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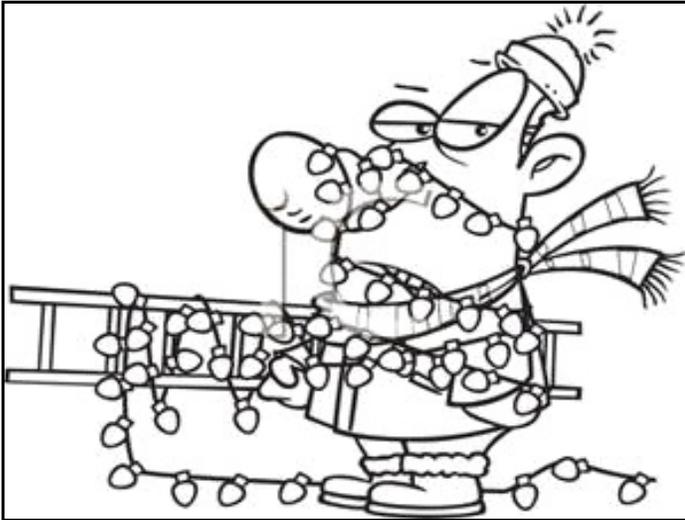
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Regina Brewer



**Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Holidays to all!**

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

By Diane Floyd

Every once in a while something happens that causes us to seriously consider "what would happen if . . ." Twice this year, Inman Park residents with important talents and expertise and large responsibilities suddenly no longer could fulfill those roles: Betty Ridderhoff could no longer edit the *Advocator* when her health suddenly deteriorated and Holly Mull's death left a large hole in the Little 5 Points Halloween festivities, not to mention the Inman Park Festival Parade.

While these were, we hope, isolated events, they do remind us of the danger of being totally dependant on just a few people to do all the work necessary to run a complicated neighborhood, its governing association, and its major fundraising event. It is critically important to keep other people fully informed of what we are doing and how we are doing it and to have clear records. And, while it may be easiest to pass our knowledge on to someone with long experience in Inman Park, we really must avoid that mistake, instead working hard to identify new (and younger) residents who can be the repository of all we have learned and experienced. Let's all think about it: those who need to pass on their expertise and those who could take it on!

P.S. I am also trying an experiment with this *Advocator*: instead of full justification (those nice, neat, straight right edges complete with weird and incorrect hyphenation and extra space in the middle of a line) I am trying left justification. Let me know what you think!!!

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## NOVEMBER PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

by Bob Sandage  
Inman Park VP of Public Safety

I am saving the statistics for my final summary of 2010 in next month's issue, but I can tell you the news on the violent crime front is not good. On November 22, Charles Boyer and Lisa McGraw parked in front of her apartment on Virginia Avenue in Virginia Highland, and were immediately accosted by three masked males and told to walk to the apartment. Boyer and McGraw ran in opposite directions, and Mr. Boyer was shot and killed. All for what likely was a cell phone and less than \$100 cash. Scary.

What is even scarier is that my posting of this crime to the neighborhood Yahoo group of 500+ members generated two responses, the most direct of which was "this is getting out of hand". I am the last person in the world to want 100 complaining responses, but I have two questions: (a) have we become a community that just accepts that people are going to get murdered for a cell phone in our back yard, or (b) do we think "that's horrible, but at least it didn't happen in Inman Park?" The bad news I have for you is that it almost did happen in Inman Park a few months ago (when a robber shot at a passing van narrowly missing the 15 year old passenger) and at some point our "luck" may run out.

The revamp of Inman Park Public Safety and new Security Patrol was largely due to a strong VP, **Bill Hagan**, and his response to the neighborhood's strong outcry regarding the Terry Williams murder. Would we have the same response to a murder in our neighborhood today? I say "yes." Is it going to take another murder to spur further action? I hope not, but I fear the answer is also yes.

As I have said in previous *Advocator* articles, the modus operandi of robberies in our neighborhood has changed significantly since the Terry Williams murder. Terry and a friend were accosted by a single robber on foot, and Terry unselfishly felt that he could keep his friend from being the victim. Today, Terry and his friend would likely encounter a car pulling up with three armed

robbers jumping out. I am gutsy, but I can't possibly think of how to defend myself, a friend, a wife, or kids in this situation.

What are our options for lessening the chance of violent crime in Inman Park? More resources for the APD would help, but that is mostly out of our control. Better lighting, security cameras, and additional hours for Security Patrol are ideas that come to mind. As for lighting, great progress was made in the last month, thanks to a number of volunteers "flagging" unlit streetlights and a responsive City of Atlanta and Georgia Power. We are still evaluating areas that appear dark and don't have streetlights at all and will work on getting additional lights. Security cameras and additional hours for Patrol are going to require significantly more money. It is possible that I may be overlooking obvious ideas that could improve our security without requiring significant finances. Please send ideas you may have to [bobsandage@yahoo.com](mailto:bobsandage@yahoo.com).

Coming up on the last six months of my two-year term as VP of Public Safety, I am concerned about ways to increase Security Patrol participation. I went back to my original numbers when I was volunteering under Bill Hagan. Here is the full potential from each of the revenue sources:

1. Residents – there are about 715 homes in Inman Park, some of which are multi-unit rental houses. Three hundred residents paid for Security Patrol from November 2009 to November 2010, for a total of \$76,500 (an average of \$255 per member – right at Silver level). This is 42% of all homes. 60% of all residents would be \$109K. 75% would be \$136K, and 100% would be \$182K. Another thought – if we can't increase to any more than 42% of residents (big jump 2007 to 2008, but flat since), would those residents pay more money? Some other neighborhoods charge \$400 to \$500 per year.
2. Managed Properties – we estimate there are about 1,500 apartment, condo, and townhome units in Inman Park that are managed internally, by private owner, or by professional management. From November 2009 to November 2010, revenue of \$38K

was brought in from managed properties. In quantity, managed properties pay about an average of \$60 per unit, so we are at 42% (same as residential!). 60%, 75%, and 100% goals would give respectively \$54K, \$68K, and \$90K.

3. Businesses – we don't have good data on the total number of Inman Park businesses, but excluding Little Five Points, a good estimate may be 50 businesses. From November 2009 to November 2010, Security Patrol brought in \$5,250 from business participants (3.8% of total revenues). I would like to think the potential would be higher, but \$300 per year per business is probably realistic, which means we are getting about 1/3 of the full potential from the businesses.
4. Events – We should be able to do 3-4 events per year to raise funds for Security Patrol. In the past two years, we have done DineOut and 5K race events, which have brought in \$5-7K each year. By adding two more events (one likely to be a beer festival), we could probably bring the yearly event revenue to about \$20K.

Where does all of this put us? Reaching 100% of our potential from all four segments would put us at \$307K in yearly revenue. With yearly fees for the patrol car, insurance, and off-duty Patrol Commander subtracted, this would allow for 22 hours per day of patrol.

I am bringing this up now because we are nearing the point between holidays and Festival when we need to renew our push for fundraising. I will be turning over the reins as VP of Public Safety in May 2011 plus we are refining our strategies and looking for one or more resident volunteers to manage each of the four areas above. We have built a pretty successful business with the Inman Park Public Safety group, and it takes more than a couple people to manage a \$300,000 per year business, especially when these people are volunteers with regular jobs, family, etc. If you are interested in helping with any of the above functions, please contact me via e-mail at [bobsandage@yahoo.com](mailto:bobsandage@yahoo.com).

Until next month, please stay safe!

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2010, IPNA MEETING

*By Barbara Black, Secretary*

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Regina Brewer welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:30. The meeting was held in the church sanctuary instead of the meeting hall because a movie crew in the neighborhood was using that space. The members of the Board introduced themselves.

### NEWCOMERS

Jolana Roberts, with Keller Williams Real Estate, introduced herself as a visitor to the meeting and who is getting to know the neighborhood.

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made to add 124 Elizabeth Street and 214 Hurt Street to the Historic Preservation meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to add the change in agent for the liquor license for Dad's Garage to the Zoning agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oreon Mann announced that there would not be a regular book club meeting in December, but rather a Christmas party on December the 8th at 7:00 p.m. It will be at Marnie and Bill McMurphy's at 466 North Highland, Unit 1. Please bring a dish

to share and a wrapped book to exchange.

Amy Higgins announced that several trees are left over from the Trees Atlanta sale and are available for free. Amy listed the types of trees and requested that you get in touch with her if you are interested in getting one of these trees.

Reverend Matt Nelson thanked the neighborhood for the food contributions last Saturday to the Intown Collaborative Ministries. Volunteers collected 75 bags of food.

Regina Brewer thanked Matt for the use of the church sanctuary for the meeting.

Marge Hays announced the tour at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill (the Stacks) December 3 and 4. On

Saturday, December 4 there will be a special tour with Preservation Consultant Bambi Ray. The tour is free, but registration is required.

#### **POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Officer Vince Moore reported on continuing robberies in the neighborhood. Previously, robberies were taking place near Little Five Points and in Virginia Highlands and now they are more centered in Inman Park and Candler Park. While robberies are up, burglaries are down. Only two burglaries were reported this month: one in the Brickworks and another at a business on DeKalb Avenue. Burglaries are down 80% this year, but robberies continue to be an issue.

Lt. Schierbaum reported the promotion of Major Renee Probes to Deputy Chief. She will remain connected to Inman Park.

Lt. Schierbaum reported further on pedestrian robberies. There are more patrol cars now in Inman Park. Officers from other areas have been sent to patrol in Zone 6. He reported concern for criminals being able to get away at the MARTA station. The bridge connection at MARTA allows an escape route through the station to Reynoldstown. Lt. Schierbaum would like to improve communications with MARTA. The APD is making a request that MARTA change the configuration of the turnstiles on the bridge to eliminate the ability to simply cross over the bridge and not get on a train. Regina Brewer asked if this problem has been addressed in other MARTA stations and Lt. Schierbaum responded yes. People who are coming and going from the MARTA station are targets for robberies. Regina Brewer, Bob Sandage, and Lt. Schierbaum will strategize with MARTA.

The Virginia Highlands robberies are under control. A suspect, Grady Strozier, has been identified and a warrant is out for his arrest. While car break-ins in Inman Park are down, the area of break-ins is moving. A car that is possibly associated with the break-ins is a 2011 Infinity Q56. It has Tennessee tag number 540 YKP.

Another suspect with previous arrests is Dracus Butler. Be on the look out for a silver Chevy HHR, Georgia tag number AUF942. If you see either vehicle please call 911.

There have been incidents of phones and laptops being taken in coffee shops. Lt. Schierbaum emphasized that we should not leave these items unattended. He reported that two of three suspects associated with these crimes have been identified.

Lt. Schierbaum thanked Bob Sandage for his initiative in getting street lights fixed that have been out for some time. Most lights have now been replaced.

Officer Bleifeld has been assigned to address tagging. An individual that was tagging the silt fence at the Wrecking Bar site ran and dropped a backpack. The backpack contained materials that were identified with "Shine," a group believed to be associated with other tagging. Officer Bleifeld is the Officer of the Month for apprehending the tagging suspect who is now in jail.

If tagging occurs on private property, please take photos before correcting the damage and send via e-mail to APD to help with prosecuting the criminals.

Regarding the redesign of the police beats for Zones 5 and 6, it was reported that it is being pushed out, possibly until May of 2012. The redesign will not have a huge impact on Zone 6. There has been some push-back at the NPU meetings. The Old Fourth Ward does not want to leave Zone 5. The redesign is being delayed in order to find officers to fill the beats that are being added.

#### **IPNA OFFICER'S REPORTS ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins**

Amy reported on the request to change the agent on the liquor license for Dad's Garage. Amy noted that a liquor license is attached to an individual, not an establishment. The immediate neighbors were in unanimous support. A motion was made to approve Lena Carstens as the new person on the liquor license for Dad's Garage. The motion was seconded and carried.

Regarding the proposed rezoning of 465-479 North Highland, called the Wisteria block, Amy reported that the immediate neighbors have met with the owner's agent. The neighbors are not comfortable with some of the points and have submitted concerns to the owner's attorney. Some of the most significant concerns include:

The proposed outdoor dining - the neighbors oppose outdoor dining at these properties;

The landscape buffers - the neighbors would like to increase the width of the buffers - preferably to ten feet; and

The parking count - the neighbors would like to add one more parking space on site to satisfy the one parking space/100 sq. ft. code requirement.

There is also a request for two taxi stands and space for bus parking. We are awaiting a revised plan and draft of the ordinance in response to these concerns.

The rezoning of this area is deferred until December.

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

913 Bernina involves the renovation of the patio area at Park's Edge. AUDC Type III application has been made. The immediate neighbors are in support. Fredrick Reid, the designer, made a presentation. The renovation involves extending the roofline, covering half the deck, and installing a glass railing. Regina Brewer asked if there would be an increase in the size of the patio? No, the patio would remain the same size. Concern was expressed for parking in front of fire hydrants. Regina stated that Park Atlanta will ticket for illegal parking. Concern was expressed for the tent in the parking lot that takes up available parking spaces and displaces those cars to the street.

A question was raised about whether parking was enforced on Sunday. Regina Brewer answered, "yes," and recommended you call 911. She stated parking in front of a hydrant is dangerous and interferes with access for emergency vehicles. APD will ticket.

The owner stated that he would work to address the parking. Concern was expressed for sign replacement.

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

Ute Banse presented 124 Elizabeth Street. The project involves an addition to the rear of the house. The goal of the project is to restore the historic structure, add living space, and improve the rear yard. The project has been submitted to the UDC for a Type III applicat-

ion. There will be a two-story addition involving a screened porch, basement, and attic space. The addition will continue the historic character using similar materials and matching the existing window proportions. No variance is requested.

Regina Brewer asked if the owners could apply for a tax freeze, which is different from a preservation credit (not applicable in this case)? Ute will investigate. The neighbors voted 5 to 0 to support the application. A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors. The motion was seconded and carried.

Variations requested for 214 Hurt Street were discussed next. The owner needs a variance for a proposed deck wrapping around the side of the house and visible from the street. An immediate neighbors meeting was held and the vote was 7 to 1 in favor. The designer described the proposed project that involves wrapping the deck around from the rear to an original side entry. The side door enters into the kitchen area and the request is to allow a continuous deck surface from the rear to the side entry. The side entry and the rear entry are above grade and require steps. The neighbors expressed two concerns: they preferred lattice infill below the deck, and they preferred that the railing be painted.

Concern was expressed for addressing the outstanding code compliance issues first. Regina Brewer noted the long history concerning the house being empty and that the house will continue to be cited if empty. The owner stated that, after the first of the year, he plans to be living in the house part-time and plans to do additional improvements. Regina stated concern for the house being empty for 22 years. She noted that the house needs a lot of work and that a family could buy the house and get tax credits. Regina stated that the wrap-around deck is inappropriate and she believes the UDC will not approve. The owner responded that he bought the house in 1973, and he apologized to the neighborhood for the condition of the house. When he and his wife bought the house, it was in shambles and he hopes to leave it better than they found it. His current plan is to sell the house in the next 12 to 18 months. But, he said, he might want to stay. He thinks the UDC should

approve the application because the deck condition is similar to other neighbors. He stated they did a lot of work on the inside, converting a duplex to a single-family dwelling. He plans to fix it to make it attractive to sell, but it is not ready to go on the market now. He noted that it is a very small section of deck that requires a variance. Regina Brewer responded that decks on the side have been rejected on Lake Avenue. The ordinance discourages this type of addition.

It was noted that the neighbors' structures are grandfathered. Regina reiterated concern for the house being empty for so long. She suggested that the owner fix the concern that the doors open to nothing, sell the house, and let the next owners solve the problem more fully.

Adam Stillman said two neighbors e-mailed him after the Immediate Neighbors Meeting that they were uncomfortable voting against the project with the owner present. Two other neighbors who were unable to attend the meeting expressed that they would have voted against the project, but the neighborhood By-Laws do not allow absentee voting. If neighbors have ongoing concerns they can contact the UDC directly.

A comment was made that the neighborhood has a history of supporting the immediate neighbors. A request was made by the designer to defer the project for one month to allow the neighbors to take a look at the situation.

A motion was made to deny support of the proposal and the immediate neighbors. The motion was voted on and carried with a vote of 12 to 4. The neighborhood did not support the application.

#### **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for Kwanza Hall, announced the free Luminocity event, a light-based parade similar to the Flux event held in Castleberry Hill. The event is on November 27 and it is free.

Jay announced that Holly Mull's memorial services would be tomorrow at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The East Side BeltLine Trail had its groundbreaking and by mid-summer people will be able to walk, hike, or bike from Piedmont Park to DeKalb Avenue, a wonderful connection.

Later in December there will be a "soft opening" at the Fourth Ward Park.

#### **Public Safety: V.P. Bob Sandage**

Bob Sandage reiterated the report from Lt. Schierbaum concerning the increase in violent crime.

Bob reported on the volunteer effort to have street-lights fixed. A group of volunteers marked the street light poles with yellow ribbons. Roughly 45 lights were out and roughly one-third to one-half have been fixed. Eleven on Euclid have been fixed. Bob thanked Jay Tribby and Kwanza Hall's office as well as Georgia Power for their help. Bob expressed concern that Poplar Circle remains too dark and is dangerous.

The Santa Safety Run to raise money for the Security Patrol will be Sunday, December 5. The registration form is in the *Advocator*, or register online.

#### **Treasurer: Cameron Childress**

Public Safety:	\$12,031.25
Archives:	28.86
Legal:	2,835.00
(Wisteria Block, 465-479 North Highland)	
Babysitting:	50.00
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Total	\$14,945.11

#### **Secretary: Barbara Black**

Extra copies of the Directory are available from Barbara or Diane Floyd.

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

David reported that the Traffic Calming Committee is moving along and has set up a meeting with the City engineers. Diane Floyd asked if the parking and one-way concerns on Bernina could be added to the traffic calming study. David responded that they have not included any adjacent streets, but they would consider the idea and discuss it with the City engineers. Regina Brewer stated that she would take up the issues on Bernina with Park Atlanta.

#### **NPU: Megan Holder**

Megan reported the NPU meeting included discussion on the police redistricting. She reported that the Olmsted Park improvements would be finished in the spring.

In December there will be a discussion about the Community Development Plan (CDP) process to

talk about how Inman Park's concerns will be represented. Regina Brewer suggested a separate ad hoc committee be formed.

Jonathon Miller stated that the CDP must be updated every three to five years by law. He touched on working with NPU's O and W. These NPU's share the concern about the Moreland corridor. The CDP kick-off meeting will be November 29 at 6:00.

**PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer**

Regina discussed the legal expenses associated with the rezoning of the Wisteria block. She noted that the legal fees are being paid out of the IPNA legal defense funds. The attorney is looking out for what is best for Inman Park and is trying to come up with a solution that will contribute to the neighborhood. Regina believes it is a great investment.

The lawyer met with the neighbors and they were very receptive because he could explain how to make the rezoning great for the neighborhood. It is a tricky process. The applicant has hired an

attorney. Regina supports having the Inman Park attorney throughout the process. She noted that the neighborhood does not have to support the rezoning. The attorney will protect the neighborhood's interest and his services are a good investment.

A question was raised as to a ballpark figure for the legal expenses. Regina answered that the current expenses are \$3,800. The neighborhood is getting a discounted non-profit rate and some of the hours spent have been forgiven. The total legal reserve is \$25,000. Secondly, a question was asked about the CDP being amended. Regina responded that if the rezoning is successful, the CDP would be amended to reflect the change from low density residential to low density commercial and the neighborhood conditions. Regina stated that the conditions that are put in place in the rezoning will be enforceable by the City.

Regina and Jonathon Miller went to meet with Park Atlanta. They will now be enforcing the new residential parking areas, Thursday,

Friday, and Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. There is no Sunday parking enforcement in Atlanta. They asked that the signage be changed, including correcting misspellings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Amy Phuong introduced herself as the Chief Service Officer for the Mayor's office. She is attending the meeting to better understand community issues. Her department has three areas of focus: developing youth, keeping streets clean, and keeping streets safe. She thanked the neighborhood for its continued service and hard work.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. Regina Brewer adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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**INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL  
NOVEMBER 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT**

*By Lt. Brent Schierbaum*

**INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT  
FOR NOVEMBER 2010**

*By Greg Scott*

Directed Patrols	361	Robbery	3	Theft of Vehicle	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	171	Parking Complaint	2	Theft	1
Alarm Activation	25	Person Injured	2	Abandoned Auto	1
Suspicious Persons	22	Noise Complaint	2	Animal Complaint	1
Disturbance	6	Car Accident	1	Reckless Driver	1
Suspicious Vehicle	4	Person Armed	1	Person Intoxicated	1
Theft from Auto	3	Criminal Damage to Property	1	Info for Officer	1
Criminal Trespass	3	Open Window/Door	1		
Enforcement Activity	Arrests:				
	Disorderly Under the Influence				1
	Defacing Public Property				2
	Vehicle Impound				1
<b>Association Member Contacts</b>			23		

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.

Car break-ins still seem to be our biggest problem. People are still leaving valuables in their cars. Come on folks, getting your GPS stolen is so 2009! Also, I understand the logic of leaving your car unlocked to prevent your window from getting smashed or door handle damaged, but it kind of defeats the purpose when you leave your valuables in the car unsecured. Remember, thieves are looking for the easiest and fastest score. The same goes for leaving your car running and unattended.

Particularly disturbing on this report are the armed robberies. Over the past few weeks our Zone 6 Commander has placed a huge priority in putting a stop to the rash of robberies throughout the Zone – after the recent murder in Virginia Highland we hope that everyone has renewed their vigilance and will remember to be aware of their surroundings, report any suspicious activity, and to look out for your neighbors. During the Holiday season criminals are hoping we let our guard down. Let's not give them the chance to prey on us. Until next month, be safe!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
10/26-10/27	11:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Auto Theft	100 Block Degrass Ave.	Vehicle stolen from in front of house.
10/26	12:05 AM – 8:00 AM	Entering Auto	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed on one car, second car entered through partially open window. Cell phone, iPod, 3 jackets and CD's stolen.
10/27-10/28	8:30 PM – 12:30 AM	Entering Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Driver's door lock damaged and 2 laptops, 2 purses, wallet, books, and backpack stolen.
10/27	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Entering Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave,	Driver's door lock damaged and an empty curling iron box was stolen.
10/28	2:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Entering Auto	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Driver's vent window broken and car radio, iPod, camera, and sunglasses stolen.
11/1	9:15 AM – 8:00 PM	Entering Auto	100 Block Krog St.	Vehicle entered and clothes, shoes, toothbrush, and GPS stolen.
11/3	6:00 PM	Robbery	Dekalb @ Degrass	Victim was approached by 8-10 suspects who punched and kicked him and took his cell phone, lap top bag, and books.
11/4	7:25 AM	Auto Theft	200 Block Montag Cir.	Victim left car running to warm it up and, upon return, car was gone.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
11/4-11/5	7:45 PM – 12:30 AM	Entering Auto	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Rear driver's side window smashed and car radio and CD's stolen.
11/5	12:30 AM - 7:30 AM	Entering Auto	700 Block Edgewood Ave.	Passenger window damaged and GPS and cell phone stolen.
11/5	5:40 AM	Theft	200 Block N. Highland Ave,	Witness saw two men attempting to steal two bicycles from location. One was arrested and one bike recovered, one suspect got away.
11/5-11/6	11:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Entering Auto	700 Block Edgewood Ave.	Door handles and steering column of vehicle damaged.
11/5-11/6	7:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Entering Auto	800 Block Dixie Ave.	Sunglasses stolen from possibly unsecured car.
11/6	4:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Entering Auto	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and items taken.
11/8	8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Auto Theft	900 Block Bernina Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street.
11/8	12:05 AM – 7:00 AM	Entering Auto	11 Block Alta Ave.	Rear driver's side vent window broken and shoulder bag, hard drive, iPod and notebooks stolen.
11/8-11/9	8:00 PM – 8:00 AM	Entering Auto	800 Block Lake Ave.	Driver's window smashed and GPS stolen.
11/9	2:30 PM- 2:45 PM	Theft	600 Block Brickworks Circle	Lock cut on supply trailer and weed eater and trimmer stolen.
11/9	8:15 PM	Theft	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Laptop and two cell phones snatched from patrons in coffee shop.
11/9	8:30 PM	Robbery	900 Block Euclid Ave.	Two victims were in park when approached by two suspects. Suspects produced a handgun and took a laptop, backpack, and text books.
11/10-11/11	9:30 PM – 9:00 AM	Entering Auto	100 Block Hale St.	GPS stolen from unsecured vehicle.
11/11	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Entering Auto	700 Block Edgewood Ave.	Jumper cables stolen from unsecured vehicle.
11/12	11:15 PM	Robbery	Euclid @ Alta Ave.	Couple stopped by 3 suspects in a vehicle, one armed with a shotgun. Wallets, purse, cash, and 2 cell phones stolen.
11/13-11/14	9:00 PM – 12:30 AM	Entering Auto	900 Block Bernina Ave.	Rear driver' window smashed and vacuum, still in the box, stolen.
11/13-11/14	8:30 PM – 9:00 AM	Entering Auto	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Rear window of SUV smashed and bicycle taken.
11/14	2:30 AM	Robbery	700 Dekalb Ave.	Victim was approached by 2 suspects who pointed a gun at him and stole a backpack, MP3 player, plastic gloves, and swimming goggles.
11/14-11/15	4:00 PM – 6:00 AM	Entering Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and duffle bag stolen.
11/16	9:30 AM – 9:30 PM	Auto Theft	100 Block Krog St.	Vehicle stolen from parking lot.
11/16-11/17	8:00 PM – 7:00 AM	Entering Auto	1000 Block Euclid Ave.	Laptop and sunglasses stolen from possibly unsecured car.
11/6-11/8	8:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Theft	300 Block Sinclair Ave.	Bicycle reported stolen from backyard.
11/18	6:00 PM – 11:30 PM	Theft	700 Block Edgewood Ave.	Bicycle stolen from location.
11/18-11/19	7:30 PM – 12:15 AM	Entering Auto	300 Block N. Highland Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and briefcase and gym bag stolen. Gym bag recovered a block away.
11/18 - 11/19	9:00 PM- 9:45 AM	Theft from Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Tire and rim stolen from car.
11/19	10:30 AM	Burglary	800 Block Edgewood Ave.	Police responded to alarm at location and found evidence of an attempt to enter by kicking in side door. Nothing taken.
11/20	9:30 PM – 11:45 PM	Entering Auto	1000 Block Washita Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and calculator, laptop, backpack, and school books stolen.

**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

**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)*Three Cups of*

**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 e-mail 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
	December 21*	January 12*
	January 4 *	January 19 *
	January 18 *	February 2 *

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

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

- 124 Elizabeth Street** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-225) to allow addition and other alterations – **Approved with conditions**
- 214 Hurt Street** - Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-10-226) for a variance to allow a rear deck wider than the width of the house, to increase the front yard setback from 42ft. (required) to 87ft. (proposed), and to increase the right side yard setback from 16 ft. (required) to 29ft. (proposed); and (HD-10-227) to allow a side deck and stoop – **Approved with conditions**
- 67 Waddell Street** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-228) to allow window replacement and alterations – **Approved with conditions**
- 913 Bernina Avenue** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-10-230) to allow renovations and porch expansion - **Approved**

Applications scheduled for AUDC

December 29

- 193 Elizabeth Street** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow renovations to a contributing structure.

**Please see the agenda on the back page 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

## TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins,  
Arboretum Committee Co-chair

Well, it's the holiday season again and our neighborhood is decorated with lights and wreaths set against a rather gray back-drop of barren trees and leaden sky. But, as you've likely noticed, Mother Nature does a little decorating of her own this time of year. The American Holly trees (*Ilex opacata*) are showing off their distinctive red berries. Their deep green leaves and bright red berries bring a little color and cheer into an otherwise bleak time of the year. Perhaps that's why the holly is such an important part of Christmas tradition.

American Hollies are useful for more than just Christmas decorations though. Their wood is used in furniture inlays, cabinetry, and musical instruments. Often, black piano keys are made from hollies. (The wood is dyed black to resemble ebony). Violin pegs, scrollwork, and fingerboards are also frequently crafted from holly wood.

Many of us think of the holly tree as a shrub, but it's capable of growing into a sizable tree under the right circumstances. The "national champion" American Holly, in the Congaree Swamp of South Carolina, is 99 feet tall with a trunk diameter of 31 inches. In fact, hollies in the 50'-60' tall range are common in the Mississippi River Delta. Our own arboretum has a fine specimen – not quite a champion in height - but a lovely tree none-the-less. It's located in Freedom Park near the PATH crossing at Euclid.

## NPU-N UPDATE – December 2010

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of NPU-N

With Megan having left for the Holiday and David out of town on business, it fell on me to represent IPNA at NPU-N's November meeting. The power! The excitement! The exaggeration! As it turned out, there was little to get excited about from an Inman Park point of view. No festivals. No whining about ParkAtlanta. No restaurants giving out samples. (Sigh.)

Enough of that! As usual, most applications heard by the NPU-N Board were from other neighborhoods. However, NPU-N's Board did support Lena Carsten's application to change the agent for the liquor license at Dad's Garage, which IPNA supported at its last meeting. (I got to make the motion; it was so exciting!) As the proposed re-zoning for the properties known as the "Wisteria Block" has not been finalized, the Board deferred consideration of the CDP amendment that will be required before the re-zoning application can be considered. The Board will most likely hear the CDP amendment at its December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bob Sandage's long-awaited application for a liquor license for the Wrecking Bar is also expected to come before NPU-N in December. Also, election of officers for the Board will take place.

The proposed realignment of the police beats came up at NPU-N's November meeting. I had heard and reported to the Board that the proposal to rearrange our Zone 6 has generated some concerns. The proposal chops off the top and bottom of the zone and adds beats to our west. Concerns have been raised by folks in the Old 4<sup>th</sup> Ward (they like their current Major) and to the south of Reynoldstown (a beat would be divided by I-20).

The news was that the start date for the realignment has been pushed back to 2012, due most likely to the need for more officers to be hired. Major Dalton reported this change, which came as a surprise because I had heard only a few weeks ago that the start date was to be July 2011. Oh well! Another reason to be thankful for (and join) the Security Patrol.

## SPRINGVALE PARK UPDATE

by Amy Higgins

Mark your calendars for January's IPNA meeting – January 19, 2011. The Springvale Park steering committee will be unveiling the results of the Visioning Process. We'll have the master plan to show plus a list of prioritized projects for the first phase of park restoration.

Get your work gloves ready! This winter we'll have our first work day in the park clearing invasive plants and working to stabilize the ground in the south side of the park. I'll announce a date soon. In the Inman Park tradition, there will be Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee for volunteers.

Also, I understand there is some interest in the neighborhood about finding ways to memorialize neighbors who have passed away. We've identified a couple of ways to do this in Springvale Park. We're proposing brick pavers for some of the walkways in the park. Names can be inscribed on the bricks to commemorate a person or event. Also, there will be some space available for planting new trees. Perhaps we can establish a memorial grove in the park with arboretum stones noting the person's name and the species of tree planted in his/her honor. Please give this some thought and let me know if you have other ideas. (AHigginsAIA@gmail.com)

## INMAN PARK CAROLING

Come and Join the Fun

By John Floyd

On Monday, December 20, we will sing carols to our neighbors and enjoy the holiday Spirit. We will gather at 7:30 at 116 Elizabeth street and proceed from there. Music and refreshments are provided. Dress warmly and see you soon. If it rains we will meet on Tuesday the 21 at the same time and place.

## INMAN PARK DINERS 2011

By Karin Mebius

In January, the fifth year of Inman Diners will be taking off, and I am looking forward to see everyone again in January.

I will host a Kick-Off Party on the last Saturday in January for all participants in order to announce the makeup of each of our individual groups of about 12 people. At that time the group members decide who will host which dinner, and other details. The dinners are held at the host's home and he or she gets to pick the menu. Then, everybody chooses one dish to bring along.

If you want to join or if you'd like to know more details, please don't hesitate to email me at [karinmebius@gmail.com](mailto:karinmebius@gmail.com), we live at 860 Euclid Avenue and our phone number is 404-584-0355.

I would love to hear from you.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM INMAN PARK CHURCH

*By Rev. Matt Nelson*

During this festive and busy season, may your home be filled with PEACE, your spirit with JOY, your future with HOPE, and your life with LOVE.

You are invited to attend the Christmas Eve Service

**December 24, 2010 at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.**

Have a Merry Christmas from your neighborhood church, Inman Park United Methodist!

### A New Year Resolution...AGAIN!?

Resolution: the act of determining; other definitions of "resolution" per Webster's Dictionary articulate moving from dissonance to consonance as in musical tones.

There is the desire within many of us that as a New Year begins to consider ways we want our lives to have a determined outcome. We set new goals for the year

seeking to make life better. We want a consonance with the balance of life and the purpose for which we were made. I gave up New Year's Resolutions for a while in my life until I realized the significance for an annual evaluation of sorts for my life. I adopted a colleague's life vision of being a "Determined Disciple, Honorable Husband, and Faithful Father" so as to live out my life values. To stop and check myself routinely is helpful. If and/or as you consider your New Year's Resolution, here's a good one to consider relevant to the life and heartbeat of Inman Park that keeps me focused as well.

"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

*John Wesley (Anglican Minister & Founder of Methodism)*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Dec. 14	Tues.			
Dec. 15	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting		Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
Dec. 16	Thurs. 7:00 PM	NPU-N Meeting	16	LSP Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave.
Dec. 17	Fri.			
Dec. 18	Sat.			
Dec. 19	Sun.			
Dec. 20	Mon. 7:30 PM	Caroling Party	17	116 Elizabeth Street
Dec. 21	Tues.			
Dec. 22	Wed.			
Dec. 23	Thurs.			
Dec. 24	Fri. 6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service	17	Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
Dec. 25	Sat.	<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>		
Dec. 26	Sun.			
Dec. 27	Mon.			
Dec. 28	Tues.			
Dec. 29	Wed.			
Dec. 30	Thurs.			
Dec. 31	Fri.	<i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i>		
Jan. 1	Sat. 10 PM	<i>NEW YEAR'S DAY ADVOCATOR DEADLINE</i>		<a href="mailto:theadvocator@bellsouth.net">theadvocator@bellsouth.net</a>
Jan. 2	Sun.			

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Jan. 3	Mon.			
Jan. 4	Tues.			
Jan. 5	Wed.			
Jan. 6	Thurs.			
Jan. 7	Fri.			
Jan. 8	Sat.			
Jan. 9	Sun.			
Jan. 10	Mon.			
Jan. 11	Tues.			
Jan. 12	Wed.			
Jan. 13	Thurs.			
Jan. 14	Fri.			
Jan. 15	Sat.			

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Our belated condolences to  
**Ellen, James,  
 Gwendolyn and Kiera McManus**  
 on the death of Ellen’s mother,  
**Ruth Gandl,**  
 on October 25, 2010

Our condolences to  
**Carolyn, Doug,  
 Margot and Evelyn McLaughlin**  
 on the death of Carolyn’s father,  
**Richard Stine,**  
 on November 15, 2010

For up-to-the-minute news about the neighborhood, including public safety warnings and upcoming events that missed the *Advocator* deadline, consider subscribing to the Inman Park Yahoo group.  
 Check it out at:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanparkga/>  
 To sign up, click “Join This Group” on the page above.  
 Questions? Contact Kristine Sandage  
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**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 of IPNA for 15 days prior to voting.  
**The annual Membership Directory is now available.**  
**Pick up your copy at the next IPNA meeting.**

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2010**

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

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers**
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- III. Announcements**
  - A. Freedom Park Art Project**
- IV. Police Officers' Reports**
- V. Elected Officials' Reports**
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:**
  - A. President**
    - 1. Festival support**
    - 2. Use of Freedom Park for Festival**
  - B. Planning**
    - 1. Traffic Study Update**
    - 2. NPU report**
      - a. Beltline Minute**
  - C. Zoning**
    - 1. 465-479 N. Highland-Rezoning from RG-2 to NC**
  - D. Historic Preservation**
    - 1. 193 Elizabeth Street**
    - 2. 214 Hurt Street**
  - E. Public Safety**
    - 1. Violent Crime Update**
    - 2. 5K Update**
  - F. Treasurer**
    - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures**
  - G. Secretary**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**