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President's Message

By ANDY COFFMAN • president@inmanpark.org

January marks our first monthly meeting at the Trolley Barn. While Bob and Kristine will be happy to have you at the Wrecking Bar, we won't be there this month. Please join us for the inaugural meeting of 2014 and help us show support for the Barn.

The end of the year brought some changes. Krog Street Market is moving fast, and the parking garage at 280 has begun to rear its head. Regardless of how you feel about it, it's fair to say that we should all be looking forward to some relief from the parking and traffic congestion in and around Highland, Elizabeth and Lake. Meanwhile, over on Edgewood Avenue, we've got speed humps! Kudos to Brett Lauder for keeping hope alive and following through on that project.

The holiday party was a blast. The folks at the Trolley Barn never disappoint and did all they could to make the event a success. I'd also like to thank those who helped out on the scene and behind the scenes: Janet Berry, Faye Mobley, Linda Dunham, Frank Shultz, Tony Neu, Greg Scott, and, of course, my wife, Alex. It was great to see new and old neighbors all in one place. In keeping with the holiday spirit, I must tip my hat to our neighbors on Colquitt. For such a short street, they sure had a lot of balls this year.

So what can we expect for 2014? For one, another excellent Festival. Christel Sundin and Roland Craig are hard at work, along with their festival committee. It's not too soon to start picking out your favorite volunteer activity for the last weekend in April.

We will also continue to focus on improving how we do things at IPNA. This includes everything from the website to beautification. Nothing will ever be perfect, but there are some needed updates. Another item on my agenda will be to start work on a bylaws committee with an eye toward improved organization, including realigning the fiscal year, and updating our membership policies.

Finally, we will have elections. It is sad to say that with all the excitement over the last two years, I nearly lost track. My term as president will expire in May. Our Treasurer, Eric Goldberg, and Vice President of Planning, Neel Gupta, will also be leaving. These important positions need filling and I encourage everyone to start thinking of possible candidates.

I hope everyone got some well-deserved rest over the holidays. Now, it's back to work! \mathbf{M}

Key Board Seats Open in 2014

BY ADVOCATOR STAFF

It's a new year and with that brings the election of new members to our IPNA Board of Directors.

In accordance with IPNA's by-laws, the Board is responsible for setting the organization's policies and vision, subject to approval by the membership at monthly meetings. Each position serves a two-year term. And though that sounds like a major commitment, it really does go by fast.

To minimize operational disruptions during leadership transition, IPNA uses a rotating term so that the president, vice president of planning and treasurer positions are elected in a single year, and the election for the vice presidents of zoning, historic preservation, public safety and communications, and secretary role are held in the following year.

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REMINDER

IPNA monthly meetings in 2014 will be held at The Trolley Barn (963 Edgewood Avenue).

Join us at the Trolley Barn at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month to keep up with all that is happening in Inman Park.

In Public Safety

The CourtWatch program helps keep repeat offenders off our streets.

Holiday Happenings

Photos from the various holiday events in and around Inman Park.

2014 Festival Design

See the design and meet the local artist who created it.



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New Year's Resolutions, 2014:

1. Eat Only Healthy Foods

- 2. Work Out Daily
- 3. Volunteer for Festival
- 4. Organize Entire Life
- 5. Call Pat & Melissa: Buy House!

We'll help with #5. And we promise to offer encouragement on all the rest!





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Content is due on the 20th of the month prior to publication and should be submitted to advocator@inmanpark.org.

Minutes of the December IPNA Meeting

By JANET BERRY, SECRETARY • secretary@inmanpark.org

Andy Coffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Newcomers/Announcement:

Andy Kober recently relocated from Milwaukee Wisconsin. Andy opened Bob at 660 Irwin Street Market one and one half weeks ago. Bob is a healthy, portable, yummy concept. "Food on a stick," all made from scratch, sauce to meatballs. Andy invited all of us to come by, and was warmly welcomed south by all.

Announcements:

Oreon Mann reported that the Book Club will be moving to Tuesday in 2014. <u>The Light Between Oceans: A Novel</u> will be discussed on January 28 at the home of Sandye Dunlap 933 Faith Avenue, Glenwood Park.

<u>Elected Officials Reports</u> None present.

Police Officers' Reports

Officer Schierbaum and Officer Watkins were in attendance along with Sergeant Rainey from Zone 6. Officer Schierbaum addressed the dedicated few who arrived early. He touched on a number of incidents as learning tools. We were instructed to photograph and log serial numbers of possessions, particularly jewelry and electronics. Save the information and photos apart from your computer. Fine jewelry often has a maker's mark on the clasp, photograph that as well. Allow retail stores to activate tracking devices on equipment before leaving the store. Share any new tracking technology with the police; investigators are using those features more and more.

There have been three robberies at gunpoint, we were instructed to "give them anything and remember everything: tags, color of vehicles, identity of perpetrators." Tell neighbors to hide their belongings in their trunks, not wear both earphones (only one,) use Bluetooth and keep phones and iPods in pockets. Carjacking is trending up nationwide as well as citywide. Good Samaritans are often good victims; do not share your phone with a stranger or roll down your window to give directions to a pedestrian, if you present like a victim you will soon be one.

Two homes in November and December were entered from the alley through side windows. Officer Watkins is continuing to patrol alleys. Another carjacking incident resulted in the arrest of a 24-year suspect. None of the armed robberies have resulted in arrest.

Sergeant Rainey was welcomed back to Zone 6 after being reassigned one and one half years ago. He welcomed us to email him at B.Rainey@atlga.gov.

Committee Reports

Andy Coffman, President

Andy announced again that IPNA's monthly meetings would move to The Trolley Barn beginning January 2014. The move is an effort to reinforce the neighborhood's connection and commitment to our treasured and historic building. Gratitude was expressed to Bob Sandage for being such a generous host all of these years. Andy recommended that neighbors thank Bob when they see him.

Neel Gupta, V.P. Planning Nothing to report

Andy Coffman for Morgan Shallcross, V.P. Zoning Nothing to report

Molly McLamb, V.P. Zoning 744 W. Ashland Avenue and 750 W. Ashland Avenue: Rick Bizot, along with his wife Ute Banse presented their plans for two new homes on Ashland Avenue empty lots between Lake Avenue and Krog Street. Both homes are designed in keeping with historical regulations and the two existing homes on the street. Sewer lines through the property require a Type III COA, a variance to decrease rear side set back. Immediate Neighbors meeting was held and vote was 4-0 with one abstaining in support of the variance. Motion was made and unanimously carried to support the Immediate Neighbors recommendation for approval.

Tony Neu, V.P. Public Safety

Tony reported that Paul Howard hosted a meeting, which Tony attended. Concerns were raised over recitative and revolving door criminals. More meetings are to be held focusing on the sentencing of importune criminals. Tony encouraged neighbors to become involved in the Court Watch program.

Yvonne Merkel, V.P. Communication

Yvonne reminded us that the deadline to submit articles for the Advocator is the 20th of each month. She is trying to establish writers for those in need of assistance with articles.

Eric Goldberg, Treasurer

Nov. 20, 2013 to Dec. 18, 2013

IPNA Income:

Holiday Party	\$428.00
Membership Dues	\$190.00
Public Safety Dues	
Total	

IPNA Expenses:

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Total	\$23.254.22
Babysitting	\$100.00
Holiday Party	
Beautification	· · ·
Public Safety	\$10,385.04
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Eric provided a Profit & Loss statement and a financial snapshot of IPNA banking accounts through Dec. 18, 2013. Eric requested approval from the membership for payment of the Springvale Park master-planning bill of \$12,000. Motion was made and unanimously approved to authorize payment.

Janet Berry, Secretary Nothing to report

<u>Committee Reports</u> Traffic

Danny Fieg-Sandoval reported a good meeting last week with the city, meeting discussions included Krog Street, Elizabeth Street, Lake Avenue, N. Highland Avenue. All plans are moving forward with comprehensive approval expected in March. Five million dollars

On the Calendar



IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.



Festival Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

see page 12 for details



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



2014 Kickoff signup deadline is Jan 15 contact Karin Mebius

(karinmebius@gmail.com)

Inman Park Diners

Jan **28**

Book Club hosted by Sandy Dunlap

see page 6 for details



IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.



Festival Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.



Book Club hosted by Oreon Mann

see page 6 for details



Porch Party first one of 2014!

details in next issue

Also of note...

Hands On Atlanta Day Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Monday, January 20 • Various times and locations

Join more than 3,000 volunteers in service to local communities, schools and nonprofits. Visit handsonatlanta.org for more information and to register to participate.

Inman Park Cooperative Preschool Prospective Parent Meeting Saturday, January 25 • 9 – 11 a.m. • 760 Edgewood Ave NE

Learn how you can be part of one of the best preschools in the city! Attend a Prospective Parent Meeting at IPCP on Saturday, Jan. 25 9-11 a.m. Please contact Jackie Dalton or Julie Gyuricza at admissions@ipcp.org to reserve a spot.

IPCP is in its 32nd year of nurturing children in the heart of Atlanta's Inman Park Community. Parents are involved in all facets of the school, including spending time in the classroom. Our nature-based curriculum, outdoors classrooms, and backyard chickens foster a sense of wonder, appreciation and gratitude for all living things. IPCP prides itself with the use of play to promote creativity, learning, and exploration. IPCP is for children ages 1 to 5 and our school days run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Before care and after care also are available. We look forward to seeing you!

Community Recycling

Saturday, February 8 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Walden School, 320 Irwin Street NE

Keep Atlanta Beautiful hosts a recycling center each month that serves Atlanta and surrounding areas (no residency restrictions apply). Most items are free to drop off. Fees apply on some items. Please see website for details and guidelines for accepted items: http://www.keepatlantabeautiful.org/community-recycling-centers/.

BeltLine Tours

Ongoing • Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA Station, 1055 DeKalb Ave

The Atlanta BeltLine is already a living, breathing part of the fabric of Atlanta, and it is impossible to appreciate its importance to our community without experiencing it first-hand. Join us Friday and Saturday mornings for a bus tour of the full Atlanta BeltLine or a walking tour of the Eastside Trail, or Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons for a bike tour led by the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership and Atlanta Bicycle Coalition.

Send your calendar items to Advocator@inmanpark.org by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the following month's issue. M

Welcome New Neighbors

Meghan Fuller and Tim Davies, Colquitt Ave

Sympathy to

Liz Sullivan, Alta Avenue, on the death of her father

"Bless me Father, for I have swimmed"

By GEORGE GARY • ggmdatl@gmail.com

The above was overheard from a tiny boy named Tim, who joined the Polar Bear Jump, and subsequently regained the use of his legs.

On January 1, 2014, 150 of our neighbors convened at the Inman Park Pool for a brief moment of wet revelry in the 15th annual Inman Park Polar Bear Jump. When it came time to jump, 72 (we counted!) bold souls, young and old, plunged into the icy water, and all survived! Seven hangovers, two colds, and a case of whooping cough were instantly cured. It's even reported that one wheelchair and two walking canes were left behind.

After this bracing start to the new year, communing with friends and drying off, the pool was clear by 11:30 a.m., leaving jumpers to embellish their tales at various New Year's day gatherings.

Coffee, as always, was provided by JavaVino; adult flavorings and joviality by

Patriot Pools; hot chocolate by Grace Dwyer; hoodie sweatshirts by Velocity printing; retailing by JD Capelouto; screenplay by John Dwyer and George Gary; original conception by mistake, and action figures by Mattel[®]. Also, underwater action photography by Scuba Paul Powers - coming soon to a YouTube channel near you.

Here's to a happy, prosperous, and invigorating New Year to all of our wonderfully zany neighbors. Thanks to all who participated! Photo credit: All Polar Bear Jump photos are by John Dwyer.

Pre-Jump: Now you see them ...

During-Jump: Now you don't!



Book Club Calendar

Jan 28	"The Light Between Oceans: A Novel" by M.L. Stedman hosted by Sandye Dunlap 933 Faith Ave. (Glenwood Park)
Feb 25	"Where'd You Go Bernadette" by Maria Semple hosted by Oreon Mann 877 Edgewood Ave.
Mar 25	"In Her Keeping" by Valerie Connors hosted by Cathy Jamison 805-B Edgewood Ave. <i>NOTE:</i> The author will be

coming to Book Club!!!!

Wanted: WordPress Wizards for Website Work

If you're an experienced WordPress user, the IPNA communications committee hopes you also are interested in contributing your time and expertise to developing the next phase of our websites. Both inmanpark.org and inmanparkfestival.org use the WordPress platform. And while a key benefit of WordPress is the ease in maintaining site content, challenges can arise in working with the many plug-in applications available, from membership management to discussion boards for example. Having experienced WordPress users on our team allows us to more effectively maintain the websites as well as more efficiently implement site enhancements. Please contact IPNA VP of Communications, Yvonne Merkel (communications@inmanpark.org or 404.285.8283) if you are interested in working with the committee on this effort.









Inman Park Flags and Banners



Inman Park flags and banners were among the most coveted gifts this holiday season, but it's not too late to get yours! Whether it's time to replace yours to kick off 2014 or you want a gift sure to please any neighbor, an Inman Park flag or banner adds style to any home. The nylon flag, with the Inman Park butterfly on a white background, comes in a small (24' x 36") and large (34" x 58") size. The small flag costs \$40 and the large one is \$60. The vinyl banner (also white) is 24' x 48" and sells for \$60. Simply contact IPNA secretary Janet Berry

to get yours today. Flags and banners are also available for purchase before and after IPNA meetings each month.

280 Elizabeth Construction Progress





What a difference 60 days makes! The parking garage at 280 Elizabeth is going up quickly, and although it is clearly visible at this stage, it will be on the interior of the development once construction is completed. *Photos provided by Danny Black.*



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Public Safety



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Darin "Brent" Schierbaum, Captain

Years with APD / IPSP	11 / 4
Lives in	Atlanta / Midtown
Hails from	Goreville, IL

Duty Details

Deputy Director, 911 Center. I oversee the day-to-day operations of receiving and dispatching emergency calls for the City of Atlanta, where we answer over 1 million calls each year.

Favorite thing about Inman Park

The people, without a doubt! Everyone is friendly and the community spirit really binds the neighborhood.

Best part of my job

The variety each day brings, the citizens I have the privilege to meet and assist, and working with the great men and women of the Atlanta Police Department.

Worst part of my job The time being away from family and friends.

Hardest part of my job Crimes involving children

If I weren't a police officer, I'd be: A history teacher

Favorite sports team Atlanta Braves (of course!)

My idea of a perfect day

It would involve a museum or historic battlefield, a bookstore and friends.

Best advice I ever received

Always stay positive – my attitude will determine my altitude in life.

Superpower I wish I had The ability to read minds

Top safety tip

Leave nothing of value in your car and call 911 when you see someone or something suspicious

Looking Ahead to 2014

BY ANTHONY NEU, V.P. PUBLIC SAFETY • public.safety@inmanpark.org

Being involved with the Inman Park Security Patrol was a highlight of 2013 for me, yet it presented challenges as well. I have truly enjoyed working with the fine officers that help make Inman Park an even safer place to live and play, and look forward to continuing these efforts in the year ahead.

Looking ahead to 2014, I would be remiss if I didn't first remind you how important your support is to the security patrol and ask you to make joining or renewing your IPSP membership a priority this year. Additionally, I urge you to support the various IPSP fundraising events and activities being planned for 2014.

Another area of focus this year is working with local prosecutors to educate citizens and community security committees about the criminal justice system and encourage greater public participation. Keith Lamar and Nicole Milton, prosecutors for Zone 6 and Zone 5 respectively, have formed an advisory committee – on which I'll serve – focused on this goal in an effort to stem the continued release of repeat offenders back into the community. Repeat offenders are a frustrating issue that officers often encounter in patrolling our neighborhood. The Citizens' CourtWatch Program is an important tool in this effort as well. As one of the most successful and recognizable Fulton County Community Prosecution initiatives, it is often called the 'eyes and ears' of the community in court. CourtWatchers are encouraged to attend court proceedings and, as appropriate, offer a community perspective.

This program recently was instrumental in securing a lengthy sentence for a wellknown repeat offender who had more than 70 arrests to his name. Due in large part to the efforts of Mr. Lamar, John Wolfinger (head of Virginia Highland's security patrol group, FBAC) and the CourtWatch group, this criminal was sentenced to five years in prison, five years of probation and banishment from Zone 6.

This success is more the exception than the rule, though. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming involved in the Citizens' CourtWatch program, please contact Reiko Ward, Citizens' CourtWatch Coordinator, at 404-699-5297 or reiko.ward@fultoncountyga.gov. I look forward to bringing you more information about the CourtWatch program and the advisory committee over the coming months.

Finally, we are excited to introduce you to the IPSP officers over the course of 2014. We begin this month with Captain Brent Schierbaum, who has been instrumental in growing the Security Patrol.

Crime Stats - December 2013

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

Suspicious Person:9Residential Alarms:8Suspicious Vehicle:3Theft:4Abandoned Auto:3Residential Burglaries:2Armed Robbery:2Person Injured:2	Suicidal Person:1Car Jacking:1Criminal Damage to Property:1Found Property:1Wanted Person:1Gun Shots:1Vehicle Impound Warning:3Arrests:1
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Noise Complaint:	

Key Board Seats Open in 2014 • Continued from cover

The open positions this year are president, vice president of planning, and treasurer. A brief description of the key responsibilities of each position follows:

The President is the most recognizable position on the Board. The person taking on this role will preside over two meetings per month: the monthly INPA Board meeting and the monthly IPNA business meeting. The president is responsible for the monthly meeting agenda and for ensuring that meetings are chaired in his or her absence. Our current president is Andrew Coffman, who can answer any questions about the duties and responsibilities of this role.

The Vice President of Planning is responsible for, well, planning. This position serves as the liaison between IPNA and the city and other planning departments. The VP of Planning role allows flexibility for inspired candidates to make the most of this position at a time when Inman Park is experiencing tremendous change. Who would not want this position? Just ask our current VP of Planning, Neel Gupta, who can share his insight on the demands and opportunities of the role.

The Treasurer is, as one can imagine, responsible for the financial dealings of IPNA. This position includes the duty of collecting and keeping track of all income (memberships and security patrol funds), tracking all debts, and making regular reports of budgeted and unbudgeted expenditures for the neighborhood. The Treasurer is also responsible for ensuring that we file our annual income tax returns and that we properly report all vendor payments. This is a big job and one that means a great deal to us all. In connection with the above responsibilities, a working knowledge of QuickBooks is very beneficial, though not required. Our current treasurer, Eric Goldberg, will fill any interested candidate in on the ins and outs of what is means to take on this important role.

If you have ever considered taking on a leadership role in the neighborhood, now is the time. If you've ever questioned the way leadership functions, don't miss this opportunity to present your vision. Our nominating committee will be formed this month and will present its slate of candidates to the membership at the April meeting. Though the slate is presented in April, nominations are also accepted from the floor during the April meeting prior to the membership vote on the new Board members at the May meeting.

The possibilities are endless. As a neighborhood, we have both the potential and responsibility to impact the quality of life for everyone in Inman Park -- now and for future generations. \mathbf{M}



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Holiday Party at the Trolley Barn

The Trolley Barn served as the backdrop for the annual Inman Park Holiday Party. More than 220 neighbors and guests gathered to celebrate the season. Many thanks to event chairs Andy and Alex Coffman, as well as the other volunteers who helped make the party a success. As seen in these photos from the evening, a good time was had by all.



Alex Coffman (at right), who together with her husband, Andy Coffman, organized the Holiday Party, sneaks in a selfie with IPNA board member Yvonne Merkel.



Fresh from the dance floor, Josie Starnes (in red) stops to chat with (I to r), Aimee Franz Brett Lauter and Nick Franz.



In sophisticated style, Rob Craig (2014 Festival co-chair) and Thom Abelew (2012-13 Festival co-chair) enjoy a laugh while swapping Festival stories.



Elizabeth St. toast the holidays and their wonderful Inman Park neighbors.



and Sally McClintock of N. Highland Ave. are among the first to hit the dance floor.



Sandy Hoke joins AI and Ruth Caproni in sharing Inman Park insights with Ruth's sister, Alice Tarkington (far right), who recently moved to the neighborhood.



Alta Ave. neighbors Lori Feig-Sandoval and Eric Anderson chat with Haralson Ave. neighbor and NPU-N chair Jonathan Miller.



Battery Place neighbor Scott Evans, IPNA treasurer Eric Goldberg and IPNA president Andy Coffman share a smile while in line at the bar.



It was a full house inside the Trolley Barn as neighbors and guests – in the spirit of the season -- ate, drank, danced and were generally very merry!



(I to r) Andrew Bieno, Jay Shray, Kimber Shray, Rob Craig, Nick Franz, Christel Sundin and Vince Bieno enjoy catching up before getting a bite to eat.

Santa Visits Springvale Park! By Eric Goldberg Pericgold@mindspring.com

Despite cold, rainy weather Sunday, Santa in the Park drew 50 families, helping raise \$2,120 for Springvale Park phase two improvements.

Fergal Kearns of Lake Avenue accounted for almost half of that amount, contributing \$1,000 to Springvale Park from his company match. Thanks Fergal. Thanks everyone for showing up and supporting Springvale Park.

And thank you to Cam and Stephanie McCaa for opening up their home for the event and keeping Santa in the Park from getting rained out. A special tip of the cap to Inman Park's Santa, Jim "Frosty" Frost of Waverly Way and to Greg Scott of Sinclair Avenue for volunteering his time to photograph the event.



Inman Middle Frosty 5K

By Alex Coffman • alexcoff@att.net

Frosty 5K had about 450 runners sign up and 284 brave souls - plus 20+ volunteers - brave the rain to run on the Beltline in support of Inman Middle School. Weather moved the registration and awards ceremony into the gym and everyone had a fine time. Community event raised funds to support staff and students so thanks everyone for coming out, getting healthy, and having a good time. See you next year!



FESTIVAL FOCUS

Festival Planning in Full Swing

By Kimber Shray, Festival Committee

We're excited to reveal the 2014 Festival design by Glen Lopez and announce the homes that will be featured on the Tour of Homes. The Festival Committee teams are tackling several big items this month, though. Vendor and exhibitor parking tops the list since the Krog Street Market property was previously used for this purpose. The committee welcomes viable options that are adequate and accessible for vendors throughout festival. If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them to Festival chair Christel Sundin at csundin@printpack.com.

Speaking of vendors, artists and vendor selection is well underway. We are receiving applications and will have our first Arts & Crafts jury session in the middle of January. We will also be starting to process the nonjuried (Street Market) applications in January. All in all, there will be four jury sessions, with the last one being held at the end of March.

January is also the deadline for the many permits that must be submitted to ensure we comply with city and county regulations. With permits ranging from alcohol and cooking to assembly and electrical, there is no shortage of paperwork required to make Festival a reality!

We also still have key sponsor slots available, and Sponsor Committee chair Terry Bradshaw welcomes your help. What better way to position a brand or introduce a business to such a diverse and eclectic audience of Atlantans, not to mention a loyal local community that supports those who invest in it? While sponsorships are available at a variety of investment levels, we are particularly focused on filling the remaining large sponsor slots. If you know of a company for whom the Inman Park Festival might be a match, please drop a line to Terry at tkbradshaw2002@yahoo.com.

Also progressing nicely are the Festival libations, and we look forward to bringing a few new brews to a beer truck near you!

Next month we'll take a closer look at just how much fun volunteering on Festival weekend can be, as well as the wide variety of roles available.

Meet our 2014 Festival Artwork Designer Glen Lopez

By Mary E. Fiorello, Festival Committee • mfiorello@gmail.com



Growing up in the country, Glen Lopez was always fascinated with big cities. Atlanta's urban environment and warmer climate brought him from Colorado about 32 years ago. Since then, the Candler Park resident has only missed a few Inman Park Festivals due to weather.

When his friend Don Foos aka der Salvage Meister, who has featured his wind chimes at prior Festivals, passed along our call for artwork, Glen knew immediately what he wanted to do. Scribbling ideas - a tree but instead of leaves change them to butterflies - the designer with more than 20 years of experience

went to work. "I had a couple of pieces to work with and using CorelDraw combined them in Photoshop and then did some modifications and touch ups." The result was a unanimous favorite among the selection committee.

Like most Festival goers, Glen's favorite part of the last weekend in April is our eclectic parade which he photographs and includes in his yearly 30307 photo calendar - available for purchase at Candler Market and Aurora Coffee. He knows most of the participants in the parade because they work at the local bars and businesses that sponsor his calendar.

A photographer since 1999, Glen said people are his biggest inspiration. When he takes his assistance dog Ranger and Canon camera out around the neighborhood, he tries to encapsulate whatever catches his eye. "I just lose myself in the moment and try to catch it." Much of what he has captured, mainly the diversity of people in the streets, will be displayed in his photographs available for purchase at his booth, one of the perks of creating the winning Festival design.

Designer and photographer are just two of Glen's skills; he is also a former gymnast. "I had a natural talent for it in high school and college." Until as a sophomore at the University of Colorado an incident on a trampoline changed all that. The 19 year-old broke his neck and is a now a c5 quadriplegic. "It's the only bone I've ever broken. I guess if you're going to do it, you've got to go all the way," Glen jokes. "You've got to laugh, life goes on." Life does go on and with his camera, Glen plans to capture it.



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2014 Tour of Homes

The Tour of Homes Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to these homeowners who have generously volunteered to share their homes with Festival attendees as part of the 2014 tour:

Anne and Dave Bucey 126 Waverly Way

Elliot Stivers 853 Euclid Avenue

Judi Jacobs and Morgan Shallcross 80 Druid Circle

Katharine Chestnut Klang and Ben Klang 829 Dixie Avenue

Mary White 197 Hale Street

Anna and David Laube 203 Hale Street

Lori Nipp 834 Lake Avenue

Ken Britt 870 Inman Village Parkway

Elisa Hill 220 Inman Way

Steve Ray 724 Lake Avenue

Mary Logan Biermyer and David Bikoff 841 Virgil Street

Inman Park Methodist Church 1015 Edgewood Avenue



NMAN PARK THEATRE NIGHT

Saturday, April 26, 2014 • 7:30 p.m. Under the Main Tent at Euclid Avenue

Our neighborhood theatres make us laugh, cry and open our eyes to new and different perspectives. We hope you'll join us the Saturday night of Festival weekend for a chance to support these local groups that are so important to the fabric of our community. You'll dine alfresco under the main tent and enjoy outstanding performances from three exceptional theatre groups:

Dad's Garage Theatre Company

Horizon Theatre Company 7 Stages

We invite you to support your neighborhood theatres by being a part of this delightful evening. It's simple: we provide tables, chairs and fabulous theatre for your viewing pleasure, and you bring a picnic-style dinner with drinks of your choice, your desired table décor (including cloth), and a group of six theatre-lovers, or any friends whose company you enjoy and want to experience the work of these talented troupes.

Select your ticket package, call your friends and pack your picnic basket for one of the favorite nights of Festival weekend. But don't delay – the deadline for reservations is March 31st and Theatre Night is a perennial sell-out!

Name	
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Producer Package (\$1,000+ donation)

- · Table for six (6) to Inman Park Theatre Night, near the front of the stage
- Six (6) tickets to a future performance at an Inman Park Theatre
- Recognition in event program

Donation Amount:

Patrol Package (\$500 - \$999 donation)

- Table for six (6) to Inman Park Theatre Night
- Four (4) tickets to a future performance at an Inman Park Theatre
- Recognition in event program

Donation Amount:

Star Package (\$300 - \$499 donation)

- Table for six (6) to Inman Park Theatre Night
- Recognition in event program
- Donation Amount:

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Submit this form with your payment no later than March 31, 2014.

Pay via PayPal at http://inmanparktheatrenight.com or via USPS with a check payable to Friends of Inman Park to: Marie Wooldridge, 1082 Austin Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30307

Seating proximity to stage is determined by donation level and date payment is received.

Minutes of the December IPNA Meeting • Continued from page 4

is allocated for current signal lights, Elizabeth Street at Lake Avenue has been designated as a priority by the city as well as Glen Iris Avenue and N. Highland Avenue. All plans are approved for the 280 Elizabeth Street development as well as the Krog Street development but no funds are allocated. Dekalb Avenue at Rocky Ford past Krog Street study has been approved which is good news.

Planning

Rick Bizot discussed the status of the application of Mr. Michael Pepper owner of Govinda's, Mr. Pepper again met with L5P's Business Association and a vote against support of the application to reduce parking was again unanimous. **Karen Goeckel** stated that it was a ridiculous request for reduction of requirements in her estimation. There is no plan for loading or unloading; no plan to move the catering trucks through the neighborhood, no access to parking spaces even if secured. Rick advised interested neighbors to attend the NPU-N meeting.

Phil Simms, both a resident and business owner in L5P voiced the current struggles of small business owners. He made note of un-leased storefronts in Virginia Highlands, and voiced concerns about vacancies present, transients settling into those vacancies. Phil conveyed his empathy for such challenges being both a neighbor and small business owner and encouraged business friendly decisions as well as approaches sensitive to immediate neighbors.

Jonathon Miller and Rick Bizot stated they intended to recommend deferral of the proposed NC-1 zoning revision. Rick is recommending that a working committee be established to address zoning and the overriding immediate parking and NC-1 issues of L5P rather than accommodate Commercial Recreation Establishments that might present collateral issues. The working committee would include IPNA interested members, Candler Park neighborhoods, and L5P business owners. Andy asked that you email him if interested in participating stating that it would be a short-term commitment. Phil was recruited by Andy to chair the proposed working committee.

<u>Old Business</u> None

<u>New Business</u> None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. M

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NPU-N Update

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

Notes from the Dec. 19, 2013 meeting:

Parks Department: Tom Cullen attended the meeting and reported:

• The City of Atlanta's Office of Recreation will employ military veterans to serve as fitness and wellness instructors through Coca-Cola's Troops for Fitness program, from Dec. 16, 2013 through Feb. 8, 2014. Through this program, Atlanta residents are offered free fitness classes at select Atlanta recreation centers, including Coan Park Recreation Center (1530 Woodbine Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30317). If interested, please visit www.atlantaga.gov/iparcs for more information or contact a local recreation center to sign up.

Watershed Management: Jessica Walker attended the meeting and reported:

- Service line warranties are available for both water and sewer lines (separate warranties). After December, the prices for the warranties will be going up.
- Don't forget to protect your water pipes in freezing weather.

License Review Board:

 Plaza Theatre Foundation, 1049
 Ponce de Leon Ave; New Business request, Non-profit Performing Arts; Christopher Escobar, applicant.
 Deferred to January NPU meeting.

Zoning Review Board:

• NC-1 (Z-13-039; 13-O-1259), an Ordinance to amend Chapter 32A (NC-1 Little Five Points Neighborhood Commercial District) for the purposes of including certain language at the request of the Little Five Points Business Association to reiterate, clarify and strengthen the regulations for the district, and for other purposes. NPU Board voted unanimously to defer the application and establish a working group comprised of 2 members each from IPNA, CPNO and L5PBA to review the two currently proposed zoning amendments.

- NC-1 (13-O-1399), An Ordinance by to amend Chapter 32A of the Zoning Code of the City of Atlanta, entitled "Little Five Points Neighborhood Commercial District Regulations" so as to allow an increase in the permitted size of commercial recreation establishments so that larger theatres and similar places of assembly can be located in the District, and for other purposes. (see above for NPU Board vote).
- **Reynoldstown assemblage** (Z-13-053), seeking to re-zone the assemblage of properties from R-5 to MRC-3. (CDP amendment required) Assemblage includes: 1117, 1121, 1125, 1129 Seaboard Ave. NW; 1456, 150, 156, 158, 162 Brantley St. NE; 102, 108. 118, 122, 128, 136, 144 Moreland Ave. NE; 1150, 1154 Wade St. NE. Deferred to January NPU meeting at applicant's request.

Board of Zoning Adjustment:

- **589 Julia St NE**, application V-13-205: NPU Board voted unanimously to support the application for a <u>variance</u> to reduce the front yard setback from 35 ft. (required) to 1 ft., to exceed the 50% maximum lot coverage to cover 66% of the lot, to have active recreation adjacent to a public street, and to have pool-spa and pool equipment in the front of the primary home.
- **1146 Euclid Ave**, application V-13-216: NPU Board voted 5-1 (with 2 abstaining) to not support the application for a <u>special exception</u> to reduce the required on-site parking from 53 spaces to 5 spaces to allow for conversion of an existing retail space to a restaurant.
- **410 Leonardo Ave,** application V-13-237: NPU Board voted unanimously to support the application for a <u>variance</u> to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 ft. (required) to 4 ft. and reduce the front yard setback from 35 ft. (required) to 31 ft. 5 in. to allow for a second story addition.

- **2054 Howard Circle**, application V-13-251: NPU Board voted 7-1 to support the application for a <u>variance</u> to reduce the northeast side yard setback from 7 ft. (required) to 3 ft. to allow for a one-room addition to a single-family residence.
- 99 Kenyon St. NE, application V-13-259: NPU Board voted 7-0 (with 1 abstaining) to support the application for a <u>variance</u> to reduce the front yard setback from 30 ft. (required) to 12 ft. and to reduce the south side yard setback from 7 ft. (required) to 5 ft. to allow a second floor addition to a single-family residence.

Special Events and Outdoor Festivals:

• Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes, Inman Park, April 25-27, 2014. NPU Board voted unanimously to support the application.

Other Matters:

• Appointment of APAB representatives for 2014: NPU Board voted unanimously to approve the current representatives who have agreed to return (Amy Stout; Randy Pimsler, alternate)

New Business (applications recently received or anticipated; upcoming meetings, events, etc):

• Inman Park's traffic calming plan is getting ready to to into the CDP, targeting the March hearing date.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, January through October. The November and December meetings for 2014 will be set to avoid conflict with holidays. The meetings begin at 7:00pm in the Little Five Points Community Center. Next meeting: Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014. All are welcome to attend.

Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

By MOLLY MCLAMB, V.P. HISTORIC PRESERVATION • historic.preservation@inmanpark.org

<u>Please note</u>: 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.

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

Nov. 25, 2013

No Meeting Held

Dec. 11, 2013

1. 858 Ashland Ave.- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-13-290) for alterations and a rear addition - Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions Commission voted: Approve with revised conditions

Application DeadlineAUDC Hearing DateUpcoming
Application
DeadlinesJanuary 21February 12February 4February 26February 18March 12

2. 1090 Austin Ave. - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-13-316) for alterations and addition. Property is zoned R-5 /Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions. Commission voted: Approved with revised conditions.

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

AUDC Contact Information:

Website: http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx
 Address: 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3350
 Atlanta GA 30335-0331
 Phone: (404) 330-6145

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IPNA Appoints Two Neighbors to Serve on NPU-N Working Group

BY ADVOCATOR STAFF

IPNA President Andy Coffman has appointed two neighbors, Karen Goeckel and Rick Bizot, to represent Inman Park on a new working group established by NPU-N Chair Jonathan Miller. The temporary working group will focus on proposed zoning ordinance revisions in L5P and will include two representatives each from IPNA, the L5P Business Association and Candler Park Neighborhood Organization. Though two proposed zoning ordinance revisions from 2013 died with the end of the Council term, this working group will be instrumental in considering what is anticipated to be a new, consolidated zoning ordinance and putting forth recommendations for a joint path forward. Recommendations from this working group will be shared at an upcoming IPNA meeting.

Inman Park Run Crew is Fastest Neighborhood Team in Eastside 10K

The IPRC, organized by neighbor Simon Chung, won the Fastest Team in the Neighborhood Challenge of the Atlanta BeltLine Eastside 10k race on Saturday, December 7. The Eastside 10K was the final race in the BeltLine's 2013 running series, which also included two 5Ks and an 8K. In true IPRC style, the group, pictured below, gathered after the race to celebrate together. If you are interested in the IPRC, check out their Facebook page (Inman Park Run Crew) or email Simon Chung at simonchung78@yahoo.com.



Agenda

January 15, 2014 Meeting IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available The Trolley Barn • 963 Edgewood Ave NE

- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President1. Nominating Committee
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Zoning
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Planning
 - 1. NC-1 Legislative Proposals
 - G. Communications
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn



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.

Websites

InmanPark.org InmanParkFestival.org Facebook.com/InmanPark

Report All Crimes: Call 911 IP Security Patrol: 404-414-7802 L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

L5P Business Association Bob Sandage, President 678-523-5214

Want to be a part of next month's Advocator?

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