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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Regina Brewer

Kwanza Hall brings Food Trucks to the IPNA Meeting!

We have a fun meeting planned for February! From 7:00 to 7:30, join Councilperson Kwanza Hall and his Chief of Staff Jay Tribby and nosh on some delights from some of Atlanta's food trucks and street food vendors. The Good Food Truck and Café Campesino will be there in the church parking lot to serve wonderful food, coffee, and hot chocolate. I join Kwanza as a HUGE supporter of the food truck/street food movement here in Atlanta. We've all enjoyed King of Pops, but have you tasted the Fry Guy's frites? Or eaten a Yumbii Korean taco? Or savored Hector's Cuban sandwiches? These entrepreneurs are changing the way Atlanta eats and we need to support them. Go to <http://www.atlantastreetfood.com> or <http://www.atlantafoodcarts.com> to find out what everyone is raving about and come to the meeting and enjoy some tasty food.

Once you are sated, we'll hear from Kwanza Hall about the "State of District Two." It's been a busy year for our councilperson. District 2 has been struggling with the implementation of the ParkAtlanta contract and parking enforcement. We've also had some street re-naming proposals that have been controversial to say the least. There have been some really positive events as well, including the sale of City Hall East and the new park in the Old Fourth Ward which will be opening soon. District 2 is growing and changing and Kwanza will update us on how it will impact Inman Park and Atlanta.

We have some business items to discuss at our meeting. There is a proposal to change the fee schedule for membership and IPNA will come crawling into the 21st century by adding an online option to join and renew your IPNA and Security Patrol membership. See Judy Clements article regarding this proposal. We also have some folks willing to head up some of our committees and we need to examine the historic

district ordinance revisions proposed by the Atlanta Urban Design Commission.

We'll see you Wednesday, February 16 and Pastor Matt Nelson will make sure we have coffee to go with our munchies.

IPNA FEE INCREASE UP FOR A VOTE

By Judy Clements

For the first time in many years, the Board is proposing an increase in IPNA membership fees. The increase is recommended to cover the technology costs of online applications and the cost of adding PayPal as an option for paying both IPNA and Security Patrol membership dues. Hopefully these options will be available beginning in late February when we hope to go online with membership applications and fee payments.

This increase will be voted on at the February meeting and, if approved, will go into effect immediately. Anyone who has submitted payment of fees for 2011 prior to the vote will be exempt.

The proposed increase is as follows:

- The first year will still be free.
- The Senior fee of \$1 will be dropped.
- The annual per person fee will rise from \$5 to \$10. This applies to each adult IPNA member over 18 years of age.
- Security Patrol fees remain the same.

The Board feels that the existing fee structure has been around since Inman Park Restoration Days and while they want it to be affordable (heck, cheap!) to be a member of IPNA, we also have to make sure that we are covering our costs for the directory and online payments.

FESTIVAL 2011

By Nick Franz, Festival Chair

I am pleased to report the final results for Festival 2010: In spite of the inclement weather, we earned \$85,000! Some of you may wonder how we made so much and some of you may wonder why we made so little. The answer lies in those very popular kegs of beer. Our costs and the money we receive from sponsors and booth rentals (Arts and Crafts, Street Market and Food) are the same whether it's sunny or rainy. Much of the "profit" comes from the sale of beer. And, in spite of Saturday's weather, we were able to sell quite a bit of beer on Sunday, just not as much on the rainy Saturday.

The money is "in the bank" and at work bettering our neighborhood. Some additions we made in 2010 to help our guests experience the best of Inman Park include new kiosks and signs, some mounted on phone poles, and some back-office equipment that will reduce some of our operating costs in future years. We plan to continue to make improvements and welcome any suggestions and comments.

Festival 2011, April 29 - May 1, will mark our 40th year! The Festival Committee is busy planning for this momentous occasion. Each part of Festival needs volunteers, some more than others. The volunteer sign-up is up and running on the web-site. There is also new information pertaining to Beer Sales volunteers that you will want to read. Don't delay. Go to www.inmanpark.org and click on "Info for Volunteers."

The various Festival committees are always in need of help so, if you are interested in participating at that level, please plan on attending the next Festival Committee meetings on Tuesday, **March 8 at the Trolley Barn at 7:30 pm**. We look forward to seeing you there. Let's make Festival 2011 a rousing success!

As of the February IPNA Meeting there are **71 days** until Festival 2011!

SPRINGVALE PARK UPDATE:

**VOTE ON VISIONING
PLAN AND BRIDGE
DELAYED UNTIL APRIL**

See article below

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg.	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Feb. 13	Sun.			
Feb. 14	Mon	♥ VALENTINE'S DAY		
Feb. 15	Tues.			
Feb. 16	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting		Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
Feb. 17	Thurs			
Feb. 18	Fri.			
Feb. 19	Sat.			
Feb. 20	Sun .			
Feb. 21	Mon.			
Feb. 22	Tues.			
Feb. 23	Wed. 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Book Club, <i>Little Bee: A Novel</i> IPNA Board Meeting	14	814 Virgil Street 484 Sinclair Avenue
Feb. 24	Thurs. 7:00 PM	NPU-N Meeting	19	L5P Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave.
Feb. 25	Fri. 7:30 PM	Porch Party	14	211 Hurt Street
Feb. 26	Sat.			
Feb. 27	Sun.			
Feb. 28	Mon.			
March 1	Tues. 10:00 PM	<i>ADVOCATOR</i> Deadline		theadvocator@bellsouth.net
March 2	Wed.			
March 3	Thurs.			
March 4	Fri.			
March 5	Sat.	PHOENIX FLIES: A Citywide Celebration of Living Landmarks	20	See www.phoenixflies.org/all_events.php for full schedule of activities
March 6	Sun.			
March 7	Mon.			
March 8	Tues. 7:30 PM	Festival Committee Meeting	1	Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Ave.
March 9	Wed.			
March 10	Thur.			
March 11	Fri.			
March 12	Sat.			
March 13	Sun.			
March 14	Mon.			
March 15	Tues.			
March 16	Wed.			

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2010, IPNA MEETING

By Barbara Black, Secretary)

Regina Brewer welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:30. She thanked Pat Westrick for providing the December meeting minutes in Barbara Black's absence. The IPNA Board members introduced themselves.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Mook reported on the "Adopt the Beltline" program. The program involves "adopting" 1/4-mile segments of the Beltline. David has spoken for two segments and is looking for volunteers. Regina Brewer suggested that he write an article for the *Advocator* about the program and the need for volunteers. Fred Yalouris noted that he helped establish this program. It is a one-year commitment to work on various projects. There is no financial commitment. They are looking for a core group of ten volunteers.

Pat Westrick announced that there is going to be a Festival and that it will include a House Tour! Volunteers are needed to house sit in two-hour shifts during the Festival. Pat had a sign-up sheet and volunteers can sign-up online as well.

Oreon Mann announced the upcoming Book Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 26th at 227 Drexel Avenue. The book is *The Pillars of the Earth*. Please bring a covered dish.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers included Carolyn Beeker introduced Sally Evans, new at 952A Edgewood, John Ishmael, owner of Nandina, Meredith Daly at 1055 Alta, and Kira Alford at 1069 Washita. (I apologize if I've gotten any names wrong!)

POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt. Schierbaum reported that the snowstorm brought down the crime numbers. The number of burglaries is down as well as car break-ins. He noted that Bill Hagan had a hands-free device stolen from his car. Lt. Schierbaum reminded people not to leave tempting items in their cars. He reported that just north of Inman Park, there has been an increase in catalytic converters being stolen from cars. Catalytic converters contain valu-

able metals. He noted that stealing these parts takes tools and it makes noise, and people should be aware and on the lookout for this type of occurrence.

He also reported on Atlanta Public Schools being targeted as well as trailers parked at churches.

Twenty-seven vacation patrol requests were made over the holidays. Please try to give twenty-four hours notice before leaving and please let the Security Patrol know when you are returning so the Patrol officers and the residents don't awkwardly surprise each other.

Lt. Schierbaum reminded folks to call 911 first and the Security Patrol second. The Security Patrol is not available 24/7. If they are on duty, they will likely beat the Atlanta Police to the scene due to their proximity.

Lt. Schierbaum reported two officers have been promoted. Officers Tom Soukup and Joe Heckenkamp were both promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Major Dalton reported two arrests have been made for graffiti, one individual known as The Chameleon, and another sometimes known as The Ghost, who leaves graffiti "squid" images. Officer Bleifeld continues to work on the graffiti problem and is following up on the "Shine" individual.

Major Dalton responded to a question regarding the reorganization of the police beats and reported that the reorganization is being postponed due to issues with getting the right personnel.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jay Tribby requested neighborhood response on concerns about the snow and ice storm and what happened in District 2. He reported that there are discussions that independent contractors may be engaged before a winter storm happens again so that they can respond quicker.

Diane Floyd made a suggestion that people in the neighborhood might be able to plow their own streets. Jay suggested that there might be a group of neighbors who might be activated during such an event to assist with getting local businesses open and accessible.

Jay reported on City issues with renaming of streets. Kwanza Hall is working on the Cultural Heritage Master Plan, which includes identifying concerns for renaming streets. There is a City ordinance that does not allow the renaming of

streets, and therefore there is concern for when ordinances are ignored.

Jay reported on small business forums in District 2 providing information on loans and input for how small businesses can be good neighbors.

Kwanza Hall will attend the February meeting.

SPRINGVALE PARK VISIONING PLAN PRESENTATION

Regina Brewer noted that the discussion in this meeting would be informational and that any debate as well as the vote on the plan would be in the February meeting.

Concern was expressed for the planning meetings that were held and people not being aware of the meetings and able to attend. Regina noted that the plan would be posted on the website for anyone to review.

Brett Lauter noted that the plan is 99% complete and that the committee is in the process of finalizing the details.

Amy Higgins presented the overall plan and the separate projects within the plan. She stated the three top priorities are getting a hydrology study, a site survey, and an erosion control study. She described the different characters of the north and south side of the park and that the plan maintains these differences. She stated that there was a desire to connect the two areas of the park and that a tunnel was discussed, but the steering committee was not in favor of a tunnel due to safety concerns. The plan included building a monumental stair on both sides of Euclid. A bridge is not part of the plan. The intention is to update the park while keeping the history of the park intact.

Brett Lauter noted that it is important that the work that is implemented be sustainable. He reiterated that the work needs to be done for the long term and not implement short-term fixes. He noted that the current fountains are residential grade and not holding up. The springs were not connected to the lake therefore a hydrology study is needed to get it right.

The vision is that the plan can be funded and implemented in phases. The goal is that all of the projects fit into a long term overall plan.

Pat Westrick asked if the lake was going to be bigger, and Brett responded that it needed to be bigger in order con-

nect to the location of the springs.

Regina Brewer asked about the new playground person proceeding ahead with playground improvements. Amy Higgins responded that the studies need to be done first.

Lou McBryan asked about ADA accessibility and previous discussions about adding a ramp in conjunction with the monumental stair. Brett Lauter responded that ADA access would be from Park Lane and there would be no ramp and no designated ADA parking or regular parking on Park Lane.

A comment was made that much of the work, including the lighting, might be five years out, depending on funding.

During the committee's design process a bridge at Euclid was discussed, but was dismissed as part of the plan because it is too controversial.

A question was raised about how the fundraising would happen. Brett responded that the plan has been done so that it can be implemented one project at a time. Now that there is a plan there is a sound basis for fundraising. Regina Brewer commented that other significant parks in Atlanta have Master Plans and that is necessary to take this step first in order to fundraise and accomplish projects over time.

Bob Eberwein made a presentation about his ideas for a bridge. He stated a bridge could be very attractive. He supports adding a bridge and would like to determine if the neighborhood supports pursuing the concept of a bridge. He suggested people review his articles about a bridge that have been published in the *Advocator*.

Richard Westrick questioned whether the GDOT would indeed work with the neighborhood. It is not clear whether Euclid Avenue is a state road.

Regina Brewer stated that, if the neighborhood wants a bridge, then the neighborhood should pursue it.

Diane Floyd expressed concern for retaining the current two parts of the park with two different characters and concern for the bridge making it one park. Amy Higgins responded that the bridge would simply allow connectivity and that the character of each side of the park would be retained.

Regina Brewer stated that a bridge was a part of the original plan for the park and that the bridge that was planned for Springvale Park ended up being constructed in Piedmont Park.

In the February meeting there will be

any needed debate about the plan and a vote on the neighborhood supporting the plan. Diane Floyd expressed concern for getting another immediate neighbors meeting. Amy Higgins responded that an additional immediate neighbors meeting would be held before the February IPNA meeting. Bob Eberwein said the rendering he has of a bridge concept would be displayed on the mezzanine of the Trolley Bar until the February IPNA meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the bridge will benefit the neighborhood and what the bridge might cost.

IPNA OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer

Festivals in Inman Park

Regina Brewer gave an overview of the concerns about where the children's area is located during Festival. Objection was made in the past that the children's activities are not passive, therefore the children's area is not allowed in Poplar Circle. The children's area was therefore moved to Springvale Park. Regina stated that Springvale Park is not a good location because of the pond, the stair, and its lack of visibility.

Regina has spoken with George Dusenberry, City of Atlanta Commissioner of Parks, about having the children's area in Freedom Park. The Park Department will consider this if all neighborhoods adjacent to Freedom Park support the idea.

Regina clarified that the question is whether IPNA supports having other festivals in Freedom Park, not just the children's area during the IP Festival.

Diane Floyd expressed concern whether Publix, as a sponsor of children's area, would support the Poplar Circle location. Regina responded that sponsors typically have concern for the visibility of their signs and sponsors signs are not very visible in Springvale Park.

Regina stated that limitations could be established for festivals, for example, possibly only one festival per weekend.

Discussion ensued regarding why the children's area was moved, concerts, and former concern about permanent play fields.

Carolyn McCaughlin expressed concern for adding infrastructure to the Park.

A motion was made that Inman Park support festivals in Freedom Park. The motion was second and carried with a

vote of 25 in favor and 15 opposed.

Regina Brewer reiterated that there can be limitations and specifications established surrounding having festivals in Freedom Park.

PLANNING: V.P. David Laube

David Laube reported that the traffic study is moving forward. Work is proceeding on the City's CDP. There will be a public meeting on Saturday, January 29 from 9:30 to 12:00 at the Helene Mills Senior Center.

NPU: Megan Holder

Megan Holder announced there would be an additional CDP meeting on Thursday, February 10th at the Martha Brown Church. She reported on an ordinance to support farmer's markets allowing permits to be more easily obtained.

There are proposed changes to the traffic calming provisions. Megan will review with Danny Feig-Sandoval.

ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins

There is no news to report regarding the Wisteria block. Regina Brewer and Amy will be meeting with the owner on Tuesday.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Adam Stillman

A Type III Application for 1069 Washita has been submitted by homeowners Kira Alford and Jerry Tate. Adam Stillman noted that the Owners are applying for tax credits. The project involves adding dormers on the two sides of the roof. The project also involves restoring the original porch, removing a front porch addition, and reinstalling an original window on the front of the house. Rear additions will be removed. An Immediate Neighbors Meeting was held and one neighbor attended and was in support of the project. Two neighbors did not attend the meeting, but called to support the project. Their absentee votes cannot be counted. A motion to support the immediate neighbors was made, seconded, and carried.

Homeowners Nick Lotito and Meredith Daly have submitted a Type III Application for 1055 Alta Avenue. The project involves a renovation that includes new dormers on the alley side of the house. Two neighbors attended the Immediate Neighbors meeting and were in support of the project. These neighbors will be able to see the new dormers. A motion to support the immediate neighbors was

made, seconded, and carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Bob Sandage

Bob Sandage reiterated Lt. Schierbaum's report that car break-ins are down and that there have been no violent crimes, although there was a one violent incident in Candler Park this month.

TREASURER: Cameron Childress

Cameron Childress reported the monthly expenses:

<i>Advocator</i>	\$1,387.80
Public Safety.	\$19,441.00
Beautification.	\$1,330.00
Legal Expense.	\$3,037.50
(Wisteria Block)	
Treasurer Operations.	\$160.61
(IRS fees)	
Meeting Babysitter.....	\$100.00
(two months)	
Web Site.....	\$114.95
(Domain, 5 years)	
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TOTAL	\$25,571.86

**SPRINGVALE PARK
UPDATE
VOTE ON VISIONING PLAN
AND BRIDGE
DELAYED UNTIL APRIL**

By Amy Higgins

Due to a family emergency, there's been a delay in receiving the final Visioning documents from Park Pride. We won't have them ready for your review until mid-February. So, rather than rush things along, we've decided to postpone the vote. We have a full agenda planned for March so Springvale will be the main topic of discussion and voting during April's IPNA meeting. Please be advised we will get the plan and documents posted to the website well in advance of April's meeting so you'll have plenty of time to review them. I'll announce, via the Yahoo group, when they're available on the Inman Park.org site. Please take a look! In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please e-mail me at ahigginsaia@gmail.com.

SECRETARY: Barbara Black

Barbara Black reported that she has the neighborhood flags and banners for sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Richard Westrick reported that Tree Watch would be planting trees this Saturday. Six trees will be planted as memorials. Regina Brewer asked that Richard write up information for the *Advocator* about the trees and who they are being planted for. There will be no Tree Hugers Ball this year.

Diane Floyd announced that the deadline for the *Advocator* is February 1st at 10:00 p.m.

Danny Feig-Sandoval asked that any nominations for the Joel Awards be e-mailed to him.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. Regina Brewer adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**IPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM
GOES ONLINE!**

By Judy Clements

This is big news and about time, too. With the wonderful help of James McManus, the IPNA Membership Form will be online very soon, in fillable form. Go to www.inmanpark.org to find the link to the new form. Complete the form, click submit and voila! That's it. No more paper forms. (The online form will go live in late February, right after the vote on new IPNA membership fees.)

More big news. To pay your IPNA membership and/or Security Patrol fees, you will now be able to use PayPal. You can make your PayPal payment when you fill out your membership form online or you can mail or deliver a check, as always.

Join or re-up your IPNA membership between February 1 and May 1, 2011. Your membership will expire on April 30, 2012.

We will continue to print the IPNA Directory. If you join IPNA, your information will be included. This is a huge benefit for all who are IPNA members. I keep my Directory handy on my desk and in my car. Before I retired, I also kept one in my office. We are not putting the Directory online at this time because there are many security issues involved. Perhaps in the future. Frankly, I like the paper Directory although it is always a little out of date as people move, have babies or change email addresses. (You can also request that your information NOT be listed in the Directory but I urge you to be included.)

IPNA owes a big Thank You to Betty Ridderhoff, for producing the Directory for many, many years and to Diane Floyd for taking it over last year. When Regina asked for a volunteer to take the Directory over this year so Diane can concentrate on The *Advocator*, I had a fit of neighborhood volunteerism and raised my hand. With this new online process, it should be (relatively) easy.

If you have any questions or concerns, just contact me. I'm in the Directory.

**Join IPNA between
February 1 and May 1, 2011 -
online!**

Hurray!
It's Porch Party Season
Again!

**FEBRUARY PORCH
PARTY**
at the home of
Thom Abelew & Melissa
Miller
211 Hurt Street
Friday, February 25,
7:30

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

Does your porch want to host a
porch party?
It's easy and fun!
Call Richard or Pat Westrick,
404-523-4801

Porch Party! Porch Party!

ONLY 71 DAYS UNTIL FESTIVAL 2011 !!!

THEATRE AL FRESCO – YOU’LL LAUGH, YOU’LL CRY, YOU’LL RAISE MONEY FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

By Cathy Bradshaw

Theatre Al Fresco returns on Saturday, April 30 for its 21st year, once again presenting terrific theater under the Festival tent. Many of last year’s attendees felt it was the best show to date, and we are confident the theatres will pull off another triumphant blend of raucous comedy and thought-provoking drama this year. So mark your calendars for 8 p.m. on the Saturday of Festival and come prepared to eat, drink and enjoy remarkable vignettes from our local theatre companies.

Dad’s Garage Theatre Company, Horizon Theatre Company, 7 Stages, and Synchronicity Theatre will all be performing for us again this year. If you are new to the neighborhood this is a great way to become familiar with our local theatres and the great work they do throughout the year. (For those of you who have been around awhile, you may now just skip to reading the part where we ask for sponsorship money.) Here's how it all works:

The fun begins under the festival tent on Euclid at 8 p.m. You bring a picnic-style dinner, drinks of your choice, festive table décor (please remember no candles are permitted under the tent) and a group of six theatre-lovers or anyone who likes an excuse to eat and drink. We provide the tables, chairs and fabulous theatre for your viewing pleasure. Beginning around 8:30 the neighborhood theatres will take the stage and present a bit of their repertoire for you to enjoy. It’s a wonderful event to share with friends, family or colleagues and will give you lots to laugh and talk about for weeks to come.

Reservations for sponsorship will be accepted until March 25 at which time any remaining tables will become available. Sponsorship is not only tax-deductible and assures priority seating, but it also greatly benefits our local theatres, which add so much to the quality of life in our neighborhood. Sponsorship is available on four levels; please choose the one that works best for you.

Sponsors of \$,1000.00 or more are **PRODUCING** sponsors. These sponsors will have their names or business names prominently displayed on a banner behind the stage and in the program and will receive one table seating six in a prime location.

Sponsors of \$500.00 to \$999.00 are **PATRON** sponsors and will have their names listed in the program as a table sponsor and receive one table seating six in close proximity to the stage.

Sponsors at the \$200.00 to \$499.00 level, our **ANGELS**, will have their names listed in the program as a table sponsor and receive priority seating. Please note that this level of sponsorship does not include the cost of a table. Tables seating six may be reserved for an additional \$120.00 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

STAR sponsors at the \$100.00 to \$199.00 level will have their names listed in the program as a sponsor. This level does not include the cost of the table. A table seating six may be reserved for an additional cost of \$120.00 at the time of your sponsorship commitment.

We are very concerned about the financial health of our neighborhood theatres so we ask you to be particularly generous

this year. Their fiscal challenges have increased as funding continues to disappear from public and private sources, and they need our donations more than ever. It would be a shame to lose any of our theatres, but we fear this is a possibility if we do not act fast and give in a big way.

Sponsorship commitments with or without table reservations should be made by telephone or e-mail to Marie Wooldridge. She can be reached at 404-880-9065 or mjwooldridge@comcast.net. Please remember that actual table assignments are not made until she RECEIVES YOUR CHECK.

This event sells out every year. We urge you to decide on your level of sponsorship and send in your check to Marie as quickly as possible. Checks should be made out to “Friends of Inman Park” with “Theatre Night” in the memo line. All donations made to Friends of Inman Park are tax-deductible.

Tables not reserved by sponsors as of March 25 will be available for a cost of \$120.00 per table. This payment can be made by check or online; details will be provided in the next issue of the *Advocator*.

Once again we thank you for your continued support of both this event and of the theatres we are so lucky to have within walking distance of our "hood." Come join us for an evening of laughter, great food, and fabulous theatre all in the company of neighbors and friends.

Feel free to call or email me (404 524-4190 or cbrad999@bellsouth.net) with any questions you might have or if you would like to volunteer your time to help set up or clean up after the event.

JOEL AWARD NOMINATIONS

By Danny Feig-Sandoval

Each year, as many of you are aware, our neighborhood recognizes several individuals (we have also selected groups/committees/organizations as well) for their service to the neighborhood by awarding them a Joel Award, named after Joel Hurt, the founder of Inman Park. The committee that selects the award winners each year is made up of the award winners from the previous two years. We are seeking nominations from the neighborhood for this year's awards, which will be presented at the Butterfly Ball during Festival. If you know of someone (or some group) you feel is deserving of this recognition and would like to nominate them, please send the name(s) to me at danny@smallcarpenters.com or call me at 404-791-8497 along with an explanation as to why you feel they should receive the award. The deadline for nominations is March 11.

LOOKING FOR A FUN TIME?

By Jan Keith

If you’ve been looking to get more involved in the neighborhood, here’s your chance. We need a lot of house sitters during Festival. It’s easy and you get a volunteer House Tour T-shirt to boot! Shifts are for two hours. You serve as an Inman Park Ambassador by welcoming people into our tour homes and helping out the home tour owners. Sounds easy? It is. And it’s easy to sign up: just go to www.inmanpark.org, click on Festival, go to House Tour volunteers and choose your location. Very easy. And if you volunteer for the Saturday 2-4 pm shift,

you'll also receive a free Tour of Homes ticket (\$20 value)!
Now that's what I call fun.

CHEAP TIX

By Jan Keith

Tour of Homes tickets will be available to members of the neighborhood for \$12 at the IPNA meeting on April 20, as well as at 889 Edgewood Avenue and 177 Elizabeth Street until Thursday, April 28. Actually, a well-kept secret is that you can get the discount price up until Friday, April 29 at 11:59 am—'cause at 12 noon on that day, the ticket price increases. Don't delay! Get your tickets NOW. Advance tickets are \$15 for non-members. During Festival the tickets are \$20—good for all weekend.

Tickets are available at a number of intown venues, but remind your friends that they can use PayPal and purchase online tickets right off the IPNA website (www.inmanpark.org). Great prizes are awarded to the neighbors who sell the most tickets!

And speaking of friends, the easiest time to see the homes is Friday, April 29 during the short tour from noon to 4 pm. Not only can you drive right up to the houses without the Festival crowds and blocked streets, but you have a more leisurely tour with time to visit the homeowners and other neighbors also out touring. Plan that Friday tour with friends and neighbors. Saturday and Sunday tour hours are noon to 6 pm. See you on tour! And remember—tell your non-Inman Park friends to use MARTA.

CALLING ALL PIONEERS!

By Karen Heim, Festival Parade Chair

The Festival Parade Committee is looking for any "pioneer" who lived in Inman Park 40 years ago. We would like you and your pioneer spirit to participate in the parade as an honored guest. If you or anyone you know fits this description (pioneers and their spouses/significant others), please contact Karen Heim, festival.parade@inmanpark.org.

We also need help in reaching out to the "pioneers" and coordinating the parade activities, so if you'd like an exciting, once-every-forty-years volunteer position, now is your chance!

Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you to help us continue to make history!!!

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL JANUARY 2011-ACTIVITY REPORT

By Lt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	403	Info for Officer	3	Theft	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	188	Street/ Sidewalk Obstruction	3	Robbery	1
Suspicious Person	29	Open Door	2	Noise Complaint	1
Alarm Activation	12	Abandoned Auto	2	Person Screaming	1
Parking Complaint	7	911 Hang Up	1	Hit and Run	1
Disturbance	6	Reckless Driver	1		
Suspicious Vehicle	3	Person Armed	1		
Enforcement Activity	Parking Citation Vehicles Impounded		5 3		
Association Member Contacts			18		

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2011

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.

So far the year is off to a good start. Of course, the snow and ice helped keep crime down. It seems that criminals don't like to venture out on icy roads that might hamper their get-aways. In the words of Lt. Schierbaum – "Give Mother Nature a badge and she does a pretty good job."

Let's hope that the trend continues. Remember that Security Patrol renewals will be coming up – it's never too early, or too late, to participate.

Until Next Month, Be Safe!

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
12/23- 12/31	9:00 AM- 10:00 AM	Theft	000 Block Spruce Street	Tarp removed outside of residence and 15 top brackets stolen

12/23-12/24	11:00AM-7:00 PM	Theft	200 Block N. Highland	Power wheel, big wheel, helmet and bicycle stolen from victim's parking spot in parking garage.
1/2	11:30AM-12:15PM	Theft	100 Block Montag Cir.	Victim was moving items in and out of location and a coffee table was stolen from the street.
1/11-1/12	11:00PM-11:00 AM	Theft from Auto	700 Block Edgewood Avenue	Bluetooth device stolen from unlocked vehicle. Large rock left on driver's seat by suspect.
1/16-1/17	8:00PM-12:00 AM	Entering Auto	300 Block Copenhill Avenue	Catalytic converter removed from vehicle.

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

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

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FEBRUARY PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS AND PLANS FOR 2011

by Bob Sandage, Inman Park VP of Public Safety

There were no violent crimes in Inman Park during the past month. In fact, violent and non-violent crimes were down significantly due to the January snow and ice that incapacitated most of the area.

In this article, I will begin to discuss my transition out of the role of VP of Public Safety and some plans for moving forward in 2011.

The Public Safety committee has accomplished quite a bit with not enough volunteers since I took the VP role in May 2009. We have built a \$130K business of the Security Patrol, and at that level we are in-line with recent average Inman Park Festival incomes. Festival does it with 800+ volunteers. Security Patrol has done it with less than five. Bottom line is that in order to increase revenues further we need more definition of roles and positions and volunteers to fill these positions.

VP of Public Safety – Greg Scott has agreed to be nominated for this position.

Business Member Liaison – Thea Quillian has agreed to fill this position. Thea will focus on communication with the neighborhood businesses and help design joint programs that will mutually benefit both the businesses and Security Patrol. And, she has the energy and enthusiasm needed for this position!

Events Coordinator – Karen Heim will take on this new position. The committee has tried to handle events such as the DineOut and 5K run with a low number of volunteers, and the planning and timing of the events has suffered. Events that are tentatively planned for this year: DineOut, 5K Run, Safety Dance, and Beer Festival.

Residential Member Liaison and Managed Property Liaison – Thom Abelew and Shannon Harris have filled these roles; respectively. They are both interested in continuing; however we probably need to subdivide and get additional volunteers. For example, a "Welcome" Person is needed to send out welcome packets with benefits description, important information such as

Patrol cell number, and coordinate ordering, assembly, and delivery of yard signs.

The Residential Member Liaison will need access to current membership data on a regular basis and will coordinate with Street Captains (yes, we still should do this!) to improve membership. We need to find out why non-members do not join. The Residential Member Liaison will communicate with Street Captains and neighbors to identify reasons why certain members do not join, and attempt to reduce these hurdles. (Obviously, if someone feels that "I shouldn't have to pay for additional security, as my tax dollars should take care of this," we probably won't get them as a member.)

There are still quite a few untapped managed properties (apartments, condos, and townhomes) in the area. We will need an additional person who has experience with managed properties, but who is not actively working for one. Otherwise, there may be a conflict of interest.

Communications Coordinator – For the time being, the VP of Public Safety will handle Security Patrol internal and external communications, but depending on how well we achieve our goals, an additional position may be needed in the future for external communications.

Online sign-up and payment capabilities should be coming within the month, hopefully with the ability to make monthly or quarterly payments and join at any time during the year. Work continues on finding or developing an organized, current, and reliable database for Security Patrol. Switching from our old system to AtHome in the last two years and then subsequently abandoning AtHome had left us in a position of not having an easy way to get current information. This information is critical for management to communicate with residents, managed properties, and businesses, and for Security Patrol officers to do their job. Stay tuned for more developments in this area.

I have been elected as President of the Little Five Points Business Association (L5PBA). One of my primary goals in this position is to generate additional funds from L5P activities that

enable the L5PBA to fund security measures that supplement what is currently supplied by the APD Mini-Precinct in L5P. In my position as VP of Public Safety in Inman Park, I can say without a doubt that security in Inman Park has been affected by the draw of criminals to the L5P area. Above all, I would

like to ask all in Inman Park to have an open mind. This is going to be a great challenge for me. We will make progress, and unfortunately may make some mistakes along this uncharted path. Let me know what you like, don't like, and if you have specific ideas for improvement.

Thanks, and until next month, stay safe!

2011 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish

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

What is the What

by **Dave Eggers**

For Information: 404-688-7330

ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE

By *Adam Stillman, Vice President for Historic Preservation*
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
	February 15	March 9
	March 1	March 23
	March 22	April 13

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

1069 Washita Avenue - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow renovations to a contributing structure – Approved with Conditions

Applications scheduled for AUDC

February 9

- 1055 Alta 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	www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx		
Address	Atlanta Urban Design Commission 55 Trinity Ave., Suite 3400 Atlanta, GA 30335-0331		
Phone	404-330-6200	Fax	404-658-6734

TREE OF THE MONTH

by Amy Higgins,
Arboretum Committee Co-chair

STEP UP FOR SAFETY

By Richard Shapiro

Did you know Inman Park has Coast Redwood trees? The same species as the famous California giants in slightly smaller form, our redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) reside in front of the Hurt Cottage at 117 Elizabeth Street (near Edgewood). The Hurt Cottage pre-dates Inman Park (probably built as a farmhouse in 1870 by Elizabeth Hurt Jones). Joel Hurt, Inman Park's creator, bought the farm from his cousin for his new development and lived in the house while his own, much larger, house was being built down the street. Hurt was well-known for introducing new tree and bush species to Atlanta, including live oaks, star magnolias, sugar maples and this coast redwood.

The original coast redwood is believed to have been planted by Joel Hurt himself in about 1889. The parent tree finally succumbed in 1996 to a lightning strike that occurred in the early 1980's but 4 offspring continue to survive around the perimeter of the stump. A couple of these have grown to impressive height. (As a side note, owners of exceptionally tall trees might wish to contact an arborist about lightning protection so that more of our trees don't suffer that same fate!)

The natural habitat for coast redwoods is northern California through central Oregon. Typically these trees grow within 50 miles or so of the coast and thrive in the moist foggy climate. In its native habitat, the coast redwood can grow up to 375' in height and 26' in diameter – not likely here though. As wet and humid as Atlanta can get, it's still no match for the 100 inches of rain common in coastal northern California. Our hot summers and periodic drought tend to stunt coast redwood growth.

Coast redwoods are also interesting and fairly unique among tree species because they sometimes produce viable albino offspring. These offspring live to maturity by attaching to the roots of the parent tree to obtain nutrition. Their leaves lack chlorophyll and are thus white instead of green – hence the nickname Ghosts of the Forest. At last check though, none of our redwood's offspring appear to be albino. However, we do hold the distinction of having the only coast redwoods in Atlanta. It's also interesting to note the parent tree was the first specimen tree designated by the City of Atlanta Tree Preservation Board.

The Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct in Little 5 Points continues to provide a crucial increased police presence in our community. Now beginning its 13th year of existence, the Mini-Precinct is a cornerstone in our community's approach to reduce crime. But we need your help to keep it open. Thus this yearly appeal for individual donations.

Due to a rainy festival resulting in less funds, last fall IPNA reduced its funding of the Mini-Precinct significantly. (Previous years' contributions were 150% more than what was allocated this year.)

During those budget discussions, Board members had several suggestions to make up that short fall. They recommended going to other community organizations for additional funding--this has now been done with both the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and the L5P Business Association making substantially increased contributions based on both groups' successful festivals last fall. Bob Sandage said he would shortly spearhead an aggressive fund-raising campaign for the Mini-Precinct. Regina Brewer pledged to increase her yearly personal contribution, and expressed her firm belief that the residents of Inman Park would do the same. So Inman Parkers now it's your turn to step up.

The Mini-Precinct is a public/private partnership between the City of Atlanta and community. The community provided the funds to renovate the space and continues to pay for rent, utilities and other operating costs. The Police Department provides the officers, equipment, supplies, video surveillance, etc. This satellite police station's funding comes from our community organizations, local businesses, and contributions from individual households in the area.

Keeping the Mini-Precinct here requires funding, so please send your personal contribution now. Please match or increase your last year's contribution, or send \$50 or more if you haven't previously contributed. It's the right thing to do for your community, your neighbors and yourself. Send your check (including your name, address and phone number) to:

L5PBA Mini-Precinct Fund
PO Box 5733
Atlanta, GA 31107

ADOPT-THE-ATLANTA-BELTLINE

By Amy Mook

IPNA, along with Centergy Group, has adopted the NE9 section of the Atlanta Beltline. This 1/4 mile section goes from Edgewood Avenue to Wylie St. and Krog St., including the Krog tunnel. This program is a partnership between Park Pride, the Atlanta Beltline Partnership, and Atlanta Beltline, Inc. providing our community with a direct role in improving and maintaining the Atlanta Beltline.

As an adoption group, we are responsible for monthly site visits to: pick up litter, maintain greenspace through weeding and invasive plant removal, clean benches and signage, and to report maintenance concerns, vandalism, or suspicious activities. Other volunteer projects will be determined as the beltline progresses.

Park Pride will host a non-mandatory training and orientation session in February. This training will cover expectations, safety standards, an introduction to invasive plant removal,

logistical issues and any other questions our group has.

If you have additional questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Amy Mook at amook@centergygroup.com

SIDEWALKS, SIDEWALKS, SIDEWALKS

By Millie Astin

Is your sidewalk a health hazard? Is it sad and ugly? The Inman Park Sidewalk Committee has a deal for you. Subsidies ranging from 50-60% are available for homeowners. Our next group repair project will be this spring (March or May). Please see the August 2008 Advocator for complete details at <http://www.inmanpark.org/archives.php>. If you would like your sidewalk replaced and would like to be on the list for upcoming repairs, please send me the following information:

Your name, email, phone numbers, address, type of sidewalk you have (concrete, stamped concrete, hexagonal pavers, or brick), and type of sidewalk on either side of your sidewalk. Millie Astin at mcastin@bellsouth.net

NPU-N UPDATE

By Megan Holder-Chandler

The past few months we have been talking about the CDP. In NPU-N we collect recommendations from all of the neighborhoods, and then submit them collectively. On February 12, a committee of neighbors from Inman Park will get together to review the list we submitted during the last CDP process. We will add, change, and challenge this list and come to you with our suggestions in March before taking them to the NPU.

Some of you have asked what was on the prior list. Below are the NPU-N recommendations from the 2008 CDP. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas around these, please don't hesitate to email me.

NPU-N 2008 CDP Recommendations

N-1: Encourage development in **Inman Park** consistent with and in support of the specific guidelines established by the Inman Park Historic Designation Regulation adopted by the Atlanta City Council as an ordinance entitled 20J, Inman Park Historical District, and the applicable policy statements contained in the District 2 Railroad Corridor Study.

N-2: Maintain the **Little Five Points** Neighborhood Commercial District (NC-1) boundaries to prevent the encroachment of non-residential uses into surrounding residentially zoned areas.

N-3: Prohibit the expansion of industrial and commercial uses along DeKalb Avenue through **Inman Park** and prohibit the expansion of commercial uses at Hurt & Edgewood, at Austin & Elizabeth, at N. Highland & Bernina, at Highland & Colquitt and at Waddell & Edgewood into the existing surrounding residentially zoned areas.

N-4: Encourage mixed use, development and/or re-development of formerly industrial and commercial property along the DeKalb Avenue corridor through **Inman Park**, enhancing and encouraging compatibility with the "small-town/downtown" character of the neighborhood.

N-5: Promote the re-zoning of commercial properties along DeKalb Avenue (from Clifton Road east to Ridgecrest) to Neighborhood Commercial in order to encourage destination-oriented and pedestrian-friendly activity through mixed-use development.

N-6: Maintain all of **Poncey-Highland's** existing Low Density Residential zoning designations, and specifically, maintain all Single-Family zoning designations.

N-7: Encourage the redevelopment of the southeast corner of North Highland and North Avenues in accordance with the Neighborhood Commercial District zoning classification, preserving the existing commercial building at 599 North Highland Avenue.

N-8: Evaluate, promote & support development of a neighborhood sensitive parking garage within the boundaries of **Little Five Points**, NC-1, complying with the design guidelines established and included in the NC-1 Ordinance.

N-9: Maintain the Bass Playing Field as open space used for community recreation.

N-10: Discourage "park for hire" surface parking lots within the **Inman Park** Historic District to insure against unsightly and incompatible development.

N-11: Discourage the development of new surface parking lots within the **Poncey-Highland** neighborhood district.

N-12: Encourage the use of existing neighborhood alleys for parking access to private homes, trash pickup and utility lines. Where and when appropriate, encourage and support such expanded use.

N-13: Encourage that watershed and drainage impacts are afforded equal importance as land use planning and development decisions and other planning functions, such as transportation. Request that this consideration take place well before the construction permit stage.

N-14: Encourage the continued development of vacant infill lots in **Cabbagetown** as single-family and duplex residences compatible in scale and character with the existing fabric of the neighborhood.

N-15: Encourage the development of the Memorial Drive edge of **Cabbagetown** in keeping with the commercial nature of the area and in conjunction with the overall vision of the Memorial Drive/MLK Drive Revitalization Plan adopted by City Council 10/1/01 (01-R-0921).

N-16: Encourage development on Memorial Drive between Boulevard and Pearl Street in a mixed-use urban pattern with housing and retail uses and with a maximum building height of 2-3 stories in keeping with the scale of adjacent residences.

N-17: Encourage development along Carroll Street in **Cabbagetown** with shops at street level and residential above through the continued renovation of mixed-use buildings, the construction of new infill buildings and the development of the parking area immediately west of Carroll Street, currently owned by Fulton Bag and Mill Lofts.

N-18: Encourage redevelopment of the block containing the existing truck yard (Memorial, Estoria, Tye, Pearl and Gaskill Streets) in accordance with the adopted Memorial Drive/MLK Drive Revitalization Plan with particular attention to the context of new development with the adjacent residential structures and the possibility of extending Chastain Street to provide additional access and sites for residential development.

N-19: Encourage the redevelopment of Pearl Street as an internal neighborhood street of single-family and duplex housing. New development should be accomplished with sensitivity to both the scale and character of existing single family and duplex structures.

N-20: Encourage and facilitate development within **Reynoldstown** that is consistent with principals and policies outlined in the Reynoldstown Master Plan, adopted by City Council January 16, 2001.

N-21: Encourage the development of affordable housing as a high priority in Reynoldstown.

N-22: Limit Commercial Zoning to the C-1 classification to eliminate commercial development out of scale with the **Reynoldstown** neighborhood.

N-23: Limit development of mixed-use project to parcels zoned for such use.

N-24: Encourage buffering of existing and new residential developments in the **Reynoldstown** area from more intensive non-residential development.

N-25: Support mixed-income developments in **Reynoldstown**.

THE PHOENIX FLIES: A Celebration of Living Landmarks

Taken from a Press Release

The Atlanta Preservation Center will host its annual event, **The Phoenix Flies**, from Saturday, March 5, 2011, through Sunday, March 20, 2011. This city-wide celebration provides free access to more than 40 historic sites integral to Atlanta's rich heritage.

The celebration was created in 2003 by The Atlanta Preservation Center as a way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dramatic rescue of the Fox Theatre, an event that changed Atlanta's preservation outlook forever. Since that time the celebration has won an Award of Excellence from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission, a Preservation Award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, presented over 1,000 events and provided a better understanding of Atlanta's rich heritage to over 18,000 individuals.

This year's celebration highlights include:

- A visit with some of Atlanta's best storytellers at the Wren's Nest,
- An afternoon of conversation at Atlanta's only antebellum structure at The Atlanta Preservation's home, the L.P. Grant Mansion,
- A 10 mile bicycle tour of Atlanta's Historic Districts,
- Insight as to why cemeteries are reservoirs of cultural and historic information,
- Tours featuring one of our City's important landscape features of tree canopy, including the Atlanta area's tallest tree in Deepdene Park.

The Atlanta Preservation Center was founded in 1980. Its mission is promoting preservation of Atlanta's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods and landscapes through education and advocacy.

Further information about the celebration is available at www.phoenixflies.org or by calling 404-688-3353.

NATIONAL HEART MONTH

By Rev. Matt Nelson, Inman Park UMC

People who have been out and active during the recent "heat wave" indicate a commitment to healthy hearts and lives. That's good because heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of disability. A healthy diet and active lifestyle are the best ways to prevent heart disease. So, show your body some love for a healthy heart during this American Heart Month.

Physical activity has proven health benefits such as:

- Improves blood circulation, which reduces the risk of heart disease
- Keeps weight under control
- Improves blood cholesterol levels
- Prevents and manages high blood pressure
- Boosts energy level
- Counters anxiety and depression
- Reduces risk of stroke by 20 percent in moderately active people and by 27 percent in highly active ones
- Establishes good heart-healthy habits in children and counters the conditions (obesity, high blood pressure, poor cholesterol levels, poor lifestyle habits, etc.) that lead to heart attack and stroke later in life
- Helps delay or prevent chronic illnesses and diseases associated with aging and maintains quality of life and independence longer for seniors

As a minister, I think of these concerns for my own heart and life but for other people as well. Then I consider the ways we are caring (or not) for our spiritual hearts and lives. Though February may be the "National Heart Month," many of our hearts are hurting and lonely due to a lack of love from others or ourselves -- or God for that matter. Early warning signs are anger, guilt, loneliness, and fear.

What are you doing for spiritual exercise on a regular basis? What spiritual goals do you have for 2011? Who else is on your spiritual exercising team? How are you offering spiritual health and help to your neighbors?

Whether you are exploring and experiencing the emotions and excitement of these "days of love" in February or loneliness and anxiety, be reminded that regardless of your circumstances God loves you. God's love does NOT impose guilt or fear but rather offers wholeness and healing. God's love for you is beyond your wildest imagination!

Here's to your spiritual health!

www.inmanparkumc.org

AFRICA LIBRARY PROJECT

By Cathy Bradshaw

In the Spring of 2010, many of you helped create THREE (yes, THREE!) libraries in Africa . We collected over 3,000 books and raised almost \$1,500 to create two libraries in Swaziland and one in Malawi. I have received a letter from one of the libraries at Siyendle High School in Magubheleni, Swaziland, and I thought you would enjoy it. In reading the letter, please remember that English is the second language spoken in this community.

" Dear Inman Park Neighborhood Association:

As Siyendle High School students, we highly appreciate

that at long last we are being recognized by you to offer us the most important service.

As Senior students we were pondering on how to cope with the new syllabus (IACSE) because it is a student centered course and our school does not have a library and even a computer laboratory. Fortunately you have deferred to our excellence. . .

You eased the teacher's burden to collect information for us because we don't have enough textbooks for various subjects. . .

What more can anyone want? You have greatly contributed to the school's progress academically, physically and mentally because of the variety of books. Thank you for supporting this undermined school. . . . Because most of us come from underprivileged families, we are failing to pay fees at the correct time while some fail to pay altogether so the school's progress is slowed down.

Because action speak louder than words, our academic performance will show how much we appreciate the opportunity you have given us. We hope you will continue to support this poor school so that one day it will be located amongst the best schools in the country.

Yours sincerely, Bon'sue Mkhonta

DO YOU YAHOO? If Not, You are Missing Out!

By Regina Brewer

As many of you know, we have a wonderful Yahoo group that is maintained and monitored by Kristine Sandage. Some of you have selected not to sign up for the group for a variety of reasons. I would urge you to re-think this and sign up. Here's why:

- You find out about crime and suspicious activity almost immediately. The fake "AT&T Salesman" is a good example of crime prevention. We knew he was in the 'hood and we knew to call 911.
- You find great deals! I've sold bunk beds, play sets (Go Jane!), and other stuff DIRT CHEAP. Lots of people give stuff away via the Yahoo Group. Everyone likes a deal, right?
- I post all neighborhood announcements on the Yahoo Group regarding film companies in our neighborhood (Megan, you were out of touch!), exciting news about restaurants (a big one is coming!), and important information from the city like changes in trash pick-up, snow removal (or lack thereof), and policy changes from city hall.
- You get great recommendations for doctors, hair salons, tax help, and so much more. People even post job descriptions on the group.
- I post important information from Atlanta Public Schools. Just because you don't have children in APS, doesn't mean this doesn't matter. As I keep stating in my posts, your property values are directly impacted by the quality of your local schools.

Our neighborhood is now embarking on creating a library in Ghana. Now is the time to gather books and make donations. Please read Laura Salazar's article about this project, her son in the Peace Corps in Ghana, and how you can help. Please check out the "Intown Kids 4 Ghana" website:

[http://africanlibraryproject.org/book-drives/book-drives-in-action?alpdetail=117.](http://africanlibraryproject.org/book-drives/book-drives-in-action?alpdetail=117)

You can also read more about the African Library Project, an organization of all volunteers that is creating libraries in Africa. Bo's sister, Chris Bradshaw, started this organization in 2005 and so far, 561 new libraries have been created.

Kristine has worked really hard to keep the 'less productive' conversations from taking over the group. We want everyone to contribute but in a positive way or at least in a friendly tone.

I know you are excited about this and here are three ways you register for the group:

- Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inmanparkga/>, click "Join This Group" and follow the directions.
- Receive an invitation by sending an email to neechykat@yahoo.com. Please include your name and address.
- Send an email to:
inmanparkga-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

This way won't ask you to set up a yahoo ID but you also won't have access to the features on the website (like message searching, and accessing saved files and pictures).

A couple things to note, registering for a yahoo ID doesn't mean you have to use the yahoo email account; it's just a login name and password to access the group's web page. You can have messages directed to an alternate email address. Also, Kristine always asks for everyone's name and address. This is to ensure that people are legitimate and prevent the group from being spammed. Additionally, she feels that people are more likely to be considerate of each other if this information is given.

You can pick daily digest (a summary of the day's postings) or get each post and response individually. It's up to you. So, c'mon and join! I promise you it's worth it.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE UPDATES!

By Patsy Fisher

Welcome New Neighbors:

Jennifer and Carter Collins
1150 Alta Avenue

Kimber and Jay Shray
881 Inman Village Parkway

WWW.INMANPARK.ORG is your
"One-Stop-Shop" for important information about what is happening in YOUR
neighborhood. Check it often

IPNA MEETING
Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2011

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

FEBRUARY 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. New Committee Chairs:**
 - Adopt the Atlanta Beltline: Amy Mook
 - Education: Paula Kupersmith
 - Playground: Eric Goldberg
 - 2. Online membership and proposed fee increase**
 - B. Planning**
 - 1. Traffic Study Update**
 - 2. NPU report**
 - a. Beltline Minute**
 - C. Zoning**
 - 1. Update on Parks Edge Restaurant**
 - D. Historic Preservation**
 - 1. Update on Historic District Zoning Ordinance**
 - E. Public Safety**
 - 1. Violent Crime Update**
 - 2. Security Patrol Initiatives**
 - Business Liaison, Residential Liaison,
 - Managed Properties, Special Events
 - F. Treasurer**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures**
 - G. Secretary**
- VII. Committee Reports**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**