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President's Message

By ANDY COFFMAN • president@inmanpark.org

The Romans celebrated the ancient month of Februarius as a month of purification. It was the last month of the Roman calendar. Even today, it represents the last of the winter season. Soon spring will be upon us in all its glory. Festival, anyone? Swimming? We've got it all.

This month has personal meaning for me as well. Alex and I moved into our house on DeGress Avenue 17 years ago. Talk about purification! I look back with some nostalgia as our neighbors fill up dumpsters and live through their own renovations. It reminds us that everything worthwhile is a work in progress.

Back in 1997, our neighbors wasted no time introducing us to the culture of Inman Park. We enjoyed stories and cocktails with new friends. No one was a stranger. It's still true today. The reason for this is simple. There has always been a sense of shared purpose. In the months that lead up to festival, we bear witness to the spirit of volunteering and sacrifice for the greater good.

As you read this edition of the *Advocator*, I encourage you to reflect on the difference you can make through the donation of your time and support to Inman Park. There are so many opportunities to volunteer. Between now and April, our focus is on the Festival and Tour of Homes. It is our single most important fundraiser. Much of what we do, from funding the arts and local schools would not be possible without the efforts of those who step up each year to make Inman Park the in-town destination during the last weekend in April.

But wait; there's more. Do you like the *Advocator*? Do you enjoy going to porch parties, the July 4th party or the Holiday Party? Is it important to you that we stay informed and have a voice on zoning and parking concerns? None of these things happen automatically. We cannot take for granted that everything we do takes a tremendous amount of volunteer time and effort.

I have four suggestions: Festival, the *Advocator*, the website, and the IPNA Board. At Festival you can pick up trash, pour some beer, or guide the parade. the *Advocator* is seeking editors and writers. Our website needs technical and creative expertise. Our Board needs a president, a treasurer, and a planner.

In this month of purification, make a personal pledge to renew your commitment to Inman Park. You've got ideas. You've got the desire and the talent to make those ideas real. Don't wait for someone else to step up. M

A Note from the Editor

By ARIANE FITCH

Thank you all, so much, for welcoming me into the Inman Park community as I've served as editor of the *Advocator*. While I've loved the opportunity to get to know the neighborhood better, the last six months have also shown me that there simply aren't enough hours in the day to do everything we may like to do. My existing personal and professional commitments have not allowed me the time to give the *Advocator* the attention it deserves, and so I feel it is best that I step down. Although Communications VP Yvonne Merkel is very graciously filling in for the time being, she also has many other obligations in her board role. To keep our newsletter great, we will need a volunteer (or volunteers!) committed to managing the publication process. Contact Yvonne at advocator@inmanpark.org to learn more about the opportunities available. I hope you'll consider supporting IPNA and the *Advocator*!

In Public Safety Meet this month's IPSP officer, Investigaor Jared Watkins	Festival Volunteering Find the role that is a perfect match for you!	Animal Lovers Two neighbors share stories about helping animals this month.
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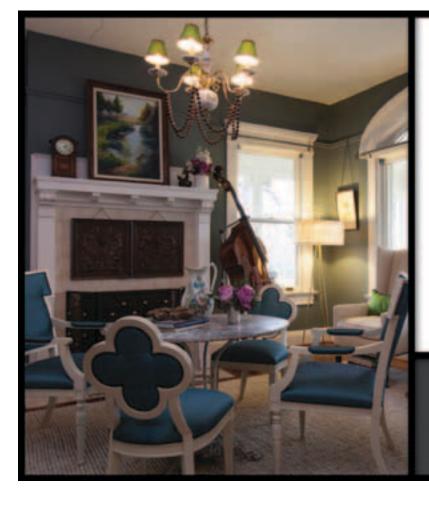
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Content is due on the 20th of the month prior to publication and should be submitted to advocator@inmanpark.org.

Minutes of the January IPNA Meeting

By JANET BERRY, SECRETARY • secretary@inmanpark.org

Andy Coffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Announcements:

Oreon Mann after arriving mid meeting reminded us that the Book Club has moved to the last Tuesday of the month. <u>The Light</u> <u>Between Oceans: A Novel</u> will be discussed on January 28 at the home of Sandye Dunlap 933 Faith Avenue, Glenwood Park.

Holly Aguirre, announced a new market, Freedom Farmers Market, featuring fresh local produce, baked goods, cheese, honey, and dairy, farm fresh eggs, prepared meals and fresh coffee. Woodland Gardens, a certified organic vegetable, fruit and flower farm will be the supplier occupying the southwest parking lot of the Carter Library Saturdays, March to December from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

IPNA resident and Grady High School volunteer, Patti Lombardi thanked IPNA for their generous donation to Grady High School's transitioning program for graduating students. They are in need of funding and appreciate our support. Resources through the program include lunchtime presentations by professionals sharing their insight into their respective fields, hosting college representatives, and mentoring. Volunteers assist students applying for positions in the job market or in continuing their education. Donations provide for ink, stamps and paper supplies, while volunteers assist students in applications and resumes. She welcomed all to become personally involved.

Jamie Allen, Donal Bisanzio, Stewart Haddock, Elisa Martello, Josh O'Connor, and Nat Slaughter in spring of 2012 performed an Inman Park squirrel census. The findings were presented in a clever map of squirrelly data, which included counts and territories. Researchers received the 2012 Kickstarter project of the year. The project was shared with us and they announced they would repeat their wildlife methodology study on squirrels in Inman Park again this May 2014. Researchers hope to expand their data by counting squirrels in residents' backyards, with permission. For more information go to info@squirrelcensus.com

Linda Aronson and Howard Grimes gave

a "shout out" to Bobbi DeWinter for inviting them. Linda and Howard belong to a nonprofit, all volunteer, Peachtree Hills based, organization - Greening Neighborhoods. They self profess preaching "think globally, act locally." Methods include promoting, educating, and supporting neighborhood efforts to conserve our natural resources, reduce carbon footprints, and save money, while reducing dependency on nonrenewable resources. Greeningneighborhoods.com is their website which offers weekly tips, questionnaires, and opportunities for neighbors to act, work and challenge each other.

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

Police Officers' Reports

Officer Schierbaum and Officer Jarod Watkins were in attendance. They thanked the neighborhood for their support. Their hours are currently 65 per week with a focus on concerns of Inman Park and a greater police presence. The month of January has proved quieter after surviving the holidays. One incident of robbery at gunpoint occurred December 23 at 8:30 p.m. A resident on Dixie Avenue while walking home from Marta was asked directions from an approaching Honda. The passenger exited the car and robbed one of our own. Our neighbor described an old Honda with a rusted hood and a loud obnoxious passenger door hinge. Both suspects were black; the passenger appeared 25 years old. We are asked to immediately report a car matching this description to 911. Katharine Chestnut thanked the patrol for being available to The Marching Abominable's band by accompanying them to their cars on Tuesday nights following practice. A question was raised, should one call IPNA security or 911 first, the officers agreed that if only one person, call 911, two reporting call both numbers. IPNA Security Patrol listens and responds to all 911 dispatches. However, they work only 65 hours per week and the phone may not be attended. If alarms are heard, call 911. Many suspects are intercepted while robbers are fleeing the scene.

<u>Committee Reports</u> Andy Coffman, President

Andy announced that IPNA's monthly meetings would be held at The Trolley Barn in support of maintaining The Barn as a neighborhood treasure. 2014 Nominating Committee volunteers were announced: Megan Holder, Randy Bailey and Andrew Bieno. Andy asked for a motion to approve, motion carried with unanimous support. The committee is charged with finding candidates for President, Treasurer, and Vice President of Zoning. At the April IPNA Business Meeting candidates will be announced, and a call to entertain additional candidates will be made. The slate will be voted on at the May meeting. Please call Megan, Randy or Andrew with your suggestions for officers or to volunteer for a position.

Neel Gupta, V.P. Planning Nothing to report

Rick Bizot reported that the L5P's liaison committee met last night. Plans were agreed upon to increase the level of notification between entities for zoning changes, to limit Drive Through establishments and to maintain the density of gas stations to the existing two. Work remains to be done on legislation or decisions to make provision for displaced local arts. Increasing the allowable size for a Commercial Recreation Establishment from 8,000 to 20,000 square feet may have untoward effects.

Morgan Shallcross, V.P. Zoning Nothing to report

Andy Coffman for Molly McLamb, V.P. Zoning

Nothing to report, *except*, the birth of **William and Robert McLamb** Friday January 10. Family is home and doing well.

Tony Neu, V.P. Public Safety

Tony reminded us that theft of packages left on porches remains a problem. Karen Taber interjected the she had found open and emptied boxes while walking the neighborhood. We were asked to partner with neighbors in accepting or securing packages delivered by carriers.

Yvonne Merkel, V.P. Communication

Yvonne reminded us that the deadline to submit articles for the *Advocator* is the 20th of each month.

Eric Goldberg, Treasurer

December 18, 2013 to January 15, 2014

IPNA Income:

Holiday Party	\$428.60
Membership Dues	
Public Safety Dues	
Identity Income	
Total	

IPNA Expenses:

Public Safety	\$11,222.84
Beautification	\$1,050.00
Administrative	
Babysitting	\$50.00
Total	

Janet Berry, Secretary Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Traffic

Danny Fieg-Sandoval reported the city's traffic plan including Krog Street, Elizabeth Street, Lake Avenue, and N. Highland Avenue, is moving forward. The process of amendment and then approval is anticipated in the next months.

<u>Old Business</u> None

<u>New Business</u> None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. M

On the Calendar



IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.



Festival Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

see page 10 for details



Book Club hosted by Oreon Mann

see page 7 for details



Porch Party 211 Hurt Street 7:30 p.m.



IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.



43rd Annual Inman Park Spring Festival & Tour of Homes

April 25th through 28th

see pages 10-13 for details

Other Happenings to Note

Free Fitness Classes on the Atlanta BeltLine

Through March 31st • Various dates, times and locations Visit www.BeltLine.org to view the full schedule of fitness events

Free fitness classes run the gamut from aerobics and yoga to mountain biking and boot-camp style. Visit www.BeltLine.org to pick out the right class for you – but act fast because the classes only run through March 31!

Freedom Farmers Market

Saturdays beginning March 1 • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. • www.freedomfarmersmkt.com

Freedom Farmers' Market at The Carter Center, operated entirely by local producers, will be open every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm beginning March 1. Brought to life by a small group of local farmers hailing from Woodland Gardens, Moore Farms and Friends and Riverview Farms, the market will feature a wide range of local products including: fresh produce, bakery goods, cheese, dairy, farm-fresh eggs and local meats. Also available will be handmade preserves and honey, fresh coffee and even prepared meals for busy neighbors. The farmers behind the market all share a dedication to organic, naturally grown and sustainable production practices and represent the best in local food production.

The market will be located at The Carter Center and situated under a grove of trees in the southwest corner of the parking area. Adjacent to Freedom Parkway, the market is accessible by walking or biking the Freedom Park Path and by MARTA bus. Plenty of automobile parking is also available.

Visit www.freedomfarmersmkt.com for more information on participating vendors as well as sponsorship opportunities.

Inman Park Beluga Swim Team Registration

www.inmanparkbelugas.org

Registration for the neighborhood's swim and dive team begins in March. Read the story on page 6 and visit the team's website for more information.

Atlanta Preservation Center "A Phoenix Flies" Celebration

March $8 - 23 \cdot Various$ Sites \cdot www.atlantapreservationcenter.com See page 16 for details of this program that celebrates Atlanta's historic sites.

CORRECTION

Correction: The Inman Park Theatre Night Contribution Form that included in the January issue incorrectly listed the second contribution level as the Patrol Package. The correct package name for donations between \$500 - \$999 is the Patron Package. We regret the error. M

ATC Events To Affect Neighborhood Roads

The Atlanta Track Club will be hosting its 2014 ATC Spring Tuneup 8k and 15k on Saturday, February 22. The races will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Inman Park MARTA Station. About 400 runners will start by traveling west on Dekalb Avenue NE and continue the following routes:

8k Race

Right on Waddell Left on Irwin Right on Glen Iris Right on North Ave Right on Oakdale Right on Dekalb Ave Return to Inman Park MARTA Station <u>15k Race</u> Same course loop as 8k and then: Right on Waddell Left on Irwin Right on Glen Iris Right on North Ave Right on Moreland Right on Dekalb Ave Return to Inman Park MARTA Station

The last runner should be off the course by 10:00 a.m. If you have questions about the race or the course, you may contact Andy Carr with the Atlanta Track Club Events Team at 404-231-9064 extension 20. M

Beluga Swim Team Registration Opens in March

By ALEX COFFMAN • alexcoff@att.net

It's hard to think about swimming and diving when temperatures fall below freezing, but spring will be here before you know it. And that means Inman Park's Beluga Swim Team will be splashing into another swim and dive season. This year represents our sixth year at the pool. Get involved and see what all the excitement is about!

Registration begins in March. You can download the registration form at the Beluga's website, www.inmanparkbelugas.org. Other than wanting to have fun, your child must be six years of age and able to swim the length of the pool to be on the team. Everyone is welcome and the team includes kids from Mary Lin, SPARK, NCS, Fernbank, Inman Middle, Children's School, Drew Charter, Paideia School, Grady, Woodward and others. This is a truly collaborative team of many neighborhoods and schools. Membership in the Inman Park Pool Association is not required to participate on the Beluga Swim Team.

Practice schedules and swim meet calendars will be posted on the Beluga's website. We have two morning practice sessions that begin at 7 a.m. Our coaches offer swim clinics (outside of practice) that are very popular. With a team of 75 plus swimmers, our meets are both competitive and fun!

We could not do any of this without the support of Inman Park and the Inman Park Pool

Association. Thank you IPPA! We also love our sponsors. Many have been with us from the beginning. Please consider being a sponsor of the Beluga Team. It will guarantee you great swimming and neighborhood karma. Sponsorship levels include:

Gold: \$250+ (company name on t-shirt, team emails and website and Facebook advertising);

Silver: \$150 - \$249 (team emails and website and Facebook advertising)

Bronze: \$50-\$149 (team emails and love)

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please email Krista Baldwin at krista.charlesray@gmail.com. Visit our website site at www.inmanparkbelugas.org. And don't forget to check us out on Facebook, where we are the Beluga Nation.

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The Homeless Pet Club at Mary Lin Elementary

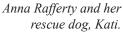
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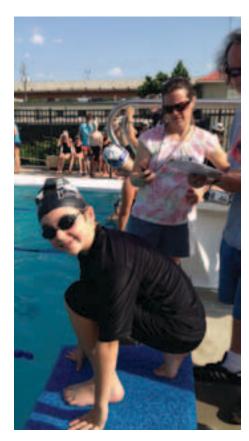
How could someone abuse or abandon any animal? Animals are creatures too. Unfortunately, some people refuse to accept this. The mission of the Homeless Pet Club is to change this view and find every pet a loving home. If you want to help, we are currently having a puppy and kitten food drive at Mary Lin Elementary School. Cash is also accepted. The donations are delivered to the Dekalb County Animal Shelter. Please consider adopting a pet.

My dog Kati is a rescue. I love her to pieces. She is the best dog in the world! Okay, I love animals. I once took care of my neighbor's cat. I also have a frog named Billy. One day I hope to get a gerbil or two.

The Homeless Pet Club is a wonderful organization at my school. I love it!







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New Advocator Editor Needed

By YVONNE MERKEL, VP COMMUNICATIONS communications@inmanpark.org

I want to thank Ariane Fitch for her work on the Advocator since early last fall. Though her tenure was short, she was focused on delivering a quality publication and building upon the work of Susanna Capelouto, Stephanie Tobben, Diane Floyd, Betty Ridderhoff and others who previously held the post. I also want to thank the current Advocator staff members who continue to contribute their time and talents, whether as writers, proofreaders or photographers.

The editor role includes both managing the editorial content of the newsletter and coordinating the publishing logistics with KDA Communications. As publisher of the Advocator, KDA provides graphic design support and oversees ad sales and the printing and mailing of each issue.

If you have a passion for sharing news with and stories about Inman Park neighbors and are interested in serving the neighborhood, I encourage you to consider this post. Two people, as co-editors, can also share the role for a more manageable time commitment. Whether held by one or two people, though, the editor position is an important part of our efforts to better integrate the IPNA website, the Advocator and message board as a network of communications vehicles serving Inman Park.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Advocator, as editor or in any other capacity, please contact me directly at 404.285.8283.

Congratulations to

Patches and Mike Mongeon, DeGress Avenue, on the recent adoption of Javon, age 7, and Destiny, age 5, who are brother and sister; both were welcomed into their new family and into the congregation at Inman Park United Methodist Church Sunday, January 20.

Book Club Calendar

Book Club has moved to Tuesday in 2014! Join us at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month to discuss the featured selection. Please also bring a covered dish to share. Contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) or visit inmanpark.org for more information.

Feb **25**

"Where'd You Go Bernadette" by Maria Semple hosted by Oreon Mann 877 Edgewood Ave.



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Public Safety



Jared Watkins

Years with APD	10
Years with IPSP	6
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Hails from	Toledo, Ohio

Duty Details Investigating crimes against children

Favorite thing about Inman Park

How involved the neighbors are in the neighborhood

Best part of my job Seeing a successful prosecution

Worst part of my job The paperwork!

Hardest part of my job Having to talk to victim's parents

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

Favorite sports team Cleveland Browns (unfortunately)

My idea of a perfect day Relaxing by a pool or beach

Best advice I ever received Never worry about things you cannot control

Superpower I wish I had Flying – so I could avoid Atlanta traffic!

Top safety tip Be aware of your surroundings

Keep a "Clean Car" • Block Captain Program • Join IPSP

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

Hello, neighbors! As we roll into 2014, we find ourselves facing old challenges and taking on new ones. As always, I want to remind all of our friends and neighbors to continue to be mindful of their surroundings. We have had a few auto break-ins with the same old theme – items left in view in the vehicles. Remember to keep a "clean car" – one that is free of items that invite a criminal to make your vehicle a target. That change in your ashtray; that charging cord tucked into your center console; that old, empty backpack on your backseat – while these things may not hold particular value for you, any of them could trigger a criminal to smash your window and help him or herself to your belongings. Take a few minutes to be sure your car is clean (on the inside at least!) – and remind your guests to do the same – and you can help limit thefts from autos in Inman Park. And with some recent car break-ins occurring in a secured garage, it's a good idea to take the same precautions in a parking garage as you would on the street, with regard to items left in sight in your vehicle.

As for new challenges in 2014, we are exploring the idea of creating a Block Captain program. Virginia Highland has had one of these programs for many years, and I attended a recent meeting to learn about their experiences. The level of involvement by neighbors was very inspiring. If you have experience with or an interest in helping to develop such a program in Inman Park, please contact me to learn how you can help advance this initiative.

As always, I encourage anyone who is not a current member of the Inman Park Security Patrol to consider joining. On top of the warm feeling you get helping to protect your friends and family, you'll receive a sweet yellow and black security patrol yard sign. You can join at https://inmanpark.org/membership-and-securitypatrol-registration/, and I am always available to answer any questions you may have about the patrol.

Crime Stats – January 2014

Directed Patrol	
Drop Ins/Park and Walks	
Association Member Contacts	14
Suspicious Person	
Street / Sidewalk Obstruction	9
Alarm Activation	
Theft	5
Abandoned Auto	
Parking Complaint	2
Hit and Run Accident	2
Noise Complaint	
Disturbance	
Found Property	
Damage to Property	
Prowler	
Injured Person	1
Lost Animal	
Open Door/Window	
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Grady High School College and Career Connection

By PATTI LOMBARDI • pattilombardi13@gmail.com

On behalf of the College and Career Connection of Grady High School, I would like to thank the IPNA for their generous donation last fall.

The CCC is a resource room staffed by volunteers from the community and used by students to help with: college information; standardized test tutoring; applications; resume writing; financial aid and scholarship procurement; vocational support and career planning. Along with crucial needs like office supplies, ink and postal materials, IPNA's contribution will fund a huge student event, "College and Career in the Courtyard" on Wednesday, April 2.

We are always in need of adult volunteers to help support and inspire the great young people of Grady. Please contact me (215-692-3427) if you'd like to learn more. M

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Festival Focus

What Takes 950+ People and Is In Your Backyard? Festival!

By Kimber Shray, Festival Committee kshray@yahoo.com

What are you doing Friday April 25th, 26th and 27th? Well, aside from checking out the homes on tour and figuring out which band to see, we hope you will be pulling a volunteer shift or two to help ensure the 43rd Annual Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes is the best one yet.

While the Festival Committee is hard at work for several months leading up to Festival, their work culminates with more than 950 neighbors and friends giving their time over 72 hours at the end of April each year and making Festival happen for the tens of thousands of Festival attendees we welcome into Inman Park. This sheer level of volunteer power is what makes our event one of the largest volunteer-run festivals in the country.

Whether 2014 is your first time or you're a Festival volunteer veteran, it's never too early to plot your volunteering strategy for the last weekend of April. Though some shifts fill up almost as soon as they open, there is a volunteer role to fit everyone's taste and talents. We hope the volunteering vignettes on these pages provide interesting perspectives and help you find your volunteer match.

And remember, when you volunteer on Festival weekend, you're not just helping to make the 2014 Festival a success; you're supporting and sharing the spirit that makes Inman Park such a special place to live.

Be a part of making Festival happen and sign up for your Festival volunteer shift(s) at inmanparkfestival.org/volunteer today! M

How a Shift at the East Beer Tent Led to Love

As told to Kimber Shray by Dean Nguyen and Lexi Netto



Every year, Skippy Nguyen organizes his friends to volunteer for Inman Park Festival, coordinating with beer captain Danny Black for the same shift, same beer truck location, every year. In 2009, Skippy enticed his friend Dean Nguyen to volunteer "as a great way to meet the ladies" and later roped his friend Lexi Netto in to fill a last minute volunteer cancellation, with the promise of meeting new people and a free beer or

two in exchange for her time. And meet new people they did! Dean and Lexi met that beautiful day, spending their shift having fun with their friends pouring beer. After it was over, they went their separate ways, but fondly remembering the great time they had. Time passed, they met again, things clicked and well, they fell in love. As the place where it all began for them, Inman Park Festival holds a special place in their heart. So much so that their engagement photos were taken at Inman Park Festival, and their wedding reception included festival food as a nod to the start of their love story. And, what makes this story over the top? Lexi and Dean are pregnant with their first child, a boy – with an original due date of 4/26/14. No kidding!

So, why do Lexi and Dean still volunteer, heading out every year with their friends to Danny's beer tent? Lexi put it best, "It's a great way to spend time with friends, get to know the neighborhood and its personality." Dean really enjoys the Inman Park Festival because "Its fun! It's easy to volunteer and a lot fun. It's a great time of year, the weather is perfect, the streets are tree lined, and the people are nice." Lexi chimed in sharing "it's great because everyone, the neighbors and volunteers alike, really enjoy what they are doing. When you have to run to another tent for something, the people are really friendly, and it's great because you often see many the same faces every year." M



Finding Your Vo

While you might not find love at Festival (see Lexi and Dean's story at left/ right/above), finding the right volunteer match is key to having fun while volunteering at Festival. And with the average volunteer shift clocking in at only two hours, it's easy to be a part of making Festival happen! This cheat sheet will help you pick the right Festival job for you.

Beer Sales – Be at one of the most popular spots (and possibly one of the most popular people) at Festival!

Butterfly Ball [set-up and post-event tent sweep] – Help make the magical and magnificent neighborhood event come to life setting the stage with custom decor and delicious food.

Caterpillar Ball [setup, games, hayride, gatekeeper, popcorn, tickets, cleanup] – Have a ball (literally!) with the kids in the neighborhood, giving them their own very special festival night. What's not to love?

Dance Festival [set-

up, greeter, cleanup] – Supporter of the arts, appreciate dance or secretly think you're the next Alvin Ailey? Get close to the action, this gig is for you!

Final Cleanup – For those that love instant gratification, or want a role that let's you enjoy every minute of Festival, choose cleanup crew.

Sign-up to volunteer at www volunteer and contact Volur Bradshaw (jbradshaw@kslav or to learn more about volur

olunteer Match

House Sitting – Get the behind the scenes stories of these fabulous homes and generous homeowners, plus meet tons of folks.

Main Tent Set-up – Nothing complicated here; haul a few tables and chairs and off you go!

Musical Assistant – No worries; there's no need to carry a tune, but you will get up close to the music and help the bands keep things on track.

Parade – Careful you might get swept up in the fun of this one...it's like herding gnomes. Oh wait, it actually is!

Sales – Ticketing/ Merchandising – For those that love people and love to close a deal! Although there are no commissions paid here, you will help raise funds for the neighborhood!

Street Market / Arts & Crafts Check-in – Looking for an early-bird view of what vendors are coming? Pssst, look here this one is for vou...

Theater Night Set-up and Tent Sweep – This is a great way to get your front row table. Get there early to set-up, and then set yourself up.

Trash – What more can be said than a camo shirt and coveted service badges earned by this elite team!

Water – This water boy/ girl spot is no sideline job. You're in the main action and keeping people hydrated is serious business.

r.inmanparkfestival.org/ hteer Committee Chair Jane v.com) with any questions hteering at Festival.

Festival Focus



It's [Not Really] a Dirty Job, and We Have Fun Doing It!

A perspective on Festival waste management, by Dennis "D-Mo" Mobley, Supreme Commander of Festival Trash & Recycling • dmobley671@aol.com

You may think signing up for a volunteer spot for Trash and Recycling would be a dirty job. And you may think the beer truck volunteers have all the fun. As Supreme Commander of Trash and Recycling, however, I would advise you, quite simply, to think again.



The gloves pictured at left are our key to staying clean while keeping Festival clean. After considerable research, we've selected these non-latex Nitrile, 8 millimeter thick, flock lined (so one does not perspire in them) gloves for volunteers to use this year. And the forest green color perfectly complements the sand colored camouflage volunteer t-shirts that are unique to the Trash and Recycling brigade. Also pictured at left is the 2014 service patch that recognize participation in the camouflage era and are typically sewn onto the t-shirts.

Despite Festival's large crowds, a streamlined process helps ensure the job of lining trash and recycling containers with plastic bags and pulling them when they are full is accomplished with little to no contact with refuse materials. With military-like precision, full bags are lifted or wheeled to drop zones, where volunteers tasked with driving golf carts pick the bags up and whisk them to a dumpster in one of four established trash and recycling zones (conveniently located, I might add, to either a soundstage or secret volunteer 'beer gardens,' or both).

Each recycling zone is headed by a volunteer Trash & Recycling General, and his or her camouflage t-shirt is emblazoned with the word STAPH – a spelling that some think is intended to remind all volunteers to wear their gloves; while others think it was a typo at the t-shirt factory and yet others think it's a clever way of not taking ourselves too seriously. Who's to say what is really behind that spelling, except that it reflects the critical role performed by our troops during Festival weekend!

So don't let a Trash and Recycling volunteer shift scare you. With your stylin' shirt and hi-tech gloves, you'll find the two-hour shift passes in no time, with plenty of great people watching opportunities throughout. In fact, a handful of hearty souls enjoy it so much that they pull double shifts! Sign up today – your green gloves await!

Clean Up Crew is Going for the Record This Year!

DANNY FEIG SANDOVAL, CLEAN UP CREW LEADER, SETS THE BAR HIGH FOR 2014 • danny@smallcarpenters.com

I can't encourage you enough to sign up for a volunteer shift (or two) over Festival weekend. And then, as Festival winds down on Sunday evening, I hope you'll join me in transforming the heart of the neighborhood back to its pre-Festival state.

It's amazing to watch as friends and neighbors come together to clean up the whole neighborhood in a time frame that is absolutely unbelievable. This year, though, our goal is to have the entire neighborhood cleaned up in record time – by 9:30 p.m., so we can enjoy hot pizza at the pizza party. I'm getting tired of cold pizza and am going to do something about it!

In order to make this happen, I'm seeking about six clean up captains who will take on organizing and managing crews of volunteers dedicated to specific clean up tasks. Please contact me directly if you think this is something you can help with.

Also, even though many people regularly turn out for the cleanup effort, it is important that you sign up on the Festival volunteer site for clean up so we are able to break the group up into the smaller volunteer crews in advance to help streamline the clean up process.

If you have any questions or want to be a cleanup captain, please contact me (danny@smallcarpenters.com or 404-791-8497).



Festival Focus

A World Away, but full of Festival Memories

DAVID MOLKO SHARES WHAT HE'LL MISS MOST COME APRIL



It's almost 8,400 miles from Inman Park to Hong Kong. And although my job at CNN International has taken me on adventures from Mongolia, to Shanghai, to Singapore, having a temporary home in Asia means I'll miss the Inman Park Festival. including one of my favorite parts of it, spending time in other people's houses.

Volunteering for the Tour of Homes isn't just about sitting around someone's living room with a mint julep (Quick! Hide the cocktail!). It's about

Neighbors Jane Kourkoulis and David Molko. Photo by Ross McLaughlin

having the chance to meet wonderful neighbors who have been brave enough to open their doors to the community.

In 2011, I house sat for the first time for George Veneziale on Ashland Avenue. I shared front door duty with Jane Kourkoulis, which meant Jane sat on the porch checking tickets and looking relaxed, while I opened the door at least 500 times for our guests, and got really sweaty. Personally, I'm a fan of the 12-2PM shift on Saturday as a great way to kick the whole thing off.

The following year, in 2012, I helped Jane out when she opened up her gingerbread mansion on Druid Circle. It's one of those Inman Park classic homes that I'd always wanted to see inside, and now I had the whole second floor to myself. Jane never did let me up to the third floor. I'm still wondering what she keeps up there. (Note to home tour volunteers: if you want front porch or downstairs duty, get there early!)

And last year, I got carried away (it's the South, it happens). As part of the Festival PR committee, I visited with all the tour homeowners before the big weekend, and wrote short stories about each that we used for a home tour trivia ticket giveaway via social media. There was Regina Brewer & Joe Castellano remembering the time they had a hole in their den floor with the rushing red "Chattahoochee II" in the basement. Or Nick and Aimee Franz celebrating their new "Inman Park Eclectic" 982-bottle wine cellar (I'll give you one guess where I ended up for my shift).

There's no time like Festival to get out of your comfort zone (or at least off your street) and meet a few new faces. And if you really want to do it in style, wear a seersucker suit, or a big hat (or both!). You'd be surprised at the conversations that get going and where they might take you.

Butterfly Ball Tickets Only Available Online This Year

BY COOPER PIERCE, BUTTERFLY BALL CHAIR

2014 Festival planning is underway, which includes this year's Butterfly Ball. For the uninitiated, the Butterfly Ball is a neighbor party to kick off Festival weekend. It will be held Friday night, April 25, from 8 p.m. to midnight under the big tent on Euclid Avenue (between Elizabeth and Waverly overlooking Springvale Park).

After weeks (and for some people, months!) of preparation for Festival, whether simply sprucing up your own yard or volunteering on a Festival committee, the ball allows Inman Parkers a chance to simultaneously celebrate and anticipate the weekend ahead.

Butterfly Ball has become such a hot ticket that it has sold out in advance for the past five years, and that trend isn't expected to change anytime soon. Because ticket sales are limited to IPNA members (an IPNA membership perk), one of the best ways to score a ticket to the hottest party of the weekend is to ensure your IPNA membership is current. And that's even more important this year, as we move all ticket sales online.

All current IPNA members will receive an email later this month before tickets go on sale, and then again when tickets go on sale in early March via the Festival website. IPNA members will be allowed to purchase a maximum of two (2) tickets each. Because IPNA membership is an individual membership (versus a household membership), this means a couple that includes two IPNA members can purchase can purchase a maximum of four tickets.

In an effort to allow as many neighbors as possible the opportunity to attend the Butterfly Ball, the ticket purchase limit was introduced last year, along with the change to general admission from reserved tables. Though change can be challenging, both of these changes were received favorably.

There is plenty that remains the same about the Butterfly Ball to enjoy, though - good food (this year's choices will again include vegan and gluten free choices), cash bars (non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary), live entertainment (including a visit from the Seed & Feed Marching Abominable) and, of course, sharing the enthusiasm of Festival weekend with your neighbors and friends.

In our move to online ticket sales only this year, there will be no paper ticket forms and no paper tickets will be delivered. Instead, a list of all ticket holders will be at the entrance to the event.

So this month, as you're deciding on your Festival volunteer job, please also take a minute to ensure your IPNA membership is current by visiting www.inmanpark.org and logging in [Association > Membership in the IPNA > login is at bottom left of the screen]. IPNA membership runs from May 1 through April 30, so if you have joined in the past year, you are eligible to purchase Butterfly Ball tickets. However, if you've let your membership lapse, you'll need to become current before tickets go on sale in order to purchase any.

We look forward to having you join us for another fun Butterfly Ball this year!



Saturday, April 26, 2014 under the Festival Tent on Elizabeth Street 7:30 p.m.

Our neighborhood theatres make us laugh, cry, and see things from a different perspective. So don't miss your chance to dine with friends and enjoy outstanding performances from:







Pack your picnic basket, call your friends, and reserve your table now! Producer (\$1000 and over)

- 1 table for six near the front of the stage
- 6 tickets to a performance at an Inman Park Theatre •
- Name in program as a Producing Sponsor •

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- 1 table for six
- 4 tickets to a performance at an Inman Park Theatre
- Name in program as a Patron Sponsor

Star (\$300 - \$499)

1 table for six •

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Name in program as a Star Sponsor •

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Donations in any amount welcomed to support our neighborhood theatres.

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	I want to be a Producer for a donation of <u>\$</u> .
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	I want to be a Star for a donation of <u>\$</u> .
	I want to be a Friend for a donation of <u>\$</u>
	I want a table. D I am not able to attend. DMy company makes matching gifts.
	I would like a "Friend of Inman Park Theatre Night" yard sign.
Seating	The deadline for reservations is March 31, 2014. g proximity to stage is determined by level of donation and date payment is received
	Submit your payment through PayPal at http://inmanparktheatrenight.com or mail a check payable to <i>Friends of Inman Park</i> to: Mario Wooldridge, 1082 Austin Avenue, Atlanta, CA 20207

NPU-N Update

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

Home Alarm System registration deadline February 1, 2014:

As noted in previous NPU updates, the City of Atlanta home alarm ordinance has been changed in an effort to reduce false alarms. All home and business owners with alarm systems should register their system with the City – to register, call 1-855-725-7102 or go to www.crywolf.us/atlantaga. The fine for a false alarm on an unregistered system will be \$150. For registered systems, the first false alarm gets a warning; subsequent alarms within a rolling year receive fines starting at \$50.

Parks Department: Tom Cullen attended the meeting and reported:

• The City and volunteers worked on the MLK holiday to remove invasive plants from Lake Claire Park and Freedom Park.

Watershed Management: Jessica Walker attended the meeting and reported:

- Water saver kits are available (free) at local fire stations;
- Bill payment and plumbing repair assistance is available for customers with financial hardship through the Care & Conserve Program – for more information, go to www.southeastenergy.org

License Review Board:

• Plaza Theatre Foundation, 1049 Ponce de Leon Ave; New Business request, Non-profit Performing Arts; Christopher Escobar, applicant. NPU Board voted unanimously to support.

Zoning Review Board:

- NC-1 clarify/strengthen (Z-13-039; 14-O-1019, formerly 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 both NC-1 applications to allow affected organizations to review and vote. See summary and recommendations at end of report below.
- NC-1 increase allowable size of a use category (14-O-1018, formerly 13-O-1399), An Ordinance to amend Chapter 32A so as to allow an increase in the permitted size of commercial recreation establishments so that larger theaters and similar places of assembly can be located in the District, and for other purposes. (see above for NPU Board vote). See summary below.

• Reynoldstown assemblage (Z-13-053 and related CDP amendment), 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. Applicant has worked extensively with the Reynoldstown Civic Improvement League (RCIL); based on 4 conditions (accepted by applicant) RCIL members voted 32-0 to support. The conditions are:

 minimum 5% affordable units,
 development must be consistent with plans dated 1/13/14,
 development must be consistent with elevations dated 1/13/14, and
 no individual commercial tenant space shall exceed 8,000 square feet.
 NPU Board voted 6-0 (with 3 abstaining) to support.

• **1085 Ponce de Leon Ave NE (Druid Hills Baptist Church)** (Z-13-056), seeking to re-zone the property from RG-3, C-1 and O-1 to MRC-2. Deferred to the February meeting.

Other Matters:

• Lake Claire sub-division (lot split), 1900 DeKalb Ave NE (SD-13-038), review and comment only: proposed sub-division follows historic platting pattern and reinforces single-family pattern existing on property. Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) supported.

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

• New ordinance is being proposed in relation to public art on private property; details to follow.

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, January 23, 2014. All are welcome to attend.

<u>Proposed zoning ordinance revisions for</u> <u>Little Five Points:</u>

As discussed at the January IPNA meeting, NPU Chair Jonathan Miller has established a committee to review these two proposed ordinances. The committee is comprised of two members each from IPNA, Candler Park Neighborhood Organization and Little Five Points Business Association. IPNA's reps are Rick Bizot and Karen Goeckel. Ordinance summaries and the consensus committee recommendations are as follows:

NC-1 clarify/strengthen certain aspects

(14-O-1019); an old, incorrect version of the text was reintroduced, but L5PBA reps are working to get the ordinance amended with the correct text. Key points of the intended proposed ordinance are:

- Limit the number of gas stations to two, and limit geographic locations for them;
- Define and prohibit drive-through facilities;
- Add requirement for applicants to notify NPU for review and comment on SAP applications.

Committee recommendation: <u>Support</u> 14-O-1019 when text has been properly amended to reflect the intentions of L5PBA. This ordinance is seen as in keeping with the intent of the NC-1 district and the notification requirements of other NC districts. NPU Chair also requests updating NPU notification language to allow/encourage electronic notification.

NC-1 increase allowable size of a use category (14-O-1018); key points of the proposed ordinance:

• Increase allowable size of commercial recreation establishments, including theaters and other places of assembly, from 8,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet maximum.

Committee recommendation: Oppose 14-O-1018 because the ordinance would greatly increase the allowable size of a broad use category, and is therefore inconsistent with the intent of the NC district to protect the area from uses and building forms which are incompatible with the scale, character and needs of the adjacent neighborhoods. Such an increase could have major impact and unintended consequences, including but not limited to potential negative impacts on adjacent residential properties (noise, height of structures, outdoor activities), existing infrastructure and existing businesses which rely heavily on the existing and extremely limited available parking. Providing opportunities for new locations for other entertainment venues could be considered further if the lack of parking issue could be addressed in the NC 1 zoning district and an ordinance could be better tailored to avoid negative impacts and unintended consequences.

These two proposed ordinances will be presented for vote at the February IPNA meeting.

A Goose Adventure Worth Sharing

By SUSAN WADE • swadenet@comcast.net

I've done some odd things on Christmas Eve in the past, like the one with a dwarf hooker, margaritas and a brick - but that's another story. This year's is definitely one for the record books.

I was on my way to pick up everything for Christmas day dinner at Publix on Ponce when I saw a goose in the middle of Lake Avenue. The goose was not walking along the road, it was just laying there, as if on a nest. So, of course I pull over and get out to see if I could herd said goose back to the safety of Inman Park Village's pond area. Goose was having none of it! As soon I urged the critter onto the sidewalk, off it flapped - only 20 or so feet though. And, right back into the middle of Lake Avenue!

Not sure what else to do after a fifth attempt to shepherd the goose to safety, I decided the goose was following some natural instinct to commit fowl suicide. Troubled but resigned, I left goose on the sidewalk and continued on to pick up my holiday grub.

I scanned the area on my way back from the store and saw a group of people standing around near Lake and Hale observing the still present goose. "Great!" I thought! "Surely these neighbors have collectively agreed to contact a rescue service." I unloaded my groceries and then took off to Passion City Church for Christmas Eve services at the invitation of my neighbor, Brett Younker, a worship leader and songwriter ("Burning in My Soul", "Passion: Let The Future Begin"). Almost 40 minutes early, I found myself sitting in a line of traffic, everyone trying to get to Passion City. Not one who enjoys huge crowds, I headed home thinking I would visit on a less popular day of service.

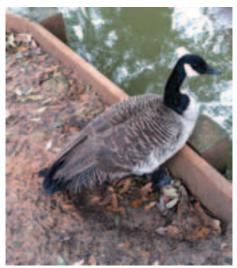
Coming home, driving along Lake, I saw Goose again! In the same place! So, the neighbors did not initiate a rescue. This task, I realized, fell to me. I called Fulton County Animal Control who directed me to AWARE (www.awareone.org) a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center in Lithonia. I called AWARE and was asked to capture the goose and bring her/him in to the center. OK, so I changed into goose-catching attire, grabbed a top sheet from my linen chest, a big box I'd been saving to pack in American Kidney Services donations and went back to the corner of Lake and Hale.

There was said goose, still on the sidewalk. Feeling almost "matadorish", I approached the goose, the patterned sheet held like a cape. After my fourth attempt, I was finally able to get the sheet over the confused and frightened bird. As the AWARE representative told me, as soon as covered with the sheet, the goose lay down and calmed. I scooped Goose up, put the bird in the box and headed off in the dusking Christmas Eve to Lithonia.

Within 20 minutes I was at the AWARE Wildlife sanctuary and was greeted with the volunteers' smiles and thanks for bringing Goose to them. Inside the warm office I was greeted by the hooting of owls and perched atop cages along the walls were several different hawks. Two volunteers were on the floor measuring a beautiful King snake and a curious little tortoise with a red sticker on her/his shell was just hanging out on a blanket.

On initial inspection, we saw there was a gash in Goose's breast. The Vet tech told me that Goose would be left alone for a while to settle down before a thorough examination could be performed. It is odd, but I was overcome with a sense of hesitancy of leaving Goose alone there but then I reassured myself that Goose was in caring hands and would be well taken care of. I completed the necessary paperwork and left to return to my human celebrations - pictures of my daring Goose rescue on iPhone and with a great tale to regale my fellow Christmas Eve revelers!







A few days later the AWARE Vet Tech called to let me know that yes, it appeared Goose had been hit by a car and then dragged along the pavement. Sufficiently recovered enough to return to her group, I drove back out to AWARE to pick up Ms. Goose to return her home to the pond in Springvale Park.

Excitedly, she scrambled from the carrier and onto the bank of the pond. Standing there, she looked from me to the swimming ducks and lone goose. The swimming goose, her mate I assume, swam over, flapped onto the bank and welcomed her back! Woohoo!

Atlanta Preservation Center Celebrates Historic Sites in March

By CAROLYN McLaughlin • carolyn@preserveatlanta.com



The Atlanta Preservation Center's A Phoenix Flies: A Celebration of Atlanta's Historic Sites will be March 8-23, 2014. This unique annual celebration gives the public access to hundreds of free events at historic sites important to Atlanta's past, present and future.

The Phoenix Flies Celebration includes guided walking tours, bicycle tours, exhibits, lectures and interactive children's activities. Notable events include: the Atlanta History Center's tours of Kenan Research Center; Atlanta Preservation Center's guided walking tours of historic Atlanta and open houses at the antebellum LP Grant Mansion; the Atlanta Urban Design Commission's tours of historic City Hall; tours of the Biltmore, The Glenn Hotel and the Tabernacle; lectures about historic preservation by Easements Atlanta, the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources and MH Mitchell Inc.; Whittier Mill Village Association's neighborhood house tour and Westview's self-guided, guided and bicycle tours.

All events of the Celebration are offered on a first-come, first-served basis but many events require reservations. Events will be posted on the APC website in mid-February. APC members and Preservation Partners receive full-color, 50+ page programs of the event.

To produce the celebration, the Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) coordinates the efforts of what are referred to as Preservation Partners. These organizations, business and individuals care for and promote historic sites in the City. Preservation Partners are not charged a fee to participate. The APC raises all funds necessary to produce and publicize the event with private donations, sponsorships and grants. The Celebration began in 2003 as a way to mark the 25th anniversary of the saving of the Fox Theatre, an

event that is used to mark the beginning of Atlanta's preservation movement. The first Phoenix Flies featured 40 events and 16 Preservation Partners. For the 11th celebration in 2014, the APC anticipates 200 events and 80 Preservation Partners. The celebration continues to grow as the public learns of the importance and pleasure of preserving Atlanta's historic fabric.

The APC is the City's private non-profit preservation organization. Its mission is to promote the preservation of Atlanta's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods and landscapes through education and advocacy.



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.

	Application Deadline	AUDC Hearing Date
Upcoming	February 18	March 12
Application	March 4	March 26
Deadlines	March 18	April 9

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

January 8, 2014

1. **1047 Washita Ave.**- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-13-325) for renovations and an addition at 1047 Washita Ave. - Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions. Commission Voted: Approved with conditions.

2. **744 West Ashland Ave.** - Application for a Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (CA3-13-334) for a variance to increase the rear yard setback from 43.6 ft. (maximum allowed) to 49.75 ft. (proposed) and (CA3-13-326) for a new single family house and accessory structure at 744 West Ashland Ave. - Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (C3-13-334). Commission Voted: Approved Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions (C3-13-326). Commission Voted: Approved with revised conditions.

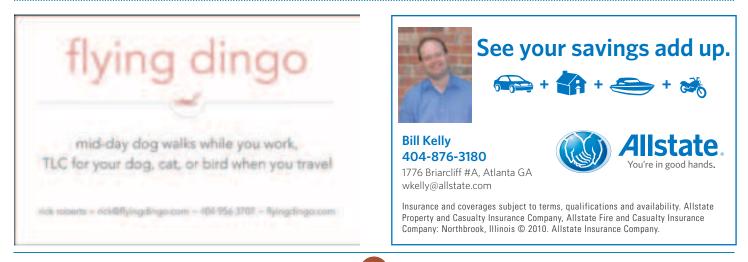
3. **750 West Ashland Ave.** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-13-327) for a new single family house at 750 West Ashland Ave. - Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Staff Recommendation: Approval 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
Fax: (404) 658-6734



February 2014

Agenda

February 19, 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. President
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - Type III Certificate of Appropriateness 462 Seminole Ave.
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Zoning
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Planning
 - 1. NC-1 Legislative Proposals
 - G. Communications 1. Staffing Openings
 - 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 Trolley Barn.

IPSP membership is based upon a rolling annual membership term. Your renewal date is one year from your membership date and again every year after that.

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?

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the March issue of the *Advocator*, please send your content submissions to Advocator@inmanpark.org before February 20.

If you would like to contribute your time and talents to bringing the *Advocator* to your Inman Park neighbors each month, please contact IPNA VP of Communications Yvonne Merkel at communications@inmanpark.org or 404.285.8283.

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- No matter what shape your mouth is in
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