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Springvale Park Looking North, 1895

SPRINGVALE PARK DESIGN WORKSHOP SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 4:00 PM AT THE TROLLEY BARN

The next step in the Visioning process for Springvale Park being facilitated by Park Pride is a design workshop to be held on Sunday, August 22, at 4:00 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. ANYONE AND EVERYONE in the neighborhood is welcome and encouraged to attend. Those in attendance will be divided into groups and will be allowed to design the “park of their dreams!” The results of the neighborhood questionnaire will be available, as will copies of all the other plans that have been made for the park over the years.

Now is the time for everyone with an opinion on Springvale Park to step forward and get involved. The neighborhood has invested quite a large sum of money in the Visioning process and this workshop is a critical opportunity for the residents of Inman Park, those who live near the park as well as those who live far away, to affect the design that, hopefully, will ultimately get implemented there.

After this workshop, the professionals at Park Pride will take OUR designs and put them together into two or three different designs which will be presented at the next public meeting in the process, September 21. Those plans will be consolidated into a single plan to be unveiled on October 24. By December 7 it is hoped that a final plan, along with a list of projects and priorities, will be finished. However, NOW is the time to get involved with that process!

(The house on the left in the picture above is the original Hurt Family house located at 117 Elizabeth Street and the larger house next door is the Graves Mansion. That house burned early on and was replaced by a putt-putt golf course, followed by the structure currently housing Heartwork Counseling Center and Mattus Plumbing, et.al. Information from Bob Eberwein, courtesy of former Inman Park resident Hugh Brannon.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Regina Brewer

Help Wanted!

We have several volunteer committee positions open and I am looking for neighbors to step up to the plate.

- Cheers: Sends cards in times of sadness, joy, and recognition.
- Web Site (assistant): Doug McLaughlin is the lead on this but could use help with content management.
- Graffiti Removal: Removal of graffiti in Inman Park. We have several zone commanders that handle their part of the neighborhood, but we need someone to take over as the head of this critical committee.
- Directory: This is such an important job! Each year we compile a directory of all of our members with addresses, email, and phone numbers. This job requires someone with strong organizational and editing skills. We all rely on this book and we desperately need someone to take it over.

For questions or additional information, contact me at rab63@comcast.net. See you at the August meeting!

Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!

**August Porch Party
at the home of
Diane and John Floyd
116 Elizabeth Street
Friday, August 27, 7:30
PM**

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

Does your porch want to host a porch party?
It's easy and fun!
Call Richard or Pat Westrick 404-523-4801
(Now booking for 2011-
Reserve your month soon!)

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

By Diane Floyd

I'm going to presume a bit this month and write about a problem that I am beginning to see happening in Inman Park, a problem that isn't strictly related to my role as editor of the *Advocator*. I'm afraid Inman Park is beginning to lose it way as a "neighborhood."

One interesting fact that most people seem to ignore about Inman Park is that it was a failure as the first suburb of Atlanta. Partly due to the real estate economic crisis of the time (sounds familiar, doesn't it?) Inman Park never attracted the number of important residents that Joel Hurt expected or needed to make money. By the early 1900's he had lost interest in Inman Park and had moved on to developing his new suburb, Druid Hills. He was even willing to split his vaunted neighborhood park (Springvale) in half lengthwise and sell half of it to Asa Candler for the cash necessary to continue with Druid Hills. Interestingly, the plat that shows the new lots created by this move (circa 1906) also includes a dotted line through what remained of the park, connecting the two halves of Euclid Avenue!

Instead, the true success of Inman Park began in the very early 1970's as a gentrification movement begun by the late Robert Griggs. In the forty years that have elapsed since that Christmas tour to show lenders that it was safe to lend money on these dilapidated houses, Inman Park has truly soared by being a "neighborhood," a group of people who genuinely liked and respected one another and who were willing to do whatever it took to make this social experiment succeed. We knew one another and we liked what we knew.

Unfortunately, we now seem too busy to be good neighbors. While at least some of us can no longer do that menial labor we once could, we can still care about our neighbors. We can still be polite to one another. We can still be willing to make that extra effort for a neighbor. We can show interest in the activities of this neighborhood and we can be involved. It only takes one meeting a month and it's amazing what you can learn during that hour (or sometimes more!) See you on Wednesday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the IPNA meeting!

Unusual neighbors and unusual ideas fueled the rebirth of Inman Park. Remember our mottos, both official and unofficial, "Small town, Down Town" and "It's hard to be odd in Inman Park." And let's be good neighbors!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING INMAN PARK DINE OUT FOR SECURITY 2010

By Greg Scott

I am still getting final numbers as of this writing, but it is looking like the Dine Out, held on July 28, was a great success and that over \$7,500 was raised to help fund the Patrol. It was great to see Inman Parkers out and about having a good time letting the participating businesses know how much we appreciate their support. Rumor has it that several of our neighbors stayed out way past their bedtimes and that at least one bar was "closed down" by a particularly festive group.

This year's participating restaurants were: Parish, Pure, Fritti, Sotto Sotto, Wisteria, North Highland Pub, Sauced, Park's Edge, The Albert, Savi Urban Market, Highland Cigar Company, and The Porter. We cannot thank them enough for making the commitment to help keep our neighborhood safe. These businesses realize that giving to the Patrol is not a "charity" contribution but a pledge to help share the burden of privately funding our Patrol with the residents of Inman Park. They understand that we are all in this together.

Special thanks to the folks who helped make the event a success – **Jay Tribby** from **Kwanza Hall's** office, **Regina Brewer** and **Bob Sandage** from the IPNA Board, volunteers **Katherine Leon**, **Lisa Harris**, **Ro Wagner**, **Lori Nipp** and **Leigh Hayes**, and all of the neighbors who helped spread the word via Yahoo, Facebook etc...

In other Security Patrol Business Membership News, Dad's Garage Theater and The Variety Playhouse have made commitments to the Patrol this week, and we look forward to partnering with them on future fundraising events. Justin Amick, at Parish Food and Goods, has taken another step in helping the Patrol by hiring a valet service that will donate money for each car parked to the Security Patrol. Way to go Justin!

The next time you are visiting one of the businesses mentioned here, let them know that you appreciate them being good neighbors by helping make Inman Park safer!

MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2010 IPNA MEETING

By Barbara Black, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Regina Brewer welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The members of the Board introduced themselves.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Hayes announced that the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Ramble event on September 11 will include a tour of Inman Park. Everyone is encouraged to "spiffup" their properties to look good for this event.

Porch Party will be July 30 at Inman Mews. Bring a dish to share and drinks, chair or blanket to watch movie.

Back to School Pool Party, Friday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Brian Bishop announced that July 21 is the 146th Anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta, which included events in Inman Park.

NEWCOMERS

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

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Lt. Brent Schierbaum introduced officers. He reported there is an increase in crime this month, including a rash of scooters being stolen in Inman Park, Virginia Highlands, and East Atlanta. Suspects have not been arrested. Please park scooters behind the house and out of sight. Two suspicious vehicles that might be associated with these crimes are a white Astro van and a black El Camino.

Residential burglaries are up, mostly during the day. Houses are typically burglarized through back doors. At a recent car break-in on Degress Avenue the suspects were wearing construction clothes. Age, gender and race don't matter, be alert for suspicions actions.

In Cabbagetown burglars have been arrested that might be same as burglars recently hitting Inman Park. These arrests may decrease crime in Inman Park.

During a routine stop of a vehicle on the 4th of July, Office Jason Somers discovered a driver without a driver's license. This driver was fingerprinted and determined to be wanted for murder in Indiana and has been returned to jail in Indiana.

Question was raised about a local business being raided for drugs, and was the business still operating? Officer responded that there is no proof that the owner was involved and therefore the business is not closed. An employee was arrested. The Officer reported that it is difficult to close a business, need clear evidence that the owner is involved.

Please attend Dine Out event on July

28 to support the Security Patrol, specifically the maintenance of the security patrol car.

The Officer of the Month is Brian Walters. A resident on Lake Avenue witnessed a car theft in progress. Officer Walters followed the stolen vehicle in the security patrol car, and apprehended. The person in the car was identified as wanted for car theft and the other person in the car is wanted as well.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Kwanza Hall welcomed Regina Brewer to her new position as President of IPNA and he looks forward to working with her. He complimented Jay Tribby on his outstanding work.

Hall reminded everyone to support the July 28 Dine Out event for the Security Patrol. He reported that he supported Mayor Reed's 3.5% raise for police and fire officer salaries this year, since it was built into the FY11 budget and did not require a tax increase. Last year, he opposed a tax hike that proposed increased public safety funding because he was not convinced that the increased funding would result in increased visibility of public safety officers in District 2 neighborhoods.

He noted an event at the motorcycle chop shop at 331 Edgewood. One person involved was shot four times, but no officers were injured.

Legislation has been introduced to allow bars to be open until 4:00 a.m. to generate revenue. This may give people incentive to invest in the area. The legal department is looking into issues with allowing these hours in some areas of the city and not others. Possibly test in some areas and then stretch to other areas. Kwanza Hall promised to fully hear the neighborhood's comments and will not rush through this legislation. He wants "to do it well". Two to five million dollars per year could be generated and dedicated to public safety.

Regarding PARKAtlanta, a short-term moratorium exists to give time to get it right. Looking for 24-hour enforcement and to get the signage right. Kwanza Hall is interested in trying to grow investment, and changing 2-hour limit to 3-hour limit. People participating in current discussions are not people in the parking meters areas. He is interested in retaining parking meter revenue generated in District 2 to serve District 2.

Atlanta Gas Light work is in progress. He would like to make sure they are committed to doing the work right, and making good with the communities. An example given is not to repair sidewalks partially, but completely. Regina Brewer agreed to assist with this effort.

Twenty-two million dollars have been approved in stimulus money, fifteen million to District 2. Money will address the streetcar and the maintenance facility and includes \$5 million to address the bridge on Edgewood. Additional intersection and sidewalk improvements are to be addressed as well.

Question was raised regarding current weak laws and enforcement to hold people accountable to maintain their properties. How can people be forced to sell their properties or fix them up?

Kwanza Hall responded that \$2 million in stimulus money can help with condemnation and to clean up blight. Discussion ensued. Kwanza noted that some properties have been taken over by banks or are FDIC owned. They are currently developing a list of properties to be addressed.

Question was raised regarding blue recycling bins. Kwanza Hall responded that people would receive new blue bins soon. Carolyn McLaughlin asked if people who already purchased the blue bins will be reimbursed? Kwanza Hall asked people to send him e-mails regarding refunds.

Jonathan Miller commented on CDHR presentation on code compliance to shorten time frame from 6-9 months to 2-3 months and build records to take properties. Stimulus funding should help this effort. Property can only be condemned for public purpose.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer

Regina reported that 240 North Highland Special Administrative Permit for sign was left off the agenda by accident.

The immediate neighbors did meet and supported the SAP and the UDC approved it. She asked that the item be added to the agenda so that IPNA could address the item. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to put it on the agenda.

ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins

Amy announced September 17, 18, 19 art festival event will be held at Lake Avenue and Krog, the Stove Works lot. Several neighborhood galleries are participating, live music, and three creative works of art will be displayed in shipping containers.

No votes this month. Liquor license for The Wrecking Bar is not ready.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Adam Stillman

Project at 970 Waverly Way moving to September meeting.

Project at 240 North Highland is a renovation for a restaurant in the former

Zaya space. An Immediate Neighbors meeting was held on July 8 and all were in support. Mark Blair, architect with Square Feet Studio, presented the project. The owner is Barcelona Restaurant Group.

Scope of work includes replacing the existing aluminum storefront with steel loft-like windows, removing the planters, and expanding the outdoor seating, with the intention to create a lush garden. The plan also includes new canopies. Dinner will be 7 days a week, 5:00-11:00, with eventual expanded hours.

Kwanza Hall raised concern for scale of investment. Mark Blair reported project is \$1.5 million. Owners are optimistic they can succeed in neighborhood that includes a culture of good restaurants.

Regina noted concern for restaurants that are too loud.

Question was raised about expanded seating and possible further encroachment on the sidewalk. The architect responded that there would be no further encroachment on the sidewalk than there is now.

Jonathan Miller noted that no vote is needed and only review and comments from the neighborhood. Project will go to NPU for SAP.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bob Sandage

Bob noted that burglaries are up slightly but no serious violent crime.

Please support the Dine Out event. Last year the event provided roughly \$6,000 to the Public Safety budget.

SECRETARY: Barbara Black

Nothing to report.

PLANNING: V.P. David Laube

Project at 764 Highland under consideration for rezoning in the Fourth Ward. Stacy Patton with Minerva Real Estate Investments presented the project. It is the old Patterson Lumberyard property, 4.84 acres, and they are proposing 52-58 townhouses. The proposed project requires rezoning to MR3 to allow varying townhouse width from 22 feet to 28 feet.

The City requests that East Avenue ultimately connect to Elizabeth. The project will be open with no gates, access will be from Highland, and all streets will have street trees. Units to have 2,200 to 3,200 square feet with two-car garages. Height will not exceed 35 feet. They will be traditional townhouse units. They are currently working on transition with the BeltLine and adjusting the property line. Connectivity with Alaska Avenue and Prospect Place are also under consideration. The city's Connect Atlanta Plan includes eventual connection of Willoughby Way to Elizabeth.

The previous evening Stacy Patton met with Grinnell Lofts. They expressed concern for traffic calming devices, not stop signs, and adding pedestrian crosswalks. The proposed project does not require a traffic study be done.

Fred Yalouris, with the BeltLine, spoke to address concerns about connectivity. There are some traffic studies avail-

able on the BeltLine website that may have some information on this area. Building these connections is not in the immediate plan. When streets cross the BeltLine there will be signs etc., cars will be secondary to pedestrians. The City's concern is that over time many streets have been severed and the RR cut through many streets. It will be beneficial to reconnect severed streets. Neighborhoods in some cases have been isolated.

When connectivity is safe and viable the BeltLine supports it. Whether or not connections should be vehicular or pedestrian will be discussed further in the future. The BeltLine does not want to get too many crossings. When the time comes it will require design and study. In general, reconnecting broken streets is better for connectivity.

A comment was made that a traffic light is needed at Elizabeth and Highland. Fred Yalouris responded that the City is moving towards 4-way stop signs.

Regina Brewer proposed that David Laube follow up with the progress on the project. Stacy Patton will be working with the City and will bring back more information. As the development proceeds they will look at the intersection and work with Kwanza Hall's office. If connection is eminent, they will determine if traffic study is needed.

Jay Tribby noted that the traffic issue is from North Highland and Elizabeth up to the bridge, and not just the intersection of North Highland and Elizabeth.

A comment was made about the large potential number of cars being added with this development, and Stacy Patton responded that a traffic study is not required for this density.

NPU Report: Jonathan Miller

Ordinance is being considered to raise fees for liquor licenses. There is some confusion about whether NPU-N needed to vote on it because it may have already been adopted by City Council. Jonathan will follow up.

Sub-Area 4 of BeltLine is moving forward in the master plan process with the focus on Memorial Drive.

Jonathan encouraged people to get involved with the BeltLine, take the tours, and see the art displays.

TREASURER: Cameron Childress

Advocator expense (2 months):	\$3,007.70
Public Safety Expense:	\$18,639.17
(fuel, officers, repairs, annual auto registration)	
Springvale Park Maintenance (2 months):	\$2,000.00
Springvale Park Visioning Plan (1 st half):	\$7,500.00
Beautification expense:	\$980.00
Historic Preservation:	\$14.17
Social Committee (4 th of July Picnic)	\$743.64
Meeting Babysitter	\$50.00
Web Site Expense	\$315.00
Porch Parties	\$33.00
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Total Expense	\$33,282.68

Additional \$1,507 in legal fees associated with cell tower. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.

Cameron reported \$15,323 spent on sidewalk improvements for eleven homes. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.

Please make any budget requests by the end of the July. Board meets to review the budget August 15, and all budget requests are needed prior to the meeting. Cameron needs time to assemble requests, please do not wait until the last minute.

Ginger Lyons noted need for neighborhood volunteer for Greetings. Regina Brewer noted that a volunteer has been found for Newcomers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amy Higgins reported that first Springvale Park Visioning meeting went well and good information was gathered about what the neighborhood wants. The next meeting will be on August 22 at the Trolley Barn and focus will be drawing the ideas on the map.

Steve Hayes reported that next month the Trolley Barn floor replacement will happen and the old 4X4 wood flooring will be available. If interested, call Linda at the Trolley Barn.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Regina Brewer thanked Diane Floyd for coordinating the delivery of the directories.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 18 at 7:30. Regina Brewer adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

AUGUST PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

by Bob Sandage
Inman Park VP of Public Safety

Violent crimes in Inman Park have continued to be significantly lower than last year. Further, the entire APD Beat 604/605, of which we are part, has shown a substantial decrease in violent crime with Inman Park outpacing the nearest surrounding neighborhoods in reduction.

	July 2010	July 2009	YTD 2010	YTD 2009
Inman Park Assaults and Robberies	1	6	15	19
L5P Assaults and Robberies	0	0	7	5
All of Beat 604 / 605	5	9	38	52

For the most part, violent crimes during the last three months have been concentrated in areas within 1-2 blocks of Little Five Points. Efforts are ongoing between the current IPNA Board and L5P to achieve better coordination and security for the community. **NOTE:** As the *Advocator* was being put together, we had two pedestrian robberies involving firearms on the same night. One occurred in the parking lot behind L5P between Colquitt and Seminole where a man was approached, told to lay on the ground at gunpoint, and then had wallet and phone taken. The second occurred at the intersection of Washita and Euclid. A robbery of two pedestrians by shotgun was in process when a car drove up and slowed. The suspects raised the gun, fired, and blew out the back window of the car. We are very fortunate that none of the passengers (Inman Park residents) was hurt or killed in this incident. Both incidents occurred in between evening and overnight Security Patrol shifts. Please seriously consider the safest way of getting from Little 5 Points entertainment to your vehicle or home at night.

The new school year also begins this month, resulting in changes in schedule for residents being in and out of their homes. Please take extra precautions; as burglars know this often means end of vacations and more time out of the home during the day. Be aware of your surroundings – if you see suspicious activity such as someone casing out a residence, call 911 and Security Patrol at 404.844.1004 immediately.

Lastly, I would like to commend Greg Scott and all of his team for organizing the 2nd Annual Dine Out. This event makes so much sense for businesses in the area, is a fun and festive time to be out and about with fellow neighbors, and raises an incredible amount of money to support Security Patrol!

Until next month, please stay safe!

Inman Park Crime Report for July 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.

It seems that with the hot weather we have seen an increase in the number of scooter and bicycle thefts throughout all of Zone 6. If you ride a bike or scooter, remember to use a good

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL JULY 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT By Lt. Brent Schierbaum					
Directed Patrols	509	Suspicious Vehicle	3	Indecency	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	187	Noise Complaint	2	Disorderly Children	1
Suspicious Persons	36	Damage to Property	2	Abandoned Auto	1
Alarm Activation	17	Illegal Drug Activity	2	Intoxicated Person	1
Theft	8	Open Window/ Door	2	Reckless Driver	1
Street/Sidewalk Obstruction	6	Criminal Trespass	2	Fire	1
Fight/ Disturbance	5	Burglary	2	Person Injured	1
Info for Police	5	Animal Check	1		
Parking Complaint	4	Welfare Check	1		
Enforcement Activity	Parking Citations	2	Criminal Trespass Warnings	5	
Association Member Contacts				15	

quality lock, and when possible, park your two-wheeler out of sight.

Car break-ins are still a problem, so continue to make sure you leave nothing of value in your vehicle to tempt a thief.

Also, no matter where you are, if you use a valet service to park your car, make sure you stay with the car until the attendant drives off in it, and make sure you are alert when it is returned to you. Thieves will case busy hotel and restaurant valet stands waiting for distracted drivers to leave their vehicles ready and waiting for a quick get away. Until next month, stay safe!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
6/20	12:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Car title, tools and CDs stolen from vehicle.

6/21	7:15 PM	Robbery	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Victim advised that he let 2 female suspects use his cell phone and when he tried to get it back from them they pulled a gun on him.
6/24	2:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Passenger side door of vehicle pried open. Ipod, purse and jewelry stolen.
6/26	7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Laptop, computer bag, and 2 hard drives stolen.
6/28	10:30 PM – 11:30 PM	Theft	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Bike stolen from car bike rack.
6/28	7:30 PM–10:00 PM	Theft from Auto	900 Block Austin Ave.	Passenger side window smashed and set of knives and bag stolen.
6/29	7:30	Auto Theft	Euclid at Colquitt	Car had been reported stolen until victim remembered where he parked it.
6/29	7:00 AM	Theft from Auto	900 Block Dekalb Ave.	Officer flagged down. Vehicle had been broken into. Sunglasses stolen.
6/29	7:15 PM – 7:45 PM	Theft from Auto	800 Block Edgewood	Passenger side window smashed and cell phone stolen.
6/30	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Theft from Auto	300 Block Moreland Ave.	Driver's side door lock punched out and purse, laptop and watch stolen.
7/1	10:20 AM	Burglary	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Alarm call responded to. A window on apartment was pushed in, TV and ring stolen.
7/3-7/6	3 day period	Auto Theft	200 Block N. Highland	Vehicle stolen from location.
7/5-7/6	10:00 PM – 4:00 AM	Vehicle Theft	00 Block Waddell St.	Scooter stolen from front of location
7/6	7:40 AM -4:30 PM	Vehicle Theft	400 Block Sinclair Ave,	Scooter stolen from front of location. Scooter was secured with lock and chain.
7/6	7:40 AM – 9:00 AM	Vehicle Theft	800 Block Virgil St,	Scooter stolen from front of location.
7/6	12:00 AM – 7:00 AM	Vehicle Theft	800 Block Dixie Ave.	Scooter stolen from sidewalk.
7/8	9:30 AM-3:00 P	Burglary	800 Block Lake Ave.	Rear door of residence kicked in and TV, laptop, jewelry, sunglasses, dishes and check stolen.
7/11	3:30 -5:30	Theft	200 Block N. Highland	Lock cut and bike stolen from location.
7/11-7/12	11:30 PM – 7:30 AM	Burglary	900 Block Bernina	Rear door of location kicked in and laptop stolen.
7/11-7/12	Overnight	Theft from Auto	900 Block Waverly Way	Front Passenger window smashed and sunglasses stolen.
7/11-7/12	Overnight	Theft from Auto	900 Block Waverly Way	Front Passenger window smashed and GPS and tools stolen.
7/12	4:50 AM	Burglary	100 Block Hale St.	Police responded to alarm call at residence to find front window screen cut. No entry made.
7/13-7/14	Overnight	Theft	00 Block Krog St.	Business vandalized and 1000 lbs. of coil stolen.
7/15	9:15 PM	Auto Theft	200 Block North Highland Ave.	Valet brought car back to victim and left it running. While retrieving another car suspects jumped in car and took off..

7/16	1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Burglary	400 Block North Highland Ave.	Apartment entered through unsecured door. Cell phone, CDs and DVDs stolen.
7/16	1:30 PM	Theft from Auto	100 Block Degress Ave.	Victim saw suspects take vehicle keys from his vehicle and then flee in a second vehicle.
7/21-7/22	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Block Sinclair St.	Multi-tool taken from unsecured vehicle
7/22	8:30 AM	Robbery	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Victim was walking to vehicle when approached by suspect, who produced a handgun and stole victim's cell phone and backpack.

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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CREATIVE LOAFING HIGHLAND BEER FEST

Live Local Music and Over 100 Craft Beers on August 21

Nothing makes a cool neighborhood a better place than a cold beer. Atlanta beer lovers will get plenty of both when a new neighborhood beer festival debuts August 21 in Inman Park. The Creative Loafing Highland Beer Fest on North Highland Avenue, between Elizabeth Street and Inman Village Parkway, showcases one of the most popular corridors in Atlanta.

The Creative Loafing Highland Beer Fest will feature over 100 craft beers, both domestic and imported, delicious cuisine from nine local restaurants and live entertainment. Festival hours are from noon until 6 pm. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Purchase price includes samples of 100 craft beers, live performances by Grinder Nova, The Perimeters, The DeJaBlue Grass Band, and 10 Degrees Off, culminating with headliner Judi Chicago. Food will be available for purchase

from HOBNOB Neighborhood Tavern, Gilbert's Café & Bar, Savi Urban Market, the Porter Beer Bar, Pure Taqueria, and many more. To purchase tickets or to volunteer, visit www.highlandbeerfest.com.

The festival benefits the Inman Park Security Patrol. "This event will raise funds that will help the Security Patrol expand the services, patrol hours, and better serve the community," said Bob Sandage.

The festival entrance is located at the intersection of Elizabeth Street and the Pure Taqueria parking lot. ATL Cruzers, Atlanta's new eco-friendly transportation service will provide golf cart shuttles to the Inman Park MARTA Station and neighborhood homes for a fee.

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

August 25

The Gift of Rain
by Tan Tan Eng
Hosted by Pam Gannon
469 Carter Ave (East Lake)

September 22

The Forgotten Garden
by Kate Martin
Hosted by Oreon Mann
877 Edgewood Ave.

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

December 8

Holiday Party hosted by Marnie McMurry,
466 North Highland Ave, Unit 1.
Bring a new book wrapped in holiday paper
for Book Exchange

For Information: 404-688-7330

NEW IPNA MEMBERS

- Molly Jo Taube, 825 Ashland Ave, cell 404-729-9536, email molly309812@gmail.com
- Patrick and Laura Barrett, 126 Waverly Way, (P-cell) 917-710-3220, (L-cell) 917-868-8030, email: laurabarrett@mac.com
- Elaine Streithoff and Michael Reeves, 245 N. Highland Ave., Suite 230-212, (H) 404-523-1962, (E-cell) 404-790-8778, (M-cell) 404-863-5909

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By Adam Stillman, Vice President for Historic Preservation
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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
	August 17	September 8
	August 31	September 22
	September 21	October 13

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

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

Applications scheduled for AUDC:

- August 11**
- 240 North Highland Avenue** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-156) to allow new signage
- August 25**
- 1089 Austin Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a rear addition and dormer
- September 8**
- 225 Degress Avenue** – Application for a Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for demolition of a single family structure

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

TOP TEN LIST FOR TREES

by Jim Abbot for Tree Watch

Inman Park loves its trees. As I walk around the neighborhood, I notice trees newly planted in our yards and sidewalk strips. I see people watering trees. Tree vandalism is rare. Of course, there is always more that we can do. So let me offer a list of ten practical rules for all you tree huggers out there:

1. **NO weed eaters.** These machines wound larger trees and kill smaller ones. Tell your landscape crew, if you have one, to whack weeds, not trees.
2. **NO vines.** Generally speaking, vines and trees do not mix. A vine can girdle a tree, promote decay, and weigh down limbs.
3. **Yes, DO mulch.** Spread in a ring around the tree, two to four inches deep. Pull the mulch back from the trunk a few inches. (Do NOT buy cypress mulch, please!)
4. **Yes, DO water.** For new trees, ten gallons each week. For older trees, in dry weather, the equivalent of one inch of rain over as much of the root system as possible, once every ten days to two weeks. Water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
5. **Pruning, YES and NO.** Young trees may benefit from structural pruning, and pruning to clear branches from sidewalks and streets is often necessary. **DO NOT** prune if you do not recognize these terms: topping, stub cut, flush cut, tipping, lion-tailing. Do not prune living wood from larger trees, if you can avoid it.
6. **NO "Crape Myrtle Murder."** Homeowners top or "knuckle" crape myrtles to promote new growth and showy blooms. But topping disfigures and weakens crape myrtles.
7. **NO digging around trees.** Damaging roots is a sure way to kill your tree. Be particularly careful with magnolia trees. Their roots are found on top of the soil and must not be damaged.
8. **Fertilizer, NO and YES.** Nitrogen fertilizers can kill soil microbes and cause an imbalance in the tree's internal system. Use an organic fertilizer instead.
9. **YES to species diversity.** Crape myrtles and red maples are fine trees, but when it comes to trees, too much of a good thing is a bad thing. Why not try something different? And why not consider a species native to our region?
10. **YES to planting shade trees.** Be a hero: plant a shade tree in your yard. Our street-side water oaks are dying. We need to plant native hardwoods (oak, elm, hickory, ash, tulip poplar, etc.) in our front yards.

TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins,
Arboretum Committee Co-chair

In anticipation of this month's design workshop for Springvale Park, let's talk about one of the park's more notable tree species: the Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*). Springvale Park has several beautiful examples that have lived long enough to develop the characteristic cypress "knees".

The exact function of cypress knees continues to be a source of debate among tree enthusiasts. One theory suggests that, since knees only develop when the trees grow in or along water, the knees may allow the trees to obtain oxygen when roots are flooded. The other theory suggests that the knees provide structural support. Noting that the Baldcypress is native to many hurricane-prone coastal areas and endures periods of high winds, it makes sense that extra mass at the tree base would be helpful. Baldcypress are reported to have resisted the devastating winds of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Baldcypress closely resembles its cousin the Pondcypress (*Taxodium ascendens*). One easy way to tell the difference is to examine the leaves. The Baldcypress has delicate, feather-like leaves. Pondcypress leaves look like pine needles pressed against the stems. Both varieties of cypress are known for their extremely straight trunks and pyramidal form. They are also both deciduous; the leaves change from deep green to cinnamon brown before dropping for the winter.

THE TROLLEY BARN (Part 1) 1889-1975

By Linda Dunham, Director

The Trolley Barn was built as part of Joel Hurt's Inman Park development. One of Inman Park's most enticing amenities was public transportation. Atlanta's first electric railway line ran from Five Points downtown along Edgewood Avenue to Inman Park, the first garden suburb of Atlanta. With considerable fanfare, The Barn was dedicated August 22, 1889.

The Barn serviced and housed the trolleys for a relatively short time, perhaps ten years, after which the facility was probably used for rail line offices and storage space. As Atlanta's various trolley lines grew and coalesced into a larger citywide system, The Barn became inadequate and superfluous for transportation needs.

In 1907, The Barn was sold to the newly formed Inman Park Baptist Church, which used it as a house of worship through 1928, at which time the congregation moved to its newly built church on Hurt Street (today's MARTA parking lot). The church maintained ownership for several years installing a basketball court in it for use by the church's youth. The Baptist Church was an impressive edifice that disappeared sometime in the 1950s/1960s.

Thereafter, ownership of The Barn is a bit obscure. It is known that it served as a farmers' market for several years in the 1930s and for a variety of mercantile uses until 1942. In 1942, Wright and Lopez, a company that laid cable for Southern Bell took occupancy of The Trolley Barn and remained through 1971.

From 1972 to 1975, The Barn was used by the Wrecking Bar for antiques storage and repair, with ownership by Henry Moog.

Inman Park, and The Barn, suffered gradual deterioration until the latter became ripe for demolition. At the same time, a new respect was growing for Inman Park's "antique" structures and early pioneers saw a need to rescue The Barn from its otherwise inevitable demise. The residents of Inman Park, through their neighborhood association, Inman Park Restoration (precursor to Inman Park Neighborhood Association), together with a number of Atlanta's citizens concerned with preservation of historic structures, brought their wish to restore The Barn to the attention of the City of Atlanta. Mayor Maynard Jackson and the Department of Community and Human Development responded favorably to its citizens. The City applied for federal assistance to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under its Community Block Grant for Historic Preservation for the purchase and restoration of The Barn.

Purchase of the property was the first step in making the historic car barn a reality. On August 3, 1976, the City of Atlanta became the owner subsequently entering into a long-term lease with Inman Park Restoration for the operation and maintenance of the facility. The neighborhood association also provided time and money and assumed the responsibility of overseeing restoration.

Although The Trolley Barn was a strictly utilitarian building, it was designed with respect for its location among fine homes; that is, it was designed with aesthetic considerations in mind so that it blended with the neighborhood. Notice the exaggerated but graceful eave structures, the arched main entrance, the turret (de rigueur for any respectable building in 1889) and the clerestory, which is non-functional for airflow but gives the building architectural balance. The turret may have been a lookout post from which activity on the rail line could be monitored in both directions. Note that one turret window faces toward Five Points downtown, the start of the line, and the other towards Hurt Street where the trolleys looped from Hurt on to Euclid, Elizabeth, and back to Edgewood.

In the next report, you will learn about the agony and the ecstasy of restoration.

GEORGIA TRUST 2010 FALL RAMBLE: OLD CHARM MEETS NEW SOUTH

Taken from Press Release

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is excited to announce the 2010 Fall Ramble in Atlanta, Friday through Sunday, September 10-12. This is your opportunity to be a tourist in your own town; you can explore local landmarks and the magnificent homes of our oldest neighborhoods and learn about the craftsmanship behind their restorations.

Your weekend will begin at Rhodes Hall, the magnificent "Castle on Peachtree." It's the headquarters of The Georgia Trust, and we're eager to welcome you to our home and give you a behind-the-scenes tour. During the weekend, you'll tour grand private homes in Grant Park, Ansley Park, and (of course) Inman Park, where experts will be on hand to talk about their craft. You'll discover the rich heritage of Sweet Auburn Avenue, and you'll enjoy special tours of the Fox, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and other Midtown landmarks.

It's a full schedule but we've included plenty of time for relaxing and dining. From the welcome Friday night reception at Rhodes Hall, to a lively Sunday morning brunch at Oakland Cemetery, you'll have a chance to visit with friends and fellow Ramblers.

Tickets are available for the entire weekend, single days, or tours only. For more information, visit www.GeorgiaTrust.org or contact The Georgia Trust's Special Events Manager at 404.885.7812 or SpecialEvents@GeorgiaTrust.org.

The Georgia Trust's Rambles feature self-guided tours, educational visits and social events in historic properties not usually open to the public. Held two weekends each year in different cities around Georgia, these field trips attract hundreds of participants per Ramble and feature special tours of architectural treasures in the host city. Rambles are open to the public. Want to see what it's all about? Join us in Atlanta September 10-12!

About the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is one of the country's largest statewide, nonprofit preservation organizations. Committed to preserving and enhancing Georgia's communities and their diverse historic resources for the education and enjoyment of all, The Georgia Trust generates community revitalization by finding buyers for endangered properties acquired by its Revolving Fund; provides design assistance to 102 Georgia Main Street cities and encourages neighborhood revitalization; trains Georgia's teachers to engage students in 63 Georgia school systems to discover state and national history through their local historic resources; and advocates for funding, tax incentives and other laws aiding preservation efforts. The Georgia Trust is a recipient of the Trustees Award for Organizational Excellence from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

HOUSE TOUR 2011

By Pat Westrick

What a great house tour we had this year! We expect to have a wonderful tour for the 2011 Festival as well, but we need your help. We'd love to feature some homes on Virgil, Hale and Ashland; any ideas? Let us know what you (or your neighbors) have been doing and whether you'd consider opening your house for our visitors to tour. The other area our guests haven't seen lately is Austin, Alta, DeGress, Haralson and Battery Place. Interested? Contact either me (404-523-4801, patwestrick@realtor.com) or Jan Keith (404-688-7330,

kingkeith@mindspring.com). We can guide you through the process and tell you what's involved and help you decide whether this is a good time to take the plunge and show off your latest project.

We're also looking for additions to our committee. It's a great way to get involved, most of the work is done before Festival begins (leaving much of the weekend for fun), you'll get your name in the tour booklet, and it doesn't involve getting dirty. Best of all possible worlds! Call today!



AUGUST, 2010

My son will be starting kindergarten at Mary Lin next week. We are anxious and excited because the new stage of our journey as a family has begun. He has been talking about his new classmates and teacher as well as the anticipation of eating lunch at school. This is a big deal for a thirty-five year old...not to mention his son! (No wonder they offer "Coffee & Kleenex" on the first day of school...for the parents!)

This will be a fun journey because of the learning, growing, and transformation that will take place, but there is one very crucial element involved. He must actually GO to school. It is easy and often exhilarating to talk about new ideas and new opportunities. It is so much more difficult to make them happen. A whole flood of emotions and thoughts will well up on Monday morning, August 9, 2010 at 7:45am when we walk through the doors of Mary Lin. New faces and experiences will be overwhelming, yet will be commonplace in just a few short days and weeks.

Each of our lives is like this story of starting kindergarten. We come across situations that cause stress or bring anxiety and other times of joy knowing it is time to move forward into something new. Many things seem like great ideas or impossible obstacles until we have to take that "faith-full" step. I am reminded of two passages from the bible related to this topic.

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own." Proverbs 3.5 (MSG)

"I know the plans I have for you," declares God. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29.11 (NIV)

Wherever you may be on the journey, may you have faith and trust to take the next step boldly!

Rev. Matt Nelson
Inman Park Church

MARY LIN ROCKET RUN 5K FOR THE KIDS

From a Press Release

The second annual Mary Lin Rocket Run 5K was a big success, raising almost \$5,000 for our neighborhood elementary school. A big thanks to our sponsors—Smart Center Buckhead, L5P Corner Tavern, MidSummer MusicFest, Red Level Renovations, Savage Pizza, The Zac Team, Operation Boot Camp, Raging Burrito, The Albert, Big Peach Running Co., My Favorite Mechanic Automotive, Candler Park Market, Great Clips at Edge-wood, Studio M, Variety Playhouse, Live Oak Events, The Moog Gallery, Wahoo Grill, The Porter Beer Bar, Highland Product, Kenari, Hughes Printing and Candler Park Running Club.

Leah Thomas was the overall female winner with a time of 19:05 and the overall male winner was Jonathan Corso who

GOOD MOVES CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 17

From a Press Release

Annette Lewis, Kristyn McGeehan and Stephanie Johnson all return this month to teach ballet, modern dance and creative movement at the Good Moves Dance Space in the lower level of the Inman Park United Methodist Church. Classes for the fall-winter term begin August 17 through December 18.

Annette Lewis has directed Good Moves and its predecessor, Dance Consortment for more than 20 years. Previously, she performed with City Center and Company Kaye in Atlanta. **Kristyn McGeehan** is the Assistant Director and a Founding Company Member of Brooks & Company Dance. In addition to dancing and choreographing, she is a writer and a certified neuromuscular therapist. **Stephanie Johnson** has been teaching and fostering the joy of dance since 2002, specializing in creative movement, early ballet, advanced jazz and modern technique. Stephanie also dances with Brooks & Company Dance. She is also a teacher of pilates and a newly certified teacher of Core Fusion.

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.

ONE TWELVE GALLERY PRESENTS ONE: IMAGES OF ISOLATION

From a Press Release

One Twelve Gallery in the Stove Works on Krog Street presents *One*, photography by **Emily Dryden**, **Joe Martinez** and **Aaron Pevey**.

Each image in *One*—whether portrait, still life, interior or landscape—suggests a sense of isolation that often inhabits the city dweller, for better or worse.

One will begin Friday, August 20, with an artists' reception from 7:00 to 9:00 pm that is free and open to the public. The show will run through October 22, 2010.

One Twelve Gallery is located inside City Church—Eastside, in Suite 5 of the Stove Works lofts, at 112 Krog St., Atlanta, GA 30307. The gallery is open Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment.

For more information, visit onetwelvegallery.com.

crossed the finish line in 17:42. Kate McMahon and Aaron Powell (10 and under), Josh Ortega and Annabella Farabaugh (11-14) were among the fastest in their age division. A surprise among the runners was Ted Brooke (60 and over) who attended our local school when Ms. Mary Lin was the principal in 1950s.

The Mary Lin Education Foundation would like to thank the neighbors and all the wonderful folks who made the race a success. With this support, the Foundation will be able to help provide improved technology and training for Mary Lin's teachers and students.

For more information, go to:

www.marylinfoundation.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg.	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Aug. 15	Sun. 4:00 PM	IPNA Board Meeting - Budget Preparation		TBD, contact Regina Brewer at rab63@comcast.net for details
Aug. 16	Mon.			
Aug. 17	Tues.	Good Moves Classes Begin	18	Dance Space, Inman Park UMC
Aug. 18	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting		Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
Aug. 19	Thurs.			
Aug. 20	Fri. 7:00-9:00 PM	Artist's Reception <i>One: Images of Isolation</i>	18	One Twelve Gallery, Krog Street
Aug. 21	Sat. 12:00-6:00 PM	Creative Loafing Highland Beer Fest		North Highland Ave. At Elizabeth St.
Aug. 22	Sun. 4 PM	Springvale Park Design Workshop	1	Trolley Barn
Aug. 23	Mon.			
Aug. 24	Tues.			
Aug. 25	Wed. 7:00 PM	Book Club: <i>The Gift of Rain</i> by Tan Tan Eng	13	469 Carter Ave (East Lake)
Aug. 26	Thurs. 7:00 PM	NPU-N Meeting		L5P Community Center
Aug. 27	Fri. 7:30 PM	Porch Party	3	116 Elizabeth Street
Aug. 28	Sat.			
Aug. 29	Sun.			
Aug. 30	Mon.			
Aug. 31	Tues.			
Sept. 1	Wed. 10:00 PM	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE		theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Sept. 2	Thurs.			
Sept. 3	Fri.			
Sept. 4	Sat.			
Sept. 5	Sun.			
Sept. 6	Mon.	LABOR DAY		
Sept. 7	Tues.			
Sept. 8	Wed.			
Sept. 9	Thurs.			
Sept. 10	Fri.	Georgia Trust Fall Ramble	16	Begins at Rhodes Hall
Sept. 11	Sat.			
Sept. 12	Sun.			
Sept. 13	Mon.			
Sept. 14	Tues.			

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IPNA MEETING

Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 18, 2010**

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

AUGUST 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. President**
 - 1. Atlanta Gas Light Infrastructure and Sidewalk Repair Update**
 - 2. Solid Waste Bills**
 - B. Planning**
 - 1. PARKatlanta Update**
 - 2. NPU Report**
 - a. BeltLine Minute**
 - C. Treasurer**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures**
 - 2. Cell Phone Tower Legal Fees: \$1,507.50**
 - 3. Sidewalk Improvements: \$15,323**
 - D. Zoning**
 - E. Historic Preservation**
 - 1. 1089 Austin Avenue**
 - 2. 225 Degress Avenue**
 - F. Public Safety**
 - 1. Inman Park Dine Out Results**
 - G. Secretary**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**