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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*by Regina Brewer*

Have we all recovered from the biggest Halloween ever in Inman Park? I cannot believe how many trick or treaters there were and how much fun everyone had. Elizabeth Street was scary as usual, but Sinclair Avenue is really working hard to earn the top spot. Next year should be really fantastic!

We had two long meetings in September and October but accomplished a great deal, including approving the budget. By the time you read this, we'll be in a new fiscal year. This year the budget will be a bit leaner, but we'll still be supporting sidewalks, schools, beautification, traffic calming studies, public safety, and our two parties, the Holiday Party and the July 4th Picnic. Given what so many people do all year to help make this neighborhood such a wonderful place to live, the least we can do is throw a party and have a picnic where we can just enjoy ourselves and not work! If you are not a member of IPNA, you need to join now so you can come to the holiday party on December 3rd at the Trolley Barn. Ray Harbor makes sure that there is plenty of food and plenty of fun!

November's meeting is going to be pretty short. We have very little official business and, as the holidays approach, everyone is thinking turkey not zoning. So I'll see you at the meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 at the Inman Park Methodist Church.

Feel free to contact me anytime at rab63@comcast.net. Oh, and Lori, I have no idea if I've mixed up my active voice or passive voice so feel free to edit away!

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

*By Diane Floyd*

One of the benefits of IPNA membership is an invitation to the **Holiday Party**, held this year on December 3 from 8 p.m. until midnight. To be invited and to attend you **MUST** be a member of IPNA. Many of you have already joined, but, for the new residents or those who have avoided making the membership decision already, **NOW** is the time.

Joining IPNA is far easier than it sounds. With membership costing only \$5 per adult, it is probably the biggest bargain you'll find all year. And it's not hard to actually join. Just go to the IPNA website ([www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org)) and click on "About Inman Park." There you will find quite a lot of information about YOUR neighborhood. However, if membership is all you are after, under "Documents" you will discover the "IPNA Membership and Security Patrol Application." A click on that link directs you to a printable copy of the application. Unfortunately, from here it gets a bit trickier! You will have to print the form, fill it out, write a check, and deliver (or mail) it to the address found on the second page of the form.

**The deadline for joining and getting that prized invitation to the Holiday Party is midnight, November 30.** While you are joining IPNA, consider also joining the Security Patrol at whatever level fits your budget. You'll be glad you did! You and your neighbors will be just a little bit safer.

## FESTIVAL PLANNING FOR 2011 IS UNDERWAY

*By Nick Franz, 2011 Festival Chair*

Festival 2011 planning is well underway. This is our 40th Festival, and we are in the process of defining this Festival with some unique and special items which we will share with the neighborhood once we have finalized the details. **PLEASE NOTE: Festival 2011 is scheduled for April 29 - May1, 2011.** The remaining Festival planning meetings are as follows:

January 11, 2011

February 8, 2011

March 8, 2011

April 12, 2011

All meetings will be held at the Trolley Barn at 7:30 p.m. We still need to fill a couple of committee chairs so if you are interested in finding more information about our needs please contact me at:

**[nick.franz@ey.com](mailto:nick.franz@ey.com)**.

Festival is our chance to raise money for our great neighborhood. Net proceeds are used for security patrol, various contributions, and other projects which better our community. It takes some 800 volunteers, ranging from house sitters to beer vendors to maintaining the cleanliness of our streets to put on Festival. Whatever the job, we need all neighbors to help. Please volunteer to help for Festival 2011. Stay tuned for monthly *Advocator* updates... and please reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Our goal is to make Festival 2011 a very special event.

# MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2010 IPNA MEETING

By Barbara Black, Secretary

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

## NEWCOMERS

Josh Green introduced himself as the new volunteer to combat graffiti in the neighborhood. Please contact him with ideas or problems. He is looking forward to cracking down on the problem.

Regina Brewer thanked Cynthia Knapp for her services dealing with neighborhood graffiti.

Morgan Shallcross is a newcomer on Druid Circle with Judi Jacobs. Agori Grand introduced herself as a new renter, and Thomas Brown is new in the apartments on North Highland and works for Ecos in the Bluehorse building.

Rashid Mohammed from NPU-M visited the meeting to learn about how his neighbors are doing business.

Kit Sutherland introduced herself as the President of the Fourth Ward Alliance in NPU-M.

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunter Hanger announced upcoming shows with the Friends of Theater at Emory. The group is composed of students and professional staff and is a combination of university theaters.

Pat Westrick announced the next Porch Party will be October 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn, coinciding with celebrating the Trolley Barn's twenty-fifth anniversary. Bring a dish to share and drinks. All are welcome.

Oreon Mann announced book club this month will be hosted by Jan and Keith Windell at 889 Edgewood Avenue at 7:00. The book is the Vanishing Act of Esme Lenox. All are welcome.

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Officer Vince Moore reported a recent increase in pedestrian robberies in Virginia Highlands, Inman Park, and Little Five Points. The neighborhood officers are getting help from other units in the City.

He reported an incident during the Halloween Parade where a cell phone was stolen as well an incident on Lake Avenue where a twelve-year-old girl's purse was stolen in the late afternoon. He reported another incident at North Highland and Freedom Parkway where the individual had a gun, the second such incident.

They are working to deter these crimes, and they have several leads. There have been several related arrests, and they are working to try to see if any of the

individuals are connected to specific neighborhood robberies.

A question was asked whether victims in recent robberies were approached on foot or car? The victims did not see any vehicles. Vehicles were parked close by or down the street. Both males and females have been robbed.

Question was asked about how to avoid these crime situations. The officer responded that if you see anything suspicious to continue on and drive around the block. If necessary, drive safely through a stop to avoid trouble. If you are cornered, don't fight. Resist if you are asked to get in a car. Give the people what they want, and make a lot of noise.

Jonathon Miller raised concern about security for the Beltline. Without vehicle access, police access will be limited. There is also concern for how people on the Beltline can identify where they are if they call the police. Mile markers and street markers will be helpful.

Jonathon reported on changes in the layout of Zone 6 that would pick up the Old Fourth Ward. The changes need to be approved by City Council and the NPU's.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for City Council representative Kwanza Hall, also reported on the redesign for Zones 5 and 6, and he distributed copies of the draft of the redesign. The biggest change puts the Fourth Ward in Zone 6. The Old Fourth Ward is concerned because they have enjoyed their relationship with Zone 5 and Major Williams who has been very responsive. There will be community meetings this fall about the proposal. Jay reported that Kwanza Hall has concern for the Old Fourth Ward.

On Saturday, October 30, the Beltline east side trail will break ground.

Jay reported on the District 2 pilot program established to hire formerly homeless into staff positions. A woman who had been homeless for three to six months has been hired for a staff position. The program helps stabilize and encourage homeless individuals.

## IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

### **PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer**

Regina introduced David Blackley of the Freedom Park Conservancy, and she expressed the neighborhood's appreciation for his dedication.

David described the history beginning with Caution in 1983, which evolved into the Freedom Park Conservancy in 1995.

The trail to Candler Park was constructed before the Olympics. The Freedom Park Conservancy is an advocate for Inman Park, Candler Park, Poncey-Highlands, Druid Hills, Lake Claire, the Old Fourth

Ward, Druid Hills, and the Carter Center.

David stated there is no maintenance, and that upkeep was originally handled with volunteers. He reported the ongoing concern for graffiti. He works with several groups including the DOT, City Parks, the Carter Center, and the NPUs.

They are working with the City Parks to share in the cost of repaving. They hope to get the money to finish the repair of deteriorated areas, and they advocate for repaving in concrete. They hope to have funds for new drinking fountains. As in the past, they encourage art projects.

Please visit the booth at the Candler Park Festival and become a member and please donate. David stated they would like to raise money to create a map.

Regina introduced Kit Sutherland of the Old Fourth Ward Alliance. Kit reported the Old Fourth Ward is changing rapidly in spite of the economy. She stated they would like to work with Inman Park on the Beltline, City Hall East, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Park. She hopes to share these very positive activity nodes with the neighbors.

Kit reported there is a lot of new, high-quality construction, and the Old Fourth Ward is up and coming. They are raising the profile of the Old Fourth Ward with Facebook and a Yahoo group.

She stated that next year there will be connectivity, and we can all walk and meet each other out on the trail.

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

David reported on the first committee meeting on traffic calming on North Highland. There is a proposal within the budget for the traffic study for getting traffic counts done. They are continuing discussion with other stakeholders to split the costs. They hope to learn from the traffic calming efforts that were implemented on Lake Avenue.

Regina Brewer commented about getting information on the townhouse development and getting accurate traffic counts, which will be critical for the traffic light development. She noted the intersection at North Highland and Samson is a problem. In addition, there are pedestrian traffic concerns and the need for crosswalks. Regina will be talking to PEDS.

Jonathan Miller was filling in for Megan Holder. Jonathon announced the Cabbage Town Chomp and Stomp on Saturday November 6.

He also reminded everyone of the Candler Park Festival coming up this weekend, and he encouraged everyone to please get out and support Mary Lin.

Jonathon reported on the Beltline Sub-Area Four Master Plan. Cabbagetown has concern about an overlap with the historic district. There is an apparent error regarding the number of allowable stories in the landmark district. This will be corrected. He noted plan changes along Memorial in

Grant Park.

Regarding the Beltline connection to the Inman Park MARTA Station, the first option for a connection going down Moreland was rejected. The option for a tunnel is still under consideration as well as a connection going down DeKalb to the MLK station. The option of going down Edgewood is still a possibility. A decision has not been made.

A motion was made to support the conditions requested by Reynoldstown and Cabbagetown for Sub-Area Four of the Master Plan. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jonathon attended an early retreat regarding the Comprehensive Development Plan. He stated there would be work through the Spring with the neighbors and a public hearing on November 29.

NPU-N will meet next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Little Five Points Community Center.

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

Regarding 479 North Highland, Amy reported that last month there had been an Immediate Neighbors Meeting to discuss the request for rezoning to RG2, neighborhood commercial. They agreed there would be ten days for brainstorming ideas and making a list of concerns.

IPNA hired a lawyer about the proposal. Amy did not report on the lawyer's recommendations but said the recommendations would be discussed at the next IPNA board meeting. There will be a meeting with the neighbors on October 30. They are now waiting for a new site plan with the 74 parking spaces and the appropriate buffers.

Amy met with the immediate neighbors and their concerns included: no new addition, patio at the rear to be removed, no outside dining, doors and windows closed for sound, closed by midnight, improvements to the parking and drainage, as much buffer as possible, and proper maintenance.

Regarding 292 Moreland Avenue, Amy reported there was an immediate neighbors meeting regarding the liquor license for the Wrecking Bar. The neighbors gave complete support.

A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors for the liquor license at 292 Moreland Avenue and the motion was seconded, and carried.

The deal has fallen through on 850 Euclid, therefore there is no rezoning under consideration at this time.

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

A motion was made to add 225 Degress to the agenda and was approved.

Adam reported working on updating the archives, and they are in the early planning stages of making changes to the archives.

Adam reported a Type III application was required for 1104 Alta Avenue because the UDC determined the work was visible from the street. Adam stated this is

a misinterpretation of the regulations and Regina agreed. The vote by the immediate neighbors to support the project was unanimous, and the UDC approved the project.

Tamera Jones reported on 807 Lake Avenue. Adam Stillman is the architect. The project will require a Certificate of Appropriateness and a variance as well. The UDC is reviewing the addition like a separate structure, requiring a variance because of the distance the addition sits from the street. Adam stated that he believes this is a misinterpretation of the regulations and Regina agreed. Two immediate neighbors attended the neighbors meeting, and both were in support. After the immediate neighbors meeting, another neighbor who had not received the notice expressed concern about the proposed side yard and the fencing.

Adam described the addition and stated the renovation is mostly interior. The vinyl siding will be removed. The existing replacement windows at the front will be replaced as part of this work with salvaged original windows currently on the house. There will be a side addition at the rear for a bedroom. They plan to change the proposed wood fence at the side yard so as not to block the neighbor's windows.

Jim McKinney, the landlord who owns 803 Lake Avenue, expressed concern for the side yard setback invasion. Adam responded that the proposed setback was allowable and that the setback on the street was set by 819 Lake Avenue. Jim then asked for clarification on how setbacks were determined. Other examples of similar setback conditions were given; the Inman Park Village town homes, 811 Lake Avenue and 813 Lake Avenue. Regina Brewer offered clarification on the need for an IPNA recommendation to the UDC. She stated that the project could go ahead to UDC without an IPNA vote.

Concern was expressed regarding the time frame for notification of immediate neighbors.

A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors with the condition that Adam Stillman would meet with Jim Mc Kinney about his concerns regarding the setback and the fence. The motion was seconded and approved.

Danny Feig-Sandoval presented 225 Degress. Originally he applied to the UDC to renovate the house but, since the house is severely damaged structurally, he reapplied in September to tear the house down and he received UDC approval. He has developed new plans for the house matching the footprint of the original house.

An immediate neighbors meeting was held and the project was supported 7-1. There is concern for the height of the porch, the height of the roof and the dormers.

Danny proposed three adjustments to accommodate the neighbors concerns: reducing the height of the porch, reducing the slope of the roof from 12/12 to 10/12, and reducing the visual scale of the dormers.

Discussion ensued about variation on the roof and dormers.

A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors with the three proposed stipulations regarding the porch height, the roof slope and the scale of the dormers. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adam Stillman and Amy Higgins gave an overview of what is involved with Immediate Neighbors Meetings. All properties within 300 feet receive a notice five to seven days before the meeting. These meetings happen anytime there is an application for rezoning as well as for liquor licenses. Neighbors attend to discuss parking, music, security, and other issues. Other neighbors are also invited, and they can review and comment, but they have no vote.

Immediate Neighbors Meetings are also set up for Special Use applications, for Special Exceptions, and for variances. Meetings are held for UDC Type III or Type IV applications. Meetings are not held for UDC Type II applications for repair work.

The board is looking into possible revisions to the By-Laws to address Immediate Neighbors Meetings. Concern was expressed for absentee owners not getting notices, the time frame for notices, and neighbors who might be affected who are outside 300 feet. Affected neighbors who cannot attend the Immediate Neighbors Meeting can always attend the IPNA neighborhood meeting and the UDC meeting to voice their concerns.

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

Bob reported on a rash of non-violent crimes, specifically car break-ins. An individual was apprehended stealing a laptop. He hopes catching this individual will help knock out the increase in non-violent crime. Bob also addressed the increase in violent crimes near Little Five Points, specifically the pedestrian robberies. The FIT officers (Field Investigative Team) work to deter these crimes in Inman Park as well as other neighborhoods. Bob reported on the unfortunate incident involving the young girl's purse being stolen.

Bob expressed concern for the Atlanta Police Department and the IP Security Patrol limited resources. Bob encouraged everyone to be vigilant, to drive around, be aware and be smart.

He announced the Security Patrol 5K Run will be Sunday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. The entry fee is \$20.00. There is early registration on the website. Volunteers and sponsors are needed.

Bob has done a street light inventory near Little Five points. There are eleven street lights out on Euclid creating dark locations. He has turned in this information to the City and Georgia Power.

In other areas of the neighborhood we might consider street captains again, and Bob encouraged everyone to report street light outages to get them repaired.

**TREASURER: Cameron Childress**

Cameron Childress reported routine expenses:

Advocator (2 mo.)	3,304.80
Public Safety	13,749.88
Springvale Park	1,000.00
Beautification (2 mo.)	1,960.00
Cheers Committee	72.26
(misc. welcome supplies)	
Historic Preservation	941.02
(Archive Supplies)	
Holiday Social	776.48
(band deposit)	
Insurance	1,604.00
(E&O/Board)	
Secretary Of State	75.00
Babysitting (2 mo.)	100.00
PO Box	204.00
(1 year)	
CPA Accounting	545.00
(08/09 Taxes)	
Web Site	315.00
(3 months)	
Traffic Calming	2,004.11
(landscaping, misc.)	
Trees Atlanta	5,002.00
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Total:	31,653.55

Cameron reviewed the 2009-10 IPNA Budget as printed in the *Advocator*. He noted a small correction in the Unrestricted – General Reserve, which does not affect the total. He noted the sidewalk costs were less than anticipated by \$1,322. He noted IP has an established commitment of \$1,000/year to the Freedom Park Conservancy. Together these items balance out.

Regarding the concern for the funding of the mini-precinct, Richard Shapiro reported that he went to the NPU and Candler Park and they will support the mini-precinct. It looks like it was a successful L5P Halloween Festival, so the mini-precinct is now not quite so desperate for funds. Richard expressed concern for the money spent on parties. Bob Sandage is also working on addition fundraising options.

Regina Brewer met with Matt Davis, President of the Little Five Points Business Association as well about raising additional funds.

**SECRETARY: Barbara Black**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Amy Higgins announced the last Springvale Park meeting would be Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. Please come.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. Regina Brewer adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON!**  
 Inman Park Neighborhood Association  
 Holiday Party  
 Friday, December 3, 2010  
 8 pm to midnight  
 Entertainment by Francine Reed  
 Festive Cocktail Attire  
 Bring your invitation to serve as your ticket

Our Condolences  
 to Carolyn Beeker and Shirley Farrell on  
 the recent death of Carolyn's mother,  
 Jane Barnum  
 an Inman Park resident  
 for many years.

Combined Membership and  
 Security Patrol Application  
 is available on-line at:  
[www.inmanpark.org/doc/  
 ipna\\_membership.pdf](http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/ipna_membership.pdf)

The membership year for IPNA and  
 Security Patrol is May 1-April 30,  
 but both can be paid at any time during the  
 year. You must be a property owner or  
 resident and a member if IPNA for 15 days  
 prior to voting.  
 The annual Membership Directory is now  
 available. Pick up your copy at the next  
 IPNA meeting.

## NOVEMBER PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

by Bob Sandage  
Inman Park VP of Public Safety

Violent crimes for the year continue to be down slightly in Inman Park and substantially in Little 5 Points and throughout the APD Beat 604 and 605, of which Inman Park is part along with other adjoining neighborhoods. No matter how much crime is down, the modus operandi is what sticks in all of our heads. Inman Park is not a neighborhood that likes to feel powerless; and people getting robbed in parks and having armed thugs jump out of cars make us feel this way.

	Oct 2010	Oct 2009	YTD 2010	YTD 2009
Inman Park Assaults and Robberies	4	6	24	27
L5P Assaults and Robberies	1	3	7	14
All of Beat 604 / 605	8	17	57	85

Unfortunately Inman Park has many attributes that attract the bad guys. Easy ingress and egress (Freedom Parkway, Moreland, Edgewood, Euclid, Lake all can get you to an interstate in short order). A significant number of businesses with above average income clientele. And, in my (and a few others) opinion, it is a historic neighborhood with many trees, hiding places, and low lighting. The one area that we can have some impact on is lighting conditions. We don't need to light Inman Park up "like a Christmas tree," but a little lighting may go a long way. I have been engaging with City personnel to see if we can at least initially improve lighting conditions in areas of highest crime activity. First there was good response, then quiet, and now working to move forward. At the IPNA meeting on November 17, we will discuss as a neighborhood if we think the City response has been appropriate. If not, it may be justified as some have suggested, to move forward with formal actions, petitions, etc.

The initial indications from the Little Five Points Business Association are that the Halloween Festival and Parade grossed approximately \$8-12K after expenses. If this holds, it is great news for the area in that L5P may be able to fund the shortfall in budget contribution from IPNA for the L5P Mini-Precinct.

Lastly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa's Safety 5K Run will be Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 am. 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 CRIME REPORT FOR OCTOBER 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 proactive 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.

We had a pretty severe rash of car break-ins at the end of September and the beginning of October. Thanks to the Inman Park Patrol and the vigilance of the APD, several arrests were made and we saw a drop in these incidents

## INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL OCTOBER 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT

By Lt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	349	Stolen Auto	3	Courtesy Ride	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	171	Street/ Sidewalk Obstruction	2	Person Stabbed	1
Suspicious Persons	26	Criminal Damage to Property	2	Criminal Trespass	1
Alarm Activation	14	Reckless driver	2	Burglary	1
Noise Complaint	8	Info for Police	2	Shots Fired	1
Suspicious Vehicle	7	Parking Complaint	2	Fire	1
Theft from Auto (1 in progress)	4	Animal Call	2	Suicidal Person	1
Theft	3	Person Injured	1	Halloween Safety Detail	1
Disturbance	3	Hit and Run	1		
Enforcement Activity	Arrests*	3	Parking Ticket	1	
			Vehicle Impound	1	
<b>Association Member Contacts</b>			23		

\* 2 Wanted on Warrant, 1 False Information to Police

immediately. This activity still seems to be centered in the Little Five Points area and the areas around the businesses on North Highland and on Edgewood.

Unfortunately, there are two armed robberies in this report, both of which occurred after dark in the Poplar Circle park area near the MARTA station. We cannot encourage you enough to stay out of the park areas after dark, and if you must walk in that area at night, try to stick to the streets that are a least a little better lit.

Until next month, be safe!

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CRIME</b>	<b>BLOCK LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTEWORTHY</b>
9/26	10:45 PM	Robbery	Poplar Circle	Victim was walking through park, suspect approached, pointed a gun in victim's face, and demanded his property. Cell phone and \$70 cash stolen.
9/13-9/27	2 week period	Vehicle Theft	900 Block Austin Ave.	Victim's scooter broke down at location. When they returned to retrieve, scooter was gone. No record of impound.
9/27	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Alta Ave.	Unsecured vehicle entered and \$2 in change stolen.
9/27-9/28	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Euclid @ Washita	Rear passenger window smashed and knife set stolen.
9/28	10:30 AM – 11:40 AM	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim saw suspect sitting in his vehicle and yelled to him. Suspect fled on mountain bike with victim's car stereo.
9/28	2:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Theft from Auto	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and iPod, sunglasses, book bag w/ wallet, keys and credit card stolen.
9/28	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Theft from Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and laptop stolen.
9/29	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Theft from Auto	800 Block Edgewood Ave.	Passenger window smashed and book bag with credit cards, ID and money stolen.
10/1	5:00 PM	Theft	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Victim was sitting in coffee shop when suspect snatched his laptop from table. Witnesses and victim were able to ID suspects, who tried to flee but were apprehended by police.
10/4	4:00 AM – 4:40 AM	Theft from Auto	900 Block Dekalb Ave.	Driver's door lock damaged, clothes, jewelry, laptop stolen.
10/4	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and iPod stolen.
10/4	6:30 PM – 11:15 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Front passenger window smashed, iPod, book bag stolen.
10/6	3:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Theft from Auto (x2)	1000 Block Colquitt Ave.	Windows smashed on 2 cars. Patrol observed second incident and pursued suspect on foot. Suspect arrested with property from first incident.
10/6	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Edgewood Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and backpack stolen.
10/6 – 10/7	7:45 AM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Rear passenger side door broken out and car radio stolen.
10/7	4:00 AM	Burglary	100 Block Montag Cir.	Flat screen TV stolen from apartment clubhouse. No sign of forced entry.
10/17	8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Theft from Auto	900 Block Austin Ave.	Passenger window smashed, briefcase, diaper bag stolen.
10/19	7:30 PM	Theft	200 Block N. Highland	6 pairs of jeans stolen from location
10/20	7:50 AM – 3:30 PM	Burglary	900 Block Dekalb Ave.	Front door kicked in and .38 cal handgun stolen.
10/23	11:30 PM	Robbery	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Victim was walking through the park, two suspects approached, pointed a gun and stole wallet, cell phone, bag, iPod, key and debit card.

**2010-2011  
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

**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, 2011**

*The Pillars of the Earth* by **Ken Follett**  
Hosted by Cathy and Jim McKinney  
227 Drexel Avenue (Decatur)

**February 23, 2011**

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

**March 23, 2011**

*Out Stealing Horses* by **Per Patterson**  
Hosted by Oreon Mann  
877 Edgewood Avenue

**April, 2011-No Book/No Meeting**  
Volunteer for Festival!

**May 25, 2011**

*Three Cups of Tea and Stones into Schools*  
by **Greg Mortenson**  
Hosted by Linda Dunham  
12 First Avenue (Kirkwood)

**June 22, 2011**

*What is the What* by **Dave Eggers**  
Hosted by Tara Burdeslaw

**July 27, 2011**

*Last Child in the Woods* by **Richard Louv**

For Information: 404-688-7330

**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
	November 23	December 15
	December 7 *	December 29 *
	December 21 *	January 12 *

\* Estimated dates-Please verify with AUDC after release of 2011 schedule.

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

- 325 N. Highland Avenue** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-188) for a variance to allow parking and an accessory structure between Atlantis Avenue and the principal structure, a 19' parking pad and two-car garage facing Atlantis Avenue, 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 -**approved with conditions.**
- 1104 Alta Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-190) to allow a new two-story rear addition - **approved with conditions.**
- 807 Lake Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a new one-story side addition - **approved with conditions.**

Applications scheduled for AUDC

November 10

- 225 Degress Avenue** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-215) to allow construction of a new single-family dwelling.

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

AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION			
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## TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins,  
Arboretum Committee Co-chair

By the time this month's *Advocator* lands on your doorstep, many of the autumn leaves will have fallen. You might notice that some of our large oak trees hold their leaves throughout the year. Since they're never bare and "dead-looking" they've come to be known as "Live Oaks" (*quercus virginiana*). Each spring, live oaks do shed their leaves. New leaves emerge very quickly though and give the tree its ever-green appearance.

The live oak reigns as Georgia's state tree and is often featured as the quintessential Southern tree in movies and television. It grows in the Piedmont region (including Atlanta) but is most abundant in the coastal plain where it is often seen draped with Spanish moss. Its habitat stretches all the way from southeastern Virginia to southern Florida westward to Texas.

Live oaks serve as spectacular shade trees. While they only grow to approximately 50'-60' in height, they can easily spread to twice their height making them the widest spreading of all oaks. Their branches tend to grow horizontally. The live oak in Springvale Park provides an interesting example of this growth pattern with its large horizontal branch curving out over the lake.

In addition to their ability to provide ample shade, live oaks are known for their extremely hard wood. They were vitally important to the early American shipbuilding industry. The navy frigate U.S.S. Constitution reportedly got its nickname, "Old Ironsides," during the War of 1812 because its live oak hull was so tough that the British war ships' cannon balls bounced off of it.

A few of our Inman Park live oaks may have been present during Civil War cannon fire. The species is known for being long-lived and many of these trees live for centuries. You'll find several mature specimens along Elizabeth Street and Edgewood Avenue.

## ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

by Patsy Fisher

We are happy to announce that Christina Moraitis has joined Lora Millard and me on the Hospitality Committee. Please remember to contact all three of us by email concerning the following events in Inman Park: new neighbors, birth of a child, serious illness, death in the family, major accomplishments or significant milestones.

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## INMAN PARK DINERS 2010

By Karin Mebius

Wow, the fifth year of Inman Park Diners already! I hope that all of you who joined have had a wonderful time and I hope to see you again next year. And hopefully we will have some new members as well. Word of mouth is the best advertising so please do not forget to bring in your friends.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Inman Diners concept: it is a neighborhood dinner group which I started five years ago with 25 members. This year we could boast 75 members, who were divided into smaller groups of approximately 12 people each.

The idea is to mix up the members so that you'll be in a different group with different people each year. It is a great way to get to know more neighbors, and because you meet several times in a relatively small group over dinner, you get to know each other pretty well. Singles are very welcome to join by the way. There really are no requirements other than a commitment to show up for your five dinners (see below) and have fun!

Each group gets together for dinner 5 times over the course of a calendar year, once every two months, starting in March.

I will host a Kick-Off Party in January for all participants to announce the makeup of each group. At that time the group members decide who will host which dinner, and other details. At the end of the year there will be a Dessert and Champagne Party for all participants.

Within your group, you can volunteer to host one of the dinners. They are held at the host's home and he or she gets to pick the menu. Some people like to do a theme, but that is not necessary. After checking how many members will be able to make it to a particular dinner, the host(ess) emails everybody the list of dishes he or she is planning on having and everybody chooses one to make at home and bring along to the dinner. The recipes should be included as well. In general the host will provide the "center piece" (meat/fish/vegetarian) dish of the menu.

One thing to remember is that this is not a cooking contest, and you don't need to own a formal dining table that sits 12 people. A buffet can be a lot of fun, and so can grilling out in the yard.

If you want to join or if you'd like to know more, please just email me at [karinmebius@gmail.com](mailto:karinmebius@gmail.com) and our phone number is 404-584-0355. I'd love to hear from you!

## WHO NEEDS BLACK FRIDAY WHEN THERE'S GREEN SUNDAY?

*Taken from a press release*

Get a head start on spreading holiday cheer by attending the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Inman Park Auction and Holiday Sale. Not only will you be able to start your holiday shopping early, you will also contribute to Inman Park Cooperative Preschool's goal of helping Atlanta's preschool set appreciate their environment and "Grow Up Green." Bid on amazing gifts and services, retail and restaurant gift certificates, vacation getaways and more – all at great prices and all benefiting this special neighborhood school. Entry to the event is FREE and open to the public. Cash, check, and credit cards accepted. For more details, visit [www.ipcp.org](http://www.ipcp.org) or call 404.827.9796.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
from 3-7 p.m. at the Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Ave..**



**WRFG'S 18TH ANNUAL  
SILENT AUCTION  
INMAN PARK TROLLEY BARN  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2010**

**4 - 7 P.M.**

*By Sandra Heartfield*

*The Radio Ramblers with WRFG's "Good Morning Blues" airshifter Michael Ellis – and Latin and Blues musicians – will continue the tradition of **fantastic** live entertainment at WRFG's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction. Come to the Trolley Barn Sunday, December 5, from 4-7 pm and support Atlanta's only community radio station WRFG (89.3FM) – located at LFP Community Center. The \$15 ticket covers **admission, music and all food and beverages**. Enjoy food delicacies provided by local restaurants and chefs. *This great event takes place the first Sunday in December – two days after Inman Park's Christmas Party -- so plan to continue to celebrate the Holiday Season and get a jump start on your holiday shopping – a fun way to find those special gifts at a special price.**

The first WRFG Silent Auction held at the Trolley Barn 18 years ago was the kick-off fundraising event to raise money to increase its broadcast power to 100,000 watts – 37 years ago WRFG started broadcasting at 10 watts -- right here in Inman Park! Now the station reaches an audience throughout a 75-mile radius of the city with progressive information and music programming not found elsewhere in Georgia – and rarely in the states! *Many thanks to our Inman Park neighbors who helped make this possible!* And thank you for your continuing support!

*The WRFG Silent Auction is a great party and a fun way to shop for the holidays – featuring unique yet inexpensive items including original art contributed by local and International artists. The over 100 restaurant, retail store and service gift certificates are especially popular -- and tables overflowing with \$5 and \$10 items are ideal for stocking stuffers and special gifts. Support WRFG – and enjoy a fabulous party at the same time! Many people come just to enjoy the great music, food and fun afternoon with friends!*

Located in the Little Five Points Community Center at 1083 Austin Avenue, **WRFG 89.3** has been an eclectic and vibrant intown neighbor -- for 37 years. From its beginning WRFG broadcast music genres such as bluegrass, blues and jazz that were in danger of losing a radio voice, and introduced Reggae, African, Caribbean, Spanish and other World Music to the Atlanta audience. WRFG consistently presents an alternative analysis of public affairs, both local and National, including regular broadcast of *Democracy Now*. It has preserved vital oral histories such as its *Living Atlanta* project.

Each year many of WRFG's neighbors in Inman Park contribute talents, services and other great auction items. Donate those wonderful week/weekend getaways – art and vintage pieces. All contributions go to support your local community radio station.

**Support YOUR Community Radio Station WRFG 89.3 –  
Join Us for an**

***Afternoon of Live Music and The Best Party in Town  
Sunday December 5, 4-7 pm***

***The Inman Park Trolley Barn (Bidding Ends Exactly at  
7:00)***

**Call your neighbor Sandra Heartfield, 404-513-1341  
or WRFG 404-523-3471 (M-F 10-6)**

**Tax deductible contribution forms are available**

**BEYOND FAIR TRADE**

*Taken from a press release*

"Beyond Fair Trade" is an annual sale that benefits marginalized women and children around the globe. Facing the realities of the Third World many of these women and children are widowed or orphaned having fled genocide, starvation and poverty. The sale will include goods such as jewelry, children's clothing, home accents and accessories with ALL proceeds benefiting *Amani Ya Juu, The Apparent Project and 3 Seams*. Turning capitalism on its head, these organizations are committed to providing a life of renewal and dignity for disenfranchised women and children. Through these organizations the oppressed are provided not only a "living wage" but safe harbor for the present and job skills for the future.

Sale Opening: Friday, December 3 from 6:00-9:00 PM and continuing after worship each Sunday in December

**City Church-Eastside  
112 Krog Street, Suite #5**  
[www.citychurcheastside.org](http://www.citychurcheastside.org)  
[www.amaniafrica.org](http://www.amaniafrica.org)  
[www.apparentproject.org](http://www.apparentproject.org)  
[www.3seams.com](http://www.3seams.com)

**A NEW WAY TO EXPERIENCE ICE**

*Taken from a press release*

Remember when you were little in the winter time you had always dreamed of waking up to a new world covered with snow (especially if you lived in Atlanta)? How you would stick your tongue out as the snow flakes land on the tip of your tongue and slowly melt in your mouth? Remember how exhilarating and refreshing it was? Well, now you can re-live this experience at Sno-Flake, even during the summer! Our flakes are all naturally flavored and low in calorie. They melt in your mouth instantly just like eating snow! We also serve organic tea, organic coffee, and all-natural smoothies. In winter months, we'll also have organic hot chocolates and chai. Fresh salad with veggie-based and yogurt-based dressings are also available. Hope to see you here at 240 N Highland Ave (between Parish & Inman Perks Coffee)!  
**[www.sno-flake.com](http://www.sno-flake.com)**

**PRO PUEBLO OPENS IN INMAN PARK**

*Taken from a press release*

When Nadia Bredthauer and Eugenia Sandoval opened the doors to Inman Park's Fair Trade and nonprofit shop, Pro Pueblo, in September 2010 they were both fulfilling dreams of helping their home country, Ecuador. Pro Pueblo USA is the helping arm to Pro Pueblo Foundation-Ecuador. This organization helps more than 350 artisans, half of them single moms. Its mission is to provide sustainable income opportunities to some of the poorest communities of Ecuador through the crafting of natural fibers, sustainable and recycled materials.

Pro Pueblo has a stock of more than 200 different products ranging from unique jewelry pieces to hand-carved collectibles and home decor items including Holiday cards. Purchase beautiful Christmas tree decorations and surprise your clients with unique & sustainable corporate gifts.

Visit our new neighborhood store today at 775 Lake Avenue #3 and mention you read this article. We will provide you with a 15% discount on your Holiday shopping. On Thursday, December 2 join us for a glass of red wine from 7:00-9:00 PM. 404-909-8176 [www.propueblo.org](http://www.propueblo.org)

**Announcing our  
holiday performance...**

Elvis & Jesus  
*A king meets The King*  
Featuring Big Mike Geier (of Kingsized fame) & Friends

*Free!*

Sunday, December 5, 2010

5:00 p.m.

Inman Park United Methodist Church

1015 Edgewood Ave.

Atlanta, GA 30307

404-522-9322

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

Start your holiday season with “Elvis & Jesus”, a rockin’ performance with Elvis and holiday music, Big Mike Geier’s singing, the Good Moves dancers, and more. The Bible’s Christmas story is re-imagined and re-told by Tom Bell as the Angel Gabriel, all in about an hour. Admission is free, but donations to the church are happily accepted.

The performance is Sunday, December 5 at 5:00 pm at the Inman Park United Methodist Church at 1015 Edgewood Ave in the neighborhood of Inman Park. Go to [www.inmanparkumc.org](http://www.inmanparkumc.org) for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg.	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Nov. 15	Mon.			
Nov. 16	Tues.			
Nov. 17	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting		Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
Nov. 18	Thurs.			
Nov. 19	Fri.			
Nov. 20	Sat.			
Nov. 21	Sun.3:00-7:00 PM	Inman Park Coop Preschool Auction and Holiday Sale	17	Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Avenue
Nov. 22	Mon.			
Nov. 23	Tues.			
Nov. 24	Wed.			
Nov. 25	Thurs.	THANKSGIVING		
Nov. 26	Fri.			
Nov. 27	Sat.			
Nov. 28	Sun.			
Nov. 29	Mon.			
Nov. 30	Tues. Midnight	Deadline for IPNA Membership to be invited to Holiday Party	1	
Dec. 1	Wed. 10 PM	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE		<a href="mailto:theadvocator@bellsouth.net">theadvocator@bellsouth.net</a>
Dec. 2	Thurs.			
Dec. 3	Fri. 8-12:00 PM 6:00-9:00 PM	IPNA Holiday Party “Beyond Fair Trade” Sale	1 16	Location is on your invitation 112 Krog Street, Suite #5
Dec. 4	Sat.			

Dec. 5	Sun. 10:30 AM 4:00-7:00 PM 5:00-6:15 PM	Santa's Safety Run WRFG Silent Auction <i>Elvis and Jesus,</i> Inman Park UMC Holiday Program	8 17 18	991 Waverly Way Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Avenue 1015 Edgewood Avenue
Dec. 6	Mon.			
Dec. 7	Tues. 7:00 PM	Springvale Park Steering Committee		Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Avenue
Dec. 8	Wed. 7:00 PM	Book Club Holiday Party	13	466 North Highland Ave., Unit 1
Dec. 9	Thurs.			
Dec. 10	Fri.			
Dec. 11	Sat.			
Dec. 12	Sun.			
Dec. 13	Mon.			

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## IPNA MEETING

Inman Park United Methodist Church  
1015 Edgewood Avenue

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 17, 2010**

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

### NOVEMBER AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:
  - A. President
    1. Legal Expenses for 465-479 N. Highland Avenue
  - B. Planning
    1. NPU report
      - a. Beltline Minute
  - C. Zoning
    1. 465-479 N. Highland-Rezoning from RG-2 to NC
  - D. Historic Preservation
    1. 931 Bernina Avenue
  - E. Public Safety
    1. Violent Crime Update
    2. Safety 5K
  - F. Treasurer
    1. Report of Regular Expenditures
  - G. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment

