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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Regina Brewer

Our January meeting will be focusing on our two parks. First will be a presentation on the plan developed between our neighborhood and Park Pride for Springvale Park. Amy Higgins, one of the Springvale Park Committee members, has written an article about this. This plan envisions major changes to Springvale Park and a plan to address ongoing issues such as drainage and erosion.

Springvale Park is a special treasure nestled in the heart of Inman Park. Several of our neighbors, including Margie Veneziale, Eileen Brown, and Bruce Maclachlan, have given a great deal of their time and energy over the years to bring the park back from utter ruin to the beautiful green space it is today. We need to look at the envisioning plan and commit ourselves to fully restoring the park and finishing their work.

Amy Higgins will be presenting the proposed plan and then Bob Eberwein will present his design for a possible bridge to reconnect the two sides of the park. There will be opportunity for questions and answers but we will not vote to support the plan or a bridge until February. I'd like everyone to have the opportunity to look at the plans and consider the associated costs and changes before we rush to vote on this. We can then discuss/debate the plan and bridge at the February meeting and then take a final vote.

The other issue we will be looking at is the use of Freedom Park for the Inman Park Festival. For years the Children's Area was placed in Poplar Circle and this worked quite well. At some point, it was determined that the festival did not meet the criteria for a passive activity and therefore could not be held in Freedom Park. Since then, Festival Committee has struggled to hold the children's area in a variety of locations and finally settled in Springvale Park. As most of us know, this does not work well due to the location of the pond, the treacherous stairs that lead down to the park, and its isolated location which makes it difficult to sell the sponsorships that allow it to remain free for all families.

George Dusenbury, the new Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, and the City are willing to reassess whether the Children's area can be allowed in Freedom Park. This would mean that other festivals could be held in Freedom Park and every neighborhood that abuts Freedom Park would need to consider and decide if they would support this policy. There are pros and cons to this decision, so we need to weigh this decision carefully.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. We start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

By Diane Floyd

Two of the functions necessary to the running of any organization are its By-Laws and its election process. For those of you interested, the current By-Laws can be found on the website (under "About' Inman Park" then see "Documents"). For a variety of reasons, the By-Laws are currently being revised and will be presented to the membership for a vote within a few months.

One item that is conspicuously missing is a nominating process; there is NO nominating committee in the By-Laws. Another problem is that the current practices of electing officers for two year terms and electing only half of the officers each year are not specifically supported by the By-Laws. This practice is not in violation of the "intent" of the By-Laws just their "letter."

Inman Park Neighborhood Association has seven Officers (President, Vice Presidents for Planning, Zoning, Historic Preservation and Public Safety, Secretary and Treasurer) which are elected each year at the May meeting. Until the By-Laws can be revised and approved it is likely that the Board will decide to continue the process used in previous years, i.e. a nominating committee will make recommendations to the membership for the positions of the Officers serving their second term: **Zoning, Historic Preservation, Public Safety, and Treasurer.** These are four **critically** important positions. Please let the Board know if you would consider taking one of them!

## 2011 HOUSE TOUR

By Pat Westrick

It's hard to believe that what started as a way to let the business community know that it was safe to lend money and write insurance in our neighborhood has resulted in one of the best-known and most-beloved festivals in the Southeast.

The focal point of Festival in the early years was the House Tour. How else to let the Atlanta community know that we existed and what we were accomplishing with our blood, sweat and tears? It's still a major part of our Festival, and here's a preview of what you can expect to see on April 29, 30 and May 1.

Since this is our 40<sup>th</sup> House Tour, we are featuring three of the original homes on that tour 40 years ago: 804 Edgewood (home of Debi Starnes and Jim Emshoff), 814 Edgewood (home of Susan Bridges – also the owner 40 years ago!) and 872 Edgewood (home of Diana Glad.) The Inman Park Methodist Church has been a participant in House Tour all 40 years, and The Wrecking Bar, which was open for business 40 years ago (although a very different kind of business,) will be open for tour this year as well.

Other homes open include 1062 Euclid, 1021 Euclid, 814 Virgil, 169 Hale and 820 Dixie, once again highlighting the variety of house styles and sizes in our neighborhood -- which makes the wide variety of neighbors possible as well.

We hope you'll volunteer for house sitting this year: It's much cooler than garbage collecting and easier on your clothes than selling beer (no spillage.) Plus, you get an exclusive *House Tour Volunteer T-Shirt* so everybody knows that you've made the correct volunteer decision. Call or e-mail Jan Keith or me if you want to be in that exclusive number. We'll find you just the right spot!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg.	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Jan. 16	Sun.			
Jan. 17	Mon			
Jan. 18	Tues.			
Jan. 19	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting		Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
Jan. 20	Thurs			
Jan. 21	Fri.			
Jan. 22	Sat. 4:00 PM	Free Preview: <i>TRANSFORMATION</i>	12	Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave
Jan. 23	Sun .			
Jan. 24	Mon.			
Jan. 25	Tues.			
Jan. 26	Wed. 7:00 PM	Book Club, <i>The Pillars of the Earth</i>	13	227 Drexel Avenue, Decatur
Jan. 27	Thurs. 7:00 PM	NPU-N Meeting	7	L5P Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave.
Jan. 28	Fri.			
Jan. 29	Sat. 7:00 PM	Inman Diners, 2011	17	834 Lake Avenue
	7:00 PM	<i>TRANSFORMATION</i> , an evening of dance and song with Good Moves	12	Interdenominational Theology Center 700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Jan. 30	Sun.			
Jan. 31	Mon.			
Feb. 1	Tues. 10:00 PM	<i>ADVOCATOR</i> Deadline		theadvocator@bellsouth.net
Feb. 2	Wed.			
Feb. 3	Thurs.			
Feb. 4	Fri.			
Feb. 5	Sat.			
Feb. 6	Sun.			
Feb. 7	Mon.			
Feb. 8	Tues. 7:30 PM	Festival Committee Meeting	1	Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Ave.
Feb. 9	Wed.			
Feb. 10	Thur.			
Feb. 11	Fri. 8:00 PM	REAL State of the Union By Jay Bookman for Georgia WAND	18	Horizon Theatre, 1083 Austin Ave.
Feb. 12	Sat.			
Feb. 13	Sun.3:00-5:00 PM	<i>Have Wine, Must Dance</i> Fundraiser	16	47 Delta Place
Feb. 14	Mon.			
Feb. 15	Tues.			
Feb. 16	Wed.			

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# MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2010, IPNA MEETING

By Pat Westrick (substitute for Barbara Black, Secretary)

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

It was a dark and stormy night, and the timing was perfect for me to have said, "Yes" when Barbara Black asked me to be the substitute Secretary at the December meeting, which was called to order at 7:30 by President Regina Brewer.

## NEWCOMERS

There were no newcomers (and precious few old comers, either.)

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the November meeting were approved, as Oreon Mann arrived just in time to make the motion. Not sure what we'd have done if he had decided to skip the meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Dennison of Flux Projects (who sponsor temporary art projects) presented a proposal from Charlie Brouwer called Rise Up Atlanta. It will be a sphere made up of ladders wired together and will be in Freedom Park, on the east side of the park's intersection with Moreland Avenue. It is scheduled to be installed the weekend before the Inman Park Festival and to stay up about a month. Mr. Brouwer will be soliciting donations of ladders to be used in the short-term project. They will be returned after the art is removed or, if no longer wanted by the owners, donated to a non-profit. Ms. Dennison reported that they had the approval of Freedom Park Conservancy and asked for a vote of support from IPNA. A motion was made and seconded to support the project and it passed unanimously.

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Lt. Schierbaum reported that there had been no robberies during the past month, but that car thefts were on the rise. He also reported that there had been two arrests made in the Virginia Highlands homicide. He updated the group on the current allocation of police resources.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Jay Tribby of Council Member Kwanza Hall's office was iced in and couldn't attend the meeting, so no report.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

### **PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer**

Regina asked the membership to approve the 2011 Spring Festival. The motion was made, seconded, and passed

unanimously. She then discussed the possibility of using Poplar Circle again for the Children's Events during the Festival. The city Parks Department has no objections, but we also won't be able to prevent others from using it for similar events. She'd like the membership to discuss this at the January meeting.

### **PLANNING: David Laube**

David Laube was not present, but Jonathan Miller gave a brief NPU report. The Community Development Plan (CDP) amendment for the Wisteria block has been deferred, a liquor license application for the Wrecking Bar is being considered, annual elections are coming up, and we were asked to think about the CDP update due Spring, 2011.

### **ZONING: Amy Higgins**

No report.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION: Adam Stillman**

Adam told us that the application at 193 Elizabeth was for turning a porch that had been turned into a bathroom in the bad old days back into a porch. Since it turned out to be a Type II application instead of a Type III, no vote was needed.

He also reported on the Urban Design Commission's (UDC) decision on the application by the owner of 214 Hurt. The UDC approved the application with the condition that the side walkway to the back porch either be a real porch, or not be constructed at all. The home-owner is choosing not to construct the walkway.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY: Bob Sandage**

Bob reported that the proceeds from the Santa 5K Run were probably not going to cover its costs. He discussed some possible reasons for this, and said the committee might need to re-think the whole project.

### **TREASURER: Cameron Childress**

Cameron was not present, so Regina read the expenditures for the month.

*Advocator* . . . . . \$1,917.00  
(Two Months)  
Public Safety . . . . . \$14,333.19  
(Fuels, Patrol Time)  
Beautification . . . . . \$1,400.00  
(Landscaping)

Legal . . . . . \$967.50  
(Wisteria Block 465-479 N Highland)  
Social . . . . . \$9,893.21  
(Holiday Party)  
Web Site . . . . . \$840.00  
(Hosting 1yr)  
Zoning . . . . . \$74.35  
(Materials, Wisteria Block Meetings)  
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Total . . . . . \$29,425.25

### **SECRETARY: Barbara Black**

The substitute secretary allowed that there were probably banners and membership directories available somewhere in the neighborhood.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Advocator:** Editor Diane Floyd discussed raggedy edges vs. full justification in the *Advocator*. All attendees thought either the raggedy edges were better or had no opinion.

**Polar Bear Jump:** George Gary announced that the Jump and Triathlon would take place as usual at 11 AM on New Years' Day.

## NEW BUSINESS

Reverend Matt Nelson announced that there would be a kids night at the Church Fellowship Hall on this Friday, with movies, popcorn and games, from 6 to 9 p.m.

James Lawrence asked whether IPNA needed more money and whether there were enough members. He was reassured, although Diane did mention that we had no members at The Brickworks, so if anyone knew any of those residents, invite them personally to get involved.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. Regina Brewer adjourned the meeting at 8:15, and we went off into the icy evening.

# SPRINGVALE PARK “VISIONING” PROCESS IS NEARLY COMPLETE

by Amy Higgins

After 10 months of meetings and deliberations, we're putting the finishing touches on the visioning plan. At January's IPNA meeting I'll unveil the Master Plan and summarize the highlights.

## Three tasks have emerged as the most urgent:

1. Hydrology Study - almost everyone who has attended our meetings has agreed that improving water quality and addressing the deteriorating condition of the lake should be our first priority.
2. Erosion Control Study – placing a close second to the water concerns is the worrisome erosion we're witnessing on both sides of the park but especially the south side between Euclid and Edgewood. Implementing best practices for controlling erosion is high on our list of critical tasks.
3. Site Survey – access into and out of the park for strollers, wheelchair users, and pedestrians is challenging. Making a more elegant transition from the sidewalk, street, and Park Lane into the park is a priority and will require a survey in order to address.

I want to give everyone the opportunity to get acquainted with what we're proposing before I call for a vote at February's IPNA meeting. So please come. I'll have copies of the plan for you to take home and review if you wish. In February, steering committee chair Brett Lauter and Park Pride representative Walt Ray will be present to help answer any questions you may have.

# SPRINGVALE PARK - A CONTINUATION

By Bob Eberwein

In the September *Advocator* I presented an argument in support of a bridge replacement for the Euclid Avenue berm crossing of Springvale Park. This proposal has met with a negative response at various meetings from the good people of Elizabeth Street, whose homes back up against the park. I am apparently the lone supporter, in the immediate area, of a bridge.

Actually, my original intent was to present this proposal to the community at large, all of Inman Park, and the proposal merely invited IPNA to consider the matter for a vote of yes or no to the concept of a bridge. This has not yet happened.

I have outlined my reasons for a positive consideration of a bridge in the September article.

The concerns of the immediate neighbors revolved around the impact of a bridge on their own well-being as abutting property owners. The arguments made against the bridge seemed to be the following, not necessarily in order of importance.

- **The construction of a bridge will be excessively noisy, time-consuming, and disruptive to traffic patterns.**

Answer: *It is true that construction will result in some negative impact (construction always does) but I do question whether a bridge replacement need be a years-long endeavor, once the powers-that-be come on board and give financial sustenance to the project, and project management is efficiently coordinated. Euclid Avenue would be closed, much like at Festival, for construction duration. This is not the end of the world. And bulldozers don't work at night.*

- **We don't have the money for such a thing.**

Answer: *This objection was expressed at one meeting, the assumption being that the money will come out of our own pockets. Ultimately such a bridge would be the financial provenance of the City of Atlanta and/or the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT)—or even possibly of philanthropists stepping up to the plate (?).*

- **The DOT will end up building something unattractive.**

Answer: *The DOT is many things we may find objectionable from time to time, but frankly, they do listen to neighborhoods. Despite what some of you may think, they too want a better environment for us all. I don't believe they will go to the trouble of short-changing us on such a serious community matter, if they should indeed come down on the side of positive “change” for Inman Park, especially with the watch-dog eyes of Inman Park on them.*

- **A reconnected park will attract more people, attention, and activity.**

Answer: *This is true. That's what it's supposed to do. Parks are for people to use.*

- **A reconnected park will attract the wrong kind of people, i.e. street people, the homeless, thugs, and the sort that might prey on honest citizenry and homeowners.**

Answer: We might have to expand the obligations of the IP Security Patrol which already patrols the south end of Park Lane.

Or perhaps this is just an imaginary concern. Has anybody taken a good look at Winn Park in Ansley Park? It is a ravine park much like Springvale Park, with the exception that it is a model of good design and a pleasure to stroll in; and by the way, when was the last reported mugging in Winn Park that you heard of? Are we worse than Ansley Parkers?

- **Yes, but Winn Park has no backed-up and exposed homeowners like Springvale Park does.**

Answer: *One can build a protective fence across one's rear property line and grow Carolina Jessamine all over it. That will*

look nice. Some folks already have fences in place. Others have heretofore apparently not felt threatened enough to bother with one at all.

- **Reconnecting Park Lane will open up a can of worms. Ne'er-do-wells will have easier escape routes once they have indulged in their various criminal activities.**

Answer: *Actually, the plan at this point is to, at most, reconnect the lane only for foot and bicycle traffic at the actual bridge site. There will be no drive-thru. This is not inviting to criminal activity. The current private home-access driveways will continue to exist, and surely on an improved Park Lane.*

*Reconnecting Park Lane will not open up a can of worms. It will open up a jar of honey. Moms and Dads and Grannies will have a great new by-way to push their carriages through: tree-shaded, rustic, and pretty, and no car worries. Dog walkers too. (We'll make sure there are doggy clean-up stations along the way.)*

- **The bridge idea may have merit, but let's think about it down the road. One thing at a time. Right now, let's build steps, plant azaleas, and improve pathways and lighting. Maybe later ...**

Answer: *This is code for let's never build a bridge.*

If the larger community agrees (by referendum) that a bridge is not in the best interest of Inman Park, then let us put the question to permanent rest and work with what we have now. We certainly can live with that.

If you are interested in seeing my own personal concept of a potential bridge for Springvale Park, it will be on display at the January IPNA meeting. Remember, it is only an idea. Then ask yourself: "Shouldn't I get a chance to vote on this question?"

## NPU – N UPDATE

By Megan Holder-Chandler

December was a short meeting for NPU. (Thank you, Santa!) There are a couple of quick items I would like to cover though.

- The Community Development Plan (CDP) Process: A group of residents in the neighborhood will be meeting in January to discuss what projects should remain, be removed, or added to the list for the neighborhood. This list will be presented to the neighborhood at the February meeting for comment and feedback. Our list will be combined with those of the other neighborhoods in the NPU and submitted together on behalf of NPU-N.
- Tree Trimming / Removal: Spring will be here soon enough and as we start to get our homes and the 'hood ready for Festival season you might find this information helpful. If there is a tree that is hazardous and located in the public Right of Way, contact the Parks Department. They handle trimming and removal of trees in that zone. If there is a tree on private property that is hazardous, contact the Arborist Division. They will determine if the tree is eligible for removal. The arborist can also help you with other tree related questions as well; feel free to call Dave Tachon (or another member of their team) at 404-330-6077 or e-mail him at [dtachon@atlantaga.gov](mailto:dtachon@atlantaga.gov).

**Happy 2011!**

## INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL DECEMBER 2010-ACTIVITY REPORT

By Lt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	573	Abandoned Auto	3	Theft of Vehicle	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	285	Theft from Auto	2	Wanted Person	1
Suspicious Person	29	Shots Fired	2	Intoxicated Person	1
Alarm Activation	25	Theft	2	Found Property	1
Suspicious Vehicle	7	Lost Person	2	Criminal Trespass	1
Parking Complaint	5	Street Obstruction	2	Info for Officer	1
Noise Complaint	5	Burglary	2		
Enforcement Activity	Arrests: False Information to Police No Driver's License				1 1
Association Member Contacts			12		

## JANUARY PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

by Bob Sandage

Inman Park VP of Public Safety

Violent crimes for Year 2010 remained consistent for Inman Park versus 2009. The months of April and October 2010 were especially bad, with 10 of the 28 violent crimes occurring in those two months. Violent crime for the rest of the APD Zone 604 / 605 and L5P were down significantly. The good news is that, after early November, there were no violent crimes committed in Inman Park. Change in tactics by APD and Inman Park Security Patrol (and possibly repair of all streetlight outages?) were likely contributors to the big decline at year end.

	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Year 2010	Year 2009
Inman Park Assaults and Robberies	0	0	28	28
L5P Assaults and Robberies	0	3	9	17
All of Beat 604 / 605	1	10	64	96

The Inman Park Santa's Safety 5K Run was held on Sunday, December 5. A combination of year-to-year slightly higher expenses, lower sponsor donations, and less advance registrants resulted in the event not covering costs. The largest contributor was the advance registration numbers. December is a difficult time for a race, with weather being cold and the Virginia Highland race the week before Christmas being one of the

largest races in Atlanta (besides the Peachtree and Georgia Marathon). The resident and volunteer support and enthusiasm for this event is great and we will continue to do a 5K event, but will likely shift to another time of the year that doesn't compete with the long-established Virginia Highland race.

Thanks to all of the sponsors and participants, and particularly the volunteers: **Greg Scott, Wes Turner, Regina Brewer, Marge Hays, Karen Heim, Adrian Smith, Fergal Kearns, Alex Coffman, Cam McCaa, Callie Kaiser, and Richard Westrick!!**

The Little Five Points Business Association (L5PBA) released figures for their Halloween Festival, and the good news is that an unprecedented profit level was obtained. This, in combination with donations to the Little Five APD Mini Precinct from Candler Park, likely means that the Mini Precinct will survive. I have been nominated to become President of L5PBA. If elected this month, I will focus heavily on ways for L5P and Inman Park to work closely together to simultaneously keep L5P fun and improve security and residential quality of life.

Until next month, please stay safe!

## INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2010

*By Greg Scott*

If you are thinking of moving to Inman Park and are reading this report, don't despair. Inman Park is 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.

As you can see by the report below, the main crime issue we have been experiencing is auto theft. While classified as a prop-

erty crime, the main issue with stolen vehicles is their potential to be used in other criminal activity. Please report any suspicious activity, such as vehicles cruising slowly up and down the street, people looking into car windows or lingering near parked cars, immediately to 911 (first) and then the Inman Park Security Patrol (404) 844-1004.

Let's hope that 2011 brings us safer streets. Happy New Year to all who support the Inman Park Security Patrol and, to those who don't, it's never too late to resolve to do so!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
11/21	9:00 PM – 10:30 PM	Burglary	700 Block LakeAve.	Victim forgot to lock door when leaving and upon return found laptop stolen. A suspect was at location earlier asking for work or money.
11/21-11/22	10:15 PM– 1:28 AM	Theft from Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Driver's door lock damaged and clothes, tennis racquets and laptop stolen.
11/27	1:30 AM- 9:30 AM	Auto Theft	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street.
11/29-11/30	10:00 PM- 8:30 AM	Auto Theft	000 Block Waddell St.	Vehicle stolen from street.
11/30	2:00 PM- 4:00 PM	Theft from Auto	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Front passenger window smashed and GPS, purse w/ wallet, checks and cash stolen.
11/30-12/1	10:30 PM- 7:15 AM	Theft from Auto	1000 Block Alta Ave.	Passenger window smashed and satellite radio receiver stolen.
12/4	12:00 AM- 10:00 AM	Theft	100 Block Montag Circle	Cables cut on 2 bicycle locks and bikes stolen.
12/4	5:30 AM- 6:20 AM	Auto Theft	100 Block Krog St.	Vehicle stolen from location
12/5-12/6	10:00 PM- 9:30 AM	Auto Theft	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street
12/9	12:00 AM- 6:00 AM	Auto Theft	800 Block Euclid Ave.	Vehicle stolen from street
12/9-12/10	11:15 PM- 10:00 AM	Theft from Auto	700 Block Dixie Ave.	Driver's window smashed and car radio stolen.
12/11-12/12	9:00 PM- 11:00 AM	Theft from Auto	900 Block Waverly Way	Rear driver's window and GPS and clothes stolen.
12/21-12/22	10:00 AM-	Auto Theft	200 Block	Vehicle stolen from parking garage.

	3:00 PM		N. Highland Ave.	
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To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group or the inmanpark.org mailing list:

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

-To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org) and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

### 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)

For Information: 404-688-7330

## ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By *Adam Stillman, Vice President for Historic Preservation*  
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**Please note:** If you wish to perform any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior of a site, home, or building in the Inman Park Historic District, you must contact the AUDC to begin their review/approval process. Please contact me at the e-mail address 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
	January 18	February 9
	February 1	February 23
	February 15	March 9

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:  
No Type II or IV Applications for properties within Inman Park were presented before the AUDC in December.

#### Applications scheduled for AUDC

February 9 or 23 (AUDC agendas pending as of press deadline)

1. **1055 Alta Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow renovations to a contributing structure.
2. **1069 Washita Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow renovations to a contributing structure.

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

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

## TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins,  
Arboretum Committee Co-chair

On my Christmas Eve stroll through Springvale Park, the small cluster of "Winter King" Hawthorns (*crataegus viridis*) caught my eye. Their bright red fruit are somewhat reminiscent of holly berries and are a cheery sight in the midst of winter gray.

The "Winter King" Hawthorn is a cultivar of the Green Hawthorn that has been selected for smaller thorns and larger fruit. Green Hawthorns, and thus "Winter Kings," are small deciduous trees native to the southeastern U.S. Their red fruit begins forming around the first of October and turns a brilliant red-orange as the cold weather sets in. Persisting throughout the winter, the fruit becomes an important source of food for birds and squirrels as winter draws to a close and other foods have been exhausted. The hawthorn fruits resemble berries but are actually pomes and therefore similar in structure to apples. Though they are very visually appealing, I have to wonder about their taste since they seem to be a last resort for hungry wildlife.

"Winter Kings" are a lovely landscape tree throughout the year. In spring, the fruit is replaced by delicate white flowers and dark green leaves. Their small size (20-30' in height) makes them a good choice for small yards. If pruned carefully, they make great street trees as well.

Look for examples of the "Winter Kings" in Springvale Park (in the lawn area) and along Spruce Street in front of Inman Mews.

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.

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## LAST CALL FOR INMAN PARK DINERS 2011

By Karin Mebius

Hello everyone! Yes, this is the **last call** for Inman Diners 2011. After another spectacular Inman Diners year in 2010, we cannot wait for the 2011 season to start.

Don't know what Inman Park Diners is? I put together groups of people who get together five times throughout the year at each other's houses for a dinner. It can be gourmet; it can be potluck. But it is always fun and a great way to get to know your Inman Park neighbors.

If you would like to join in the fun, now is the time. On Saturday, January 29 at 7:00 PM the Kick-Off Party will be held at Lori Nipp's home at 834 Lake Avenue. The make-up of each group will be available at that party. So, before I finalize the make-up of each individual group, I need to know if you want to participate! Please call or e-mail me and let me know to include **YOU!** [karinmebius@gmail.com](mailto:karinmebius@gmail.com) 404-584-0355

## DEAR INMAN PARK

By Carly Pope

For the past several months, I have been working on my Girl Scout Gold Award Project, a toiletry drive for the non-profit Stand Up For Kids. Over the summer, a letter I wrote asking for toiletry donations was published in the *Advocator*. Your response has been overwhelming, and I thank you for your support.

I have since exceeded my goal and delivered over 550 bags of toiletries to Stand Up, an amazing organization that gives medical, educational, job, and housing aid to homeless teenagers across the country. They serve meals to the kids twice a week and give them toiletry and food bags for the others days. They have a nurse, a full bathroom, laundry machines and a clothes closet at their center and in all of these ways and more provide necessary help to hundreds of teens every year.

Thank you so much for helping me to assist such a great group. Though my project has now officially ended, my family and I intend to continue our donations. If you have any travel-sized toiletries, feel free to leave them on our front porch at 406 Sinclair Avenue at any time. Thank you again!

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE UPDATES!

By Patsy Fisher

### Welcome, New Neighbors:

- Galit Levitin and Oren Avissar
- Chad Altemose and Juli Abbot
- Heather and Shawna Shields
- Thomas and Brandy Brown

### Congrats on Marriage:

- John Kress/Ashlyn Wise

### Welcome, New Babies:

- Marston Elaine Dey - parents, Amity and Brent Dey
- Alexander Greene- parents, Andy Greene and Billy Eiselstein
- Daxton Betkowski- parents, Jade and Bert Betkowski
- Akoto Harvey-parents, Jessica Adams and Negashi Harvey. Jessica is the daughter of the late Christine Sibblay and the goddaughter of Angela Carrington.





**REAL State of the Union  
Sponsored by Georgia  
WAND  
(Women’s Action for New  
Directions)**

*By Bobbie Paul, Executive Director*

Inman Park neighbor and AJC columnist Jay Bookman will give the 9th annual REAL State of the Union at the Horizon Theatre on Friday February 11, at 8 PM. He first delivered The REAL State of the Union in February 2002, a month before the US officially attacked Iraq. Suggested donation is \$9.00 and benefits Georgia WAND Education Fund. All proceeds will go towards sending young Georgia women to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress on peace and security and nuclear weapons issues.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT  
MARY LIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*By Mary Jo Bryan*

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” Kerri Brooks, the fifth grade social studies teacher at Mary Lin Elementary School, along with the rest of the fifth grade team, tries to make these words come alive each year for their students through an Ellis Island simulation. Each student is given a new “identity:” some become European immigrants from the late 1800s or early 1900s who yearn to come to America; others become already-settled immigrants who process the newcomers at Ellis Island.

To prepare for their role play adventure, students work on letters, either to a relative already in the U.S. or to one still in their homeland, about the struggles, hopes and fears they have, and try to capture the authentic voice of their new identity. On the day of the simulation, usually the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the students come to school dressed in character. Some students wear authentic costumes of the homeland of a parent or grandparent, reflecting the diversity of our little corner of Atlanta. Others forage in closets, but all transform themselves into those who lived over a hundred years ago.

The immigrant students line up outside the auditorium and wait to go through the processing stations inside. Using the biographical information they have been given, the immigrants must demonstrate that they should be allowed to stay in America. Many students make it and become citizens, but some are rejected and told to return to their ship. The students take their roles seriously, and this year, as every year, learn much from the experience. Candler Park resident Ben Taylor commented, “It was scary, exciting and hard to get into America,” while Lake Claire resident Evy DiSalvo remarked, “I felt tired, worn out, and I was nervous.”

The Ellis Island Simulation was instituted at Mary Lin over six years ago and was adapted from a lesson plan that was created by high school history teachers in San Diego. The enthusiasm the students show for the event each year means it will likely continue to be a regular part of the fifth grade curriculum. Perhaps next year you’ll be driving by that day and see the new crop of tired souls waiting to find out if they can realize their dreams of becoming American citizens.

**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.**

**IPNA MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 19, 2011**

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

## **JANUARY 2011 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. Presentations with vote in February**
  - Springvale Park Visioning Plan**
  - Bridge for Springvale Park**
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports:**
  - A. President**
    - 1. Use of Freedom Park for Festivals**
  - 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. 1069 Washita Ave.**
    - 2. 1055 Alta Ave.**
  - E. Public Safety**
    - 1. Violent Crime Update**
  - F. Treasurer**
    - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures**
  - G. Secretary**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**