

# The Inman Park Advocator

Atlanta's Small Town Downtown News



Vol. 38 Issue 10 • theadvocator@bellsouth.net • www.inmanpark.org

Newsletter of Inman Park Neighborhood Association • 245 North Highland Ave., N.E. • STE. 230-401 • Atlanta, GA 30307

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Regina Brewer

Here are four reasons why you should come to the IPNA meeting on October 20:

1. We will be voting on the budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. It's your chance to have a vote on where the neighborhood spends its resources.
2. You will meet Dave Blackley, President of Freedom Park Conservancy and Kit Sutherland, President of the Fourth Ward Alliance. They both do tremendous work right in our backyard. You will get great information on the park that runs right through our neighborhood and you will hear about the fantastic things that are happening in the Fourth Ward and understand their current challenges.
3. Amy Higgins, VP of Zoning and Adam Stillman, VP of Historic Preservation will give a presentation on immediate neighbor's meetings procedures. I'm pretty sure Adam will be bringing his popular white board!
4. There will be snacks and drinks again because this will be a long meeting. I can't always control the number of issues we deal with but I can provide sustenance.

Certainly, we will have other important topics and, as always, friendship and sarcastic jokes will be in abundance. Matt Nelson, the Pastor at the United Methodist Church, threw us a curveball last month and rearranged the meeting layout. Guess What? I loved it and I think most of you did too. Thanks Matt!

Finally, I'd like to give a BIG thank you to Josh Green, our neighbor at the Grinnell Lofts, for stepping forward and becoming the chair of the Graffiti Committee. Those Grinnell folks are really making a huge difference in the 'hood. Cool building, cool people.

See you on October 20. Feel free to contact me anytime at:

[rab63@comcast.net](mailto:rab63@comcast.net)

## PIONEERING SPIRIT AND 'CAN DO' ATTITUDE OF HOLLY MULL WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF INMAN PARK AND ATLANTA

*"To do what ought to be done,  
but what would not have been done  
had I not done it myself,  
I thought to be my duty." Robert Morrison*

Holly Mull was destined for and dedicated to a life of service to others. Being the daughter of the then-Mayor of Kalamazoo, the Honorable Glenn Allen, Jr. and his wife Virginia, Holly spent many of her earliest years observing and participating in city government's traditions and happenings and benefited from a thorough understanding of protocol. This early exposure would be good training for one who would eventually become a champion of the new Atlanta, a pioneer in the restoration of Inman Park, and a believer in inclusion for all who held an earnest, selfless dedication to helping achieve the goals of the groups with which she was associated.

Holly and her former husband, Gale Mull, moved to Inman Park in 1970 and became pioneers in the movement to bring the neighborhood back to its former glory through the organization then known as Inman Park Restoration (now Inman Park Neighborhood Association). Their home on Elizabeth Street would become both a gathering spot for social activities and a command center for many of IPR's active causes.

"It wasn't long before we realized this is a woman who can get stuff done," said neighborhood pioneer and former City Councilman John Sweet. "She defined the word contribution. Inman Park developed an attitude that we could get it done - if we worked hard enough and worked together, we could get it done."

"We tried to get author Newman P. Barkley to buy a house in the neighborhood, and he told us that in order to restore Inman Park we would have to 'reverse the history of the American city,'" Sweet continued. "Holly let us know it was possible - that the possibility spawned the

doing. She provided an infrastructure of hope. She was the yeast that allowed many things in this neighborhood and city to rise and succeed."

She worked under five Atlanta mayors, including Ivan Allen, Jr., Sam Massell, Maynard Jackson, Andrew Young and Bill Campbell, as the Special Events Director for the city. Here she would play host to world leaders, impress dignitaries, and walk with presidents, ever mindful of the importance of the city's external image.

Maynard Jackson said about his dear friend, "While at City Hall, Holly's strength was her ability to produce first-class, large-scale public and community based events the city took pride in and the guests always left with a smile. Her passion for our city and commitment to her profession are a winning combination in my book."

Holly brought joy to the lives of millions of people through her work of producing some of the city's most memorable occasions including the 1990 Olympic Announcement Ceremony, the Olympic Torch Relay Arrival, Falcons and Braves victory parades, the Shining Light Award, Christmas parades, and the Little 5 Points Halloween Festival and Parade...and of course, conceiving of and lovingly spearheading the Inman Park Festival Parade from the festival's inception forty years ago.

"She drew people to the neighborhood to celebrate," Cathy Bradshaw remembered. "Holly helped put together the first Festival and parade to help draw attention to the neighborhood. She had a natural talent for organizing a group of people and finding quirky people to be in the parade. Only 300 people were expected to show up on that first beautiful festival day in 1971,



but over 3,000 people showed up and enjoyed the festivities and the parade. I can still remember Holly there with her clipboard telling everyone where they should be.”

While Holly will always be remembered for the parade, perhaps her greatest contribution to the neighborhood was her diligent effort to have the neighborhood rezoned residential. It had been completely rezoned and up-zoned to industrial, every last parcel. For a year and a half John Sweet and Holly and Gale sought residents’ signatures requesting that it Inman Park be down-zoned.

“Holly was relentless in the effort,” Sweet added. “I was involved but she did ninety per cent of the work, knocking on doors every evening and explaining the situation to reluctant and skeptical neighbors.” It was tedious work but necessary because City Councilman Rev. Charley Helms said he couldn’t get an ordinance passed unless he had a petition with half of the residents agreeing to it. Her winning ways convinced everyone to come together to support the rezoning effort which ultimately resulted in one of the most important moments in Inman Park history – the passing of a city ordinance rezoning the neighborhood to residential.

Through this experience, the neighborhood created both an approval process that was credible to City Hall and a unified front. These were important milestones for the neighborhood that would later help when Inman Park applied for historic designation with the National Trust for Historic Places, as part of the effort to kill the Presidential Parkway.

“Holly (and Gale) also worked diligently to ensure that Inman Park was a neighborhood that would welcome all kinds of people - gay, straight, right wing left wing, etc.,” Sweet also said. “She firmly believed that we could build acceptance and tolerance and a neighborhood that valued a cornucopia of differences. She was loving and inclusive toward everyone and reached across well-established dividing lines to attempt to bring the city’s various factions closer together.”

Holly’s interest and goodness combined with her unfaltering commitment helped create the oasis that we now enjoy. But Holly didn’t stop at just being a champion of the neighborhood, she was equally committed to city government and the neighborhood’s relationship with it. Very early on she knew that we had to have a city government that was close to the people. Holly was instrumental in Atlanta’s government recognizing that they needed to take their cues from the people, not big interests. She helped create an echelon of governance that made Atlanta strong and, therefore, made Inman Park strong.

“On the night of his election in 1974, Maynard Jackson came to Inman Park and walked down the middle of Elizabeth Street because he had taken 96% of the

vote in the precinct,” Sweet added. “That was in large part due to Holly’s efforts and that moment set Inman Park on a path to leadership.”

Holly grew up spending summers on Mackinac Island in Michigan, where no cars are allowed. She spoke about the island with great love often and loved returning there every summer to ride bikes and enjoy the simply life away from the bustle of the city. Eventually, she came to be involved in some of the island’s popular festivals.

Holly left city government and started her own special events firm, Holly Mull & Associates in 2001.

She is survived by her son, Carter Mull, an artist who lives in Los Angeles, California and a sister, Susan Allen Karpén, who lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

*By Terry Sagedy*

## “THE PIONEERS.” THAT’S WHAT WE CALLED THEM.

*By Pat Westrick*

They moved to Inman Park when it was a cracked-window, swept-yard, peeling paint, rat-and-bug-infested, trash strewn slum. Most of its inhabitants – including the old people -- were tough and unforgiving, used to hard drinking and hard fighting, given to loud prayers and louder curses. The owners of the houses were absentee and inclined to divide up every dining room and music room into another unit they could rent to another tenant. But The Pioneers saw past all that. They saw glorious Victorians and welcoming bungalows, tree-lined streets and big front porches, and knew that this was a neighborhood worth saving.

How did they know? That’s hard to say. Many of them came from easy middle-class homes, raised by parents who wanted them to have all the advantages that post-war affluence could buy. Many of them came from 1950’s suburban ranch houses, where the only old house they’d seen might have been the occasional farm house or abandoned townhouse in a glimpsed downtown as they traveled through. But somehow, in a perfect storm of 1960’s idealism, liberal activism, awareness of the historic lure of the city, and – let’s face it – the fact that they couldn’t afford anything better, they came together in this place and in that time (to the dismay of many of their parents.)

The houses they bought had rats that had dwelled there so long they had filed for homestead exemption, and were so big they could face-off with cats and win. Walls had to be taken down, bathrooms removed, whores kicked out, winos displaced, paint scraped, kitchens installed and junked cars and washing machines hauled out of front and back yards. And while they were working on that, they simultaneously worked on the livability of Inman Park and of Atlanta.

Every victory was hard-fought; every election significant. Down-zoning, trash pick-up and red-lining, highways and demolitions; each problem called not for despair, but for solution. And with the same energy they devoted to their houses, they tackled circumstances that had been in place for decades and assumptions that no one thought to challenge, both in the neighborhood and in the city.

Holly Mull was one of them, and the stories and reminiscences of those times will help us through the sadness and grief. But, while it’s inevitable that we will lose them, one by one, we only have to look at our beautiful neighborhood and the community that they created with hard work and tenacity, to see the significance of the contributions they made. We are grateful for whatever accident of circumstance and timing brought them to us, and we will strive to continue what they began.

Those wishing to leave condolences for Carter Mull and his family can do so at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/hollymull](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/hollymull). Click on “Sign my guestbook.”

## NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARD SALE

**November 13 and 14**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

To participate, contact Jan Keith,  
[kingkeith@mindspring.com](mailto:kingkeith@mindspring.com)

# MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 IPNA MEETING

By Barbara Black, Secretary

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

## NEWCOMERS

Eugenia Sundoval and Nadia Bredthaller introduced their new small non-profit store on Lake Avenue. They are working with friends in Equador. Please come by; they are having some great giveaways.

Steve Ray introduced Madeleine Robertson who is interested in opening a café at 735 Lake Avenue. Steve reports it will be exciting to have new use of the property. More information is forthcoming.

Brian and Chrystaline Sullivan have recently purchased the house on North Highland next to Sotto Sotto and will be seeking variances for the renovation to be discussed later in the meeting.

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Carolyn McLaughlin expressed concern that the August meeting minutes did not fully cover the extensive discussion in the meeting about which restaurants were "good neighbors" for the Dine Out event supporting the Security Patrol, and asked that a correction be issued to clarify.

Barbara Black responded that she would review the notes and a correction would be issued. *To clarify, there was considerable discussion surrounding the level of donations or lack of donations by some businesses and restaurants who were participants in the Dine Out event.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tiya Porterfield is new with BOND Community Federal Credit Union and came to introduce herself and invite neighbors to come and see what BOND is all about. BOND has been in business in the neighborhood since 1972. They now have banking online. Regina Brewer asked how many people attending were original members of BOND and several hands were raised. Tamara Jones asked whether BOND provides small business loans. Tiya replied that BOND does not provide business loans.

Pat Westrick announced the next Porch Party will be September 24 at 7:30 at Sandra and Greg Scott's house at 390 Sinclair. Folks are requested to bring a dish to share and drinks. All are welcome.

Oreon Mann announced that book club this month will be at his house at 877 Edgewood Avenue, Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00. The book is *The Forgotten Garden*. All are welcome. Even if you have not read the book, all are welcome to come. Bring a dish to share.

Diane Floyd announced that she has extra copies of the Directories available if anyone would like to pick one up.

George Gary announced the Morning-side neighborhood ball, the Monumental Ball. It will be on Friday, October 29 from 7:00-11:00 PM at Magnolia Hall at the Botanical Gardens at Piedmont Park. All are welcome.

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Lt. Schierbaum reported on property crimes. Two car break-ins occurred on Dixie, one where car windows were broken, another where car doors were open. Police are currently looking for connection on these crimes. No residential burglaries occurred since last month.

On August 30 at 1080 Euclid Ave. a person was robbed and pistol-whipped. Inman Park Patrol Officer Bandy saw the suspects and gave chase. The two were able to escape by running to the MARTA bridge and into Reynoldstown.

On September 3 at Hurt and Elizabeth, a citizen was approached by two men who asked to see his phone. When he handed over his phone the men refused to give it back and ran.

On September 8 in Reynoldstown a burglary in progress was reported. Atlanta Police responded promptly and were able to apprehend both of the burglars, one after an extended foot chase. Zone 6 Investigators recognized the two burglars as the two men running across the MARTA bridge from the August 30 robbery in Inman Park. The two men have since been charged in the August 30 robbery and one in the September 3 robbery. Fulton County District Attorney reported suspects are Marcus Crawford, arrested seven times, and Jesse Smith, arrested twelve times. Lt. Schierbaum recommended participation in Court Watch. The court date is not known yet. He reported that these suspects will hopefully not be considered for early release. The question was raised about whether these suspects have served any significant sentences and the answer was "No." The suspects are 23 and 24 years old.

A question was raised about the new Community Service Division and where officers will come from. Lt. Schierbaum did not know. There is nothing in writing about this yet. Every zone is to contribute to the new division, but no officers are assigned yet.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Regina Brewer reported Jay Tribby won't be able to attend tonight's meeting.

## IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

### *HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P.*

#### *Adam Stillman*

Tamara Jones stepped in as former VP for Zoning and introduced the project at 325 North Highland Avenue since Adam Stillman is the architect for the project. A Type III Certificate of Appropriateness has been submitted for the project. Tamara noted that the property is a double fronted

lot on North Highland Avenue and Atlantis Avenue. Four requests under consideration are: allowing parking between the structure and the street, allowing an accessory building, allowing a six foot high fence on the Atlantis side, and allowing a wider width driveway on Atlantis.

Adam Stillman presented the project. The Sullivan's have purchased the property; it is the house next to Sotto Sotto. The original 471 house number was discovered under the beige paint. There are a series of additions to the original house. The plans for the house include rebuilding the additions in the existing footprint. The existing additions have severe water damage. The roof will be rebuilt to match the original roof slopes and arrangement and to meet current structural codes. The fake brick asphalt material will be removed from the exterior. The original porch ceiling will be retained if possible. Historically sympathetic materials will be used.

There will be children's bedrooms and a bathroom in the attic and a dormer will be added to provide an egress window. A new back deck will be added with a patio beneath.

A new carriage house structure is proposed. Adam researched the Sanborn insurance maps for the immediate area and showed that historically these houses had garages demonstrating a precedent for detached structures. The proposed structure is at the back of the lot and will be built into the hillside. The side setback for the new structure is equal to the existing side setback for the house.

There is concern about being able to safely back out of the driveway and also concern about constructing too steep a driveway for guest parking. Additional width for the driveway is requested.

A six-foot high fence is requested for the Atlantis front yard. It is to block the view of the service area of Sotto Sotto. A question was asked about whether Sotto Sotto is responsible for providing the fence. Tamara responded that, technically, Sotto Sotto is responsible for providing the fence. An additional question was asked about the appearance of the garage. Adam responded that the garage would have a double width door, and it would be a nice wood door with glass lites at the top. The garage would have a guest apartment upstairs, but would not be a separate dwelling.

Comment was made regarding possible tax incentives for the project. Regina Brewer commented that it is a great program. The tax incentives allow a tax credit of 25% of expenditures with a cap of \$100,000. If the project is income-producing there are federal tax credits of 20% with no cap. A comment was made about apartments producing income and duplexes being allowed in the current zoning.

Tamara reported that, on Sunday, Sep-

tember 12, an immediate neighbors meeting was held. Concern was expressed about the location of the air-conditioning units. The owners will work with the neighbors to address this concern. The immediate neighbors voted unanimously to approve the application.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to support the immediate neighbors.

**PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer**

Regina Brewer reported walking around the neighborhood and looking at the repaired sidewalks with a representative of Atlanta Gas Light (AGL). Areas where pavers have been reset poorly have been identified. Atlanta Gas Light will pay the IPNA contractor that originally installed the new sidewalks to fix and reset. Regina believes the areas needing correction have been identified. Regina requested that people let her know of any outstanding sidewalk concerns. Stamped concrete to look like pavers will go back in repair areas unless property owners request installation of pavers. In these circumstances IPNA will contribute half of the cost for installing pavers. Regina is very unhappy with the stamped concrete installation on Colquitt. She reported that AGL has ordered a new stamp and is working on doing better stamping installation. Regina noted that, at Freedom Park, the stamped concrete is well done and the Inman Park sidewalk work should match this installation.

Regina reiterated that she should be contacted if any areas are unresolved. Atlanta Gas Light wants to make it right. Old pavers are to be retained if left over and used to supplement in other areas when needed. Old pavers should not be thrown away. Regina reiterated that sidewalks will be stamped concrete unless the owner requests rework with pavers and owners will need to pay their half of the pavers installation cost.

**PLANNING: V.P. David Laube**

David Laube could not attend the meeting. Amy Higgins reported that Park Atlanta had new parking hours in effect in the L5P parking district: Monday through Saturday 7:00-10:00, four-hour limit. While Mixed-Use Hours had been recommended, (Monday-Friday, three-hour limit) this was turned down by the city.

Richard Shapiro reported on the efforts to impact the parking rules for L5P. Richard spoke with Kwanza Hall and NPU-N and agreed to support rush hour and mixed-use designation. He spoke to Richard Mendosa with Public Works and Angela Power Evans as well as sent an e-mail about the issue. Richard reported the Public Works response is to "try it." He reported there is no formal process for protest. Richard has looked at the city's parking zone map and reported small areas of parking meters and only a small area of mixed-use downtown. Richard will pursue it.

Regina reported that residential parking is not being enforced, but tickets are being issued for parking on the wrong side of the street or parking the wrong way on the street. She stated these violations are dangerous.

Amy Higgins reported on the Master Plan for Inman Park and a committee being developed to study the traffic concerns from the intersection of Highland Avenue and Elizabeth Street up to Sampson Street. A proposal is being developed for the study. Amy reported they hope to review it with Kwanza Hall in October. Volunteers are needed for the committee; please contact David Laube.

Jonathan Miller reported that he has been approached by NPU-W regarding the Moreland corridor and NPU-N possibly joining forces with Inman Park to help clean up Moreland. Jonathan will have more on this next month.

**NPU Report: Megan Holder**

Megan Holder had nothing to report.

Jonathan Miller reported that the design for the BeltLine from DeKalb Ave. to 10<sup>th</sup> Street is underway, and a question has been raised about security. Is the Beltline a park that closes at night? Or, since the Beltline is transportation, will it be open and operating into the night? This question will need to be answered. The design will be affected in the way-finding markers, mile markers, and lighting. The design is moving quickly. Oreon Mann suggested that it be open longer than parks. Jonathan stated that, under federal rules, it couldn't close.

Jonathan reported that development would be incremental until permanent. The design will be done with transportation in mind. There is concern for potential bad incidents. The incremental development could be good. It could be considered a park until a point in the future when lighting could be added. The current design does not include lighting. It will be safer if used 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins**

Amy Higgins reported on meeting with neighbors regarding 465-479 North Highland Avenue property, the block of storefronts that currently includes Wisteria. The owner is considering making a request to change the zoning from Residential General (RG-2) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). The owner would like to have a restaurant in the currently empty storefront space and would need to comply with restaurant parking rules. The space has been out of use for a year, therefore the previous "grandfathered" non-conforming use for commercial purposes is no longer allowed. Amy has a call in to the City to confirm this understanding.

Richard Shapiro stated that he thinks the owner has been disingenuous regarding the building and the restaurant in the past.

Amy stated that no vote is being requested and the issues will be looked into further. She reported that the immediate neighbors met with the owner's lawyer.

The neighbors said they would consider the re-zoning if it meets a list of requirements and they would work on developing that list. Once the list is developed then they will talk to the City and meet with the owner's lawyer. If they can come to an understanding then they will bring it to the neighborhood.

A comment was made that this will not change the parking challenge. Amy responded that the owner has purchased the adjacent property where the house burned and that putting additional parking on that property is a consideration. Amy has looked at a potential parking layout on the additional property and believes that the additional required parking could be accommodated. Pat Westrick asked about the zoning of the adjacent property. Amy responded that it is RG-2.

Regina Brewer commented that less parking and larger buffers could be considered. She also stated that the immediate neighbors will meet and will make a decision at that time about supporting the re-zoning or not.

A comment was made that providing buffers will limit parking. This is an example of more restaurants without enough parking.

Amy stated that the parking requirement is for one parking space per 100 square feet of restaurant space. Amy further stated that, if the property is up-zoned to commercial, there may be another use for the front portion of the property.

Amy reported that the Wrecking Bar is not ready for liquor license.

The Lizzy Chapel at 850 Euclid Avenue is under contract to be purchased by a new owner who is a film producer and currently has space in the Radial building on DeKalb Avenue. The owner is interested in renovating the building as office space. The property is currently zoned RG-3, which does not allow office use. Amy arranged an immediate neighbors meeting. The neighbors would consider re-zoning to allow for office use, but would like the zoning that allows easy future conversion back to a church. They would like the new zoning to be as restrictive as possible.

Amy reported that the business is a 14 to 15 person firm that would operate during the day with parking during the day when most people are at work. There are 10 to 11 parking spaces on the site. The immediate neighbors were in favor 10-1, and there could be an official vote next month.

A question was raised about the adjacent three residential lots. Amy responded that the three residential lots are not part of the sale.

Pat Westrick asked what other uses would be allowed if the property is rezoned. She would like to see the possibilities limited.

Carolyn McLaughlin commented that a portion of the parking was previously rezoned into three residential lots. She is

not aware of the status of these lots. The immediate neighbors have concern for the long-term use of the property.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Adam Stillman**

Adam Stillman reported on the minor revisions to the Urban Design Commission legislation. In August he met with representatives of the City and other historic district and landmark districts. They are working on "little fixes" to the historic regulations that will be made through legislation prepared by the UDC.

Adam reviewed the proposed changes that were outlined in the September *Advocator*:

- When multiple lots are aggregated into one lot, the UDC would regulate the scale of the new development.
- Clarify that UDC staff approval is acceptable for all Type II applications in Inman Park. This will speed up the process, and put less burden on the UDC staff.
- The legislation will clarify that the structure is acceptable when the entire structure meets the setback requirements. Setback requirements are not to be imposed on an addition as a stand-alone structure. The height of an addition will also be acceptable if it does not exceed the height of the existing structure. Adam presented a diagram of a project on Spruce to illustrate issues with setbacks and height when an addition is proposed.
- The height of houses and their compatibility on the street will be determined by the height of the house on the front, not the average height of the house. The average height of a house can be misleading because of varied topography. On some lots the rear topography drops off and therefore it is a tall house at the rear. On some lots the topography rises at the rear, therefore the house is shorter at the rear. These houses would have different average heights, but compatible appearance from the front.
- Clarify that decks that do not protrude into the side yards are acceptable. Decks that fit into an "L" at the rear of a structure and are not visible from the street are acceptable.
- Clarify that driveways at the street must be 10 feet wide, but double parking areas for two cars to park at the rear of the structure are acceptable.
- Clarify that retaining walls are not to be taller than the tallest on the street or shorter than the shortest on the street and can be constructed of any of the approved materials.

Adam noted the compatibility rule would not apply to fences in front yards since there are few truly historic fences. Fences would be permitted if they met the historic height and material requirements.

There will be more opportunity for review. The changes are not major and reflect the intent for Inman Park.

Jonathan Miller commented on the difference between Type II and Type III applications. Regina Brewer responded that Chapter 20 defines the difference. Jonathan stated that it is a judgment call on a large addition, and he has concern for helping the staff make the determination.

Adam commented that, until recently, the staff has been lenient. More recently the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that a project should be a Type II application.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bob Sandage**

Bob Sandage reported the police are working on finding individuals who committed recent armed robberies. He stated the last months have been bad. They are working to reduce the number of violent crimes.

The 5K Santa Run will be Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m.. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. Last year there were 160 runners. There is interest in having a Safety Dance and volunteers are needed to make it happen.

Regarding violent crime reduction, Bob stated that he has the same goal as Richard Shapiro, to reduce violent crime. The majority of this activity is in the vicinity of Little Five Points. Bob's goal is to make progress every month.

Bob is working on evaluating street lighting. Looking at crime data, lighting is a significant factor. Bob anticipates that most people will support additional lighting, but not in front of their houses.

Bob described a possible shuttle service for the Wrecking Bar and other businesses that might make a loop, go down Moreland, and include MARTA. He also met with LSP Business Association President Matt Davis to discuss the possibility of a fund-raising event for the Little Five Points mini-precinct, with an accurate way to track what businesses contribute.

Bob expressed his concern that the Security Patrol business members only contribute about 3.5% of the total budget (an incorrect number of 7% was reported in the meeting), too low a level given that the patrons of these businesses seem to be providing the motivation for much of the criminal activity in the neighborhood. He wants to make sure businesses support the security patrol appropriately. This is not a concern about a single business, but several. He commented that, too often, businesses seem to be "using" a promise of participating in Security Patrol as a way of gaining support for something they want to do and in their marketing. Bob encouraged the neighborhood to "speak up" their concerns and he welcomed suggestions.

Carolyn McLaughlin expressed concern for the loose commitments for the Dine Out event. Comment was made that contributions from businesses should be able to do better than 3.5%.

Bob asked for suggestions to improve the situation. He commented that The Porter and Wisteria made contributions that went above their commitments. In the

future the money spent will be tracked and he reiterated that he is open to suggestions.

The question was raised about whether any Dine Out participants reneged and whether this should be public knowledge. Bob stated there were only verbal and e-mail commitments and it is a gray area. He stated it was not productive to print a list and have the issue be adversarial.

**TREASURER: Cameron Childress**

Cameron Childress reported routine expenses:

<i>Advocator</i> . . . . .	\$1,366.20
Public Safety . . . . .	\$14,420.95
Springvale Park . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Beautification . . . . .	\$980.00
Membership Directory . . . . .	\$22.80
Meeting Babysitter . . . . .	\$50.00
Sidewalk Expense . . . . .	\$14,001.00

=====  
Total Expense . . . . . \$31,840.95

Diane Floyd asked a question regarding the City's obligation to reimburse IPNA for maintenance expenses on Springvale Park. Amy Higgins responded that the reimbursements stopped roughly one and a half years ago. Diane believes the arrangement had to do with how the park was deeded and that Inman Park was to be reimbursed for maintenance. Amy and Brett Lauter will look into this.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the routine expenses.

Cameron reported on the Proposed Budget for 2010-2011. He reported that all of the budget requests were totaled and exceeded the anticipated available funds by \$52,000. He noted that the budget requires making predictions on the money that will be available at the end of the fiscal year. The assumptions in the proposed budget are conservative and there may be opportunity to put some money back into the budget in November.

Cameron reported on the two parts of the reserves. The proposed budget includes \$50,000 for a potential bad festival year. Roughly \$25,000 was spent last year in legal fees associated with the cell phone tower. The budget leaves the reserves at \$25,000 instead of \$50,000 for legal expenses.

The Public Safety budget has been reduced by roughly \$11,000. The number of patrol hours is not being reduced. The net change reflects the increase in security patrol fundraising and therefore less IPNA funds are needed

The budget for the upkeep of Springvale Park remains the same. Last year \$15,000 was budgeted for the Park Pride Visioning Project, and remaining money will be rolled over to next year.

The Landscape/New Signs budget was cut by \$3,000. Cameron commented that we would go as far as we can with the money.

The Urban Nirvana Playground was cut from the budget. The budget for this year has not been spent, but possibly could be completed yet this fiscal year. Additional

volunteers are requested.

The Traffic Calming budget is cut by \$2,000. Additional sources of funding including the Old Fourth Ward, Minerva (the developer of the old Patterson Lumber Property) and the City, will be explored to help offset this cut.

The Directory budget was increased to cover expenses. The Social budget was reduced, but the intension is to maintain the current quality of social events. The Cheers/Newcomers budget was reduced to \$100. There have been few Newcomer expenses in recent years.

The general Historic Preservation budget was reduced as well as the budgets for Archives and Design Standards.

Interest Income is very low due to the economy; a loss of income is indicated in the budget.

Last year's budget included \$80,000 income from Festival. The budget for Festival 2011 income is raised to \$85,000.

The budget for the Little Five Points Mini-Precinct has been reduced from \$7,500 to \$5,000.

The Tree Watch budget has been reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000.

The Community Garden budget has been reduced to \$5,000.

The budget to provide contributions to Mary Lin, Inman, Grady and the Library on Ponce de Leon remain at \$1,500 each.

The \$1,000 request from the Mary Lin Education Foundation was not granted.

There is a \$664 cushion.

Comments on the budget were then heard. Steve Hayes commented that the \$5,000 for the Community Garden affects only a few neighbors. Cameron responded if the Community garden is going to happen, this money will assist with start up costs, but after the garden is established it should be self sustaining. Additional comment was made regarding the status of the Community Garden and why \$5,000 is budgeted in a tough budget year.

Regina Brewer commented that, if the budget is approved, the budgeted money must be earned before it can be spent. Cameron noted that there are two times during the year when significant income comes into IPNA: Festival and Security Patrol. Sometimes large expenses must wait until there are sufficient funds. IPNA cannot have a negative balance.

Jonathan Miller disagreed with the comment that the Community Garden is for a few neighbors; it is an asset to the whole neighborhood. Carolyn McLaughlin stated that the Garden Committee invites the entire community to participate. Cameron compared the support of the Community Garden to the support of the schools.

Question was asked, if the mini precinct is not fully funded, would it operate? Cameron responded that the Halloween Festival fundraiser, if successful, could contribute to the mini-precinct.

Richard Shapiro commented that for the last five years the mini-precinct has re-

ceived 50% more from IPNA than is in the Proposed Budget and it barely keeps going. It is a good anchor and, to keep it open, it needs to be funded. He stated that he didn't know that it would stay open without more IPNA funding.

Pat Westrick asked why the rent is so high. Regina Brewer commented that some precincts pay \$1/month. Could the property owner contribute? Regina asked if Candler Park could contribute as well.

The question was asked, "If the mini-precinct might shut down, is there any wiggle room in the budget?" Cameron responded that, if the loss of \$2,500 would close the precinct, there are other sources to replace it, like the Halloween Parade and Candler Park. Cameron asked for help to fill the gaps.

Regina stated that the money needs to be raised. Regina personally supports the mini-precinct and doubled her check this year.

Danny Feig commented on the budget for social events. There is a lot of money being spent and could we do events somewhat differently? Can we look at how we do gatherings? Social gathering are important but is the precinct more important?

Jonathan Miller stated that he would encourage representatives at the NPU-N to help support, specifically Candler Park.

Cameron stated that the budget gets approved next month. He reminded everyone of the potential for funds at the end of the fiscal year. It was also noted that the budget can be amended and additional expenses can be approved if IPNA has the money.

Adam Stillman commented that the mini-precinct would not close tomorrow and there is incentive to raise the money.

A suggestion was made to move the mini-precinct under Public Safety in the budget.

Marge Hayes asked about the budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Conservancy. Cameron responded that the budget is for a contribution to the park being built on North Avenue, the same contribution as last year. Jonathan Miller added that this money is contributing to the preparation of the strategic plan. Marge asked further about Freedom Park Conservancy funds. Regina Brewer responded that IPNA did not get a request from the Freedom Park Conservancy, and that if there is additional money in January, a contribution could be considered if they came in with a request.

Cameron noted that the amount paid to the church last year was larger to make up for payments not made the year before. The amount budgeted this year accurately reflects the agreed upon rent.

Matt Nelson commented that \$1,500 of the rent for the use of the church could be cut. He was told that IPNA needs to pay for use of the church, but he was thanked for offering.

A question was asked about how the budget works. Cameron responded that this is the first run on the budget and it is

open for debate. It is not set in stone. The vote will be next month; changes can still be made next month.

Regina Brewer acknowledged that the treasure's job is huge and that we would not ask Cameron to make intermediate updates and we would continue to be conservative.

Sandy Hoke asked about the \$50,000 cushion. Regina Brewer responded that if Festival meets its budgeted income then the \$50,000 cushion remains, and if it is agreed that something has been shortchanged then the budget could be adjusted.

Cameron noted that the worst Festival year had a \$30,000 shortfall. If there is a good Festival year, the expenses can be adjusted.

A comment was made that Cameron's article in the *Advocator* about the budget was very helpful.

Comments were made that rent needs to continue to be made to the church.

Cameron stated that the Treasurer's expenses were under General expenses.

The Board of Directors officers insurance is the exact amount in the budget.

A question about property taxes was raised. Regina Brewer responded that IPNA is a non-profit and does not pay property taxes.

IPNA members are requested to contact Cameron Childress regarding any changes to the budget.

#### **SECRETARY: Barbara Black**

Barbara Black reported that she has had conversations with the Intown Business Center as a central location to handle the sale of the neighborhood banners and flags. She is looking for volunteers if anyone is interested in starting up the sale of new IP merchandise.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The next Springvale Park meeting is Tuesday, September 24 at the Trolley Barn at 7:30. The committee encourages everyone to come and see the design ideas.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30. Regina Brewer adjourned the meeting at 9:40.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARD SALE**

**November 13 and 14  
9 AM - 3 PM**

To participate, contact Jan Keith,  
kingkeith@mindspring.com

# BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2010-2011

*By Cameron Childress*

At last month's IPNA meeting, the membership discussed the proposed budget. Questions were asked and questions were answered. By the end of the meeting, the budget remained unchanged from the numbers published in the September *Advocator*. Having said that, there have been two (relatively minor) changes to the proposed budget since the September meeting.

First, the projected opening balance has been adjusted to reflect this year's lower than expected sidewalk expenses. This gives us roughly \$1,322 more at the start of the year. Remember that this is a projected starting balance, so it is almost certainly wrong in one direction or the other, but as accurate as possible without anyone having some freaky psychic abilities (which I do not possess).

Second, during the past month it came to the IPNA Board's attention that we (along with other neighboring 'hoods) have an established commitment to the Freedom Park Conservancy of \$1,000 annually. Freedom Park is a critical part of Inman Park's history and fabric and we certainly want to live up to that commitment, so \$1,000 has been added under Philanthropy for the Freedom Park Conservancy.

Last, as mentioned above, the starting balance for the next fiscal year is a guess. We may end up with more cash than we thought. After the books have been closed for this year, the IPNA Board will be conducting a review of funds. We may have the ability to suggest additional budget expenditures, and anticipate this process to occur during January of 2011. The IPNA Board will request submissions from the membership when and if additional funds are available.

<b>2009-10 IPNA Budget (as of 8-15-2010)</b>						
<b>+ Proposed 2010 / 2011</b>						
	09-10 Budget		09-10 Actual		10-11 Proposed	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
<b>President</b>						
General						\$ (500)
Advocator	\$ 10,000	\$ (24,000)	\$ 5,098	\$ (14,595)	\$ 10,000	\$ (24,000)
Website		\$ (2,000)		\$ (1,785)		\$ (2,000)
Legal Reserve Fund		\$ (50,000)		\$ (25,000)		\$ (25,000)
<b>Public Safety</b>						
Security Patrol (10 hours/day)	\$ 125,000	\$ (135,000)	\$ 123,742	\$ (129,186)	\$ 135,000	\$ (135,000)
Patrol Car Expenses		\$ (23,500)		\$ (10,236)		\$ (23,500)
Signs / ID Cards		\$ (5,300)		\$ (2,025)		\$ (5,300)
Graffiti Removal		\$ (3,250)		\$ (59)		\$ (1,500)
<b>Planning</b>						
General		\$ (500)				\$ (250)
Beautification						
Springvale Park Upkeep		\$ (12,500)		\$ (8,000)		\$ (12,500)
Review/Implement Springvale Park Master Plan		\$ (15,000)		\$ (7,500)		\$ (7,500)
Landscaping & New Signs		\$ (20,000)		\$ (10,749)		\$ (21,000)
Urban Nirvana Playground		\$ (2,300)		\$ 0		\$ 0
Traffic & Sidewalks						
Sidewalks		\$ (20,000)				\$ (20,000)
Traffic Calming		\$ (27,460)		\$ (5,907)		\$ (8,000)
L5PCC Meeting Space behalf of NPU-N		\$ (50)		\$ (50)		\$ (50)
<b>Zoning</b>						
General		\$ (500)				\$ (250)
<b>Secretary</b>						
Membership	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,495		\$ 3,000	
Directory		\$ (2,000)		\$ (3,229)		\$ (3,000)
Butterfly Flags & Banners	\$ 300		\$ 274		\$ 300	\$ (1,500)
Social (4th of July, Holiday Party)		\$ (13,000)		\$ (10,164)		\$ (12,000)
Porch Parties		\$ (100)		\$ (33)		\$ (200)
Trademark		\$ (100)				\$ (100)

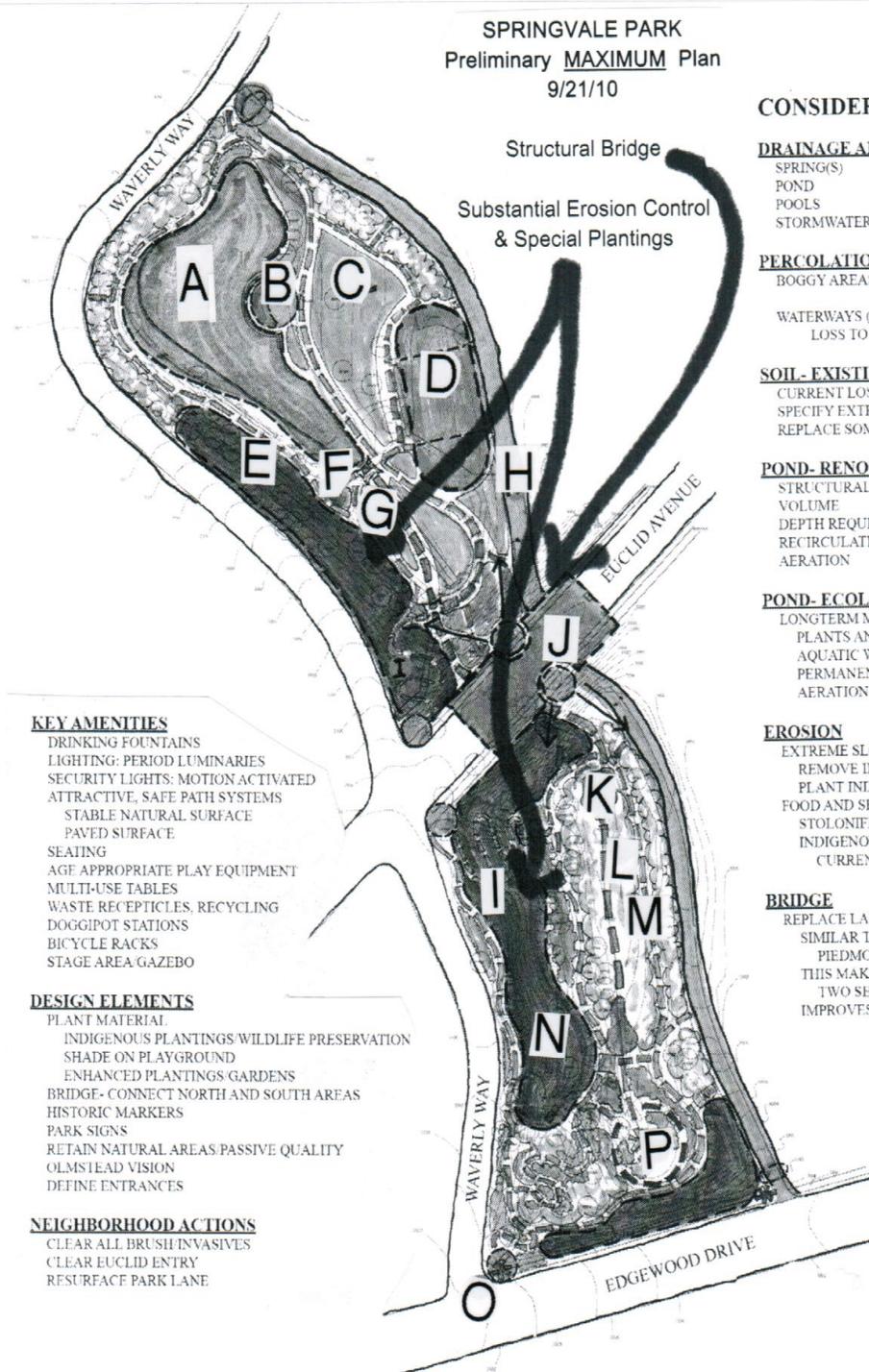
Sec of State Corp Registration		\$ (100)				\$ (100)
Hospitality Committee		\$ (1,000)				\$ (100)
Joel Awards		\$ (100)		\$ (70)		\$ 0
<b>Historic Preservation</b>						
General		\$ (500)		\$ (14)		\$ (250)
Archival		\$ (1,000)				\$ (500)
Design Standards		\$ (500)				\$ 0
<b>Treasurer</b>						
Interest Income	\$ 3,000		\$ 766		\$ 500	
General		\$ (600)		\$ (9)		\$ (250)
Accounting & Tax Preparation		\$ (600)		\$ (330)		\$ (600)
Meeting expense		\$ (1,500)		\$ (550)		\$ (600)
Directors/Officers Insurance		\$ (1,604)		\$ (1,604)		\$ (1,604)
Property Tax						
Bank Charges		\$ (500)		\$ (189)		\$ (500)
<b>Festival</b>						
Festival Income	\$ 80,000		\$ 0		\$ 85,000	
<b>Philanthropy</b>						
5P Mini Precinct Fund		\$ (7,500)		\$ (7,500)		\$ (5,000)
5PCC		\$ (2,000)		\$ (2,000)		\$ 0
Tree Watch		\$ (15,000)		\$ (9,998)		\$ (5,000)
Freedom Park Conservancy		\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ (1,000)
PMC Rent		\$ 0		\$ (5,400)		\$ (2,700)
Historic 4th Ward Conservancy		\$ (1,000)		\$ (1,000)		\$ (1,000)
Community Garden		\$ (6,500)				\$ (5,000)
Mary Lin Education Foundation		\$ (2,800)		\$ (2,800)		\$ 0
Education - Donation		\$ (6,000)		\$ (6,000)		\$ (6,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$221,300	\$ (405,364)	\$ 133,375	\$ (265,983)	\$ 233,800	\$ (333,354)
<b>Income/(Loss)</b>		\$ (184,064)		\$ (132,608)		\$ (99,554)

<b>Opening Balance Nov 1 2010</b>	\$ 149,218
<b>2010/2011 Income/(Loss)</b>	\$ (99,554)
<b>Closing Balance Oct 31 2011</b>	\$ 49,664
<b>Restricted-General Reserve</b>	\$ 50,000
<b>Unrestricted-General Reserve</b>	\$ (336)
	\$ 49,664

**FINAL SPRINGVALE PARK DESIGN MEETING - OCTOBER 24, 4:00 PM, The Trolley Barn**

Based on input provided by Inman Park residents at two public meetings (held on August 22 and September 21), Park Pride landscape architects have produced two drawings of Springvale Park, shown below. The plan on the left is a "Maximum Plan," showing the replacement of the current Euclid Avenue "earth-bridge" with a true "bricks-and-mortar" bridge. The plan on the right is a "Minimum Plan," leaving the "earth-bridge" in place.

**SPRINGVALE PARK**  
Preliminary MAXIMUM Plan  
9/21/10



**CONSIDERATIONS**

DRAINAGE AND GRADING

- SPRING(S)
- POND
- POOLS
- STORMWATER, SURFACE RUNOFF

PERCOLATION STUDIES

- BOGGY AREAS: HARDPAN, WATER TABLE
- SEEPAGE, DAM
- WATERWAYS (EXISTING AND PROPOSED)
- LOSS TO GROUNDWATER

SOIL- EXISTING

- CURRENT LOSS - TOPSOIL
- SPECIFY EXTREME EROSION
- REPLACE SOME TOPSOIL?

POND- RENOVATION

- STRUCTURAL
- VOLUME
- DEPTH REQUIREMENTS
- RECIRCULATION
- AERATION

POND- ECOLOGICAL BALANCE

- LONGTERM MAINTENANCE PLAN
- PLANTS AND FISH (EAT MOSQUITOS)
- AQUATIC WILDLIFE
- PERMANENT PUMPS
- AERATION

EROSION

- EXTREME SLOPES
- REMOVE INVASIVES
- PLANT INDIGENOUS SPECIES THAT PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER FOR WILDLIFE
- STOLONIFEROUS PLANTS HOLD SOIL
- INDIGENOUS UNDERSTORY PLANTS FOR CURRENT STAGE OF OLD FIELD SUCCESSION

BRIDGE

- REPLACE LAND BRIDGE WITH STRUCTURAL BRIDGE SIMILAR TO PIEDMONT PARK BRIDGE AT PIEDMONT DRIVE
- THIS MAKES PARK SEEM BIGGER BY CONNECTING TWO SEPARATE SIDES
- IMPROVES CONNECTIVITY AND USABILITY

**LEGEND**

- A Pond
- B Stage Gazebo
- C Open Grass
- D Children's Play Area
- E Erosion Control
- F Special Plaza
- G Special Planting
- H Pedestrian Corridor
- I Pedestrian Path
- J Bridge
- K Stream Restoration
- L Woodland Restoration
- M Woodland Path
- N Erosion Control
- O Pedestrian Entrance/Gateway
- P Spring

KEY AMENITIES

- DRINKING FOUNTAINS
- LIGHTING: PERIOD LUMINARIES
- SECURITY LIGHTS: MOTION ACTIVATED
- ATTRACTIVE, SAFE PATH SYSTEMS
- STABLE NATURAL SURFACE
- PAVED SURFACE
- SEATING
- AGE APPROPRIATE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- MULTI-USE TABLES
- WASTE RECEPTICLES, RECYCLING
- DOGGIPOT STATIONS
- BICYCLE RACKS
- STAGE AREA, GAZEBO

DESIGN ELEMENTS

- PLANT MATERIAL
- INDIGENOUS PLANTINGS/ WILDLIFE PRESERVATION
- SHADE ON PLAYGROUND
- ENHANCED PLANTINGS/ GARDENS
- BRIDGE- CONNECT NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS
- HISTORIC MARKERS
- PARK SIGNS
- RETAIN NATURAL AREAS/ PASSIVE QUALITY
- OLMSTEAD VISION
- DEFINE ENTRANCES

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIONS

- CLEAR ALL BRUSH/ INVASIVES
- CLEAR EUCLID ENTRY
- RESURFACE PARK LANE

**THIS IS YOUR FINAL CHANCE TO COMMENT - OCTOBER 24, 4:00 PM, The Trolley Barn**

The Park Pride landscape architects are currently working to combine the two drawings shown below. Based on input provided by Inman Park residents at the most recent public meeting and by the Springvale Park Steering Committee, a single plan will be unveiled at the October 24 meeting. Plans are to walk through the park (weather permitting) during this meeting to ensure that there is common understanding of what is being proposed. Further refinements may take place before the final plan is presented to IPNA for a vote.

**SPRINGVALE PARK**  
 Preliminary MINIMUM Plan  
 9/21/10

**CONSIDERATIONS**

DRAINAGE AND GRADING

- SPRING(S)
- POND
- POOLS
- STORMWATER, SURFACE RUNOFF

PERCOLATION STUDIES

- BOGGY AREAS: HARDPAN, WATER TABLE
- SEEPAGE, DAM
- WATERWAYS (EXISTING AND PROPOSED)
- LOSS TO GROUNDWATER

SOIL- EXISTING

- CURRENT LOSS - TOPSOIL
- SPECIFY EXTREME EROSION
- REPLACE SOME TOPSOIL?

POND- RENOVATION

- STRUCTURAL
- VOLUME
- DEPTH REQUIREMENTS
- RECIRCULATION
- AERATION

POND- ECOLOGICAL BALANCE

- LONGTERM MAINTENANCE PLAN
- PLANTS AND FISH (EAT MOSQUITOS)
- AQUATIC WILDLIFE
- PERMANENT PUMPS
- AERATION

EROSION

- EXTREME SLOPES
- REMOVE INVASIVES
- PLANT INDIGENOUS SPECIES THAT PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER FOR WILDLIFE
- STOLONIFEROUS PLANTS HOLD SOIL
- INDIGENOUS UNDERSTORY PLANTS FOR CURRENT STAGE OF OLD FIELD SUCCESSION

**LEGEND**

- A Pond
- B Stage Gazebo
- C Open Grass
- D Children's Play Area
- E Erosion Control
- F Marsh
- G Special Planting
- H Pedestrian Corridor
- I Pedestrian Path
- K Stream Restoration
- L Woodland Restoration
- M Woodland Path
- N Erosion Control
- O Pedestrian Entrance Gateway
- P Spring

KEY AMENITIES

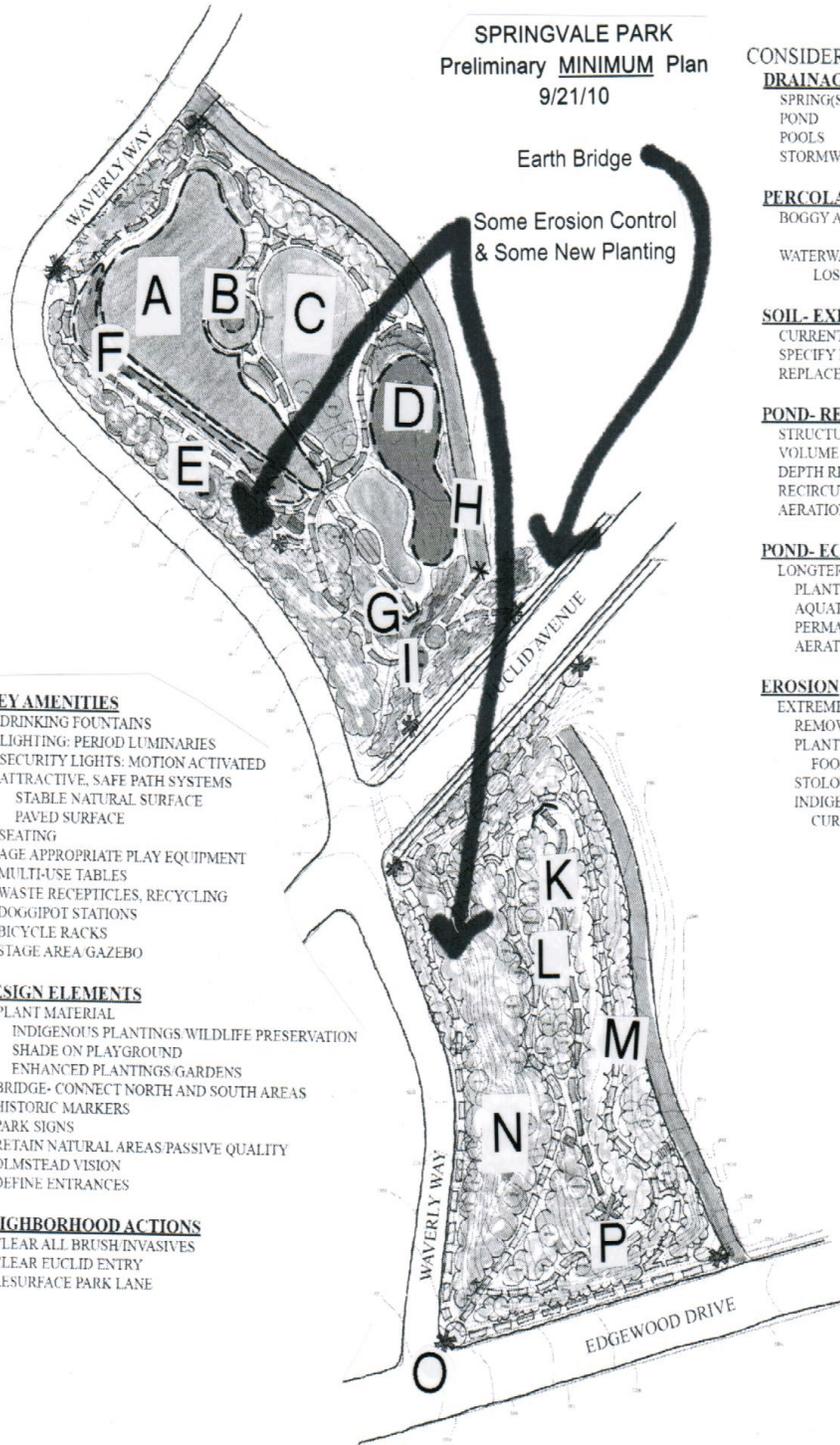
- DRINKING FOUNTAINS
- LIGHTING: PERIOD LUMINARIES
- SECURITY LIGHTS: MOTION ACTIVATED
- ATTRACTIVE, SAFE PATH SYSTEMS
- STABLE NATURAL SURFACE
- PAVED SURFACE
- SEATING
- AGE APPROPRIATE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- MULTI-USE TABLES
- WASTE RECEPTICLES, RECYCLING
- DOGGIPOT STATIONS
- BICYCLE RACKS
- STAGE AREA GAZEBO

DESIGN ELEMENTS

- PLANT MATERIAL
- INDIGENOUS PLANTINGS WILDLIFE PRESERVATION
- SHADE ON PLAYGROUND
- ENHANCED PLANTINGS GARDENS
- BRIDGE- CONNECT NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS
- HISTORIC MARKERS
- PARK SIGNS
- RETAIN NATURAL AREAS PASSIVE QUALITY
- OLMSTEAD VISION
- DEFINE ENTRANCES

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIONS

- CLEAR ALL BRUSH/INVASIVES
- CLEAR EUCLID ENTRY
- RESURFACE PARK LANE



# THE TROLLEY BARN (Part 3) 1987-Present

By Linda L. Dunham, Director

Putting The Barn into operation following completion of the restoration process was chartering new ground for the Atlanta and Edgewood Street Railway Company (AESRC), the non-profit which actually leased the building from the City. Booking procedures, the mechanics of aiding clients to enjoy a smooth program, upkeep and maintenance, the many details of operating an event facility and assuring that it produced sufficient income all had to be established.

The Barn got off to a good start simply by its attractive uniqueness and it turned out to be an easy sell. Although The Barn lacks the general formality of other event facilities available in Atlanta, it does have history and a particular charm. We Barn folks have heard many times, "I didn't know THIS was here."

The first Director was Cathy Woolard who remained in charge for two years. Besides handling the paper work, Cathy could be found hefting a nasty buffing machine up and down the dance floor between events. Board members volunteered to sit through and oversee events. By the time Cathy left and Miriam Holland took over as Director, the dust had settled on a division of labor that is still working today: a Director to manage the facility; Barn Attendants to oversee the events; a service person to keep the building tidy; and, a grounds maintenance person.

The Barn, now in its twenty-fifth year of the current incarnation, has been through many changes, as has the neighborhood. When it first opened, The Barn had few neighbors. It is now surrounded on the east and south sides by condominiums. The grounds were professionally landscaped in 1990 and substantially upgraded in 2007 to create a green space between The Barn and the residences that abut the south side of the property. Fencing of the rear yard was done in 1997 and upgraded in 2008. Architect Richard Dagenhart designed an outdoor bar/storage shed and gazebo which were built in 2003. The following year, improvements to the property included granite curbing and a slate walkway through the garden entrance. Irrigation was added in 2005. Concrete steps leading from the main hall to the patio were replaced with granite in 2006.

After events, we encourage exiting The Barn through the west side of the building that leads to our parking lot. Spontaneous parties tend to arise at the end of events, particularly when brides and grooms are departing. Requesting guests to leave via the parking lot exit is our attempt to keep noisy departures as far away from our neighbors as possible. This required substantial improvements including replacing concrete steps with granite, removing part of the concrete drive and installing a herring-bone patterned brick driveway. While the stone masons were here, we had them replace the crumbling wall and wood lattice fencing on The Barn's entry side with a new granite wall. This was accomplished in 2007.

This year the roof and the main hall floor were replaced. The next project, still on the drawing board, is to add a bride's room. Change is constant at The Barn.

What sorts of events take place here? Weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, business meetings and dinners, holiday events and parties---parties, parties and more parties. You name it, we've done it.

Where else in America but here in Inman Park can a neighborhood boast of a genuine, 19<sup>th</sup> century, hip red and green Trolley Barn that makes visitors stop in their tracks and gawk? Nowhere else! Show your appreciation of this marvelous structure and come **celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary at the Porch Party on October 29.**

## DEAR PATTY By Pat Westrick

With Diane's indulgence, I'd like to respond to your letter from last month's *Advocator*, from the point of view of someone who's been here a little longer. First of all, I'd like to express regret that a long-time resident was rude and made you feel as though you and your opinion were unwelcome at a neighborhood meeting. I understand that a renter was snubbed at a Porch Party one evening, too, which made my personal blood boil.

To these unknown "old timers," whoever you are: How on earth do you think that we could get anywhere near the number of things done in this neighborhood without the new residents (renters and homeowners, including those in condos and townhouses) taking on the responsibilities and duties that so many of them have generously volunteered to do? We have been blessed with newer neighbors who have run for the IPNA Board, volunteered for pretty much all the committee jobs in IPNA, held Porch Parties, joined the Festival Committee, put their homes on tour and spent countless hours working on Festival. We older residents are just that – older – and can't keep Inman Park together all by ourselves. So think before you talk; even if you have been, or still are, a worker bee, speak politely to the folks who are learning how Inman Park works. They might be the next clever neighbor to save us from some DOT disaster.

To our newer neighbors: Please be patient. Every organization has its share of jerks, and IPNA is no exception. Most of us are very happy with your presence and welcome your opinions and your energy. But also be conscious of the years of experience we represent. If we tell you how a problem has been dealt with in the past, it might be that we can save you some steps in solving it in the future. For example, occasionally a zoning issue is less about the specific property and more about the precedent that will be created that will prevent us from stopping another, more egregious use later on. It took a lot of work to make Inman Park a neighborhood you'd want to live in, and it would be a shame to lose the benefit of that (often) trial-and-error experience.

So come on back to meetings and parties, think of ways things can be done better, introduce yourselves and volunteer. And in the future, if someone is rude, smile sweetly and turn away to the next, better-raised neighbor. At least that's what my Momma used to tell me.

*(Editor's note: Please keep your letters and articles coming on the topic of Inman Park as a neighborhood. As we discovered this month, life is short and there is still much to be done!)*

### NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARD SALE

November 13 and 14

9 AM - 3 PM

To participate, contact Jan Keith,  
kingkeith@mindspring.com

**SEPTEMBER PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS**

*by Bob Sandage, Inman Park VP of Public Safety*

Violent crimes for the year are down slightly in Inman Park and substantially in Little 5 Points and throughout the APD Beat 604 and 605, of which Inman Park is a part, along with other adjoining neighborhoods. Unfortunately, it is disturbing that multiple armed robberies per month have become common in our neighborhood during the past few months.

	Sep 2010	Sep 2009	YTD 2010	YTD 2009
Inman Park Assaults and Robberies	3	1	18	21
L5P Assaults and Robberies	0	3	7	11
All of Beat 604 / 605	5	6	46	65

During September, we had a rash of (mainly) daytime car break-ins for about a two-week period. Security Patrol and APD made a couple of key arrests that we hope will curtail this activity. Thanks to alert residents like **Greg Scott** who notified IPSP of suspicious activity. This is what it takes to get the bad guys off the street.

IPNA and the Little Five Points Business Association have begun to work together more than in the past, with the end goal of L5P becoming more self-sufficient regarding security. This is a work-in-progress and will take some time, but it can and will be done. L5P should not be viewed as a separate entity, as there are overlapping borders and much of the recent crime Inman Park is seeing is likely a direct result of Little Five Points. We will continue to keep you updated.

Street lighting has been noted as a concern. The Inman Park Security Patrol has assisted in surveying the street lighting conditions on Euclid, Colquitt, Seminole, and Sinclair in Inman Park. On Euclid Avenue alone, there were 11 lights that were noted as burnt out between Little Five Points and Edgewood! Other areas of poor lighting (without street lights) were noted, and we will be coordinating with the City and Georgia Power to rectify this situation. If you notice street lights out or dim areas along your street, please email [public.safety@inmanpark.org](mailto:public.safety@inmanpark.org) and let us know.

The main areas of revenue for Security Patrol are: (a) Residential at 60%, (b) Managed Properties at 25%, (c) Events at 5% and (d) Business participation at 3%. For all of our volunteer efforts at increasing business participation, we cannot seem to increase the monetary support from businesses and we are dealing with less than ethical behavior from some. I would like to put this back to the neighborhood. Residents of Inman Park support these businesses with their purchases. Ask questions. Ask if they support Security Patrol. You have the right to ask how much. They also have the right to say “none of your business,” which may be an answer in itself. You as residents can show the businesses how important Security Patrol is by either asking questions or responding with your wallets (i.e., don’t spend at businesses that have no regard for neighborhood security even as their presence increases our vulnerability by attracting patrons who can easily be targeted for crime). I will be honest – there are big questions in my Public Safety organization. Is it worth trying to spend so much time on an area that only generates 3% of our revenue but takes so much more than 3% of our Security Patrol resources? If we decide that businesses should not be involved next year, this leaves out a key component of our neighborhood and may have long-term consequences.

Finally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa’s Safety 5K Run will be Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Mark your calendars, and please consider participating as an entrant or volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to [inmanpark5K@inmanpark.org](mailto:inmanpark5K@inmanpark.org).

Until next month, please stay safe!

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL SEPTEMBER 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT <i>By Lt. Brent Schierbaum</i>					
Directed Patrols	343	Theft from Auto	4	Roadway Obstruction	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	174	Intoxicated Person	3	Armed Robbery	1
Suspicious Persons	25	Found Property	2	Parking Complaint	1
Alarm Activation	14	Person Injured	2	Gun Shots	1
Disturbance	8	Illegal Drug Use	2	Theft	1
Suspicious Vehicle	5	Damage to Property	2	Lost Child	1
Information for Police	5	Noise Complaint	1		
Criminal Trespass	4	Vehicle Accident	1		
Enforcement Activity	Arrests*	3	Parking Citations		1
<b>Association Member Contacts</b>				17	

\* 1 for Possession of Marijuana, 1 for Fraudulent Schemes (soliciting money for a funeral), 1 for Disorderly Conduct

<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARD SALE</b>  <b>November 13 and 14</b>  <b>9 AM - 3 PM</b>                  To participate, contact Jan Keith,  <a href="mailto:kingkeith@mindspring.com">kingkeith@mindspring.com</a></p>
--

## Inman Park Crime Report for September 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 six weeks worth of data. As you can see, car break-ins are way up. What is surprising is the number of these that took place during the daylight hours. We cannot impress upon you enough how important it is for you and your visitors to not leave *anything* of value in your vehicle. Period.

If you are home or around the neighborhood during the day, please keep your eyes peeled for suspicious people. Someone wandering aimlessly down the middle of the street, peering into parked cars, or hanging around parking lots or garages usually indicates that the person is up to no good. Call 911 and then the IPP (404) 844-1004. (If there is no answer, leave a message with location and description.)

Unfortunately, when the car break-ins come in waves like this it usually means that one or more of our previous offenders are out of jail and back up to their old tricks, so, until we get them identified and taken off the streets again, we need *your* help in keeping the temptation to a minimum. We need to remain vigilant.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
8/16	6:30 AM – 2:15 PM	Burglary	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Rear door of apartment pried open and TV and 2 laptops stolen.
8/16	7:00 AM-10:00 AM	Burglary	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Apartment entered through unlocked rear window and laptop stolen.
8/24-8/25	11:00 PM - 4:50 pm	Entering Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and iPod taken.
8/26	10:30AM-10:45 AM	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Front window pushed down and items stolen
8/27-8/29	5:00 PM-11:45 AM	Theft	1100 Block Alta Ave.	Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.
8/29-8/30	6:00 PM – 2:00 AM	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Passenger side window smashed and makeup bag stolen.
8/30	4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Entering Auto	100 Block Elizabeth St.	Front passenger window smashed and laptop and purse stolen.
8/30	2:10 AM	Robbery	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was walking down the street when 3 suspects approached him from behind and struck him in the head. Victim's belongings were demanded. Shooting was threatened but victim did not see a gun. Cell phone, \$5 taken.
9/2	1:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Auto Theft	100 Block Elizabeth St.	Car stolen from street.
9/3	7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Robbery	200 Block Hurt St.	Victim was sitting in his car charging his cell phone when suspect approached and asked to see phone. Suspect walked away with phone, lifting his shirt to show a handgun in his waistband. Suspect fled in a vehicle with 2 others.
9/6	2:15 PM-4:30 PM	Entering Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and bags of clothes and purse stolen.
9/7 – 9/8	5:15 PM- 12:15 AM	Auto Theft	100 Block Krog St.	Auto stolen from parking lot.
9/11-9/12	1:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Entering Auto	Washita @ Euclid	Rear passenger window broken and ignition damaged.
9/13	12:00 PM-9:00 PM	Entering Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and laptop stolen from trunk of vehicle.
9/13-9/14	11:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Entering Auto	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Rear passenger window broken out and sandals stolen.
9/14	2:00 PM	Entering Auto	300 Block N. Highland Ave.	Front passenger window of one vehicle and rear passenger window on second vehicle smashed. Cell phone, laptop and bag stolen.
9/14-9/15	8:00 PM – 7:15 AM	Entering Auto	800 Block Dixie Ave.	GPS stolen from possibly unlocked vehicle.
9/23-9/24	8:00 PM – 8:00 AM	Auto Theft	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Car stolen from location
9/19-9/20	5:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Entering Auto	600 Block Edgewood Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and toolbag and chargers stolen.
9/20	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Entering Auto	1100 Block Edgewood Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and backpack, school supplies and lunchboxes stolen.
9/21	6:00 PM-9:00 PM	Entering Auto	400 Block Sinclair Ave.	Passenger window smashed and iPod stolen.
9/22	5:30 PM – 6:40 PM	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and iPod and purse stolen.
9/23	6:30 PM	Theft	700 Block Lake St.	Victim caught suspect removing license plate from victim's vehicle.
9/24	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Entering Auto	900 Block Edgewood Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and briefcase, laptop, power cables and hard drive stolen.
9/24	12:15 PM-1:45 PM	Entering Auto	100 Block Euclid Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and book bag and 2 iPods stolen.
9/24	10:40 PM	Robbery	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Victims were sitting on bench in park when suspect approached, produced a handgun, took their cell phones, camera, car keys, cash and car.

## NEW INMAN PARK HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

By Patsy Fisher

As of this issue of the *Advocator*, there is a new Hospitality Committee co-chaired by Lora Millard and Patsy Fisher. Although we already know that we are “small town, downtown,” we hope to foster an even more caring environment in Inman Park by welcoming new residents when they move in and also communicating with neighbors in the event of serious illness, the birth of a child, death in the family, or major accomplishments and significant milestones. In order to do our job, we need to hear from you. Please alert us when someone new moves to your street. We plan to welcome them with a note, phone call, IP directory, HIP sticker, and maybe even some homemade cookies! If you know of a neighbor who is ill, has a new baby, has had a death in the family, or another major event, please let us know. We will acknowledge these events with a handwritten note. (Yep, we are old school.)

In all cases, please email both of us to let us know what is happening. Thank you!

Lora Millard at [lmillard\\_att.net@att.net](mailto:lmillard_att.net@att.net)  
Patsy Fisher at [abby1@mindspring.com](mailto:abby1@mindspring.com)

## TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins, Arboretum Committee Co-chair

The “October Glory” red maple (*Acer rubrum*) was one of the first trees I learned to recognize. Tree names based on color can often be a bit obtuse. One might struggle to see the “white” of a white oak or the “red” of red oak but no so the red maple. Its leaves turn a brilliant red in the fall of course, but its leaf stalks are red throughout the growing season. In spring red flowers appear. Even the seed (popularly called the helicopter of whirlybird) is reddish in color.

The red maple is a wonderful landscape tree and among the first to flower in early spring. Adaptable to a wide range of soils from swamps to rocky upland slopes, it grows throughout the eastern U.S. and southeastern Canada. It tolerates shade but is susceptible to insect attack – particularly by the dreaded gall-making maple borer and the maple callus borer. Here at the Mews, we lost 18 of these lovely trees to insect infestation a few years ago. These are beautiful trees, but if you choose to plant one, be vigilant about insects.

For a beautiful and apparently insect-free October Glory red maple, check out the one featured in our arboretum. It’s located on Elizabeth Street between Waverly and Euclid. By the time this *Advocator* arrives at your door, its leaves should be turning a vibrant shade of crimson.

## NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARD SALE

November 13 and 14

9 AM - 3 PM

To participate, contact Jan Keith,  
[kingkeith@mindspring.com](mailto:kingkeith@mindspring.com)

## NEW CHAIRPERSON FOR OFF THE WALL (Anti-Graffiti) COMMITTEE

By Josh Green

I'm Josh Green, the new Chairperson for the Off The Wall (anti-graffiti) Committee. I live in the Grinnell Lofts (the uphill neighbor to Parish) with my wife, Lori.

Graffiti in and around Inman Park has irked me since I moved to the area three years ago, but I hadn't found the right opportunity to pitch in until I came across Cynthia Knopp's recent posting in the *Advocator*. Additional motivation came from old friends who visited over Labor Day. They loved Atlanta, and especially Inman Park, but were appalled at the amount of artless tagging, and how lax we seemed about letting graffiti fester.

I'm still getting my bearings a bit, and tend to work odd hours, so please bear with me. I went on a trial run Saturday, Sept. 18 along Highland Avenue and was met with some strange heckling, but I was able to clean up a couple problem areas that had gone untouched for at least two years.

I can tell you that I have a great team of neighbors who are motivated to help, especially in the Highland Avenue corridor. Enough that I predict we can complete sweeps (monthly, bi-monthly?) of this busy road and the graffiti-prone Freedom Park Trail (historic markers excluded) in a matter of 60 minutes or less. We can probably branch out, or break off and focus on other areas, should you all need help.

Finally, in the works ... I'm thinking of starting a simple, user-friendly Inman Park Graffiti blog as a depot for concerns, ideas, photos of problem areas, etc. I'd also like to work up some simple business cards directing people who inquire on the street to said blog. These are just ideas at this point.

Please let me know if you are unable to pitch in with your assigned area. I look forward to corresponding and meeting with you all. My email address is [jgnvienna@hotmail.com](mailto:jgnvienna@hotmail.com).

## NPU-N UPDATE

By Megan Holder – Chandler

Fall is officially here! And, the easiest way to tell is the number of fall festivals going on in and around Inman Park in the coming weeks. By the time this *Advocator* reaches you Atlanta Streets Alive and the Little 5 Points Halloween Festival + Parade will already be over. The good news is there are more events that are worth your time.

The first is the Savi Urban Fare being held on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM in the parking lot area behind Savi Urban Market on Elizabeth Street. This is a family friendly event that will have events for the kids and food for all. October 30<sup>th</sup> also marks the groundbreaking for the east-side trail of the Beltline.

If you are looking for something to do the weekend of November 6<sup>th</sup>, head on over to Cabbagetown for the annual Chomp + Stomp. The Fun Run begins at 8:00 AM and the festival (with a larger footprint this year) kicks off at 11:00 AM. If you want chili, be sure to be there at noon ready to eat!

**2010 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR**

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

**October 27**

*The Vanishing Act of Esme Lenox*  
by **Maggie O'Farrell**  
Hosted by Jan and Windell Keith  
889 Edgewood Avenue

**November-No Book/No Meeting**

**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

**January 26**

*The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* by **Annette Gordon-Reed**  
Hosted by Cathy and Jim McKinney  
227 Drexel Avenue (Decatur)

**February 23**

*Little Bee: A Novel*  
by **Chris Cleave**  
Hosted by Patty McGuigan-Robinson  
814 Virgil Street

For Information: 404-688-7330

**Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!**

**October Porch Party**

Join us at

**The Trolley Barn**

On Edgewood,

between Elizabeth and Waverly

As We Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of its Renovation!

**Friday, October 29, 7:30**

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE**

\*\*\*\*\*

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!)

**Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!**

**ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION  
(AUDC) UPDATE**

*By Adam Stillman, Vice President for Historic Preservation -  
[historic.preservation@inmanpark.org](mailto: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 email address 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
	October 19	November 10
	November 9	November 29
	November 23	December 15

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

- **225 Degrass Avenue** – Application for a Type IV Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-169) to allow demolition of an existing structure due to a threat to public health and safety-approved with conditions

Applications scheduled for AUDC

October 13

- **325 N. Highland Avenue** - Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-10-188) for a variance to allow parking and an accessory structure between Atlantis Avenue and the principal structure, and a 19' parking pad and two-car garage facing Atlantis Avenue; and a special exception to allow a 6' fence (wall) in the yard adjacent to Atlantis Avenue; and (HD-10-187) to allow an addition and other renovations
- **1104 Alta Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-190) to allow a new two-story rear addition

October 27

- **807 Lake Avenue** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a new one-story side addition

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

**AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION**

Website	<a href="http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx">www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx</a>		
Address	Atlanta Urban Design Commission 55 Trinity Ave., Suite 3400 Atlanta, GA 30335-0331		
Phone	404-330-6200	Fax	404-658-6734

**"I" before "E" except after AUDC**

*By Adam Stillman, Vice President for Historic Preservation -  
[historic.preservation@inmanpark.org](mailto:historic.preservation@inmanpark.org)*

Ever wondered why we have Immediate Neighbors' Meetings ("I" is for immediate) for construction projects in the neighborhood before they are presented to the entire IPNA ("E" is for everyone)? Or why some projects have Immediate Neighbors' Meetings but aren't presented to IPNA? Or who exactly qualifies as an Immediate Neighbor? Or what I'm jabbering about? If so, be sure to attend this month's IPNA Meeting, where VP of Zoning Amy Higgins and I will be telling you everything you ever wanted to know about Immediate Neighbors' Meetings, and answering any questions you might have.

**NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARD SALE**

November 13 and 14

9 AM - 3 PM

To participate, contact Jan Keith, [kingkeith@mindspring.com](mailto:kingkeith@mindspring.com)



## IT'S TIME TO A PARTY IN THE PARK!

*Taken from a press release*

Get ready to party in the park! Okay, get ready to party **next door** to the park in the Masquerade's backyard, 695 North Avenue, with a view of Phase I!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 17 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM** for the Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy's Second Annual Fall Fling Fundraiser.

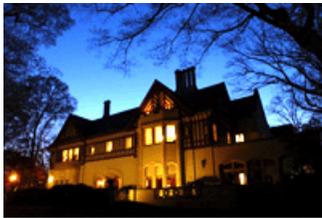
Admission is free for Conservancy members and children under twelve, \$15 for everyone else. For non-members, if you purchase a membership at the door, you will receive a \$15 discount on the membership price.

Once inside, your admission includes live music and performances, a kid's area with bouncy house and games, a dog park, a haunted house and more. Food vendors will be on-site selling food and beverages, and you can enter the raffle for a chance to win two round-trip airline tickets from **AirTran**, four **Georgia Aquarium** behind-the-scenes tour tickets, a \$50 gift card for **4<sup>th</sup> and Swift** and more.

Special thanks to local dynamo Joan Garner for serving as emcee of the event. If you don't know, Joan is the Commissioner-elect for the District 6 Fulton County Commission seat.

Grab your friends, your kids and your dog and join us for a beautiful fall day socializing with neighbors and bringing in much-needed funds for the Conservancy!

[www.h4wpc.com](http://www.h4wpc.com)



**MAYHEM  
IN THE MANSION:  
A Night of Deadly Deal-  
ing  
Friday, October 22, 8:00  
PM to  
Midnight**

What better way to celebrate Halloween than a casino in a gothic mansion? The **Callanwolde Dance Ensemble** will benefit from this glamorous night of gaming and dancing, with auction, drinks and hors d'oeuvres to keep you going until midnight. If you love costumes, feel free! If you don't, just dress to kill. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at [www.TicketLeap.com](http://www.TicketLeap.com). For more information call 404-872-5338.

[www.callanwolde.org](http://www.callanwolde.org)



## LITTLE 5 POINTS MONTHLY BLOCK PARTY AND BAR CRAWL

*Taken from a press release*

On Thursday, October 28, beginning at 4 PM, the businesses in Little 5 Points will be having a neighborhood Block Party. The retail locations will be offering great discounts to customers from 10-20% off your purchases.

That evening the bars will have a limited number of free Whynatte Bombs, along with other drink and food specials. Star Bar will also have a free show presented by Mixtape Atlanta and 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Heroes.

Come early and shop and then have a fun night of bar crawling with friends! Questions? Email: [l5pblockparty@gmail.com](mailto:l5pblockparty@gmail.com).

Plans are to have this event on the fourth Thursday of every month.

*(Editor's Note: PLEASE store your purchases out of sight in your car while you are enjoying the entertainment in L5P that evening!)*

## COMMUNITY SHRED DAY!

*Taken from a press release*

Back by popular demand – Community Shred Day! The Community School and Eagle Secure Shredding are sponsoring a Community Shred Day on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 10 AM-1 PM in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

If you missed it in the spring – here's your chance! Have your old tax records, bills, bank statements and other confidential documents shredded **on-site** and recycled by Atlanta's premiere shredding company. Donations of \$5 per bankers box are welcome and all proceeds will support The Community School, a school for junior and high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The First Baptist Church of Decatur is located at 308 Clairemont Ave, Decatur 30030.

Visit [www.thecommunityschool.net](http://www.thecommunityschool.net) for more information about the school and the event. Rain or shine -- we hope to see you there!



**SAVI URBAN MARKET**  
**Harvest Festival**  
**Saturday, October 30**  
**10 AM to 6 PM**

Celebrate the fall season at Savi Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 30, when the market's parking lot will be transformed into a traditional harvest festival. Come enjoy international foods and fresh harvest cuisine, organic and sustainable beer and wine, live entertainment and children's Halloween activities. They will feature apple picking, pumpkin decorating, trick or treat bag-making and mask-making. Stock up for the holidays with special 25% off on beer and wine by the case. Visit our new offerings on fresh fruit and produce. Check out the beer tasting machine – the first one in Georgia. The Savi Harvest Festival is free and open to the public. Hours are 10 AM to 6 PM. For more information, visit:

[www.saviurbanmarket.com](http://www.saviurbanmarket.com)

**5K RUN**                      **CHOMP & STOMP**                      **LIVE**  
**CHILITOWN**                      **CABBAGETOWN**                      **BLUE**  
**CHILI COOKOFF & FESTIVAL**                      **GRASS**  
**Saturday, November 6, 2010**  
**11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Honoring Cabbagetown's past as a little bit of country in the big city, Chomp & Stomp features old-time music that was popular when residents and mill workers like Fiddlin' John Carson lived here. They played that old-time music and preserved rural traditions right here in the middle of Atlanta! Hard work and home-cooking, small houses and big hearts, recipes and religion, family and friends, stories and songs - relics of times past kept the community vibrant as it struggled to keep strong in a fast changing world.

Cabbagetown today is still a community of homes, rather than just houses - where being a neighbor means more than sharing a fence. Music and food have always helped to define the neighborhood's spirit. For the past several years, we've come together for a family picnic and invited our friends!

What's better than CHILI on a sunny November afternoon? Folks for miles around descend upon our old mill town of a good old-fashioned cook-off! It's a contest, not a soup kitchen - get there EARLY if you want to sample. Hundreds of chefs and mad scientists pour their hearts and souls into fascinating recipes. Who will win this year?

[www.chompandstomp.com](http://www.chompandstomp.com)

**CABBAGETOWN CHOMP & STOMP**  
**5K RUN**

**Saturday, November 06, 2010 @ 8:00 AM**  
**Milltown Tavern in Cabbagetown**  
**180 Carroll St.**  
**Fees-\$25**

The Chomp and Stomp, Atlanta's best Festival, is kicked off by the best 5K! This is our 5th year and we've grown by leaps and bounds each year. Flat, fast course great for first timers or PR's. Awesome, LONG SLEEVED tee to all participants. Free chili to all race participants at the Chomp and Stomp Chili and bluegrass festival later that day--\$5 VALUE and no waiting in line.

The proceeds from the Romp and Stomp 5k benefit Cabbagetown Initiative CDC which is the non-profit organization responsible for the upkeep of our Community Center and two beautiful parks. Families from all over Intown Atlanta enjoy the fun, clean and safe environment these parks provide.

We will have overall men's and women's first place and three deep in each age group M/F (14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & over) for runners. 1st place M/F for walking division and stroller division. WALKERS WELCOME! Special division for walkers this year.

#### **Early Number/bag pick-up/registration**

Avoid the race morning rush! Pick up your number, timing chip and t-shirt Thursday and Friday, November 4th & 5th from 6-8 pm at the Cabbagetown Community Center. \$25 registration will still also be available (unless cap of 1000 is already reached).

#### **Registration**

Registration will close at 1000 participants. Race day registration (if spots still available) is \$40 but participants will not be eligible for chip timing and awards. So PLEASE sign up early!!

[www.active.com/running/atlanta-ga/cabbagetown-romp-and-stomp-5k-2010?cmp=1745](http://www.active.com/running/atlanta-ga/cabbagetown-romp-and-stomp-5k-2010?cmp=1745)

### **A LETTER TO THE READERS**

#### **(or, "Active Voices for Active People")**

*By Lori Feig-Sandoval*

I am a longtime neighbor, but newer member of the *Advocator* proofreading crew, since spring. Diane, our energetic editor, asked if I would submit some writing suggestions this edition. I oblige somewhat tentatively, though clear communication is indeed a passion of mine. Just ask my family members, who are used to my grammar-Nazi tendencies. I invite readers to reply to my piece, or to offer other suggestions, whether to improve the *Advocator*, or to enhance neighborly communication in general. Communication is key to connecting such a motley mix as we are.

I submit that writing well can be a fun challenge. The one thing I want to advocate is that we write as we would talk. Two maxims come to mind: omit needless words, and pass on the passive voice. Are some noggins being scratched in trying to recall what is meant by the "passive voice"? That is, "Are you scratching your noggins trying to recall what I mean by the passive voice?" Check out the difference in the two previous sentences. Isn't the second one more conversational, and clearer? The active voice tells who is performing the action. It imparts more information, often in fewer words. *But so many write in the passive voice.*

It is clearer and simpler to read, "We circus-workers heard the clowns snort and blow their noses in unison," than it is to read, "Snorts and noses blown in unison by clowns were heard by us circus-workers." Aside from being wordy, which is contrary to the "omit needless words" maxim, writers using the passive voice typically drop the subject, so the reader doesn't know who did the action. We often just get the result ("Snorts... were heard"), but not the clowns; this deprives the reader of a good image, and, of basic information. "Goodies were brought," says nothing about who (Little Red Riding Hood? Compassionate neighbors?) brought, or to whom (someone's grandmother? local lobbyists?). The same is true of "Jobs were assigned..." or "Votes were counted (or bought, or, or whatever)." Readers want to know!

Listen next time to a news broadcast, or notice the next periodical you read: writers often stilt pieces with passive voice wordiness, and deprive us of key facts and visuals. So, omit needless words, and, as much as possible, pass on the passive voice. As an activist neighborhood, we can re-activate the active voice in America, starting in the *Advocator*. That's all for now, folks. I hope my suggestions are taken in the spirit in which they are intended. WHONK!!! I hope you readers will take this in the light-hearted spirit that I intend it!

### **FROM YOUR EDITOR**

*By Diane Floyd*

In August I wrote an editorial about what I saw as a loss of a feeling of neighborliness in Inman Park. I've had several responses to that piece. I've also had several people tell me that they were glad I had written what I did because they felt the same way.

An interesting thing I'm reminded of by these exchanges is how each of us feels about their "place" in Inman Park. I've lived here 31 years yet still feel like a young, newcomer (*stop laughing*, you know what I mean!). That feeling was brought back to mind when Pat Westrick told me at a party that she still felt like a newcomer, and Pat is most decidedly not a newcomer, any more than I am! Holly Mull was a "long-timer" and a "pioneer," yet she was only seven years older than me, not many years in real terms.

An example of this phenomenon is the, often comical, efforts of Inman Parkers to figure out when someone moved here and how old they are. It's amazing how often we think someone has lived in the neighborhood many years longer than we have when, in fact, they moved in just months before we did. Our concept of our "place" in the neighborhood is too often dependent on our initial experience of the neighborhood. Everyone who was here when we moved in is much older than we are and has lived here much longer.

Inman Park is incredibly diverse when it comes to the ages of our residents. There are very few neighborhoods where the adult residents range from their eighties down to the thirties (and even twenties). Now some of our children are living here (in their own homes) and some of our parents are joining us here. How old someone is has nothing to do with how long they have lived here.

What's going on here? As I try to understand the situation, I'm reminded of my family. As the oldest (of five girls), I had a "place" in that family. Even though, in real terms, I'm not that much younger than my parents (twenty-three years to be exact), I'm still their "child." My youngest sister was only eight years old when I left for college and was forever "frozen" in my mind as a child. It didn't really matter when she actually became an adult. The relationship was somehow "set in stone" by factors that have nothing to do with the current reality.

Each of us experiences their life *relative* to everything else around us. In the end it is up to us to "find our place" in our neighborhood, just as we have to "find our place" in our lives. We must learn to respect others, irregardless of their age and experience. We must learn to be confident of our own abilities, no matter how young (or old or wise or stupider) we may feel, relative to others. We are a community and we *each* have our place and our community is stronger for it!

**IPNA MEETING**  
Inman Park United Methodist Church  
1015 Edgewood Avenue

**WEDNESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 20, 2010**

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

**OCTOBER 2010 AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers**
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- III. Announcements - Emory Theater**
- IV. Police Officers' Reports**
- V. Elected Officials' Reports**
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:**
  - A. President**
    - 1. Dave Blackley of Freedom Park Conservancy
    - 2. Kit Sutherland of Fourth Ward Alliance
  - B. Planning**
    - 1. Traffic Study Update-N. Highland Avenue
    - 2. NPU Report
      - a. Festival Announcements
      - b. Reynoldstown Water Tower
      - c. Beltline Minute
  - C. Zoning**
    - 1. 465-479 N. Highland-Rezoning from RG-2 to NC Update
    - 2. 292 Moreland Avenue-Liquor License
    - 3. 850 Euclid Avenue (Lizzie Chapel)-Rezoning from RG-3 to MRC-3 Update
  - D. Historic Preservation**
    - 1. Inman Park Archives Update
    - 2. 1104 Alta Avenue
    - 3. 807 Lake Avenue
    - 4. Presentation on Immediate Neighbors Meeting Procedures
  - E. Public Safety**
    - 1. Violent Crime Update
    - 2. Safety 5K
    - 3. Street Light Inventory
  - F. Treasurer**
    - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures
    - 2. Vote on 2010-2011 IPNA Budget
  - G. Secretary**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**