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President's Report

BY ANDY COFFMAN, PRESIDENT


I am asked frequently about my service on the Board. "Is it what you thought it would be?" "How is it going?" The questions are posed with some trepidation, or at least with an expectation of a response confirming the immense burdens of volunteering for our rowdy group. In reality, like any volunteer role we take on, it is what you make of it. So far so good, is my typical response, which happens to be true. Beyond that, it is an honor to be associated with the likes of my Inman Park Neighbors.

For the last six months, I have tried to keep things simple and to focus only on necessary and incremental change. Two such changes involved the budget and the Advocate. Beginning this month, I want to focus again on our budget, and more specifically our finances. As a board, our most important role is the safe-keeping and clear accounting of the funds raised throughout the year. As we look back on the Beer Chase and gear up for Festival, I and all board members are keenly aware of the blood, sweat and toil that goes into providing a \$125,000 budget.

Those of you in the know may recall that we started the budget cycle in September with a simplified version of our budget, one that attempted to align expenses and income in a way that made the categories more understandable. My goal is that beginning in February, I will ask committee members to submit information to our editors for publication in the Advocate on the details of their committee work. Some committees have a large presence on our balance sheet, like Beautification, Traffic Calming, and Security. There are others, like Springvale Park, that carry on good work without much fanfare. It is important that we know what is going on with the funds we have earmarked for these causes. Hopefully, highlighting these expenditures will better inform and prepare the membership for this year's budget debate. I guess you could say this is one resolution for the New Year.

Another resolution for everyone should be to find a role to play in volunteering for Festival. The single most important fundraising event for Inman Park will be here (and gone) in just a few short months. I have already committed to helping with food and taking on a few shifts of trash duty. What are you doing this year? If part of your effort is to bring friends and family to enjoy the show, that works too.

I also want to alert everyone to additional opportunities. We have several Board members leaving their posts this year. These positions include zoning, historic preservation, public safety, communications, and secretary. Every role is vital to our success. If you have an interest in bringing your time and energy toward a great cause, please get in touch with the current board members to let them know. Feel free to contact me any time as well for this, or any other issue.

I am excited about the New Year and look forward to all the triumphs and controversies that await us. I hope to see everyone for our meeting on January 16th. 

A Note from the Editors

BY SUSANNA CAPELUTO & STEPHANIE TOBBEN, CO-EDITORS

For the New Year we have some suggested resolutions for Inman Parkers.

1. Submit an article, poem or cool picture to advocator@inmanpark.org.
2. Eat out more often at neighborhood restaurants.
3. Volunteer at least two hours for Festival this year (www.inmanparkfestival.org).
4. Consider hosting a porch party or at least attend one to meet new neighbors.
5. Walk and bike more to get around the hood (help be part of the traffic calming solution).
6. Buy local and support small businesses throughout Inman Park and LSP.
7. Attend an IPNA board meeting even if you don't have a particular issue to "fight" for.
8. Sign up for alerts from the Inman Park Website (www.inmanpark.org).
9. And most of all care about your neighbors and be happy you live in Inman Park.

Traffic Calming

Join the IPNA Traffic Committee as they work together with developers and the City to create a comprehensive traffic calming plan for Inman Park.

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Historical Perspective

A reflection on the lost gems of Ponce de Leon Avenue reminds us why historic preservation & zoning regulations are so important.

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Trash Talk

Find out how you can earn one of the coveted "Service Patches" by volunteering as part of the Trash & Recycling crew during Festival 2013.

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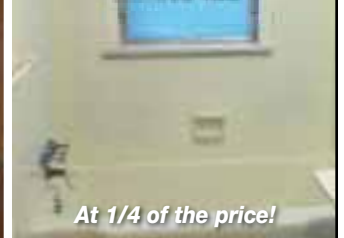
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Minutes of the December 2012 IPNA Meeting

BY JACLYN MCDUGAL, SECRETARY

Newcomers:

Forest & Alana Breeze

Derrick Sanderson

Announcements:

Oreon Mann announced there will be no book club in December, but will start up again in January. January's book Club is January 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Jan Keith** at 889 Edgewood Avenue. January's book is *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund De Waal. Please bring a covered dish to share.

The Inman Dining group will be starting up soon. The first meeting is January 26.

Police Officers' Report

Officer **Ari Bleifield** – with the holidays approaching please continue to be safe and aware of your surroundings. If you are going out of town fill out your vacation request and let your neighbors know.

There have been 3 burglaries lately: two (2) on Austin Avenue and one (1) on Waverly Way. It looks like someone went in through a back window.

Elected Officials' Reports

No elected officials present

IPNA Officer's Report

Andy Coffman, President

Thanks to Kevin Ireland and Anne Roberts for stepping up and volunteering to help with cleaning up along the BeltLine.

Ask for consideration to add an item to the agenda. It was for the vote to hold the Inman Park Festival this spring. A motion was made, seconded and carried to add the item to the agenda.

Vote to approve holding the of Inman Park Festival in April 2013.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to hold Festival over the dates April 26 to 28, 2013.

Alan Travis, V.P. Zoning

Application for change of agent for liquor license for Little Five Points Pizza was presented. Hours of operations will remain the same. New owners will hold the liquor license. Immediate neighbors meeting was held last week and voted to support 6-0. A motion to support the immediate neighbors was made, seconded and carried.

Erin Kane, V.P. Historic Preservation

Not present.

Greg Scott, V.P. Public Safety

Not present.

Neel Gupta, V.P. Planning

Traffic: **Danny Feig-Sandoval** held a traffic meeting two weeks ago that pulled together developers and neighbors for a meeting on December 8. The goal was to have a public meeting to discuss transportation and traffic around the greater Inman Park area, and identify areas that require improvement. The meeting was high energy and the results will be published on IPNA website, Facebook and the Advocator once they become available.

Rick Bizot, NPU Representative

Nothing to report.

Eric Goldberg, Treasurer

Public Safety	\$10,494.52
Social Committee (holiday party)	\$11,400.00
Beautification	\$850.00
Charitable Contributions	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$98.79
Total	\$23,823.31

Leigh Hays, V.P. Communications

Not present.

Andy Coffman asked that if you are not presently receiving a copy of the Advocator via mail please email communications@inmanpark.org with your address. This is an issue with the U.S. Postal Service address lists and we will be working to correct this in the new year.

Jaclyn McDougal, Secretary

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Education committee: Renovations at Mary Lin should start soon and class sizes should remain at present levels. Proposed class sizes started at 33 students per class, but are now back to 25 at the urging of parents. Also Mary Lin is changing the routes the buses take to drop off and pick up children at school. Buses will be dropping off and picking up from the back of the school. Inman Middle school task force has submitted ideas to the superintendent about 6th grade academy. Superintendent will review them and report back.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Motion to Adjourn

The next IPNA meeting is January 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at The Marianna. **Andy Coffman** adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. **M**

NPU-N Update

BY RICK BIZOT, NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE • npu.n@inmanpark.org

Public Reports:

- Tom Cullen from the **Parks Department** reports that the King Natatorium has been closed. They are working on arrangements for members to have access to the pool at JFK Middle School, on Georgia Avenue, near the Georgia Dome.

- Clifford Ice from the **Department of Watershed Management** reports that their FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) Program has helped us to achieve a 26% decrease in sewer backups and overflows. He reminds residents that they can help prevent pipe blockages and sewer overflows by keeping grease out of the sewer system.

License Review Board:

- **Hemant Bhalla**, Package Store (Moreland Package), 15 Moreland Avenue: NPU Board voted to oppose the change of ownership request due to RCIL neighborhood concerns about security. Applicant expressed a desire to work with the neighborhood to address their concerns.

- **Forrest Breece**, Restaurant (Little 5 Points Pizza), 422 Seminole Avenue: NPU Board voted to support the change of ownership request.

- **Nadir Pirani**, Convenience Store (Welcome Food Mart), 730 Barnett Street (NPU-F): Not in NPU-N, therefore for information only. Applicant was encouraged to contact Poncey Highlands (PHNA).

Board of Zoning Adjustment:

- **664 North Highland Avenue NE (HD-1)**: NPU Board voted to approve a Special Exception to reduce the off-street parking requirement from 34 spaces (required) to 8 spaces on-site and 32 spaces off-site within 500 feet of the primary use, to allow for an outdoor (rooftop) addition to an existing restaurant, with conditions regarding wayfinding/signage as requested by PHNA.

- **526 Candler Park Drive NE**: NPU Board voted to approve a variance to reduce yard setbacks to allow for a 2nd story addition.

Special Events and Outdoor Festivals:

- **Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes**, April 26 – 28, 2013, in Inman Park: NPU Board voted to approve.

Old Business:

- The Board voted to pursue a grant application with the City of Atlanta for next fiscal year: bike racks to be installed at various locations selected by each NPU entity. At costs estimated, the grant would fund 21 racks total, so 2-3 would go to each NPU member group. NPU representatives to identify potential sites and get permissions once funding is secured. Please send suggestions for new bike rack locations in Inman Park to Rick at npu.n@inmanpark.org.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of every month (except Nov. & Dec. when the meetings are specially set due to the holidays) at 7:00pm in the Little Five Points Community Center. Next meeting: January 24, 2013. All are welcome to attend. M

On the Calendar

Jan 10 ***Inman Park Festival Volunteer Meeting***
211 Hurt Street
7:30 p.m.

Jan 16 ***IPNA Meeting***
The Marianna,
located above
Wrecking Bar Brewpub
7:30 p.m.

Jan 21 ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Day***

Jan 23 ***Book Club***
hosted by Jan Keith
see page 16
for details

Feb 12 ***Inman Park Festival Volunteer Meeting***
211 Hurt Street
7:30 p.m.

Feb 14 ***Valentine's Day***

Feb 20 ***IPNA Meeting***
The Marianna,
located above
Wrecking Bar Brewpub
7:30 p.m.

Feb 27 ***Book Club***
hosted by
Cathy Jamison
see page 16
for details

Apr 26 ***Inman Park Festival through April 28***
sign up to volunteer!

Traffic Calming Meeting Summary


BY DANNY FEIG-SANDOVAL • danny@smallcarpenters.com

On December 8, the IPNA traffic committee held a highly charged meeting to discuss the effects the new developments in and around our neighborhood will have on traffic and how we can work proactively with the city and the developers to create a comprehensive traffic calming plan for our neighborhood and other neighborhoods, primarily the Old Fourth Ward. Our city council member, Kwanza Hall, brought in Caleb Racicot with Tunnel-Spangler, one of the leading urban planners in the city, to coordinate our effort to develop a plan.

Joining us in the discussion were Richard Mendoza (Commissioner of Public Works with the City), Kwanza Hall, Josh Mello (Assistant Director of Transportation Planning with the City), representatives from Paces Development (developers at Krog and Irwin) and JPX Development (developers of 280 Elizabeth Street), and about 40 concerned neighbors from Inman Park and the Old Fourth Ward.

Caleb started off the meeting with an excellent PowerPoint presentation summarizing the issues we are facing and what is currently happening in the area with regards to transportation and pedestrian improvements and traffic calming. We then broke into three smaller groups to brainstorm on solutions we would like to see implemented.

It was an energetic and engaging work session that identified many potential options for bicycle, pedestrian, vehicular, and transit improvements. The consultants are working to synthesize these ideas into draft recommendations. These will be presented to the neighborhood for feedback in early 2013. Following this, the recommendations will be summarized in a report that will then hopefully be used by the city public works department and the developers to come up with final plans to be implemented, depending of course on funding sources available from the city and whatever funds the developers will be willing to provide as well.

Obviously this will be a lengthy involved process that will require a lot of volunteer hours. Please let me know if you are available to do some leg work on this. I will do my best to plug folks into the process to keep this moving forward. 

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Lisa Thompson and Michael Rathke
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BY JANE BRADSHAW • jcb5858@yahoo.com

Have you noticed a new arrival at your home? It's big and blue and is just waiting to be filled up. If you guessed the new 96-gallon recycling carts, you're correct!

We Atlantans create a huge amount of waste and haven't been recycling nearly enough of it. On an annual basis, we recycle just 12,000 tons of the 96,000 we create, costing us \$7 million to send the rest to the landfill. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could divert more of our waste from the landfill and save some money? I think so, and so does Mayor Reed.

Starting in October, the City of Atlanta began delivering Big Blues, as I call them, to all residential customers who didn't already have one. Finally!! Those small black bins just weren't big enough and were a pain to take to the street.

Now you're probably asking yourself, "What can I put in my Big Blue?" Excellent question--thanks for asking. :) Below is a list of all the recyclables the City will and will not accept. Still have a question? Check out cartatlanta.org or contact the City at publicworks@atlantaga.gov or 404-330-6333.

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- All paper products (except boxes/paper with food contamination).
- Shredded paper in a clear plastic bag.
- NO paper towels or tissues.

Glass

- All bottles and jars (rinse, remove the lids).

Cans

- Aluminum cans, steel (tin) cans, aerosol cans. NO metal hangers/wires.

Plastics

- All hard plastic food containers and plastic bottles #1- #7 (please rinse).
- NO plastic bags, NO hoses or wires, NO plastic pipes, NO plastic furniture, NO Styrofoam.


Cardboard

- Broken down or cut to fit in the bin. Keep it dry. NO Styrofoam.

NO Wood or Building Materials.

If you've got something you think can/should be recycled but don't see it on the above list, check out earth911.org.

Happy New Year and Happy Recycling!!

Editor's Note: If you no longer wish to use the "old format" 18-gallon black recycling bin, place it in your new 96-gallon blue recyclable rubbish bin (aka the Blue Herby Curby or Big Blue) and the City will recycle it. 

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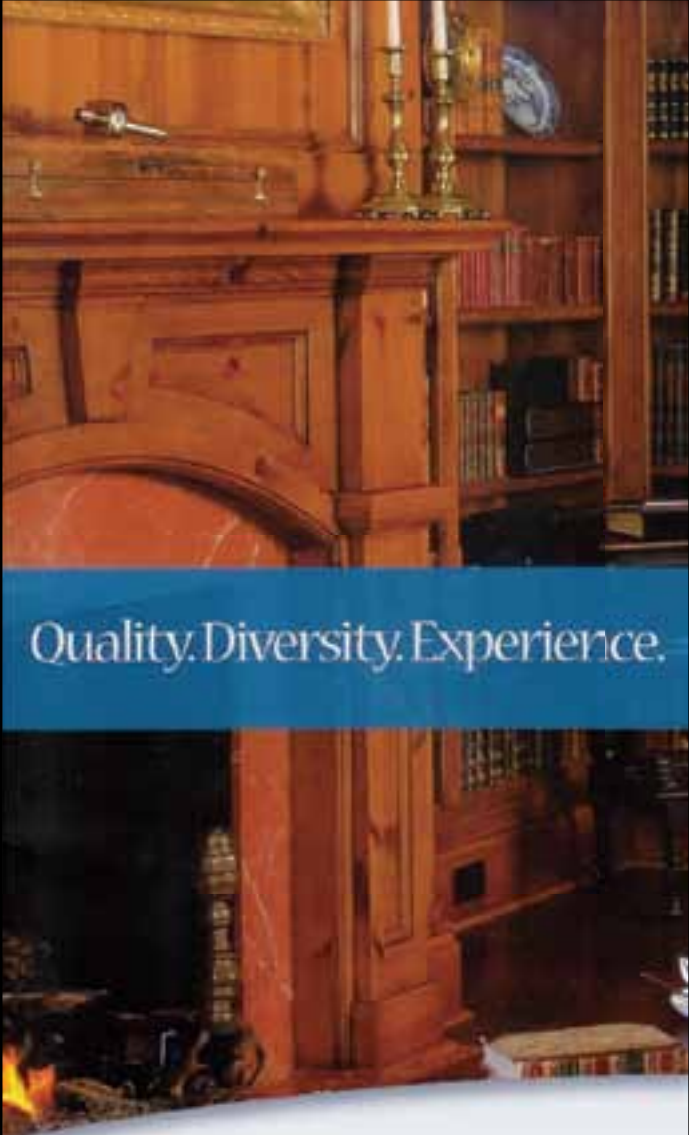
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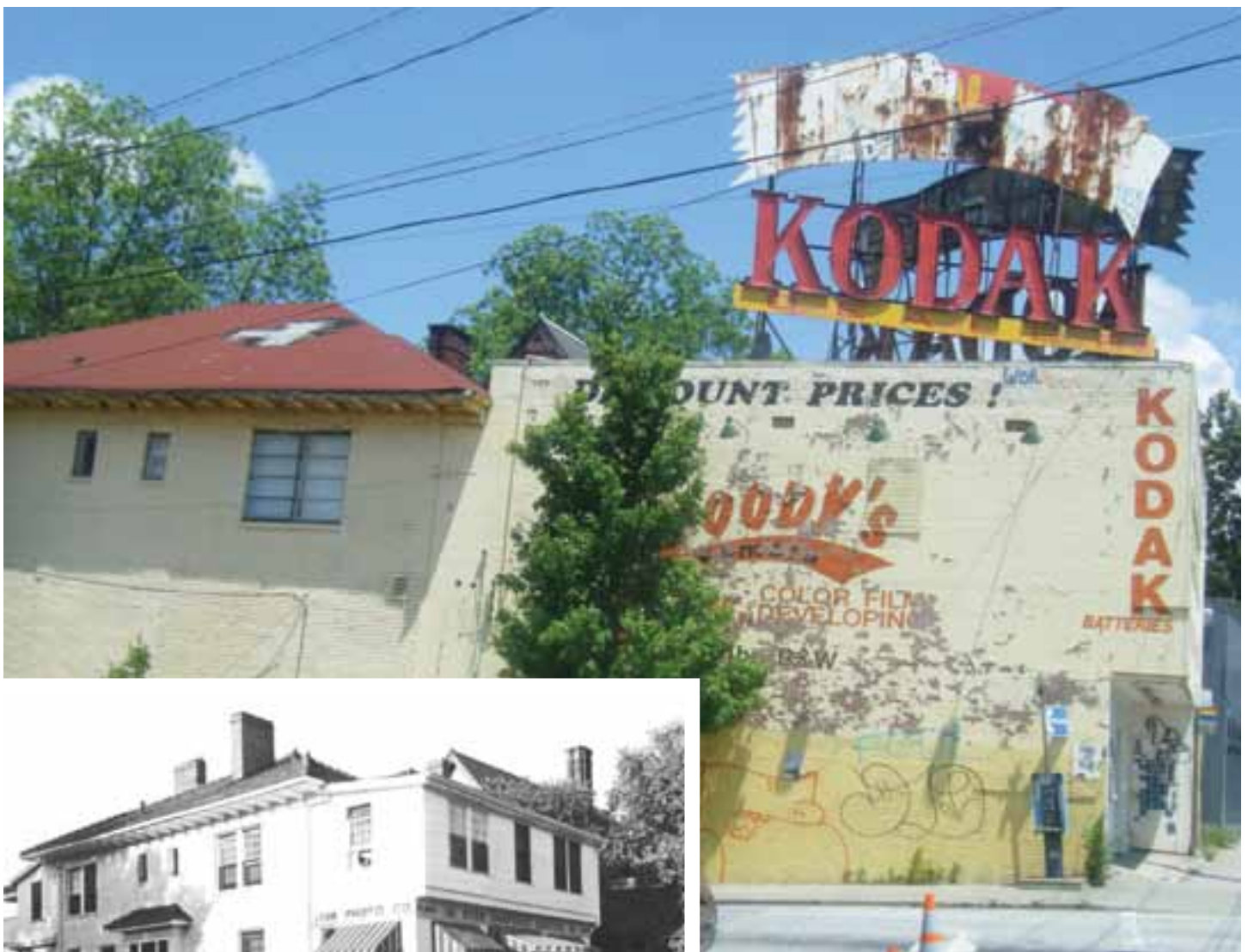
Historic Perspective

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Did you know Ponce de Leon Avenue was once lined with beautiful houses? Some of those houses are still there, buried beneath business facades. This one on the corner of Ponce and Argonne Avenue was built in 1910 by William L. Hancock. In 1946, Euell Starnes bought the house and built an addition onto the front for his business, Star Photo. (He and his family are seen here on the porch in this 1947 photograph, provided by his daughter, Patricia Asleson.) The house became Ritz Camera, and eventually, Alan's Photography, whose proprietor, Alan Goodelman, put the Kodak sign on top in 1979. He died in the building while printing photos in 1997. Former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin used the building for her campaign headquarters in 2001. Now the house is empty and a crumbling wreck.

And next door, buried beneath the Atlanta Eagle nightclub's front façade, is a house built in 1899 by William A. Hemphill's daughter. Hemphill gave the lot to her in 1898; he was a founder of the Atlanta Constitution and a mayor of Atlanta.

So the next time you drive up Ponce, or you're sitting in the drive-thru of Krispy Kreme, take a look at these two houses, and thank your lucky stars Inman Park has annoying historic zoning regulations. Your lovely home will remain lovely for all eternity. Sure, occasionally there is a little bloodshed and alcohol consumption at immediate neighbors' meetings, but it's worth it. Remember the fate of these houses, which were once graced by Atlanta's mayors, and continue to fight the good fight for preservation. **M**




Inman Park Cooperative Preschool Is Now Enrolling For The 2013-2014 School Year

BY ANGELA VAUGHN • angela_vaughn@comcast.net

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool (IPCP) will be holding two Prospective Parent Meetings in January-- one will be on Thursday, January 10 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and the other will be Saturday, January 26 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. To RSVP, please send an email to admissions@ipcp.org.

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Festival Trash and Recycling Announces “Service Patches” for Volunteer Recognition

BY DENNIS MOBLEY, SUPREME COMMANDER, TRASH & RECYCLING • DMobley671@aol.com

The Supreme Headquarters of Inman Park Festival’s Trash & Recycling brigade has announced a new little “wrinkle” it hopes will add even more fun to the Festival volunteer process.


In 2011, Trash & Recycling began offering its 100 volunteers the now-infamous REFUSE volunteer shirt, in the distinctive “sand” camouflage shown at right. This shirt heralded what is called the Modern Era. (We also acknowledge that some volunteers have been slinging trash at Festival for literally decades.)



Uniform “service patches” (shown above) are now available to those who volunteered during 2011 and/or 2012. (Alas, we do not have “1972” patches, Oreon and Richard). Supreme Headquarters is suggesting they be clustered side by side, and when the 2013 is earned, positioned below the 2011 as shown. However, uniform modifications are permitted, this is a suggestion only. (Some volunteers have removed the sleeves from their shirts). It will be interesting to see how many years of wear we can get from the 2011 shirts, and who among us racks up the most service patches!

If you’re a Trash & Recycling volunteer who hasn’t received your 2011 and/or 2012 service patches yet, email me at DMobley671@aol.com and we’ll get them to you in the off-season. And of course we hope you will re-enlist to earn your patch for 2013!

As to the rest of you, some volunteer slots still remain at all four “zones”: Poplar Circle, Main Tent, Edgewood Avenue, and Delta Park. We ask you for a 2-hour shift, after which you earn a pass to the Festival Volunteer Beer Gardens at locations to be communicated to you in secret code.

You can email me to volunteer, and also keep your eyes peeled for word of when the all-new Festival Volunteer Website is up and running. Meanwhile, put April 26, 27 and 28, 2013 on your calendars NOW! 



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GAELIC STORM WED, JAN 30, 8:30PM	RAILROAD EARTH FRI, FEB 15, 8:30PM SAT, FEB 16, 8:30PM	EELS TUE, MAR 5, 8PM
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Lifelong Communities Update

By CATHIE BERGER • C Berger@atlantaregional.com

Thank you to the more than 100 residents of Inman Park who participated in the Lifelong Communities Citizens Assessment Survey.

Please join us on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trolley Barn to learn about the results of this survey, celebrate the long-time efforts that Inman Park has made towards being an incredible neighborhood for all, and determine opportunities for additional elements of Lifelong Communities that may be incorporated into future Inman Park activities.

Lifelong Communities are cities and neighborhoods that provide an array of housing types that appeal to individuals both young and old. These communities provide opportunities for healthy living including parks and outdoor spaces. Lifelong Communities provide for individuals who do not drive: safe sidewalks and convenient access to shopping, recreational opportunities and basic services. Because of the breadth of incredible assets in the Inman Park neighborhood, the ARC has expressed an interest in working with us to establish great concepts for Lifelong Communities.


To learn more about Lifelong Communities in general, please visit: www.atlantaregional.com/lfc. For more information about this meeting, please contact Melissa Roberts at 404-663-3304 or mroberts@atlantaregional.com. 

Porch Party Thanks

By PAT WESTRICK • patwestrick@gmail.com

Many thanks to all our neighbors who volunteered their porches for IPNA Porch Parties in 2012:

John Fitzgerald
Melissa Miller & Thom Abelew
Leigh Hays
Ginger Lyon
Danny & Lori Feig-Sandoval
Regina Brewer & Joe Castellano
Patty McGuigan & Michael Robinson
Leslie Ward & Ed Dobbmeyer


We couldn't have Porch Parties without the folks who say, "Sure, you can use our porch this month!" What does it take to host a Porch Party? We've been told by many that it's the easiest party they have ever given. The neighborhood supplies all the disposables – plates, cups, forks, napkins – and the guests bring their own food and drink. They are scheduled for the last Friday of the month, from February through October (except April, of course!) and are a great way to meet new neighbors and re-connect with the old. And the term "porch" is used somewhat loosely, as they are sometimes held in condos or lofts. If you've never attended one, give it a try in 2013. And if you're a regular, we'll see you in February! 

2013 Inman Park Festival Parade

By KAREN HEIM, PARADE ORGANIZER • karen.heim1@gmail.com

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March in a band
Swirl
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Juggle in pairs
Sashay
Display
Cavalcade
Motorcade
Flutter by
As a butterfly

The Festival Committee challenges you, your block, your neighbors, your group, your troop, your coworkers, your business, your clan, your gang, your squad, your posse, your loosely knit pack--pretty much all y'all--to enter the **2013 Parade on Saturday, April 27**. By the time this is published, you'll have roughly 100 days to be creative and unique and put together your parade entry concept, so fly your freak flag and compete for **cash prizes** of \$300 (1st), \$150 (2nd), and \$75 (3rd). Details and the application are available on the Festival website, www.inmanparkfestival.org/parade. Each entry must submit an application. You can't win if you don't enter! Do it! You'll be glad you did! 

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The Gospel of the Blues: A Concert Featuring Francine Reed and Friends to Benefit Epworth United Methodist Church

BY ANGELA VAUGHN • angela_vaughn@comcast.net

For one night only, you can enjoy a special blues-inspired gospel concert starring blues legend, Francine Reed. Ms. Reed will be joined by her friends, Lola Gulley, Sandra Hall, Bernadette Seacrest and The Shadows. The Potluck Mass Choir will also be making an appearance.

The concert will be held Friday, January 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Epworth United Methodist Church located at 1561 McLendon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30307. Tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Proceeds go toward Epworth's handicap ramp project.

The concert will feel like an old-time church service. Possible song selections include: "Oh Happy Day," "This Little Light of Mine" and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." Audience participation will be encouraged.

Reed grew up singing gospel music. "I can still remember my first performance when I was a three year old in my aunt's church. Her name was Helen Francis, for whom I'm named, and I was so small they had to put me on the piano. I used to listen to rehearsals with her gospel choir and I'd sing 'I Wanna See Jesus' in front of the congregation." Reed has appeared on the bill with luminaries such as Miles Davis, Smokey Robinson, Etta James and Lyle Lovett. She is based in Atlanta and frequently performs at Blind Willie's in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood.

For ticket information, visit epworthcandlerpark.org or call 404.525.4746. 

Sign Up for Inman Diners 2013

BY KARIN MEBIUS • karinmebius@gmail.com

If you haven't experienced Inman Diners yet, you have definitely missed out on some great times. Good thing we're now taking reservations for 2013!


Sign up only happens once each year, and that time is now. Sign ups are accepted until mid-January. The yearly kick-off party is planned for January 26th.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Inman Diners concept, here's the short version. At the beginning of the year, participants are divided into smaller groups of 12 to 14 people. These smaller groups then meet for five dinners throughout the year, about once every two months.

It is surprising how many new neighbors you meet this way. Even long standing residents are impressed with that aspect. Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be a culinary expert, and you certainly don't have to own a grand dining room or table.

The main requirements are a commitment to show up for your five dinners, be a resident of Inman Park, and most importantly to have fun!

If you want to know more details, please call or email. To reserve your 2013 spot, please email me your name(s), address, phone number and any food restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, etc.), or specific food allergies.

Hope to hear from you! 

28th Annual Inman Park Auction A Success


Inman Park Cooperative Preschool wants to thank the community for another great auction

BY ANGELA VAUGHN • angela_vaughn@comcast.net

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool's (IPCP) annual auction was a couple weeks later this year, but still managed to raise over \$40,000 for the school. Presented by Thrive Homes, this year's auction featured fabulous items for bid, including an in-home dinner cooked by Top Chef winner and local restaurateur, Richard Blais, 11 vacation homes and a painting by a Zoo Atlanta elephant.

IPCP is one of Georgia's oldest cooperative preschools. Proceeds from the auction will be directed toward supporting the preschool's ongoing efforts to provide a healthy and sustainable learning environment that focuses on nature-based education. With an award-winning Outdoor Classroom and a director who is passionate about early childhood education and the environment, IPCP incorporates daily nature explorations into the curriculum with the goal of sparking lifelong stewardship of the Earth.

"Today many people are realizing the significant educational benefits that outdoor experiences and nature can bring our little ones. Whether it's sorting leaves for composting, planting vegetables in our edible garden or learning to care for our chickens and guinea pigs, our kids are immersed in nature and play, which helps support their enduring love of learning," says Jill Canelli, Director at IPCP. "The money raised from our annual auction is essential in providing teachers and students with the tools needed to embrace nature-based learning. Previously, money raised has helped us build fences for our chickens and our garden, create professional development workshops with Zoo Atlanta and Farmer D Organics and install an energy-efficient HVAC system."

For more information about IPCP or to get enrollment information for the 2013-2014 school year, call 404.827.9796 or visit www.ipcp.org. 



Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

BY ERIN KANE, V.P. 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.

	Application Deadline	AUDC Hearing Date
Upcoming Application Deadlines	January 22	February 13
	February 5	February 27
	February 19	March 13

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

November 14

1. **37 Waverly Way** – Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (CA3-12-260) for variances to allow an increase in the half depth front yard from 10’(required) to 12’ (proposed); an increase in the left side yard setback from 3’ (required) to 24’ (proposed); an increase in the house width from 34’ (required) to 48’ (proposed) and an increase in the house height from 15’ (required) to 25’9” (proposed); and (CA3-12-259) for construction of a new residential duplex. Property is zoned R-5/Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1). **Staff Recommendation: CA3-12-260 (Approve with conditions). CA3-12-259 (Defer). Commission Voted: CA3-12-260 & CA3-12-259 (Deferred to the meeting of November 28, 2012, at the Commissioner’s request.**

2. **853 Euclid Avenue** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-12-268) for a variance for an addition that is higher than the existing structure and that has a ridge line higher than the existing structure. Property is zoned R-5/Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1). **Staff Recommendation: Approve. Commission Voted: Approved.**

November 28

1. **954 Austin Avenue** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-12-282) for an addition, site work and other alterations. Property is zoned SPI-5/ Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1). **Staff Recommendation: Approve with one condition. Commission Voted: Approved with one condition.**

2. **55 Waddell Street** – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-12-283) for a new front porch addition and other renovations. Property is zoned R-5/Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1). **Staff Recommendation: Approve with one condition. Commission Voted: Approved with one condition.**

3. **37 Waverly Way** – Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (CA3-12-260) for variances to allow an increase in the half depth front yard from 10’(required) to 12’ (proposed); an increase in the left side yard setback from 3’ (required) to 24’ (proposed); an increase in the house width from 34’ (required) to 48’ (proposed) and an increase in the house height from 15’ (required) to 25’9” (proposed); and (CA3-12-259) for construction of a new residential duplex. Property is zoned R-5/Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1). Deferred on November 14, 2012. **Staff Recommendation: Defer to the meeting of December 12, 2012. Commission Voted: Deferred to the meeting of December 12, 2012, at the Staff’s request.**

December 12

1. **37 Waverly Way** – Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (CA3-12-260) for variances to allow an increase in the half depth front yard from 10’(required) to 12’ (proposed); an increase in the left side yard setback from 3’ (required) to 24’ (proposed); an increase in the house width from 34’ (required) to 48’ (proposed) and an increase in the house height from 15’ (required) to 25’9” (proposed); to use another block face as a point of comparison under the compatibility rule; and (CA3-12-259) for construction of a new residential duplex. Property is zoned R-5/Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1). Deferred on November 28, 2012. **Staff Recommendation: CA3-12-260 (Defer to the meeting of January 9, 2013). CA3-12-259 (Defer to the meeting of January 9, 2013). Commission Voted: CA#-12-260 & CA3-12-259 (Deferred to the meeting of January 9, 2013).**

Applications scheduled for AUDC:

January 9

1. **37 Waverly Way** – Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (CA3-12-260) for variances to allow an increase in the half depth front yard from 10’(required) to 12’ (proposed); an increase in the left side yard setback from 3’ (required) to 24’ (proposed); an increase in the house width from 34’ (required) to 48’ (proposed) and an increase in the house height from 15’ (required) to 25’9” (proposed); to use another block face as a point of comparison under the compatibility rule; and (CA3-12-259) for construction of a new residential. Property is zoned R-5/Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1). **Deferred on November 28, 2012, Deferred on December 12.**


Please see the agenda for applications scheduled for this month’s IPNA meeting.

AUDC Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx>

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January Public Safety News/ December Crime Report

BY GREG SCOTT, V.P. PUBLIC SAFETY
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With the mild weather this winter, we have all been enjoying our new neighborhood attraction – the BeltLine. While having this amenity so close to us is wonderful, and the views of our city from a new perspective are fascinating, we need to all remember that it is a public place, just like a street, and while using the BeltLine we need to all exercise the same good safety practices on the trail as we do when in the neighborhood. First and foremost, if you see suspicious activity, call 911. While the mileage markers are still new, use them try to get a bearing of where you are with regard to Beltline entrances and cross streets in order to help the responding officers find the issue. Avoid using the trail when it is dark outside, always try to bring a buddy, and if you choose to run or walk on the trail solo, be aware of your surroundings at all times. Avoid displaying expensive electronics or phones when out on the trail. The APD has created a special unit for just the Eastside Trail, and it is being rolled out over the next few months. In the meantime, enjoy our new neighborhood gem, but be smart.

Now last month's crime:

NOTE: APD's reporting system is running a few weeks behind so I have added recent incidents of note that may not yet appear on the APD website.

Auto Theft: A car was stolen from Elizabeth Street on December 2.

Burglary: On December 8, two houses were robbed across the street from one another on Euclid Avenue. In both cases, a rear window was pried open. A few days later an apartment on Waverly Way was also broken into. By the items taken in these burglaries, it is thought that the thief is on foot and not traveling in a vehicle, which means they should be easier to spot. If you see strangers wandering around your neighbors' back yards, lingering in alleyways, or knocking on doors during the day or at odd hours of the night, call 911 immediately.

Commercial Burglary: The shed behind an Elizabeth Street business was broken into and several cases of Coca-cola and Vitamin Water were stolen on December 26.

Robbery: None reported

Theft from Vehicle: Car break-ins were reported on Elizabeth Street, Colquitt Avenue, Seminole Avenue and Dekalb Avenue. Also noteworthy is the rash of catalytic converter thefts - six in all since December 16, almost all from Honda CRVs. If you have one of these vehicles, or any SUV, please see my tips on the Inman Park web site at www.inmanpark.org to help protect your vehicle. This item is targeted because of the precious metals used in them so take precautions.

If you are interested in more detailed reports concerning the dates and locations of criminal activity in Inman Park, the APD web site has a very easy to use crime mapping tool at <http://www.atlantapd.org/zone6.aspx>.

Until next month, be safe! **M**

Inman Park Security Patrol Public Safety Report for December 2012

Directed Patrol:	430
Drop Ins/Park and Walks:	270
Association Member Contacts:	11

Incidents

Suspicious Person:	14
Street/Sidewalk Obstruction:	6
Residential Alarm:	6
Burglary:	5
Theft:	4
Disturbance:	3
Suspicious Vehicle:	2
Vehicle Accident:	2
Missing Child:	1
Noise Complaint:	1
Criminal Trespass:	1
Illegal Parking:	1
Suicidal Person:	1
Found Property:	1
Criminal Damage to Property:	1
911 Hang Up Call:	1
Mental Health Emergency:	1
Person Injured:	1
Snatch Theft:	1
Parking Citations:	1
Criminal Trespass Warning:	1

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.
Please bring a covered dish to share.

*No meetings in April – Volunteer for Festival
or November - Enjoy Thanksgiving!*

For more information, contact Jan Keith, 404.688.7330
or visit www.inmanpark.org/park-social/book-club

Jan
23

The Hare with the Amber Eyes
by Edmund De Waal
hosted by Jan Keith
889 Edgewood Avenue

Feb
27

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter
by Tom Franklin
hosted by Cathy Jamison
805-B Edgewood Avenue

Book Club 2013 Reading List

For more information, contact Jan Keith, 404.688.7330
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January 23

The Hare with the Amber Eyes by Edmund De Waal
hosted by Jan Keith, 889 Edgewood Avenue

February 27

Crooked Letter; Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin
hosted by Cathy Jamison, 805 B Edgewood Avenue

March 27

In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson
hosted by Sarah Kirk, 61 Waddell Street

April

No Book Club.
Volunteer for Festival!

May 22

State of Wonder by Ann Patchett
hosted by Oreon Mann, 877 Edgewood Avenue

June 26

Defending Jacob by William Landay
hosted by Jean Shank, 68 B Waddell Street

July 24

The Book of Joe by Jonathon Tropper
hosted by Linda Dunham, 12 First Avenue NE (Kirkwood)


August 28

The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach
hosted by Cathy Cook & Jim McKinney,
337 Drexel Avenue (Decatur)

September 25

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce
hosted by Patty McGuigan-Robinson, 814 Virgil Street

October 23

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles
hosted by Pam Parker Gannon, 469 Carter Avenue (East Lake) 

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Agenda

January 16, 2013 Meeting

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
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Good to Know

IPNA Membership: Open to everyone, including non-residents. Membership year is May 1-April 30 though you are welcome & encouraged to join or renew at anytime. First year is free. Membership has its rewards: allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details) and is your invitation to the Holiday Party & other events. Pay online or send a check to the address on the front page. Online applications are available.

IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Marianna (above Wrecking Bar Brewpub).

Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP):

The IPSP membership runs from May 1 – April 30; however you are welcome & encouraged to join or renew at anytime.

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Bob Sandage, President 678-523-5214

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- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
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- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
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 2. 841 Virgil Street
 3. 223 Degress Avenue
 4. 777 Ashland Avenue
 - C. Planning
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 2. NPU Representative Term
 - D. Treasurer
 1. Regular Income/ Expenditures
 - E. Zoning
 - F. Public Safety
 - G. Communications
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

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