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— and Hard Work!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg.	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
April 18	Mon.	Sign Up For IPNA MEMBERSHIP And SECURITY PATROL <u>NOW!</u>	17, 21	www.inmanpark.org
April 19	Tues.	Check out the By-Laws Revisions and Springvale Park Master Plan <u>NOW!</u>	11, 13	www.inmanpark.org
April 20	Wed. 7:30 PM	IPNA Meeting		Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
April 21	Thurs.			.
April 22	Fri.			
April 23	Sat.	CLEAN UP YOUR YARD TODAY!		
April 24	Sun. 9:30 AM	Easter EGGstravaganza	22	Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave.
April 25	Mon. 7:30 PM	IPNA Board Meeting		Wrecking Bar, 292 Moreland Ave.
April 26	Tues.			
April 27	Wed.			
April 28	Thurs. 5-7 PM 7 PM	CATERPILLER BALL NPU-N Meeting	9	IPCP, 760 Edgewood Avenue L5P Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave.
April 29	Fri. 12-4 PM 8-12 PM	FRIDAY TOUR OF HOMES BUTTERFLY BALL	9 9	The Big Tent on Euclid
April 30	Sat. 11-8:30 PM 2 PM 8 PM	INMAN PARK SPRING FESTIVAL PARADE THEATRE NIGHT	9	Edgewood Avenue The Big Tent on Euclid
May 1	Sun. 8:30 AM 11-7 PM 12-6 PM 11:30 AM	MARY LIN 2011 ROCKET RUN 5K INMAN PARK SPRING FESTIVAL AND TOUR OF HOMES DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TREES	11	Hurt and Euclid Freedom Park at Poplar Circle
May 2	Mon. 10:00 PM	ADVOCATOR Deadline (Special Date)		theadvocator@bellsouth.net
May 3	Tues.			
May 4	Wed.			
May 5	Thurs.			
May 6	Fri.			
May 7	Sat.			
May 8	Sun.			
May 9	Mon.			
May 10	Tues.			
May 11	Wed.			
May 12	Thurs.			
May 13	Fri.			
May 14	Sat.			

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PIONEER MEMORIES

Solicited and Compiled by Cathy Bradshaw (who moved into 215 Hurt Street in June, 1971)

In celebration of the 40th Inman Park Spring Festival, I asked a few of the Inman Park Pioneers who lived in Inman Park in 1972 to write down some of their memories. The first is from Bonnie Dees, former owner (with her husband, Jeff Dees) of 897 Edgewood Avenue (currently owned by Kelli and Curtis Ritter). The Dees purchased the home in February 1972, complete with tenants in the many apartments the house had been carved into. They moved into the cleared out, but unrenovated house in March, and were on the 1st Tour of Homes in April, 1972.

Early Days and First Festival Memories

By Bonnie Dees

The first festival occurred only a month after Jeff and I moved in to our home at 897 Edgewood Avenue. It was mostly thought of as a celebration for ourselves, and we hoped a few people would show up. My favorite question from a lovely Buckhead lady who was completing her tour of our home was, "How long do you think it will be until you can move in?" What a look of shock when I told her we were already living there.

After the first festival I spoke with Robert Griggs and suggested we do this "festival" each year. He replied "Bleep...bleep...bleep are you crazy?" I volunteered to be the chairperson, got his blessing, and the Annual Inman Park Festival was born. At first there was a great discussion about the date so as not to conflict with other bigger established neighborhood festivals. I declared that we would own the last weekend in April, and I brazenly said the time would come when others would plan around us. And so it is.

One of the many reasons we were willing to do the work necessary to have a festival was the money it raised, although no one anticipated that possibility before the first festival. Rod and Pam Eaton had to sleep on top of the money until a bank account could be opened. Jeff (Dees) was the second festival treasurer. He rode around on a bike and collected money from the booths and brought it back and stuffed it in the freezer. That evening he totaled the cash, and we drove to the C&S bank in downtown Atlanta where he opened the night deposit only to find that the bag was too fat to fit inside. I was sure someone was going to hold us up at gun point while he struggled to jam it in. Finally we brought it back home and stuffed it under our mattress until Monday morning.

(Bonnie Dees, continued on next page)

Early Days 1970-1975

By Pam Eaton

The early days of Inman Park were wonderful. We were young, adventurous, and had no fear. Rod Eaton bought 872 Edgewood (now Diana Glad's home) in 1970. He shortly bought 876 Edgewood (bungalow next door) and I moved in quickly. The holes in the kitchen floor were no big deal, nor were the mice and bugs running underneath, nor the squirrels in the attic. Rod was next door and that was all that mattered. In 1972 we were married in the Inman Park Methodist Church. Robert Griggs coordinated our wedding and filled the church with daisies because I wanted a spring wedding in December. We then marched up Edgewood Ave to our friends' the Dees' house [897 Edgewood Ave] where Robert [Griggs] transformed their parlor and dining room into very festive rooms with wide yellow and white ribbon strung over their unfinished walls.

We lived at 872 Edgewood for a short while before we bought 47 Delta Place [now Chris & John Dywer's home] where our lives together really began. There were winos in our back yard, on the lot beside us, and in the house, along with a Dempsey-dumpster in the side front yard. There was one bathroom upstairs and one down that all the tenants used with only one toilet downstairs working (and no showers).

Although 47 Delta Place was originally built as a single family dwelling, it had four kitchens when we bought it. Every stove and refrigerator we took out had many roaches, spiders, and other bugs that seemed to be very happy. The kitchen that we used downstairs was very spacious but we didn't eat when it rained because every pot or pan we owned was used to catch leaks. The rain was also coming in around whatever window that was trying to be a window. We didn't care. As I mentioned we were young and adventurous.

(Pam Eaton, continued on next page)

Memories of Inman Park in the Early 70's up to the First Festival

By Clare Sahling

I bought 846 Ashland Ave as a single woman in 1971. Gently put, it was kinda crappy. It had serious gas leaks, roof leaks, plumbing leaks, and wall-to-wall roaches. The stove would not turn off at all. The sinks were hanging with regrettable stuff growing up nearby walls, and the floor—where there was a floor—had holes through which I could see the dirt below. There was a certain aroma that was the Inman Park smell, and the distinct house smell reached you from the street before you got out of the car. Almost all the homes had it; we old-timers still flash that light of recognition when it hits us, even to this day. It took me five years to eliminate it on a summer day.

There were a number of small fires that happened with about half of the outlets. I found out later that I had 30 amps coming into the house, and then, what that meant. There were two apartments, about 30 tenants in five rooms, several abandoned dogs, and a full complement of fighting cocks in the back.

There was nothing at all unique about the condition of this house in Inman Park in the early '70s. There was a case [zoning code violations] against the house that was two full pages long—hence the reason it suddenly came up for sale. So I bought it, telling one and all, "Wait! Give me 3 years." I had no money and not much going for me except the ability to learn several trades that my mother never raised me to master. I had claimed I needed three years to get it done. I repeated that for about 15 years.

But then, almost everyone who bought in those early years was in the same situation. No one had much money, but we did have a serious willingness to work. Honestly, I think it was true for almost all the success cases.

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(Bonnie Dees, *continued*)

There was always a lot of activity the months before each festival. Many Atlantans came each and every year, walking in the door and asking, "So what have you done since last year?" We had to have completed some new rooms. Some people admitted they came to see if we were still alive and standing.

We weren't only restoring our homes; we were restoring the neighborhood and the parks; fighting the proposed highway and crime; rezoning the homes from multi-family back to single family; and saving the church and schools. We fought to have the MARTA station named the Inman Park/Reynoldstown when the MARTA planners didn't know what or where Inman Park was. Inman Park did not exist on any city map.

We lived "in the slums" because we chose to live here, not because we had to live here. And when we had parties we'd pull out all the silver & stemware and the dress would be black-tie. Yes, once we got rid of the varmints, roaches and winos, slowly and surely Inman Park was on the map as a desirable place to live.

(Pam Eaton, *continued*)

There were very few of us pioneers in the beginning, but that was okay. We all had something in common—saving this neighborhood and our houses! We learned quickly how to gut crumbling plaster and hang sheet rock, strip woodwork of many coats of paint, sand floors, wire, and plumb. Rod was gifted in all those ways and taught me well. But we also helped each other throughout the neighborhood. We borrowed each other's tools and helped each other with different projects. Every spare moment in our lives back then was devoted to working on our houses at night and on the weekends after working at a real job all day. This was just how it was and we loved it. Each day was different.

We were robbed seven times at 47 Delta Place, and Rod's car was stolen. Our only TV was stolen twice. One time we were coming home from work through the front door, and the thieves were going out the back. Another time we opened the front door to a wino kneeling on his knees praying to the mantel in the parlor. It didn't matter. We let nothing stop us.

In 1975 we were having babies and hanging sheet rock at the same time.

One of our favorite winos was crazy Louise who would watch Ulysses, our son, in our front yard, while I would be working somewhere in the house. Ulysses (along with a few other babies) was known as an Inman Park baby. That child learned how to handle a hammer at a very early age.

The 'good ole days' of Inman Park were so special. They will never happen again at any other time, or in any other neighborhood.

(Clare Sahling, *continued*)

We did learn how to do things. We worked outrageously hard. After a while, no one had a clue what normal people did on weekends. Us, we worked hard, and sometimes, we played hard too.

And thank the gods for the work. Had we looked too closely, it was hard to see improvement; we saw only the dream. We saw our homes as finished, polished, painted. Most never made it to that point where the house became 'finished'. For years, when I would return from out of town, I would take a hard, depressing look at the house, and think it was hopeless. But I would launch into another project and get back to the dream.

The early owners helped one another. I remember being so grateful for the number of times a neighbor would come to my aid. Judy and Doc Harrell (99 Druid Circle, now Susan and Richard Danners' home) come to mind first, and Robert Jones (840 Ashland Ave, now the home of David Edwards & Ayesha Khanna) too. All of them graciously made themselves available to me. Judy and Doc arranged a clean-up of my house before the first Halloween party. The whole neighborhood showed up. I'd had to work over-time and came home to shiny windows and a tidy house. I cried. And Robert left the back door open to his house for three weeks until I finally got a working toilet. Showering at a filling station was not nice.

I think all that mutual support was most wonderfully displayed in the annual cleanups. That first neighborhood cleanup was amazing. There weren't that many of us, and it was a rough area with some truly scary people. Anyway, with the city providing dump trucks and front end loaders, we all, every one of us, went at it. We became marauding packs taking on one horrible, unmen-

tionable pile after another. The locals sat on their porches — some amused, others dark and angry. But we kept at it for hours. We fed the guys from the city to keep them there as long as we could. We stayed at it and they did too, until quite late. The men said they had never seen a neighborhood work like we had.

This was the week before the so-called first Festival. We thought that would be a Festival mostly for ourselves. Who in the world would come down to a nasty, smelly little place like ours to look at our broken houses?

There are lots of stories about that Festival. But I remember a couple of specifics. I roller-skated the whole length of the parade in Bill Mosley's (211 Hurt Street, now the home of Melissa Miller and Thom Abelew) Mickey Mouse costume. He wound up in my costume — way too small. I do not believe he was amused. Mike Tatum about passed out in the heat in a gorilla costume.

Justice and Diane Randolph (105 Druid Circle, now the home of Jane Kourkoulis) had a couple of huge, scary dogs. They were so worried about the dogs getting out and biting a Festival visitor. And, indeed one got out — and peed all over a woman's leg. Diane was horrified! She invited the woman in, wrapped her in a shawl, and fed her sandwiches and lemonade while she washed and dried the woman's pants.

Lately, I've thought a lot about the connection among all those people from the early days, long after we have wandered away into other lives. Many from that early group have begun to get sick and die. Their funerals have been all over the Southeast, but somehow we seem to make an effort to get to them. We may or may not be personally close, but we respect and honor the connection even now, so many years later. I believe it is a wonderful memory and a tribute to what brought the neighborhood into what it is today. It is certainly cleaner. And we really did, each of us, make a contribution.

STREET CLOSINGS FESTIVAL 2011

By Chuck Clarke

It's that time of the year again. Festival will be here on April 29, 30, and May 1. We will be closing the streets this year as we did last year. **However, additional streets are being added on the closure list in order to avoid auto gridlock.**

1. The following streets (as marked on the map) will be closed 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 29 until 11:00 p.m. Sunday, May 1. This is for the convenience of the tents and food vendors:

- **Euclid Avenue** from Elizabeth Street west to Waverly Way.
- **Waverly Way** at Poplar Circle and Euclid Avenue to the bend.
- **Delta Place** along the East side of Delta Park to Edgewood Avenue.

Residents with vehicles parked on these streets will need to move their vehicles prior to the street closings. Failure to do so could result in the vehicle being towed.

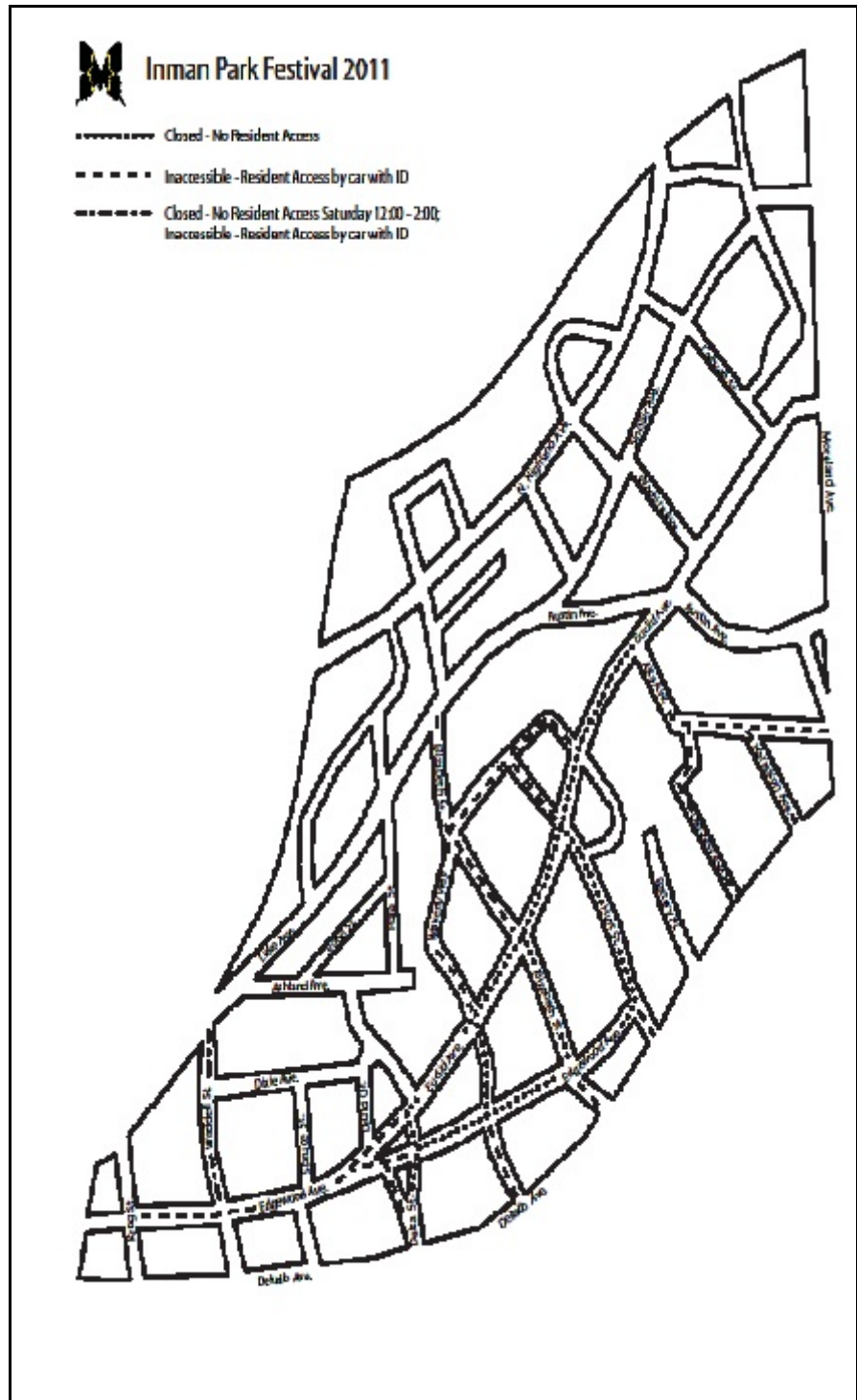
2. The following streets will be closed 5:00 a.m. Saturday, April 30 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 1:

- **Euclid Avenue** between Alta Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.
- **Edgewood Avenue** between Hurt Street and Waddell Street.
- **Elizabeth Street** between DeKalb Avenue and Lake Avenue.
- **Waverly Way** between DeKalb Avenue and Euclid Avenue, past Euclid Avenue to Elizabeth Street, past Elizabeth Street and back to Euclid Avenue.
- **Delta Place** between DeKalb Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.
- **Hurt Street** between DeKalb Avenue and Waverly Way.
- ✧ **Waddell Street** between Edgewood Avenue and Lake Avenue.
- ✧ **Alta Avenue** between Euclid Avenue and Moreland.
- ✧ **Degress Avenue** between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way.
- ✧ **Harralson Avenue** between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way.

✧ **new closings from previous years**

3. For the parade, Saturday, April 30:

From 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, to stage the Parade, Edgewood Avenue will be closed at Krog Street, and Waddell Street will be closed to all traffic, except for the Shuttle Bus, from Lake Avenue to Edgewood Avenue.



Streets that are indicated on the map as “INACCESSIBLE” are limited access and only residents with ID/or proof of residency can enter. On-street parking by residents is allowed on “inaccessible” streets. Streets marked as “CLOSED” on the map will be closed to all parking and traffic from 5:00 a.m. Saturday until 7:00 p.m. Sunday. Please relocate your car before Saturday at 5 a.m. or **IT WILL BE TOWED**. If you have a car on one of the streets listed in #1 above, **PLEASE RELOCATE YOUR VEHICLE OFF OF THESE STREETS PRIOR TO FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. OR IT WILL BE TOWED**.

The Festival Committee and staff are very conscious of the effort residents put forth to accommodate these closings and we appreciate your enduring the inconvenience to help make this weekend a great success.

THE INMAN PARK PRECISION ATTACHE DRILL TEAM

By Richard Westrick

Once a year, when the Azaleas begin to bloom and the pollen turns the air to a gentle shade of green, people around the neighborhood begin searching in their closets, pulling forth their best dark blue suits and their shiniest attache' cases. Why? Because they have awakened in the middle of the night, cold chills running down their spines, with the realization that PARADE IS NEAR! That wonderful event, that magical time when they can be their most serious, their most focused, their most precise – when their moves in the middle of the street can be the most Fonteyn-esque!

Would YOU like to have the magic happen to you? Would YOU like to join with us in the Parade? You can, you know. Just put on your suit, grab your attache', snatch your umbrella, and meet us at the corner of Spruce St. and Edgewood Ave. at, oh, say 1:35pm or so and we'll shake hands, finish our beers, and practice for at least five minutes.

(Did I mention Parade Groupies? We need those too!)

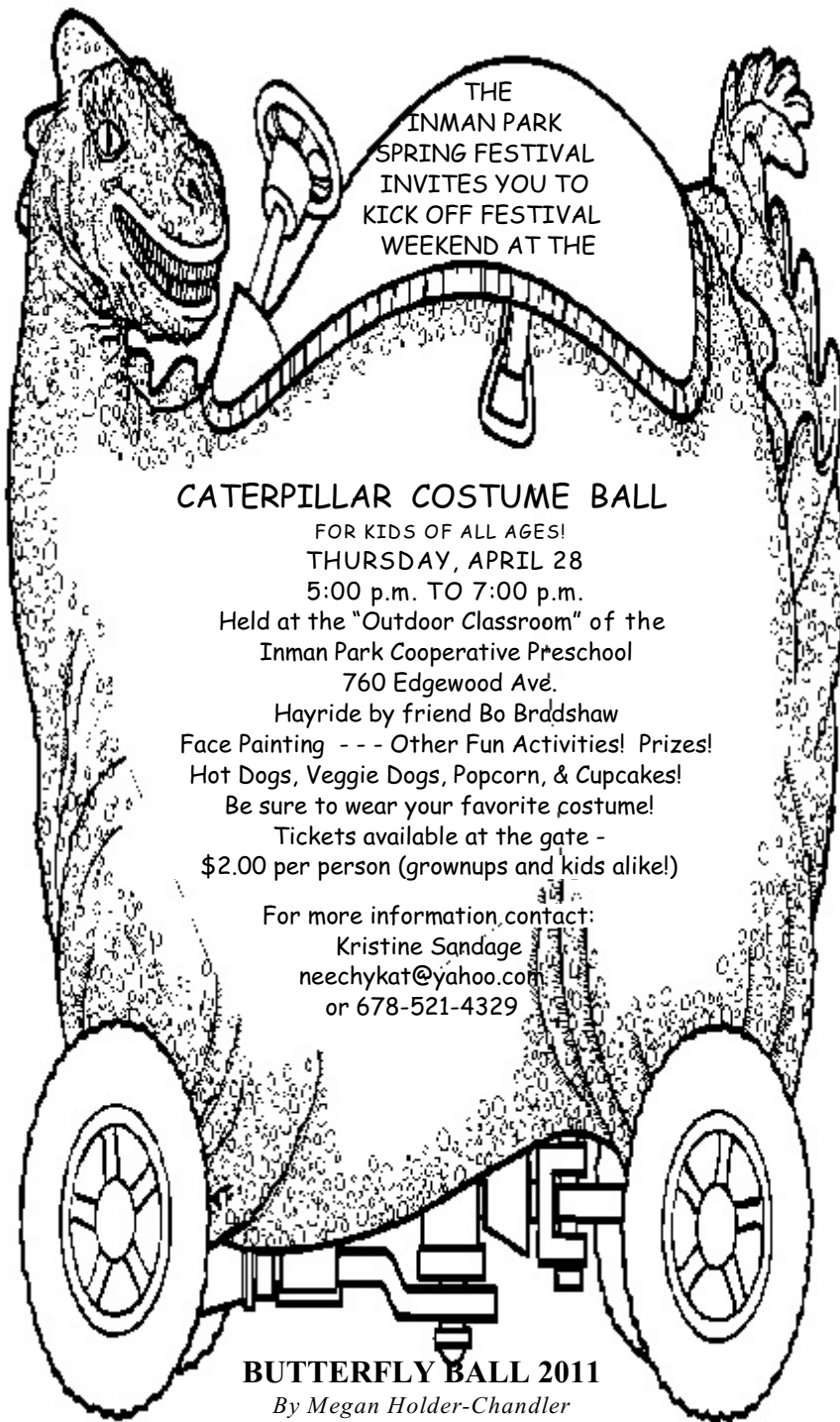
TOUR OF HOMES

By Pat Westrick

There are some great homes on tour this year – the Fortieth Anniversary of the first Inman Park Festival!

Five were featured on that tour: three homes (872 Edgewood, 814 Edgewood and 804 Edgewood) plus the Wrecking Bar and The Inman Park Methodist Church. Other great homes on the 2011 tour include: 1062 Euclid, 1021 Euclid, 169 Hale, 814 Virgil, 857 Ashland, and 820 Dixie. Each is different, and together they celebrate how many different ways there are to live in this wonderful neighborhood! (Read more details at the Festival website: www.inmanparkfestival.org.)

You'll want to see them all, so remember that Tour Tickets can be obtained at the "neighbor rate" of \$12.00 until Friday, April 29 (Pre-sale tickets to the general public are \$15.00, and tour tickets will be \$20.00 on Festival Weekend.) You can get tickets at Jan & Windell Keith's house (889 Edgewood, kingkeith@mindspring.com, 404-688-7330) or Pat and Richard Westrick's house (177 Elizabeth, patwestrick@realtor.com, 404-388-6466), or at the April IPNA meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 PM at the Inman Park Methodist Church. Talk it up, sell tickets to your friends and co-workers, and take some time to go on tour yourselves. You've earned it! (...and if you find yourself with some spare volunteer time, house sitting is quite rewarding!)



BUTTERFLY BALL 2011

By Megan Holder-Chandler

April 29 at the Big Tent on Euclid the kick-off party to our 40th festival begins. We look forward to celebrating with those of you who have purchased tickets that night. Tickets will be delivered to you the week before festival. Please remember to bring your tickets for access to Butterfly Ball.

Food will be provided by Bold American Catering + Kingsized will be back to entertain us! There will be a cash bar and non-alcoholic beverages will be complimentary.

Many thanks to Mary White, Lisa Burnette, Steve Stern, Karen Goeckel, Angela Cross, Santosh Nayak, Cathy Bradshaw, Kristine Sandage, Kathi Hagan, Oreon Mann, and Diane Jordan for delivering invitations to IPNA members.

We are still looking for volunteers to help clean up Saturday morning after the ball. If you are interested, please email ipbutterflyball@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL TREE DEDICATION

**Sunday, May 1
11:30 AM
Freedom Park,
Near the Chris Sibley Playground**

As part of the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the First Inman Park Festival, Tree Watch planted trees in memory of Robert Griggs, Jeff Dees, Rod Eaton, Holly Mull, Warner Sahling, Mary Singleton and Margie Veneziale. These trees will be dedicated on the Sunday of Festival.

Robert, Jeff, Holly and Rod were part of the first festival. Mary was the real estate agent who sold many of the Pioneers their houses. She was also a neighborhood "character" known for walking her dogs, and cats, around the neighborhood while dressed in high heels. Margie was instrumental in restoring Springvale Park and started both Saturday Night Dance and then Theatre Night (when it was decided that we were all too old to dance two nights in a row) on the Saturday night of Festival as well as many other contributions. Margie's mantra was "Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safe and in a well-preserved body but to slide in sideways, totally worn out and shouting, 'What a ride.'"

Family members or friends paid for the trees and memorial plaques; and the Tree Watch committee, friends and family members planted the trees. Some of the families will speak at the dedication on May 1. We will also dedicate a plaque in memory of Dennis Mullen for his years of providing security during Festival.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Regina Brewer

This year we are celebrating our 40th festival. Forty years ago, the pioneers of this neighborhood created an event to demonstrate to Atlanta and its regions that intown living was not dead and in fact was alive and well under their stewardship. The money raised from festival paid for the road fights, neighborhood improvements, re-constructing Springvale Park, improving our local schools, and establishing Inman Park as 'the' neighborhood to live in. I didn't choose to live in Atlanta; I chose to live in Inman Park. It just happened to be in Atlanta. Why? Because of the efforts of these pioneers.

This year, the festival is honoring those pioneers. Without them, we would not be living here. My house would have been right next to an exit ramp of Stone Mountain Freeway. Springvale Park would have continued to be a landfill, the houses would continue to be multi-family rentals with absentee landlords, and the Trolley Barn would have been torn down as an unwelcome eyesore. We owe them so much and they ask so little in return. As they walk by in the parade tell them "Thank You".

Each year we come together for festival and show the world why we love Inman Park. It's like a re-commitment ceremony. Every April, we are recommitted to our neighborhood, our neighbors and friends, and to our way of life. Enjoy this 40th festival! Dance at the Butterfly Ball, drink lots of beer (we need a new security patrol car!), buy arts and crafts from our fabulous vendors, and tour our neighbors homes. It's going to be a spectacular weekend!

There are also going to be two big issues up for discussion and vote at the April meeting: the new Master Plan for Springvale Park (see pages 12 and 13) and the revision of the By-Laws (see below). To save paper, ink, trees and money we will not be printing either of these large documents in the *Advocator*. Please be truly "green" and take the time to visit the Inman Park website and review both documents before coming to the April meeting and voting on them.

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- Click on "About Inman Park"
- Scroll down to the "Documents" section to find the
- "Springvale Park Visioning Plan" and
- "Proposed Revision to By-Laws"
- Take the time to read them both carefully.
- Print your own copy to bring to the meeting IF you really need it!

The paper *Advocator* for April included a copy of the Master Plan for Springvale Park. Unfortunately, that file is too large to include in this “pdf” version of the paper. Click on the link below and you will find the entire report by Park Pride, including the Master Plan on page 9.

<http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/SpringvaleVisioningPlanPublish.pdf>

SPRINGVALE PARK VISIONING PLAN READY FOR IPNA VOTE

By Amy Higgins

The Springvale Park Visioning Plan is coming before IPNA for a final review and vote at April’s meeting. The documents are available for review on-line at the Inman Park website: www.inmanpark.org/doc/SpringvaleVisioningPlanPublish.pdf.

If you’ve had a chance to look over the documents, you’ve likely noticed that the total cost is nearly 2 million dollars. That’s a daunting sum I know, but keep in mind we won’t be looking to IPNA to be the major source of funding. Park Pride will be working with us to identify possible donors and grants. If you have any experience in grant writing, I’d love to hear from you. Later this spring (after Festival) I’ll be reconvening the Springvale Park Committee to begin interviewing engineers for the hydrology, site survey and erosion control projects. If you have the time and inclination, please join us.

For those who may not have been following the Springvale Park Visioning process over the last year, here’s a very quick overview of what this is all about. The Visioning Process, facilitated by Park Pride, has been an opportunity for neighbors to identify aspects of the park that they’d like to repair, amenities they’d like to add, and qualities or features they’d like to see preserved just as they are. During the course of all these meetings, we identified several major goals such as:

- Creating easier physical access to the park for all groups (including wheelchairs and strollers)
- Preserving Park Lane for resident access
- Celebrating the natural springs and water features and their roles in providing a home for wildlife
- Making the park more usable for Festival activities and the Fourth of July picnic
- Maintaining the more developed and manicured character of the north side and the more rustic and natural character of the south side and providing a better connection between the two

Park Pride helped us consolidate all of these goals and aspirations into a master plan (or Visioning Plan). This plan will be a reference as we begin specific projects within the park such as draining the muddy lawn, adding lighting and fixing pathways. The idea is that we will always have the Visioning Plan as a guide for prioritizing and sequencing projects.

Springvale Park has been an important part of the neighborhood for over 120 years. Let’s continue to invest in it so 120 years from now it will still be a point of pride for Inman Park.

THE BRIDGE – A RECONSIDERATION

By Bob Eberwein

In view of the fact that immediate neighbors to Springvale Park have voted against the consideration of a bridge to replace the park berm I am asking Regina Brewer to remove from the April IPNA meeting agenda the bridge proposal which I have sponsored. The bridge plan can perhaps be held in abeyance for reconsideration sometime in the future, if at such time the Visioning plan for berm treatment may fail as a practical concept.

It was my intention to see something grand for Inman Park, and that a bridge constructed in the manner I envisioned would not only be an asset to the neighborhood but a significant stimulus to other aspects of the Visioning plan. It is apparent that most Inman Parkers do not share this vision at the present and it would be foolish to press the issue for now.

I find the overall plan for Springvale Park to be a good one with the exception of the berm treatment. The park berm – the elephant in the room - received hasty attention at best in the presentation at the immediate neighbors meeting on March 29. This might be because there are no practical plans for it.

I have these doubts about the berm plan created by the Visioning Committee.

- The staircases will create great visual/aesthetic/structural problems to overcome, may well approach a bridge in cost, will be arduous to negotiate if ever contrived, and will still leave us with a two-piece park.
- Possible “overlooks” are probably a myth, because you cannot build an overlook on dirt, unless you drive deep pillars or piers into the berm. More unsightliness added to staircase piers.
- New fencing or a wall at the top will in time suffer the same fate as the current fencing (admittedly a weenie fence), which is now starting its slide down the hill.
- I have not seen addressed in the plan specifications a treatment for cultivating the remaining portions of the berm. Surely I cannot be the only person aware of this glaring omission. I continue to maintain the slopes are ugly and not cultivatable.

I call upon the Visioning Committee to present serious drawings/representations of what staircase structures, et al. might look like. A birds-eye drawing of 4 staircases as shown on the park map is not adequate. I presented bridge renderings. Where are the staircase renderings?

It is my intention to attend the IPNA meeting and vote against the current Visioning plan unless, or until such time as, the berm plan is presented with more clarity.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2011, IPNA MEETING

By Barbara Black, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

NEWCOMERS

Robert McDonald is starting a new restaurant in the former Shaun's space. He owns the restaurant Holy Taco in East Atlanta and said the new restaurant will be similar.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

A motion was made to add 138 Hurt Street to the meeting agenda under Historic Preservation. The motion was seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Hill, the owner of Wisteria, announced his interest in starting a farmer's market in the Wisteria parking lot on Saturday mornings. He asked if the neighborhood had any concerns. A comment was made that a market was started by the water tower that started with reasonable prices but has since gotten to be quite expensive. It is hoped that this market will have more reasonable prices. Regina Brewer requested a vote of support for the farmer's market at Wisteria. A motion was made, seconded and approved. Further discussion on the farmer's market included concern for parking, concern for taking business away from the small market on Elizabeth Street, and the need for the owner to check the relevant city laws. Jonathan Miller reported that the NPU has had their vote on farmers' markets.

Judy Clements announced the need for volunteers for Festival. She said there are many opportunities available, and to please sign up online.

Oreon Mann announced that Book Club will be at his home at 877 Edgewood at 7:00 p.m. on March 23. The book is *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Patterson. He invited people to please come and bring a covered dish.

Pat Westrick announced this month's Porch Party will be at their home at 177 Elizabeth Street on Friday March 25 at 7:30p.m. She asked folks to please bring a dish to share and their favorite beverage.

Lisa Burnette and Laura Salazar announced the Inman Park effort to establish an additional community library in Ghana.

This library will be in the village where Laura's son is working in the Peace Corps. Book donations are needed as well as cash donations. Books are being collected at 201 Hurt Street and at the IP United Methodist Church, or e-mail Lisa. Cash donations are needed to ship the books and to pay for transportation once the books arrive in Africa.

Amy Mook thanked all those who came out and volunteered for the Beltline clean up. It went well, and there will be another clean up next month.

POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Bike theft is up. Expensive bikes that are not chained have been the focus.

Monday there was an arrest at the Brickworks for a car break-in. The individual has a record and was recently released. Residential burglaries occurred on Washita and Austin Avenue this month.

Jonathan Miller asked about the Police Beat Realignment. There will be a meeting on March 31 at the East Atlanta Public Library at 7:00 p.m. The realignment is reshaping the beats, and we are losing the southernmost beats and top two beats.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

No elected officials attended.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Regina Brewer

Judy Clements announced the website is almost ready to go live. She will announce when it is ready on the Yahoo Group. IP membership fees and Security Patrol dues can then be paid online. There are no additional fees for members to pay online.

Regina announced we are at the discussion and review time on the IPNA By-laws. The new by-laws include a new VP of Communications board position to handle the Advocate, etc. The revisions also address the need for neighborhood voting on paying small amounts. A nomination committee always has been in the by-laws and having such a committee will now be happening. The IPNA membership fee amount will be taken out of the by-laws.

Diane Floyd reported the "Financial" section of the By-Laws was substantially revised because it was quite confusing. Cameron Childress noted the threshold for approval had been \$1,000 which was too low and the Board wanted to change that. Pat Westrick asked what the threshold is

for voting on budgeted items. Regina responded, \$5,000. Regina commented that the By-law revisions are intended to clean up how IPNA does business.

Diane Floyd noted the one-year term for officers would be changed to two-year terms.

PLANNING: V.P. David Laube

David stated there was nothing new to report on the North Highland traffic improvements.

He noted the CDP process and recommendations covered in the Advocate. David requested a vote on the recommendations. Jonathan Miller commented this is a first pass and that there will be more time for review. IP will have a list of what is wanted in the CDP and will submit the list to the NPU.

Regina Brewer noted the CDP is the document that the City refers to and will provide help to fight unwelcome changes in the neighborhood. It is important.

Marge Hays asked about N13. David responded that this involves the Beltline overlay and the MARTA site. If a mixed-use project is proposed, it must meet both the Beltline criteria and the CDP criteria. Pat Westrick asked if the N17 properties will be protected. Adam Stillman answered that these properties are contributing structures and they will be protected. Sensitive redevelopment will be encouraged.

Pat asked for explanation on RGC3 and how these properties could be developed. Amy Higgins was not sure because it was not in her printed zoning ordinance.

A question was raised whether the vote on the recommendations could be put off. Yes, the vote will be put off because there is time.

NPU: Megan Holder

Megan could not attend and Jonathan Miller reported. The NPU vote on the Park's Edge liquor license was postponed. The CDP amendment for the Wisteria block was postponed. The Beltline Historic Fourth Ward Park is open and it is gorgeous. Kwanza Hall will be in the Park the next two Saturday's at 10:00 a.m. with donuts from Sublime Donuts. Attendees are encouraged to walk to the park because parking is limited.

NPU meets every month at the L5P Community Center. Two Fulton County Superior Court Judges will attend the next meeting; all are welcome to come.

ZONING: V.P. Amy Higgins

Amy Higgins reported an Immediate Neighbors meeting was held regarding the application for a liquor license for the One Earred Stag restaurant at 1029 Edgewood Avenue. All of the neighbors attending the meeting voted to unanimously support the liquor license application.

Robert McDonald described the restaurant as being similar to his restaurant in east Atlanta called Holy Taco. It will be family friendly, no smoking and will serve a "New American" menu. Thursday, Friday and Saturday it will be open until midnight. He is not interested in having any late night business. He was asked what sort of bar the restaurant will have and he responded that there will be a focus on bourbon, ryes and wine.

There will be no valet parking; it is expensive and increases the prices. Diane Floyd suggested that they talk to Matt Nelson and see about possibly working something out using the Church parking lot.

A motion was made to support the Immediate Neighbors support of the liquor license for the One Earred Stag; the motion was seconded and carried.

Amy Higgins reported there is nothing new to report on the Wisteria block. They are waiting for a response from the owner on the comments that have been submitted.

Park's Edge Liquor License

Amy Higgins reported that eight neighbors attended the Immediate Neighbors meeting. The neighbors noted a history of complaints with the operation of the restaurant including live music, the tent in the parking lot, and blocking the street. One neighbor asked if a probationary license could be given and the response was no, there is not a probationary liquor license.

The chef is Jorge Pacheco and his consultant Loy McCandless with Associated Restaurant Services stated that they have supplied permits to legally serve alcohol. They said they met the criteria. They said they made mistakes, that they were not aware of requirements for renewal. They thanked the neighbors for their time.

A question was asked about what defines the area for Immediate Neighbors. Amy Higgins responded immediate neighbors are defined as being within 300 feet of the property.

The consultant stated that they are sorry for their mistakes, they will never happen again, and they want to be good neighbors.

The restaurant is currently operating with a temporary liquor license and they are attending the meeting now to get support to renew the restaurant's liquor license.

Jonathan Miller asked about the history and asked about the "Remand" categorization of the application by the License Review Board. He believes the application should be under the category "Failure to Renew." The NPU deferred reviewing the application. Jonathan asked if they were asking to renew their license OR get a license?

The consultant gave a confused answer, stating they paid for a license in 2009 and did not in 2010, and stated now they have a temporary license. The consultant stated that it is not a neighborhood issue. Jonathan Miller responded that it is a neighborhood issue.

The consultant stated they were not aware of the code.

Janet Barry contacted Este Andrews with the Mayor's office for Constituency Services and gave an overview of the documented history. 913 Bernina had a liquor license in 2008 with the owner of Pacific Kitchen. The agent applied for a change of ownership. Jorge was cited for violation of the liquor license and on 2/15/11 was cited and arrested. He has now reapplied for a liquor license and is operating currently with a temporary liquor license.

Cathy Bradshaw stated there is confusion about the issues. There are issues with the valet parking and other neighbor's issues. The tent in the parking lot takes up required parking spaces and displaces cars onto the street. The owner has consistently ignored the neighbors' concerns.

It was reported that the Park's Edge check to the Security Patrol bounced. It was stated that they did not follow through on their commitment to the Dine Out event.

The owner stated that they have tried to address the valet parking concerns. They received a call from the Mayor's office and learned that they are not allowed to valet park on the street. He stated that they have an open door to discuss issues.

The owner stated that they have a cashiers check for \$300 for the Security Patrol. He stated they have been broken into twelve times and checks were stolen.

The owner was unclear on the 20% commitment for the Dine Out event and he apologized. He stated the restaurants were not happy with the neighborhood's handling of the Dine Out event.

Tom Barry stated there is a one-year

track record of problems with the restaurant. In the Immediate Neighbors meeting the owner did not know things he should about the requirements for a liquor license, a valet parking permit, a tent permit, and a liquor license for the tent. The police have cited him. The discussion in the Immediate Neighbors meeting was full of falsehoods.

There was a party for 400 people in the tent on the day the tent was to be removed.

A comment was made that the liquor license should be denied on moral character. There is a track record of misbehavior and the neighbors do not see how it is going to change.

Regina Brewer stated that the owner came to an IPNA meeting in the fall and he was told to remove the tent and she asked him why didn't he take the tent down. The owner responded that he had commitments with the tent and he needed the space in the tent. He stated he did not intend to offend the neighborhood.

Ro Wagner stated there are integrity issues.

Janet Barry stated bad moral character is grounds for denial for the liquor license. She pointed out the live music and the absence of appropriate buffers and that he has been cited and arrested. She stated that having a liquor license is a privilege.

Marge Hays made a motion to support the immediate neighbors' denial of a liquor license for Park's Edge. The motion was seconded and carried.

Judy Clements stated the IPNA denial does not stop the owner from getting a liquor license. She encouraged people to show up and voice their opinions with the License Review Board.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: Adam Stillman

An Immediate Neighbors Meeting was held for 1037 Euclid Avenue, and one neighbor attended and supported the application. One additional neighbor sent a letter in support.

Steve and Jeanie Cutts, 138 Hurt Street had an Immediate Neighbors Meeting and four neighbors attended and voted to support the application. The work was described at rear of the house and will include a new porch using materials to match the existing house, and a new deck over a lower garage. A motion was made to support the immediate neighbors and the motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bob Sandage

Bob reported a pedestrian robbery the night before at the corner of Euclid and

Alta. He reported a robbery on Washita, but stated it might have been a personal matter.

Bob described an incident at his house involving a loaded gun being thrown and hitting the side of the house.

Bob reported that Security Patrol membership renewal will be online in the next couple of weeks, and requested neighbors to please go ahead and renew your membership and support the Security Patrol.

TREASURER: Cameron Childress

Cameron reported monthly expenses:

<i>Advocator</i>	\$ 1,641.60
Public Safety	11,845.91
Springvale Park (two months).	2,000.00
Beautification	1,195.00
Meeting Babysitter	50.00
Accounting & Tax Preparation (1099 prep)	107.92
LSP Community Center (NPU-N Rent)	50.00

Total	\$ 16,890.43

SECRETARY: Barbara Black

Barbara announced she has the banners and flags as well as copies of the directories.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Springvale Park

Amy Higgins announced that the final visioning document is posted on the website. There will be an Immediate Neighbors Meeting on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trolley Barn. There will be a Springvale Park workday on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Cam and Stephanie McCaa's house.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next meeting is Wednesday April 20 at 7:30 p.m. Regina Brewer adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL MARCH 2011-ACTIVITY REPORT

By Lt. Brent Schierbaum

APRIL PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

by Bob Sandage,

Inman Park VP of Public Safety

PLEASE NOTE that the new Security Patrol phone number is 404-414-7802.

Bicycle theft and theft from auto are the prevailing non-violent crimes during March 2011. Regarding violent crime, one pedestrian robbery occurred on Austin Avenue during the month. Next month, we will begin comparisons for 2011 versus 2010.

I would like to introduce a couple of new members of the Public Safety team: Events Coordinator, **Karen Heim**, and Residential Liaison, **Kathleen Busko**. Kathleen will be assisting incumbent **Thom Abelew** in welcoming new Security Patrol members and reviving / maintaining the Street Captain program.

Here are events that the Public Safety team is planning for the next year:

- **DineOut for Public Safety** – July 26 or 27, 2011.
- **5K Walk/Run and Beer Festival** – September 10 or 11, 2011. Walk/Run in the morning and Beer Festival in the afternoon.
- **Safety Dance** – March 2012.

I am very hopeful that by time of publication, Public Safety will be LIVE with the ability to join or renew Security Patrol online! Please watch for announcements on the Inman Park Yahoo Group and possibly fliers at your doorstep. Timely renewal of Security Patrol membership is crucial to helping keep the neighborhood safe.

Until next month, stay safe!

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Directed Patrols	472	Burglary	2	Burglary in Progress	1
Drop Ins/ Park and Walks	279	Suspicious Auto	2	Theft of Vehicle	1
Suspicious Person	32	Theft from Vehicle	2	Roadway/ sidewalk Obstruction	1
Residential Alarm	18	Open Window/ Door	2	Illegal Drugs	1
Noise Complaint	8	Armed Robbery	1	Prowler	1
Parking Complaint	7	Snatch Theft	1	Disorderly Juveniles	1
Fight/ Disturbance	6	Abandoned Auto	1	Reckless Driver	1
Information for Police	4	Animal Complaint	1		
Theft	4	Assist APD	1		
Enforcement Activity	Parking Citation				3
	Vehicles Impounded				1
	Arrests: Disorderly Conduct				1
Association Member Contacts			19		

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INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR MARCH 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.

The hope is that as of this writing, at least one of the suspects in the three burglaries listed is in custody. Let's hope that the second one is caught soon. Remember to report all suspicious activity to 911.

It seems that the big trend these days is the theft of high-end bicycles. Police have noticed that these thieves are particular about the types of bikes they steal, leaving other bikes on the

rack while choosing the more expensive ones. If you have an expensive bike, we suggest you store it securely, preferably inside your residence, and not leave it locked up in a less-than-secure location. A guy at the bike shop told me a while ago, after I had a bike stolen, that a lock only buys you time, not security. If a thief really wants your bike, they'll get it unless you are careful.

There are not as many "Entering Auto" entries in this report as usual, however be advised that for some reason, criminals still steal car radios. Perhaps they are going "retro" on us.

Also, if you need help cleaning up around the house, we suggest you hire someone reputable and check references.

Until next month, be safe!

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DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
2/19-2/20	1:00 PM - 9:00 AM	Burglary	400 Block N. Highland Ave.	Rear window of apartment broken out and 3 laptops, TV, Xbox, cash and iPod stolen.
2/23-2/24	6:00 PM - 8:00 AM	Theft from Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	Driver's side window smashed and GPS stolen.
2/23	9:00 PM	Theft	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Victim let a homeless man help clean up their home and later noticed \$50,000 worth of jewelry missing
2/24	9:05 AM - 9:45 AM	Burglary	900 Block Washita Ave.	Brick thrown through kitchen window of residence. Police responded to alarm and contacted victim, who advised nothing had been taken. Victim reported that he had confronted the day before 2 black males in dark jackets on his rear deck, who then fled when approached.
2/24	4:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Theft	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Bicycle stolen from foyer of apartment building.
3/2-3/3	10:00 PM - 9:30 AM	Auto Theft	200 Block Hurt Street	Vehicle stolen from street. Recovered same day on Waverly Way with damage to steering column
3/2-3/3	8:00 PM - 7:30 AM	Theft	100 Block Montag Circle	Bike chained to handrail stolen
3/5	12:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Theft from Auto	800 Block Dixie Ave.	Passenger side window smashed and bag of tools stolen
3/5-3/6	11:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Burglary	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Glass on rear door of residence broken and Playstation stolen. Witness reported seeing 2 black males in black hoodies leaving the scene with items in their hands in a white Buick
3/6-3/8	9:00 PM - 9:00 AM	Theft	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy.	Lock cut and bike stolen from parking garage.
3/7-3/8	7:30 PM - 9:00 AM	Theft from Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Two cars in parking lot had windows smashed and clothes, car radio, sunglasses and bag stolen.
3/7-3/8	3:00 PM - 8:00 AM	Theft	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy.	Lock cut and bike stolen from parking garage.
3/7-3/8	4:00 PM - 11:15 AM	Theft	800 Block Inman Village Pkwy.	Locks cut and 2 bikes stolen from parking garage.
3/8	2:00 PM	Theft	1100 Block Euclid Ave.	Lock cut and bike stolen from bike rack in front of business.
3/10-3/11	10:00 PM - 10:20 AM	Theft from Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and car radio stolen.
3/16	1:30 AM	Robbery	1000 Block Austin Ave.	Two victims were walking up Austin Ave. When approached by suspect, who produced a gun and demanded their money. Victims were told to run towards Euclid Avenue..
3/14	1:19 AM	Entering Auto	600 Block Brickworks Circle	Victim witnessed suspect in his unsecured vehicle and called police. Suspect was apprehended and identified by victim.

To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group. See inside back cover for instructions on how to join.

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

April, 2011-No Book/No Meeting

Volunteer for Festival!

May 25, 2011

Three Cups of Tea and Stones into Schools

by **Greg Mortenson**

Hosted by Linda Dunham

12 First Avenue (Kirkwood)

June 22, 2011,

What is the What

by **Dave Eggers**

Hosted by Tara Burdeslaw

548 Wimbledon Road (Piedmont Heights)

July 27, 2011

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

by Helen Simonson

Hosted by Pam Gannon Parker

469 Carter Ave. (East Lake)

August 24, 2011

Lost Boys of Sudan:

An American Story of the Refugee Experience

by Mark Bixler

Hosted by Cathy Cook and Jim McKinney

337 Drexel Avenue (Decatur)

September 28, 2011

Cutting Stone

by Abraham Verghese

Hosted by Ruth Caproni

1065 Washita Avenue (Inman Park)

October 26, 2011

The Lonely Polygamist

by Brady Udall

Hosted by Linda Dunham

12 1st Avenue (Kirkwood)

November-No Book

Happy Thanksgiving

December-No Book

Holiday Party

Hosted by Jan Keith

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 email address above as early in the project as possible to schedule meetings and be placed on the monthly IPNA meeting agenda, or for any questions related to the historic regulations or approval process.

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	APPLICATION DEADLINE	HEARING DATE
	April 19	May 11
	May 3	May 25
	May 17	May 31

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

- **1037 Euclid Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-11-022) for a variance to decrease the rear yard setback from 39'-41' (required) to 28' (proposed) and to increase the left side yard setback from 3'-7.5' (required) to 19' (proposed) in order to construct stairs and a rear deck - approved with conditions
- **138 Hurt Street** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-11-031) to allow additions to an existing structure - approved with conditions

Applications scheduled for AUDC:

April 13

- **188 Waverly Way** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow window replacement
- **820 Lake Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a second floor addition, porch enclosure

April 27

- **418 Sinclair Avenue** - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a second floor addition
- **1122 Austin Avenue** - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow window and siding replacement, new front fencing material and a replacement front entry roof

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*

What would an Atlanta spring be without the gigantic, fragrant blooms of the magnolia tree? For many folks the evergreen Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*) is what comes to mind at the mention of magnolia trees. But, there are actually over 80 varieties of magnolias in both evergreen and deciduous varieties. Magnolias are an ancient tree species. They evolved before bees and are pollinated by beetles. Their seed pods grow particularly tough to withstand the onslaught of hungry beetles. Large and somewhat unusual in shape, the seed pods remind me of hand grenades. An odd analogy, I know, but take a look at one and you'll see what I mean.

The evergreen branch of the family includes, of course, the Southern Magnolia. You'll find them throughout the neighborhood, but we have a particularly nice specimen marked at the corner of Elizabeth and Waverly. Its lower branches have not been pruned away but rather allowed to grow just above the ground following the tree's natural growth pattern. Sweetbay Magnolias

(*Magnolia virginiana*) are also evergreen in our climate and don't reach the immense size of the Southern. They are much more cold-hardy than the Southern, and their leaves have a subtle lemony sweet smell. They're lovely trees and among my favorites. Look for examples near the intersection of Waddell and Lake.

Deciduous magnolia varieties include Saucer, Star and Cucumbertree. In early spring the saucer magnolias bloom with pink-purple goblet shaped blossoms. They are among the earliest bloomers and a sure sign that spring is beginning. You'll find several throughout the neighborhood including about a half dozen planted along DeKalb Avenue by Tree Watch. Star magnolias produce white (you guessed it) star-shaped flowers. Cucumbertrees produce yellow blossoms and are a source of many relatively new cultivars of yellow-blooming magnolias including Elizabeth, Goldfinch and Butterfly. Tree Watch recently planted a selection of yellow-bloomers on Edgewood in front of the Iron Workers lofts.

INMAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Rev. Matt Nelson

Easter EGGstravaganza

The Easter EGGstravaganza and Resurrection Workshops are at Inman Park Church! EVERYONE is invited to join us on the front lawn of Inman Park UMC (1015 Edgewood Ave NE) at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday morning, April 24. What could be better than painting with jelly beans, springtime lawn games, a scavenger hunt, the most mixed up game of bingo ever, and two fabulous egg hunts to celebrate that Jesus is Risen—He Is Risen Indeed! Join us!

- Bring a basket for your eggs.
- Bring an offering that we'll collect to benefit the United Methodist Children's Home and the Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry.

Festival Food & Fun

Bring your sweet tooth to Inman Park UMC (1015 Edgewood Ave) during Festival! This year's Fabulous Church Bake Sale includes homemade CUPCAKES—and some of them forgot to get dressed and are NAKED!!!. You can choose an already dressed (iced) cupcake or dress (ice) your own NAKED CUPCAKE! Our children want to raise \$1000 for their summer mission work, so they are selling 1000 cupcakes for \$1 each; they need your munching help!

The Music and Arts Explosion at Inman Park Church

Wednesday nights Summer 2011: June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, and 20.

Concert and Art Gallery with Reception: Sunday, July 24

All Creatures Great and Small!

Does your child love the arts? Wednesday nights this summer we will offer students (rising Pre-K through rising 7th graders) the opportunity to study under George Arrington, Certified Music Educator, and some of the most talented Visual Artists from right here in Inman Park. From 5:30-8:15 each Wednesday night, we will study sacred choral music together and journey through the worlds of textiles, clay sculpture, watercolor and acrylic painting, photography, and carpentry. We will explore how the scriptures of our faith have inspired some of the most beautiful musical and artistic creations of all time—and then we'll respond in our own unique ways. We will also enjoy dinner together as well as free play and fellowship! On July 24, we will present a Concert and Art Gallery for the whole community to enjoy.

- The cost for one child at the explosion will be: \$30 for the six-week semesterr.
- The cost for one family with 2 children will be: \$50.
- The cost for one family with 3 children or more will be: \$65.
- This fee will pay for all supplies, t-shirts, and snacks. Scholarships are available for families in need.

REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 15, 2011 ONLINE AT
WWW.INMANPARKUMC.ORG or call us at 404.522.9322

IPNA MEETING
Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 20, 2011

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

APRIL 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. By-Law Revisions**
 - B. Planning**
 - 1. CDP-Vote**
 - 2. NPU report**
 - a. Beltline Minute**
 - C. Zoning**
 - 1. Parks Edge Liquor License Update**
 - D. Historic Preservation**
 - 1. 820 Lake Avenue**
 - 2. 418 Sinclair Avenue**
 - E. Public Safety**
 - 1. Violent Crime Update**
 - 2. Membership Renewal**
 - 3. Upcoming Events**
 - F. Treasurer**
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures**
 - G. Secretary**
- VII. Committee Reports**
 - Springvale Park-Vote on Visioning Plan**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. Adjournment**