project by those directly impacted by the decision.

Two days later, Historic Preservation representatives presented the project at the IPNA monthly meeting and called for a vote of approval in spite of that fact that there was an Immediate Neighbors Meeting with no attendees, no questions and no votes. The project was awarded formal IPNA support. This vote was conducted with attendees who were unaffected by the plan, with the exception of the Architect, the homeowner and one neighbor who lives within the general perimeter of the project who happened to be in attendance at the IPNA meeting. This was followed by a presentation to the Urban Design Commission with the formal IPNA approval in hand and the project was approved by Urban Design.

A "No Show" Immediate Neighbors Meeting means that there is something fundamentally wrong with the current notice period of three days. And the current IPNA policy that allows a vote to be called to approve a project without any Immediate Neighbors Meeting feedback damages the original intent of offering a voice to directly impacted neighbors.

I would suggest changes to the IPNA By-Laws that would include an expanded Immediate Neighbors Meeting Notice Period to allow all parties enough time to be involved in the process. A 14 day/two week notice period would offer ample opportunity for all parties to meet and discuss a project. The next critical step would be to change the IPNA approval procedure to ban any vote on a new building project without legitimate Immediate Neighbors feedback.

Inman Park became a great neighborhood because the IPNA format offers everyone a chance to have a voice on key issues tied to our quality of life. An IPNA "Stamp of Approval" for a building project carries a great deal of weight with the ultimate decision makers, the Urban Design Commission. An IPNA "Stamp of Approval" should not be given without a chance for those neighbors directly impacted by a project to have a reasonable chance to have their questions, suggestions and comments heard. This is important to everyone because, no matter how you might feel about your neighbors, things they could do to their home can affect your quality of life and the value of your home.

A LITTLE SUMMER READING ON IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOR'S MEETING

By Adam Stillman,
VP for Historic Preservation

With summer upon us, our monthly IPNA meetings are getting short and sparsely attended so lessons on Historic Preservation, Certificates of Appropriateness, and the Urban Design Commission (AUDC) will resume this fall. That said, there have been a number of questions lately about Immediate Neighbors' Meetings, so I thought this would be a great time for everyone to "brush up" on their role in the approval process for projects located within the Inman Park Historic District.

The Historic Preservation section of the IPNA by-laws specifies that Immediate Neighbors' Meetings be held for projects within the neighborhood which require a Type III or Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness from the AUDC, which includes variances to the historic regulations, new houses, major renovations and additions, and, the very rare, demolition of a historic property. Immediate Neighbors' Meetings are not held for Type II Certificate of Appropriateness, which are for smaller renovations and additions, outbuildings, fences, and general repairs.

Immediate Neighbors' Meetings include a presentation by the applicant, after which attendees have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the project. Finally a vote of support or opposition is taken. The results of this vote are communicated to IPNA at the monthly meeting, at which point the neighborhood as a whole votes to support or oppose the project. A letter is then sent to the AUDC with the results of both votes, as well as a commentary about any particular concerns that might have arisen.

Immediate Neighbors' Meetings are not a legal requirement or part of the Inman Park Historic Regulations, but rather are a practice of IPNA, developed as a means of communicating the desires of the most affected neighbors to the general membership, and ultimately to the AUDC. It is important to remember that votes taken at Immediate Neighbors' Meetings and by IPNA are not to approve or deny a project, but rather a vote of support or opposition. Only the AUDC has the authority to approve or deny a Certificate of Appropriateness and their decision must be based on the legal criteria outlined in the historic regulations, which are part of the city's zoning ordinance. Although this means that the AUDC may sometimes approve a project that IPNA opposes or deny one we support, it is vital that the AUDC's ruling is based on law and not subjective or arbitrary criteria, as doing so could open the regulations to legal challenge.

The IPNA by-laws define immediate neighbors as "residents and owners of property within three hundred feet of the
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2010 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.
All meetings are at 7:00 p.m.
Bring a covered dish

July 28

The Art of Racing in the Rain
by **Garth Stein**
Hosted by Cathy Jamison
805-B Edgewood Ave.

August 25

The Gift of Rain
by **Tan Tan Eng**
Hosted by Oreon Mann
877 Edgewood Ave.

September 22

The Forgotten Garden
by **Kate Martin**
Hosted by Pam Gannon
469 Carter Ave (East Lake)

October 27

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lenox
by **Maggie O'Farrell**
Hosted by Cathy and Jim McKinney
337 Drexel Avenue (Decatur)

November-No Book

For Information: 404-688-7330

property subject to review.” Anyone interested in a project may attend the meeting, but voting is restricted to those who receive notices that their property or residence lies within the 300’ area, which is measured “as the crow flies” in all directions. It is not required that you be a member of IPNA to vote at an Immediate Neighbors’ Meeting.

There are a number of factors that affect the scheduling of Immediate Neighbors’ Meetings. IPNA meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month and AUDC hearings are bi-monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Applications to the AUDC are due 16 businessdays before the hearing at which the project will be presented, and, as a general practice, IPNA does not conduct votes on applications before they are submitted to the city. This convergence of multiple schedules often leaves only a few days on the calendar during which to hold the Immediate Neighbors’ Meeting to ensure it falls after the application has been submitted but before both the IPNA meeting and AUDC hearing.

Fliers are distributed to affected neighbors three to four days before the meeting, which has been found to be the optimal timeframe to ensure the best turn-out. Longer notice periods have been tried, but the meetings tended to fall off people’s “radar” and attendance was low. If you will be unable to attend an Immediate Neighbors’ Meeting or the monthly IPNA meeting but would like more information on a project, let me know and I’ll do my best to get you a copy of the application documents, which are also available from the AUDC (and by the way, AUDC hearings are open to the public and offer another opportunity for comment).

Finally, please remember that IPNA relies on volunteers to distribute fliers (and this *Advocator*) so your patience and understanding is appreciated on those rare occasions when an oversight is made. And remember that the wind does blow, so keep an eye out for meandering papers in your yard. And be sure to check that stack of take-out menus before you throw it out. There just might be something important in there!

OLD FOURTH WARD PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

By David Laube, VP Planning

While physically located within the Old Fourth Ward, a proposed development by Minerva Real Estate Investments on the 4.858 acre tract of land formally known as Patterson Lumber (or 764 Highland Avenue, or the patch of vacant land behind Grinnell Lofts and Parish) is going to be presenting at the July IPNA meeting. At this point, Minerva has met with neighborhood leaders in the Old Fourth Ward, worked with representatives of the BeltLine (to which the site is immediately adjacent), and had an initial presentation to the IPNA Board. While their plan is allowed under the current zoning, they will be requesting a change to MR-3 to allow for greater flexibility within the site plan while still adhering to the current density and height requirements.

Their proposed development is for 54 fee-simple townhome units and a 4,000-square foot commercial space fronting on Highland Avenue just west of the bridge over the BeltLine. The townhomes are planned to be 2,200 to 3,600 square feet on three stories (to be less than 35’ tall), each with a two-car garage. Current plans are for the majority of the units to be priced from \$300,000 to \$400,000. Most of the townhomes feature a rear-entry garage from either an internal alley way or private community street with a driveway large enough to accommodate additional cars. The remaining units will have a front-entry garage. Nearly half of the units have been designed to have front doors immediately adjacent to the BeltLine corridor with a meandering sidewalk in front. The community will not be gated and will feature 17 on-street public parking spaces in addition to 11 spaces underneath the planned commercial space. The developer is in negotiations for additional shared spaces with an adjacent Old Fourth Ward lot off of Prospect Street.

Of particular interest to Inman Park are their plans, per BeltLine Sub Area 5 Recommendations, to leave a future roadway connection for East Avenue to extend from Old Fourth Ward, through their site, over the BeltLine, and ultimately to connect with Elizabeth Street at the intersection with Bernina Ave. While Minerva’s plans only call for allowing this future connection, BeltLine master plans and a previously prepared City connectivity study both call for this to occur, along with a proposed BeltLine transit station and an extension of Willoughby Way under the Freedom Parkway bridge, with improvements to Elizabeth Street up to and including the Highland intersection. We have asked Minerva to invite BeltLine officials to attend the July meeting with them for discussion on their timeline for such connections and improvements. As always, please attend next month’s meeting to voice any issues or concerns.

CITY HALL EAST UPDATE – JULY 2010

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of NPU-N

Remember the elephant? (No, not the Circus elephant allegedly buried somewhere around Inman Park!) You know, the parking elephant I left off talking about last month. The day after the IPNA meeting last month, I attended a meeting at City Hall with representatives of the Planning Department, the applicant (and their attorney, our neighbor Sharon Gay), and representatives of NPUs E, F and M to discuss an application for a parking special exception. Usually, applicants for such a request want to reduce the parking requirements due to site limitations. Not so this time. Because City Hall East is within the BeltLine Overlay District, it is subject to parking maximums. The applicant’s concern was that the maximums would restrict their ability to lease the space.

[Me talking to myself] Parking, parking, parking! Is that all we have to talk about?

[Me trying to see the other side] Yeah, but practically speaking, without parking, no self-respecting Atlantan will want to go there, so no retail facility will want to locate there, and we will be back where we started.

[Me imagining living in Poncey-Highlands] No limits! Are you crazy?!

Sorry, I’m back. Attending all these meetings gets to you after awhile. [Do you have another meeting tonight. Daddy?”] As I have said several times, this project is moving remarkably fast. The initial application asked only to be relieved of the parking maximums of the BeltLine Overlay. In response to concerns raised, the applicants proposed limits for the types of uses planned for the site (residential, retail and office). When we all got to the meeting at City Hall on June 17, the applicants replaced those limits with an absolute limit of 3188 spaces. (This number is 10% higher than the number of spaces predicted to be necessary during the first re-zoning of the site in 2005.) As there is still so much uncertainty about what will go into City Hall East, this seemed like a good idea.

Well, to cut to the chase, the revised application was supported by NPU-M on June 28 and approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on July 1. With the re-zoning application I have discussed over the last few months (which City Council adopted on June 21 and is awaiting the Mayor’s signature), this concludes the easy part of transforming City Hall East. Now they just have to find the money to actually buy and renovate it!

Our work here is now done, at least for a while. Thank you for your patience and attention. Take the rest of the summer off. (Not you Sharon!)

Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!

**Our great neighbors at Inman Mews
are hosting the
July “Porch” Party**

At The Inman Mews Condominiums
at the corner of Spruce St & DeKalb Ave.

Friday, July 30, 7:30 PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

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Reserve your month soon!

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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2010 IPNA MEETING

By Barbara Black, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Regina Brewer welcomed everyone to her first meeting as the new President.

Chloe Dallaire introduced herself as candidate for Superior Court Judge in Fulton County.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Volunteers are desperately needed for the 4th of July picnic! Please contact Carrington Moore.
- This month's Porch Party will be at **Lori and Danny Feig-Sandoval's** house @ 1130 Alta Avenue, on June 25 @ 7:30. They will be celebrating the 100-year Anniversary of their house.
- **Oreon Mann** announced this month's book club will be at Bill and Marnie McMurry's on June 23, at 7:00 p.m., 466 North Highland Avenue, Unit 1. The book is *Loving Frank*.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Lt. Brent Schierbaum, Zone 6 precinct and Captain of the Inman Park Patrol, reported the following activity:

- Unsuccessful attempt to steal ATM machine at Savi Market on May 5. A similar unsuccessful attempt was made at SunTust Bank. Police set up watch and found materials used in these attempts in pick-up truck first seen at North Highland and Elizabeth.
- Two break-ins were reported in the 800 block of Edgewood Ave. Patrols and suspicious person stops have been increase, and there have been no other occurrences at this time.
- Follow up on events on Lake Avenue that began small fires, believed to be young kids, no more similar events reported.
- **Officer Golphin** was introduced as Evening Watch Beat Officer for 604. Officer of the Month, **Officer Bleifeld** was introduced. Bleifeld confronted and apprehended armed individual carrying drugs at Little Five Points Chevron station. Officer Bleifeld was presented with a \$50 gift card.

Please watch elderly neighbors during the heat. If anyone knows of folks who might need to be checked in on, let Security Patrol know.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for Kwanza Hall, announced contact information, phone 404-330-6038, khall@atlantaga.gov

Tomorrow night, June 17, Fundraiser at the Trolley Barn for Little Five Points Community, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Kwanza Hall will be participating in Art on the Beltline Walk on June 26. Dogwalk starts at 10:00 a.m., meet at Irwin Street Market at 9:00 a.m.

Heads up to 2nd Annual Dine Out to benefit the Security patrol, Wednesday, July 28th.

Question was asked about parking meters. Jay replied there is legislation being considered to introduce uniform enforcement. The City is working through issues and looking at various zones and issues with regular times.

Question was asked on whether funds collected in District 2 would stay in District 2, and Jay answered unlikely. The money is general funds.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer

Regina reported she would be communicating information on the neighborhood blog as well as the neighborhood Yahoo Group. Regina thanked **Diane Floyd** for taking over the Directory.

Diane reported there are 485 addresses in the Directory. Last year 450 Directories were printed and not successfully distributed. Diane has offered her son to deliver the Directories to the addresses in the Directory. It was noted that the addresses in the Directory are IPNA members only, a change from last year. Some people support the Security Patrol but are not members of IPNA. They are not included in the Directory. Many households would like 2 directories. It was moved and seconded to spend \$3,000 to print 650 copies. The goal is for Directories to be delivered by July 4.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bob Sandage

Bob Sandage did not attend the meeting, but Regina Brewer reported Security Patrol membership is up roughly 20%.

Regina reiterated new online vacation patrol procedure. Only on-line requests will be accepted and you must indicate what action you wish the Patrol to take if unsecured doors are discovered. It has been a quiet month for the Security Patrol.

SECRETARY: Barbara Black

Nothing to report.

TREASURER: Cameron Childress

Cameron reported \$25,000 was approved expenditure associated with cell tower issues. A second law firm was engaged and additional fees of \$1,507.50 were incurred, mostly for research. Since this additional expense exceeded the budget, it will have to be put on the agenda to be voted on at the next meeting. Regular expenditures were approved.

Cameron reported on changing the neighborhood address to the Intown Business Center, 245 North Highland Avenue,

STE 230-401, Atlanta, Georgia 30307. It is okay to continue to send IPNA forms to the address on the forms.

PLANNING: V.P. David Laube

More information to come on parking issues, PARKAtlanta contract, and planned enforcement. More information to come on planned development across Highland Avenue Bridge in the Old Fourth Ward (the old Patterson Lumber yard site).

ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins

Amy reported new restaurant opening later in summer, Victory Sandwich Bar at 280 Elizabeth Street. Meeting was held with immediate neighbors regarding liquor license. Immediate neighbors were enthusiastically supportive. Restaurant owners described it as a "new take on a deli". They hope to open in August. Hope to provide bicycle deliveries. Motion to support immediate neighbors was made, seconded and passed.

NPU: Jonathan Miller

A vote was taken to affirm the bylaws. The vote passed with 27 votes. Jonathan reported the City Hall East Project went though getting the rezoning, and the ZRB had no comment. The next step will be getting a Special Exception for parking. BeltLine dictates maximum parking. The Special Exception will request to be relieved of the maximum and specify a new maximum.

- The Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy received \$1,000 from Inman Park for the Strategic Plan.
- Mary Lin Elementary is working on a \$4.1 renovation project to eliminate the trailers.
- The Special Use Permit for Sourced is at the Zoning Review Board.
- The Wrecking Bar request to change the required distances and create exempted areas passed at City Council.
- Ordinance is in progress to change fines for parking violations. Councilman Bond leads the sub-committee to look at the resolution to address parking enforcement.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Adam Stillman

970 Waverly Way pushed back one month. Adam requests that people contact him ahead of time to be put on the agenda for the meeting. Adam reported that **Teresa Burk**, archives chair, found a very interesting March 1971 article about Inman Park. Adam will try to scan the article and get it on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amy Higgins announced the first public meeting of the Springvale Park Visioning process will be held at the Trolley Barn (Minutes: Continued below)

(Minutes: Continued from above)

ley Barn on June 22 at 7:30 p.m. Please fill out surveys and bring to meeting or drop off at 933 Edgewood.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Yalouris, Director of Design for the BeltLine, reported on the 50 art projects on view along the BeltLine. He also announced the stage performance concert series.

Diane Floyd noted that, if you don't receive your paper copy of the *Advocator* by the time of the IPNA meeting, please check it online at inmanpark.org.

Shelitha Robertson introduced herself as candidate for Superior Court Judge. Candidates should schedule visits prior to the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. **Regina Brewer** adjourned the meeting.

TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins, Arboretum Committee Co-chair

Often called the "Pride of the South," the long leaf pine tree (*Pinus palustris*) can live to more than 300 years of age and reach heights of more than 100 feet. They get off to a fairly inauspicious start though. New seedlings do not appear at all tree-like and instead resemble green fountains of needles. This part of the tree's development is called the grass stage. During this stage, which lasts for 5–10 years, vertical growth is very slow, and the tree may take a number of years simply to grow a few inches high.

However, once they get established, their growth can be quite rapid. This, coupled with their notable resistance to fire, made the species a dominant tree in the Southern landscape. At the time of European settlement, long leaf pine forests covered two-thirds of the southeastern U.S. Their lumber was used to build homes, businesses and ships. And, although their scabby bark and scraggly limbs make individual long leaf pines look a bit homely, a forest of them can be quite majestic to behold.

Our neighborhood arboretum includes a long leaf pine that is well past its grass stage and hopefully on its way to 100 feet. Look for it in the portion of Freedom Park adjacent to Carmel Avenue.

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Adam Stillman, Vice President for Historic Preservation

historic.preservation@inmanpark.org

Please note: If you wish to perform any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior of a site, home, or building in the Inman Park Historic District, you must contact the AUDC to begin their review/approval process. Please contact me at the e-mail address listed above as early in the project as possible to schedule meetings and be placed on the monthly IPNA meeting agenda, or for any questions related to the historic regulations or approval process.

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	APPLICATION DEADLINE	HEARING DATE
	July 20	August 11
	August 3	August 25
	August 17	September 8

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

- **225 Degress Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-110) to allow addition and alterations – approved with conditions
- **826 Edgewood Avenue** - Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness: (HD-10-118) for a variance to increase the rear yard setback from 1.2' (required) to 26.9' (proposed) and decrease the right side setback from 50.4' (required) to 7.5' (proposed) for an accessory structure; and (HD-10-119) to allow a new single family residence – approved with conditions

Applications scheduled for AUDC:

July 14

- **240 North Highland Avenue (Zaya)** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-142) to allow an addition and other alterations
- **210 Hurt Street** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-146) to allow window replacement and siding

Please see the agenda on the back cover for applications scheduled for this month's IPNA meeting.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

*by Bob Sandage
Inman Park VP of Public Safety*

After a crazy April in terms of violent crime in our neighborhood, the past two months have been back to fairly quiet. There were no assaults or robberies for the month of June. Time will tell if we can even out the effect of six violent crimes in April.

	June 2010	June 2009	YTD 2010	YTD 2009
Inman Park Assaults and Robberies	0	2	13	10
LSP Assaults and Robberies	4	0	6	6
All of Beat 604/605	6	10	31	33

We did have a situation in June in which a resident requested Vacation Patrol but was subsequently concerned that the Security Patrol officer entered the residence after noticing an unlocked door. Thus, we have added the following to our protocol:

- Vacation Patrol requests must be entered through the website at www.inmanpark.org and then click on Public Safety, Vacation Patrol, and then complete the form
- The form requests the vacationer's intent if something is noticed amiss: (a) investigate, (b) call, or (c) do nothing. I would surely hope that if the requestor wants Security Patrol to "do nothing" that they abort their online Vacation Patrol request

Finally, plans are in full force for the Inman Park Dine Out on July 28. Please see the advertisement in this issue of the *Advocator* for participating restaurants. All participants will donate a portion of their proceeds for that evening to Security Patrol. Please plan to come out with your neighbors and have a great time for a good cause – the security of our neighborhood!

This may be the shortest Public Safety article on record. Until next month, please stay safe!

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL

JUNE 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT

By Lt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	443	Noise Complaint	4	Public Indecency	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	216	Info for Police	4	Found Property	1
Residential Alarm	21	Open Window/Door	3	Gun Shots	1
Suspicious Person	20	Criminal Trespass	3	Intoxicated Person	1
Disturbance	4	Theft	3	Mentally Ill Person	1
Street/Sidewalk Obstruction	4	Suspicious Vehicle	3		
ARRESTS	Disorderly Conduct	1			
	Parking Citations	2	Vehicle Impounds	1	
Association Member Contacts				21	

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR MAY 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.

This report contains an extra week's worth of incidents, but even so it's a definite improvement from previous editions. Car break-ins seem to still be the number one crime in the Inman Park patrol area, and many of them could be avoided by

not leaving anything that may be of perceived value to thieves in your car. Also, if you plan on leaving your car unlocked to avoid damage from a break-in, be sure to take any valuables out of your car or you are kind of defeating the purpose.

We are continuing to see the value of the Inman Park Patrol and remind everyone to call 911 and then the Patrol if you see anything suspicious.

Also, we hope to see everyone out and about on Wednesday, July 28, for the second annual Inman Park Dine Out for Security. Details about participating restaurants can be found at www.inmanparkdineout.com. See you there!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
5/19	1:45 PM-2:45 PM	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave..	Vehicle entered and duffle bag, \$1,700 cash, ID's and debit cards stolen. Vehicle may have been unsecured.
5/21	1:50 AM	Robbery	1000 Block Colquitt	Purse taken from victim. Suspect appeared to have a gun.
5/21-5/24	Unknown	Entering Auto	100 Block Krog St.	Rear passenger window smashed, nothing stolen.
5/22	10:00 PM	Theft	1100 Block Euclid	Purse with cell phone and credit cards snatched from victim.
5/23	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Ashland	Unsecured vehicle entered and stereo, blue tooth device stolen.
5/24	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Burglary	1100 Block Edgewood Ave.	Residence entered through possibly unlocked rear window and I-pod, laptop, video game system, flat screen TV stolen.
5/24	3:50 PM	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Austin Ave.	Witness saw suspect smash rear passenger window and steal empty spray paint cans from vehicle.
5/28	Overnight	Auto Theft	900 Block Austin	Vehicle stolen from street.
5/31	8:55 PM	Theft	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Victims were dining on patio of restaurant when suspects reached over railing and stole 2 cell phones off of the table.
6/2	8:00 PM-11:50 PM	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Vehicle entered and steering column damaged in attempt to steal vehicle.
6/2-6/3	7:00 PM-3:00 AM	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Door lock damaged, vehicle entered and steering column damaged in attempt to steal vehicle.
6/4-6/6	11:00 PM-6:00 PM	Theft from Auto	100 Block Krog St.	Rear passenger window smashed and loose change stolen.
6/5	12:20 PM	Aggravated Assault	400 Block Moreland	Homeless man beat up by unknown suspects.
6/9	2:00 AM-1:30 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and Ipod stolen.
6/9-6/10	7:30 PM-7:30 AM	Theft from auto	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy	Front passenger window smashed and bag, purse, clothes, shoes, checkbook, medication stolen.
6/10-6/11	8:00 PM-1:00 PM	Theft from auto	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy.	License plate stolen from vehicle.
6/12	10:00 PM	Assault	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim got into a verbal altercation after their bike was bumped by a car. Driver of car's husband got involved and attempted to use a taser on victim.
6/14	10:20 PM-11:00 PM	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and wallet, charger and credit card stolen.
6/16	10:00 PM	Robbery	400 Block Moreland	Victim was approached by 3 suspects and punched in the face. Case with debit and SS card stolen.

To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group or the inmanpark.org mailing list:

-To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to www.yahoo.com, click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.

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SPRINGVALE PARK “VISIONING” PROCESS

By Diane Floyd

As part of the Springvale Park “Visioning” process discussed in last month’s *Advocator*, residents were given the opportunity to fill out a survey on their thoughts on the park. On June 22 the steering committee and some park neighbors got together to go over the results of that survey and participate in a brainstorming session. **Now we’d like your thoughts on our thoughts!** What issues have we missed? Where have we “gone totally off-track?” Please e-mail your comments to **Walter Ray**, walt@parkpride.org, and he will coordinate

sharing them with the steering committee. Remember, this is **your** opportunity to have your say without having to attend a meeting (although there is another one of those coming up on **August 22 at 4 p.m.** at the Trolley Barn to begin the actual design process for the park and you are invited)!

During the brainstorming session, those in attendance were asked for answers to three questions. Below are the, totally random (just like the meeting), results!

Characteristics of Springvale Park, Cultural and Physical:

Currently 2 Totally Different Parks	Dilapidated
Natural End is Undeveloped	Developed end is well-used
Public Safety Issues	Wildlife
Water/Drainage/Mosquitoes Issues	Spring/Water Source
Civil War/Historic Significance	Historic Pictures
Lots of Old-Growth Trees	Bowl Shaped because of topography
Little Bit of Country in City - Surprise to People	Meandering
Surrounded by Neighbors	Unfenced
Not Very Accessible – Steps/Steep Slopes	Park access difficult for strollers or wheelchairs
Geographic Center of Inman Park	Complements Freedom Park which is a Destination
Olmstead Design – Interest in returning to that design/aesthetic	
Not keen on being more accessible to greater Atlanta (accessible to neighbors primary goal)	

Overarching Project Guidelines:

Easy to Maintain and Sustainable	Needs to fit with Topography
Improve Public Safety	Improvements Should Be Considered Safe
Improve Existing Positive Features	Sensitive to Historic Design
Fit with Neighborhood’s Favored Type of Use	Address the Access Into/Out of Park from Both Sides
Respectful of Different Groups who currently use the park	Address Active/Passive Balance
Improve park facilities for traditional uses by community such as July 4 th picnic and Festival	

Project Wish List:

Festival-Appropriate Space	Lighting
Access to Water and Electricity Amenities-Must be Secured-Locked	
Chess Tables	Sheltered Picnic Area - Pavilion
Dog Bags – Sign- Doggy Station	Easier ADA Accessibility
Drinking Fountains	Picnic Table – Snack Area
Expanded/Improved Playground – More Open to Park – Seating for Parents – Dog Hitch	
Pedestrian Circulation – Environmentally Sensitive – Improved Surfaces	
Repaving Park Lane (a City Street)	What to Do With Bridge/Euclid Avenue?????
Add Street Presence: Entrances/Pillars/Steps Upgrade and/or Change, Better Orientation Into/Out of Park	
Add Potential Use to Park	Outdoor Classroom
Woods on South End– Managed Better	Brush on North West End Problematic
Better plants (Bulbs/Daffodils, etc.)	Erosion Control Planning and Sustainability
Amphitheater – Performance Space	Thought/Decision about Wildlife
Water Feature/Lake: Shore Definition and Stabilization (One that does not spread)	
Improve/Repair Lake – Water/Spring Flow	Improved Water Quality
Spring – Stream – Define or Undefine	Manage Mosquitoes /Humidity
Drainage from Pond into Sewers–Overflow system	Improved Drainage for Flat/Grassy Areas

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!



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DEAR NEW NEIGHBORS:

My family and I have been in the neighborhood for three weeks now and this is truly an exciting place to be! We moved from Augusta, GA (We can talk golf later if anyone is interested!) where we “thought” we were part of a great neighborhood. I am certain that I have met more people in Inman Park in less than a month than I did in the four previous years in our old neighborhood. Don’t get me wrong, we knew plenty of people, but there is something different, special, about Inman Park. You have a charisma and energy that is contagious.

As the new minister for Inman Park United Methodist Church, my experience so far has been quite enjoyable. The diversity and unity within our community is reflective of what the United Methodist Church is all about. Community means being neighbors and connecting through a common vision. I look forward to joining in this vision and walking along with you on this journey called life.

I desire to be your neighbor in ANY way possible. My office door is always open. Or better yet, stop by my front porch for some sweet tea and conversation.

Your new neighbor,
Rev. Matt Nelson
Inman Park United Methodist Church
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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR INMAN PARK’S SWIM TEAM - THE BELUGAS

Submitted by Alex Coffman & Krista Baldwin

In our second year of existence, we grew into a larger team and added our first Diving Team. It was a fun season and a great way to meet new neighbors and invite new people into the “Inman Park” way of doing things. The team parents and kids were amazing and everyone had a great time. We especially loved seeing fans cheering at the meets.

Speaking of the “Inman Park Way,” our season would not have happened without the generous support of neighbors. We want to thank our 2010 Sponsors:

Gold Sponsors: Liz and Richard Davey, Labels that Stick, Ginger Lyons, One Good Nurse, and Pat Westrick-Melissa Miller, Remax -The Pat and Melissa Group.

Silver Sponsors: George Gary, GG Mechanical Design, and Joanie & Wayne Mitchell.

Bronze Sponsors: Jean Shank, Roger Shepard & Sara Kirk, Joyce Sayle, Intown Hardware.

Big thanks to the Inman Park Pool Association Board & Members for being supportive and allowing practice and meet times. To show our appreciation the Beluga Swim Team is purchasing a free standing umbrella for additional shade for the pool.

Check out the pool website, www.inmanparkpool.com, for a slide show of the season. See you all next season and become our friend on Facebook –Inman Park - The Belugas!

GOOD MOVES FALL-WINTER SESSION BEGINS AUGUST 17

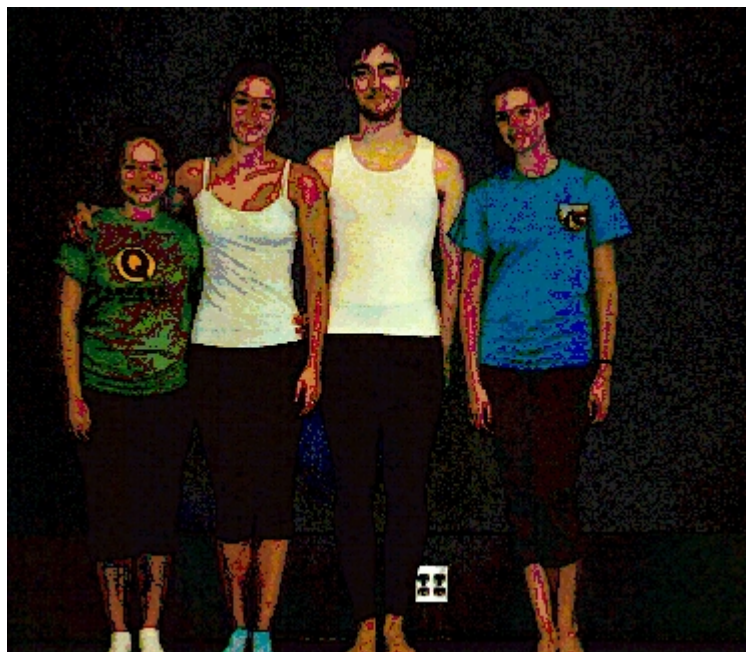
By Ed Dobbmeyer

Classes August 17-December 18

Whether you are looking for ballet, modern dance or creative movement, Good Moves has classes for all ages from three years through adult. The classes are scheduled during the week and on weekends at the Good Moves Dance Space, Inman Park United Methodist Church, 1015 Edgewood Avenue.

Good Moves Director Annette Lewis, Kristin McGeehan and Stephanie Johnson will be teaching the classes. McGeehan and Johnson dance with Brooks and Company of Atlanta.

To see the class schedule, go to www.goodmoves.org and click on the link below the picture, or call Sherry at 404-518-1646.



Four Consort Members Move On to College

Good Moves Consort members, (left to right in the photo) Hillary Andrews, Kali Page, Ben Dobbmeyer and Bria Cantrell, are off to college this fall. The women are all enrolled in the dance program at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia and Ben will study dance at Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut.

Along with other Good Moves dancers, these graduates attended a José Limón workshop at Emory University in June. The workshop, co-sponsored by Good Moves and Brooks and Company, gave everyone a week of intense training in the technique and repertory of the Limón Company. Kathryn Alter and Kristen Foote, Limón Dance Company members, taught the workshop. You can learn more about the company at www.limon.org

NEIGHBORHOOD POOL/PORCH AND BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Friday August 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The members of the Inman Park Pool would like to invite **ALL** Inman Park Neighbors to the annual Neighborhood Pool/Porch and Back to School Party at the Inman Park Pool, 25 Spruce Street.

Bring a snack to share. The pool will provide beverages.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg.	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
July 17	Sat. 3:00 PM	APC SoNo-Midtown District Tour		659 Peachtree Street
July 18	Sun.			
July 19	Mon.			
July 20	Tues.			
July 21	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting		Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
July 22	Thurs. 7:00 PM	NPU-N Meeting		L5P Community Center
July 23	Fri.			
July 24	Sat.			
July 25	Sun.			
July 26	Mon. 7:30 PM	IPNA Board Meeting		484 Sinclair Avenue
July 27	Tues.			
July 28	Wed. Evening 7:00 PM	Inman Park Dine Out for Security Book Club: <i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i>		www.inmanparkdineout.com 805-B Edgewood Avenue
July 29	Thurs.			
July 30	Fri. 7:30 PM	Porch Party	4	Inman Mews Condominiums, Spruce & DeKalb
July 31	Sat.			
Aug. 1	Sun. 1:00 PM 10:00 PM	APC Rails to the Future Tour <i>ADVOCATOR</i> deadline		Corner of Pryor and Upper Alabama St. theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Aug. 2	Mon.			
Aug. 3	Tues. 7:00 PM	Springvale Park Visioning Committee	14	Trolley Barn
Aug. 4	Wed.			
Aug. 5	Thurs. 6:30 PM	APC Historic Midtown Twilight Tour		625 Piedmont Avenue
Aug. 6	Fri. 7:00 PM	Neighborhood Pool/Porch/ Back to School Party	18	Inman Park Pool
Aug. 7	Sat.			
Aug. 8	Sun.			
Aug. 9	Mon.			
Aug. 10	Tues.			
Aug. 11	Wed.			
Aug. 12	Thurs.			
Aug. 13	Fri. 6:30 PM	APC Druid Hills Twilight Tour		1410 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Aug. 14	Sat. 6:30 PM	APC Ansley Park Twilight Tour		1235 Peachtree Street
Aug. 15	Sun.			
Aug. 16	Mon.			

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IPNA MEETING
Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue

WEDNESDAY
JULY 21, 2010

BUSINESS MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 p.m.
Babysitting available during the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

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. Zoning
 - 1. ArtBox Outdoor Festival
 - 2. "Wrecking Bar" Liquor License
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - 1. 970 Waverly Way
 - C. Public Safety
 - D. Secretary
 - E. President
 - 1. Old 4th Ward Development along BeltLine
 - F. Planning
 - 1. BeltLine Minute
 - 2. ParkAtlanta Update
 - 3. NPU-N Report
 - 4. 764 Highland Avenue-Rezoning-Review and Comment
 - G. Treasurer
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures
 - 2. Cell Phone Tower Legal Fees: \$1,507.50
 - 3. Sidewalk Improvements: \$15,323.00
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment

A new Membership Directory for 2010-2011 **has** been delivered to all IPNA members.
Second copies of the Directory will be available to members at the July IPNA meeting and then on a first-come, first-served basis until they are GONE.
If we missed you or you need a second copy, send an e-mail to Diane Floyd at floydjohnbdiane@gmail.com to arrange to pick one up.

Combined Membership and Security Patrol Application
is available on-line at:
www.inmanpark.org/doc/ipna_membership.pdf
Membership year for IPNA and Security Patrol is May 1-April 30
but both can be paid at any time during the year.
You must be a property owner or resident and a member of IPNA for 15 days prior to voting.

Our Condolences
to **Dr. Richard Shapiro** on the death of his father,
Harry Shapiro
on June 9, 2010 at the age of 92.

Our Condolences
to **Beth Byrd** on the death of her sister,
Judy Watts
on July 2, 2010 at the age of 58.

Directory corrections and additions:

Sari & Michael Bernardo live at 835 instead of 855 Ashland Avenue

In street listings, Judy Clements lives at 236 Elizabeth Street instead of 263 Elizabeth Street

New members Matthew and Anne Nelson, see article for contact information



2nd Annual Inman Park Dine Out for Security

Wednesday Evening

July 28, 2010

Come enjoy your favorite Inman Park restaurants and bars
and help support the Security Patrol!

Participating businesses will be donating 20% of their
evening sales to the Patrol. Join your friends and neighbors for a fun night out
for a great cause. Visit your neighborhood favorites or try a new place. Get a
group together and hit different establishments for
appetizers, dinner, dessert, nightcaps - spread the love!

Go to www.inmanparkdineout.com for updates
and be sure to "like" the Dine Out fan page on Facebook!

Participating Restaurants

Fritti ♦ Highland Cigar Company ♦ North Highland Pub
Parish Food & Goods ♦ Park's Edge ♦ Pure Taqueria ♦ Sauced
Savi Urban Market ♦ Shaun's ♦ Sotto Sotto
The Albert ♦ The Porter Beer Bar ♦ Wisteria