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President's Message

By ANDY COFFMAN • president@inmanpark.org

Recently, my boys have been asking me what I have taken as a philosophical question: "Where would you go if there was a zombie apocalypse?" I assume they mean it literally. Is the question really so ridiculous? I don't mean the possibility of a World War Z; I mean where does one seek refuge in a time of need?

At times we've felt like we're under siege. We've felt that everything we fought so hard for and everything we hold dear is slipping away. Whether it's the oppression of large-scale development or the influx of other in-town neighbors who have discovered the joys of traveling to or running through the neighborhood, there is change happening all around us. Last month at our meeting, several neighbors shared their concerns about the consequences of unchecked progress, including traffic and parking. On the other hand, the discussion also demonstrated that as a neighborhood, we have remained engaged and involved in all that is happening. We've weighed in on traffic calming; we've participated in shaping the look and feel of the most significant developments; and we have a voice through NPU on proposed zoning changes in Little Five Points.

The upshot is that opportunity flows from change and challenge. Just last month, JPX Partners, who are working at 280 Elizabeth, committed to working with the City to provide overflow parking during Festival. This month, Trammell Crow, who is developing the luxury apartments at the corner of Krog and Edgewood, voiced serious support for the Inman Park Security Patrol. When these aspects of our community are strengthened, we all benefit. Everyone wants to be a part of a vibrant community, even though it sometimes feels like anything but.

In the past, when change seemed inevitable, where did we seek refuge? We turned inward and worked twice as hard as the "opposition." That kind of fight takes on different hues. Because of those experiences, we have many people willing to work to turn change into our advantage. Though change claimed the space where

Dad's Garage once provided uncommon live performances, can we not build an even better theater district in the heart of Little Five Points, where Dad's can live apart from Seven Stages? Whether or not we are successful in shaping the course of development, we are a stronger community for coming together to try.

To those who fear that change will leave only one's nostalgia of the past: everything is happening because Inman Park, like many of our neighboring 'hoods, has become a destination thanks to the hard work and community building of the past. For those moving to our once quiet hamlet: welcome. For all: get busy. We have a festival to run!

The next time you're tempted to speak ill of our new neighbors or to bemoan the march of time, stop and think about how great we have it. At least until the fall of man into the hands of the zombie horde. As for the question that started this conversation, I cannot reveal Inman Park's best apocalyptic refuge because, let's face it, there isn't room for everyone. **M**

Joel Award Submissions Due by March 31

By AMY HIGGINS • ahigginsAIA@gmail.com

Springtime is approaching (at least I hope it is!) and that means it's time to start thinking about Joel Awards. The Joel Award or "Joel" is named in honor of our neighborhood's creator, Joel Hurt. Each April, during the Butterfly Ball, Inman Park honors several of its most dedicated volunteers with a Joel. Do you know someone who has gone the extra mile in their service to the neighborhood? Perhaps someone who has worked quietly behind the scenes to make our neighborhood one of the best places to live in Atlanta? Or, someone who works multiple shifts at Festival every year and always does so with a smile? Nominate him or her for a Joel! Just send me an e-mail with the individual's name and why you think he or she exemplifies the Inman Park spirit of community service. Deadline for nominations is March 31st. **M**

New Shopping Spot

Our "Shop Local" series visits the new Inman Dry Goods Boutique

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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 February IPNA Meeting

By JANET BERRY, SECRETARY • secretary@inmanpark.org

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

Announcements:

Oreon Mann announced the Inman Park Book Club will meet next Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. Oreon will be hosting the club at 877 Edgewood Avenue. The book is "Where'd You Go Bernadette" by Maria Semple. You are asked to bring a dish to share.

Newcomers

Inman Dry Goods Boutique owner Emanuel Soldiew introduced himself and his new store located at 743 Edgewood Avenue, NE, the cross road is Waddell Street. He is interested in becoming involved in our community and welcomes all to come by.

Drs. Justin Lucia and Zachary LaVigne announced they would open their Chiropractic Center, Any Spine, in the next day or two. They are located at 346 Copenhill Avenue and are very pleased to be a part of Inman Park. Any Spine is a full service chiropractic clinic for both animals and people. Visit their website at anyspine.com.

Crawford Lighten, a current resident of Buckhead, is searching for a mixed use – residential and art studio property. He just dropped by to meet residents and explore the neighborhood with a companion.

Debbie Hutchinson, Thana Sakas, and Maureen Kelly, residents of Inman Motorworks Lofts, courageously occupying front row seats and then announced their attendance.

Nick Le May is interested in the neighborhood and has been trying to purchase the lot and house, a three-month process, across from the Inman Park Cooperative Preschool at Edgewood Avenue and Waddell Street. He is exploring, by baby steps, opening a bar in the house.

Minutes

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve last months minutes.

Police Officers' Reports

Captain Ben McGee introduced himself as Zone 6's new captain. He is well known in the neighborhood as the lead motorcycle patrolman in Festival Parade. Captain McGee is "a Decatur guy." He has been with APD for 25 year, was a recruit in Inman Park in 1989, and a Sergeant since 2002. Zone 6 boundaries have grown since his last duties here and he is anxious to learn his new charge.

Officer Jarod Watkins, IPNA Security Patrol, recently featured in the *Advocator*, reported Zone 6 has been quiet the last week. Through the storms, overall crime has been down. A young woman had reported opened

packages left by a delivery service on her porch on Dixie. However, nothing was missing. Neighbors were cautioned to remain aware of their circumstances. Karen Goeckel asked that officers be responsive to calls from residents reporting homeless food stations in parks. Suburbanites are setting up tables for the homeless in public spaces.

Elected Official's Report

Keith Lamar, Jr., Assistant District Attorney and Prosecutor for Zone 6 suggested the trial requested by defendant Richard Carter, his 104th arrest, would prove to be quite a show- he encouraged neighbors to follow the Court Watch program. He reported that the prosecution of three young felons resulted in two felons serving time and one with a sentence of probation. Mr. Lamar informed us of a new concept of neighborhood watch programs through out the city. He will be holding meetings and will notify us of them. Kazim Reed announced a commitment to tougher prosecution of recitative criminals, however, Mr. Lamar was not aware of the announcement or plans. A question arose about a feed back system- a notification of neighbors- when criminals were released back into communities. Mr. Lamar explained the difference between jail and prison; prison systems are able to notify communities, jails are not.

Committee Reports

Andy Coffman, President

Andy announced that the nominating committee is seeking candidates to fill three very important positions: President, Treasurer and V.P. Planning positions. Recommendations can be sent to the nominating committee by email from the IPNA website link or calling Megan Holder, Randy Bailey or Andrew Bieno.

Andy for Neel Gupta, V.P. Planning

Nothing to report

Rick Bizot reported on the NC-1 Legislative proposals. Committee recommendations included increasing the level of notification between entities for zoning changes, limiting Drive Through establishments and maintaining the density of gas stations to the existing two. A discussion of the gas station proposal ensued. Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously supporting the committee's recommendation for approval of the legislation to NPU N. The second ordinance was to increase the allowable space for Commercial Recreation Establishment from 8,000 to 20,000 square feet. The concerns reported by the committee were that the space was more than any other establishment in the neighborhood. Committee support for Dad's Garage has "universal appeal." However, Rick reported that Dad's Garage had "a lot of maybes" and "a lot of other issues," he further stated that it does not open all doors for Dad's Garage. The untoward effects of changing legislation drove

the committee to not recommend support. A motion was made to support the committee's recommendation to NPU N. The motion was seconded. Discussion included Bobbie Paul's view that Dad's Garage has had a great upheaval and the neighborhood should support them any way we can. Bobbie further warned that we as a neighborhood have been fortunate to have Dad's Garage, Variety Playhouse and other venues. She further stated that development often produces the loss of such establishments, a great loss indeed. The vote of support for the committee's recommendation carried with one vote opposed. Jonathon Miller stated that parking problems actually spurred the development of the committee, its success addressed the bigger issues of LSP's and he felt the committee was a positive step forward. Rick reported the city's home alarm registration was now in effect. If residents are not registered, increased fines will be levied for false alarms.

Morgan Shallcross, V.P. Zoning

Nothing to report

Andy for Molly McLamb, V.P. Zoning

A Type III Certificate of Appropriateness for 462 Seminole Avenue was approved by the immediate neighbors; zoning required staff approval only.

Tony Neu, V.P. Public Safety

Nothing to add to the officers' reports

Yvonne Merkel, V.P. Communication

Yvonne is seeking a new editor for the *Advocator*. Adriane Fitch, due to personal and professional commitments, has stepped away. Please contact her if you are willing or if someone is known to you to have editing skills. Yvonne explained that the February issue of the *Advocator* should be in mailboxes today or tomorrow; Snowpocalypse delayed publishing and delivery. Yvonne can be contacted at communications@inmanpark.org or 404-285-8283.

Eric Goldberg, Treasurer

Eric took floor questions after reporting that the operating account for IPNA held approximately \$120,00.00 and the 'rainy day' account held approximately \$50,000.00. A question of sidewalk financing was addressed as well as the legal budget for 2014 and the financing of street signs.

Eric submitted the following financial report for January 15, 2014 to February 19, 2014

IPNA Income:	
Membership Dues	\$80.00
Public Safety Dues	\$3,900.00
Identity Income	\$40.00
Total	\$4,020.00

Minutes of the February IPNA Meeting • Continued

IPNA Expenses:

Public Safety	\$12,258.42
Beautification	\$900.00
Springvale Master Plan	\$1,280.00
Babysitting	\$65.00
Website Hosting	\$119.40
Total	\$14,622.82

Elected Official Report and Committee Reports

Danny Feig-Sandoval reported the city's traffic plan for Krog Street, Elizabeth Street, Lake Avenue, and N. Highland Avenue is officially labeled KLENH Transportation Strategy. The latest, the final, revision is on IPNA's website under Headlines. **Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for Kwanza Hall**, thanked everyone who participated and supported the traffic plan. Jay stated that a Quality of Life Bond, which historically funds neighborhood projects, is expected to be submitted by Kasim Reed next year. Distribution of such funding is aided by plans such as the traffic plan. The plan is moving through the city hearing process, the process has been delayed by the weather. Kwanza is floating a legislative experiment that directs developers' impact fees to the neighborhoods impacted. Jay expects that to be met with objections. Currently impact fees go to the general fund. **Lou Arcangeli** stated concerns over the lack of response to issues he submitted about the traffic plan. Jay suggested placing an appendix to the plan that includes such concerns, those not instituted in the final plan. The traffic plan will go through a series of public hearings neighbors can attend. There is a planned sequence for instituting the plan, however, there is no funding for the plan. A motion was made to recommend NPU N support the traffic plan. Motion carried with one dissenting vote. Danny Feig-Sandoval addressed concerns over pedestrian safety and the lack of funding even when the traffic plan passes. A proposal for self-funding of traffic lights, crosswalk striping and initiation of traffic planning measures was discussed. Neighbors were urged to follow the plan and attend hearings.

Jay further reported that the quarterly meeting Kwanza hosts for neighborhood committee chairs and officers will be held at the Plaza Theater on Saturday, March 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Author Sharon Foster Jones, one of our own, will be signing books. Jay described it as a total "geek fest." A question from the floor arose about Google's ultra fast Internet service. Jay said that it required city participation and that the council would look at Google's plan. Jay announced that the Edgewood Avenue Bridge is scheduled to open in April. Streetcars have arrived, the project should be up and running in May. A three-month free period will commence before charging fares.

Janet Berry, Secretary

Membership Applications for 2014 are available at all meetings, on the website and in the *Advocator*. Janet reminding everyone those dues are \$10. per resident over 18 years of age with the first year membership free. Only applications received by April 30 will be published in the Membership Directory hard copy. It was encouraged to also take the opportunity to renew Security Patrol membership at the same time.

A motion was made from the floor to add Barcelona Wine Bar change of Agent to the agenda. Motion carried. Katie Rice was introduced; she has worked in the neighborhood for ten years, eight at Wisteria. Kevin Leff, attorney for Barcelona Wine Bar asked for support for the change of agent. **Lou Arcangeli** voiced support. A motion was made to support the change of agent, seconded and carried unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. **M**



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Inman Park Beluga Swim Team Registration

Deadline is April 15 • www.inmanparkbelugas.org

Visit the website for the schedule of activities through March 23. Walking tours of Inman Park are featured on March 16 and March 23.

Atlanta Preservation Center "A Phoenix Flies" Celebration

March 8 – 23 • Various Sites • www.atlantapreservationcenter.com

Visit their website to see the remaining schedule of activities through March 23 for your opportunity to experience Atlanta's historic sites.

Dinner and Show O4W Style

Friday, March 21 • 6:30 p.m. Noni's Deli • 8:30 p.m. Village Theatre
\$25 per person • www.O4WBA.com

comedy show to benefit the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood. A family-style sit-down dinner at Noni's will be followed by a show at the Village Theatre. Both businesses are donating \$5 per person to raise funds for the neighborhood's security initiatives. Visit the website for details on purchasing tickets.

9 String Theory Performance

Sunday, March 23 • 4:00 p.m. • The Marianna • www.9stringtheory.com

The Marianna (above Wrecking Bar Brewpub) will feature this musical collaboration of Russian domra virtuoso Angelina Galashenkova-Reed and classical guitarist John Huston. Tickets (\$15) are available at the door.

Candler Park Mulch Madness

Monday, March 29 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • www.FriendsofCandlerPark.org

Spend a spring morning mulching trees in Candler Park and get a free t-shirt! Visit website for details and to sign up.

Layered Exhibit Opening and Artists' Reception

Friday, April 11 • 7 – 9 p.m. • One Twelve Gallery • www.onetwelvegallery.com

This artists' reception celebrates the opening of an exhibit of abstract paintings by Britt Blass and Mary Campbell and is free and open to the public.

Community Recycling

Saturday, April 12 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. • www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org

Safely discard used electronics, latex paint, styrofoam, metals and batteries at the Walden School (320 Irwin Street NE) in Old Fourth Ward. Visit the website to learn what can be recycled and if any (modest) fees apply.

Atlanta BeltLine Northside 5K

Saturday, April 26 • 8 a.m. • www.BeltLine.org/run

Mary Lin 6th Annual Rocket Run 5K and 1 Mile Blast

Sunday, April 27 • 9 a.m. • www.marylinelementary.com

If you want to burn off some calories before indulging in everything from corn dogs to funnel cakes at the Inman Park Festival, these two weekend running events may just do the trick. **M**

On the Calendar

Mar
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IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Mar
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Festival Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Mar
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Book Club
Hosted by Cathy Jamison
805-B Edgewood Avenue
**** Special author visit ****

Mar
28

Porch Party
1094 Alta Avenue
7:30 p.m.

Apr
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IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

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Festival Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Apr
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thru
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43rd Annual Inman Park Spring Festival & Tour of Homes

April 25th through 27th

see pages 14-18
for details

It's Time to Renew Your IPNA Membership

BY JANET BERRY, IPNA Secretary

Why? Because it's the right thing to do... Because you are a part of the best of our neighborhood... Because you can purchase Butterfly Ball tickets... Because there's a holiday party just for you... Because there is strength in numbers... and most important of all... Because you are committed to making good things happen in Inman Park!

You can easily join or renew by going to inmanpark.org or using the form on page 11. To be included in the IPNA Membership Directory, you must join or renew before April 30th.

And don't forget to renew your membership in the Inman Park Security Patrol at the same time. You can do that online, too! **M**



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COSMIC CHARLIE "DARK SIDE OF THE DEAD" SAT, MAR 22, 8:30PM	BRETT DENNEN THUR, APRIL 10, 8:30PM	THE BOWERY SOUTH PRESENTS CHROMEO OLIVER MON, MAY 12, 9PM
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Trees Atlanta celebrates its 100,000th Tree


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Trees Atlanta, a local tree planting non-profit, has planted and distributed trees in more than 100 Atlanta neighborhoods for the past 29 years. As Trees Atlanta winds down the current planting season this month, they will reach the milestone of contributing 100,000 trees to the city. And on Thursday, March 27, Trees Atlanta will celebrate its ongoing legacy of tree planting with The Root Ball Presented by Southeast Permanente Medical Group. The event will take place in the historic Greystone in Piedmont Park and feature live music, a silent auction, the ceremonial planting of the 100,000th tree and the Tree Champions awards.


Trees Atlanta is active in Inman Park, contributing to the natural tree canopy we enjoy throughout the neighborhood. Atlanta's urban forest began to suffer a bit in the 1970s due to drought, increasing development and other environmental factors. With an active corps of 4,500 volunteers, though, Trees Atlanta offers seven year-round programs to educate the public about the importance of trees and promote plantings around the city. Since 2000, Trees Atlanta has added more than 500 trees to Inman Park alone! Their trees can be found along Waverly Way, Euclid Avenue, Elizabeth Street and many more neighborhood streets.

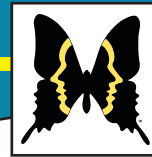
Trees Atlanta also works closely with Atlanta BeltLine Inc., Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, the City of Atlanta, and others to implement the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum, a diverse and educational collection of trees and plants incorporated into the 22-mile Atlanta BeltLine project. Once complete, the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum will be the longest linear arboretum in the nation.

You can learn more about Trees Atlanta and how to get involved, as well purchase tickets to The Root Ball, by visiting www.treesatlanta.org. 

Krog-Lake-Elizabeth-N. Highland (KLENH) Traffic Study Update

By DANNY FEIG-SANDOVAL
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The KLENH (Krog-Lake-Elizabeth-N. Highland) Traffic Study, funded by Councilman Kwanza Hall's office and coordinated and developed by Caleb Racicot at Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh planners, is making its way through the appropriate channels at City Hall. Kwanza introduced the plan as an ordinance for approval to the Community Relations/Human Resources Committee (CR/HR) of Council on February 3. The plan was approved by IPNA at the February meeting and will be presented to NPU-N on Thursday, February 27, for approval. There will be a public hearing to discuss the plan on March 10 at the CR/HR committee quarterly meeting where they address all amendments to the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). The KLENH plan will be considered as an amendment to the city's Connect Atlanta plan, the comprehensive transportation plan within the CDP, which the city uses as a guide for long term transportation planning. If approved by the CR/HR committee, the plan will hopefully be presented to the full City Council for approval at their meeting on March 17. If approved, we will then have a plan we can use for raising funds for implementation. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and questions. 



Porch Party March 28 • 7:30 p.m.

**At the home of Karen and Ken Taber
1094 Alta Avenue**

Bring a dish to share & your favorite beverage.

• • •

Your porch wants to host a party!
Call Pat or Richard Westrick to get on the schedule.
404.523.4801

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month to discuss the featured selection. Please also bring a covered dish to share. Visit inmanpark.org for the full 2014 schedule and book selections, and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

**Mar
25**

"In Her Keeping" by Valerie Connors
hosted by Cathy Jamison 805-B Edgewood Ave.
Special guest Valerie Connors, author of this month's selection, will join us for our discussion!

Meet Your IPSP



Detective Ari Bleifeld

Years with APD 7
Years with IPSP 6
Lives in OTP north
Hails from Atlanta

Duty Details

Violent repeat offenders / criminal organizations

Favorite thing about Inman Park

Sense of community; people know their neighbors

Best part of my job

Achieving justice for innocent victims

Worst part of my job

Government bureaucracy

Hardest part of my job

Seeing good people placed in impossible circumstances

My best bust ever

Arresting the worst, most prolific serial graffiti vandals in the city's history

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

A private investigator

Favorite sports team

Atlanta Braves

My idea of a perfect day

Enjoying a drink in a tropical environment

Best advice I ever received

There are racehorses and donkeys in every line of work

Superpower I wish I had

Mind control

Top safety tip

Don't place yourself in dangerous situations, and don't hesitate to call 911

Safety-Minded Spring Cleaning

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

Hello, neighbors! As the weather warms, you're likely spending more time outside of and away from your home. And trust me, the legally- and ethically-challenged members of our society take notice. Since you may be motivated to do a little spring cleaning as the weather warms up, I thought I would offer a few safety-minded cleaning tips:

1 Maintain a neat exterior

Get a new perspective – stand on the street and take a look at your home to see if there are any spots that look neglected or particularly inviting to a burglar who would want to enter undetected. Address those areas and also remember to keep shrubbery trimmed away from windows and entryways.

2 Take inventory

Take a couple of hours to do a photo or video inventory of valuables in your home. And if it's been a while since you reviewed your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy, check to see if your coverage levels are still appropriate, especially if you've acquired items of exceptional value since or need to update appraisals of existing items. While you're at it, consider if any of your items wouldn't be better protected offsite in a safe deposit box.

3 Don't forget your data

Taking steps to protect your data is the online equivalent of locking your front door or setting your alarm. Securing your wifi connection and password protecting your login screen are simple steps to help keep your data safe. And backing up your personal information – including those irreplaceable family photos – provides peace of mind in case your laptop is swiped.

4 Join or Renew Your IPSP membership

As you're admiring the yellow and black security patrol sign in your freshly mowed lawn this spring, be sure you're IPSP membership current. And if you don't have a yard sign of your own, that's easy to remedy – join the IPSP and be a part of helping to prevent crime in Inman Park! Visit inmanpark.org to join or renew today.

Finally, we continue our efforts to introduce you to the officers that are part of the Inman Park Security Patrol, and this month we present Officer Bleifeld.

Next month: A look at security along the BeltLine 

Crime Stats – February 2014

Directed Patrol	508
Drop Ins/Park and Walks	287
Association Member Contacts	8
Suspicious Person	8
Alarm Activation.....	8
Disturbance	5
Loud Music Complaint	2
Theft.....	2
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Open Door.....	1
Illegal Parking.....	1
Hit and Run.....	1
Intoxicated Person.....	1
Animal Complaint.....	1
Criminal Trespass.....	1
Stolen Auto Recovery	1
Street / Sidewalk Obstruction	1
Automobile Accident	

Data reflects activity from 02/01/2014 – 02/27/2014

Community Support Keeps L5P Mini Precinct Open

BY RICHARD B. SHAPIRO, DDS • rbshapir@bellsouth.net

Over the past two years, we've doubled the police officers assigned to the L5P Mini-Precinct to patrol the area, yet lowered our costs to run the facility-- how great is that?!

In addition to having Officer LaRosa (an aggressive officer with decades of familiarity with the L5P area) assigned during the daytime on weekdays, we now also have Officer Stellingburg assigned on evenings, including weekends (not to mention the added police presence provided by the other officers coming and going to this satellite police station, filing reports, taking breaks, etc.). We have also moved the Mini-Precinct next door to a smaller space with lower rent and overhead.

But we need your help to keep it open. Thus, this yearly appeal for individual donations.

Now beginning its 16th year of existence, the Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct in L5P is a cornerstone in our community's approach to reduce crime. Since it opened, the increased presence and visibility of Atlanta Police Officers that the Mini-Precinct brings to our community has made a significant difference in local crime rates, as well as in the conduct of those hanging out in L5P and the surrounding community.

The Mini-Precinct is a public/private partnership between the City of Atlanta and community. The community provided the funds to renovate the space and continues to pay for rent, utilities and other operating costs – funding that comes from L5P Business Association and its members; grants from the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the Candler Park Neighbor Neighborhood Organization; and contributions from individual households in the area. The officers, equipment, supplies, computers, electronic and video communication gear, etc., are funded by the Police Department.

Over the years for a variety of reasons (people move, financial situations change, complacency due to lower crime rates, etc.), the number of individual households contributing has dwindled some, and we need to reverse this trend. Keeping the Mini-Precinct here requires funding.

Send your personal contribution now (matching your last year's contribution, or sending \$50 or more, is suggested). It's the right thing to do for your community, your neighbors and yourself. Send your check (include your name, address and phone number) to: **L5PBA Mini-Precinct Fund, PO Box 5733, Atlanta, GA 31107. M**

Shop Local!

BY LIZ SULLIVAN • j4liz@aol.com

Where

Inman Dry Goods Boutique

743 Edgewood Avenue, NE • 404-963-1935

When

Tuesday-Thursday 11 am – 7 pm
Friday-Saturday 11 am – 8 pm
Sunday 12 pm – 6 pm
Closed Mondays

In the 'hood Since

February 1, 2014 (they're new here!)

Who's Who

Owners Santi Deshnad and Emanuel Soldiew

The Scoop

This new boutique is all about keeping it local. Owners Santi and Emanuel live in Old Fourth Ward and wanted to have their business nearby. To further their commitment, they named it after the neighborhood we all call home. Inman Dry Goods carries a little bit of everything, so you never need to go to the mall again. They feature women's and children's clothing and accessories, gifts, stationery and artwork by local artists. Men's clothing will arrive soon, as well as shoes for both men and women. By summer, they also will carry kids' shoes.

Best Sellers and What's Trending for Spring 2014

Leggings, loose tops, cropped harem pants and bootleg pants. Sorry folks, it's not about denim anymore as cottons and chinos are more in style. For men, it's all tailored and fitted, so get back to the gym! The boutique is right on trend with merchandise in the colors of spring 2014 – orchids, lavenders and dusty blues.

What's Special

Santi and Emanuel want to know their customers. The store has a decidedly friendly and funky vibe to it. They carry all sizes and will work to get an item for you, even if it's not at the store. Customer service is very important, as is helping their clients try something new. Both owners have been in retail for a long time, Santi owns the shoe store SQ/FT In Decatur, and Emanuel was at Puma for years (the store puppy is named Puma!). These two know fashion!

Special Offer for Inman Park Neighbors

Mention this feature when you shop at Inman Dry Goods Boutique in the next few weeks and receive 15% off your total purchase. Now that's an incentive for everyone to grab something fun and fabulous for the Butterfly Ball in April! **M**

Store owners Emanuel Soldiew and Santi Deshnad with store mascot, Puma.



Inman Park Neighborhood Association and Inman Park Security Patrol

Membership Enrollment/ Renewal

**Join or renew online
today at inmanpark.org.**

You must be an IPNA resident member in good standing for at least 15 days prior to a meeting in order to vote on IPNA issues at the meetings. All IPNA members and non-member residents may vote on NPU issues at IPNA meetings. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in discussions at IPNA monthly meetings.

IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at The Trolley Barn (963 Edgewood Ave NE).



Rev. 03/01/14

It's easy to join or renew online at inmanpark.org, but if you prefer to pay offline, complete this form and mail it, along with payment, to 245 N. Highland Ave., Suite 230-401, Atlanta, GA 30307. If needed, additional forms are available online or from the IPNA secretary.

- ☐ I want to join IPNA
- ☐ I want to renew my IPNA membership
- ☐ My information has not changed
- ☐ Update my information

Include me in the IPNA Directory ☐ YES ☐ NO

PRIMARY MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

MOBILE PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

PERSONAL EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS EMAIL: _____

SECOND MEMBER NAME: _____

MOBILE PHONE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

PERSONAL EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS EMAIL: _____

CHILDREN (OPTIONAL): _____

NO. OF DOGS: _____

NO. OF CATS: _____

OTHER PETS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

IPNA Membership

Membership term runs May 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015. Dues are \$10 per individual over 18 in each household.

Make your check payable to IPNA.

Please check one category:

- ☐ Resident: \$10 per person
18 yrs. or older.

No. of eligible residents
in household x \$10

- ☐ Business: \$10

- ☐ Non-resident member: \$10

- ☐ New to the Neighborhood
First Year Free

Check total

Inman Park Security Patrol Membership

Membership renews annually based on original join date. Yard signs available at all IPSP membership levels.

Include a separate check made payable to IPSP.

- ☐ Bronze: \$200
(includes yard sign)

- ☐ Silver: \$250
(adds vacation patrol)

- ☐ Gold: \$300 (adds patrol
cell phone access)

- ☐ Super Booster: \$500

- ☐ Non-membership
donation to the Patrol

Check total

- ☐ I need an IPSP yard sign



Once an Abominable, Always an Abominable

BY BILL SCOTT • bridge919@bellsouth.net

I was asked to write an article about 40 years of history of the Marching Abominable band. I chose not to do that because, in a certain way, the band doesn't need to explain its history.

Band is whoever shows up that day, for a gig or a rehearsal. Whoever is there makes the music, does the show, and carries the band another day into the future. It doesn't matter who is a new or old member. The audience certainly doesn't care since they only remember the sights and sounds we presented for them on that day. The audience doesn't see the trials and errors of our past, doesn't understand how this group can function so abominably well with everyone gladly playing their roles and instruments. As if possessed by a collective unconscious, new and otherwise members intuit how to act whether or not they are aware of our long history.

Sure, the band has a set of Standard Operating Procedures for dealing with business and organizational issues and an "Abominabilities" document we give to new members that explains what to do. Since these were only formalized in 2010, 34 years after our founding in 1974, we originally got structure and direction from our founder, Kelly Morris. Kelly started the band as part of Kelly's Seed & Feed Theater. After the theater closed, the band became independent and officially a non-profit entity. Many different people were involved in setting that up, finding rehearsal space and forming a Band Council. Our council is elected each year and is responsible for taking care of all the band's business activities. I think that even for the people who are most involved with those activities, the band experience is mostly about showing up, making music and putting on a show.

So, what is it like to have an experience inside the band for a typical gig? Our "Bookie" tells us where and when to show up

based on the contract with a client. The "Broom" for the gig tells us what we will play then leads the band into position and directs the songs. Imagine the Broom sweeping us down the street. The Broom label came from the first person who volunteered to lead the band. Forty years ago he chose to carry a broom rather than a drum major's baton.



There's some ancient band history for you. Later we devised names such as "Semi-Conductor" for our music director and "Mouth" for the band manager.

Maybe I'm a little unusual but sometimes at rehearsal, in the middle of a song I've played a hundred times, I look over the top of my music and see the dancers (we call them "Despicables") moving in unison and feel we are all bonded together. Just like it must have been in the days of the Egyptians and their rituals in front of the pyramids. It feels like a moment of recreating and sharing a timeless tradition. Whether others feel it the same way or not, I think it is part of the reason people are motivated to keep the band going. Of course another reason is that you can have unpredictably wild and crazy fun at gigs such as the Inman Park parade.



However, no matter how fun band can be I must admit that in our forty-year history most of the people who were in band are no longer in band. Otherwise we would have hundreds of people showing up rather than about fifty. Sometimes I'm tired and don't even want to go to rehearsal or that gig outside the Perimeter. When I do go ahead and leave my house, which is what usually happens, that feeling I had before is nothing like the reality of being with friends, or performing for people who, usually, really, really like us and the joy we bring.

Why do people leave band? We aren't a typical community band. Rehearsals can be painfully loud (I frequently wear earplugs) and be apparently chaotic as we plow through song after song with ample background chatter going on. We are a welcoming group but you have to make some effort to get to know people.

Some of our gigs are not that much fun but you have to go to help pay the rent. On the other hand, attendance is not mandatory as it can be in other bands. You can leave for a while and come back whenever you want. As in most endeavors, the more you put in, the more you get out. Some people practice their instruments more than once a week and show up for every gig and rehearsal. Others don't. We are, after all, a volunteer group.

As a long term band member, a truly satisfying experience for me is to watch someone come into the band and lie low for awhile then start to perform choreography with their section then volunteer to perform various duties then act like they really feel they are part of the band. Finally, I see him or her welcome a new person into their section and tell them all our secrets. The cycle is complete and the band keeps going.

Why do I think we have a great band? There must be some magic number of participants in groups like the band. Too few and it seems like an unpopular club that can't attract new people. Too many and people can feel lost or ignored. Although I don't know what the real magic number is, we

must be at or near that number. We continue to attract not just new people, but talented people who bring good new ideas and energy. We have significant "bench strength" so that we can put on a good performance even if half the group doesn't show up. We have a strong community that posts all kinds of emails to the group with news, recommendations, questions and requests for support. You become part of a group of people with whom you interact in the real world, not just another Internet group.

Although I started by saying that the band's history is not important I would like to add that continuity and tradition are important, and the band is strong in those terms. Although we are not unique, there are not many other bands like us in the country, and we may have the record for longevity, based on an NPR call-in program (<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6161851>) several years ago.

If you play or used to play a band instrument, or want to dance while the band is playing, think about what we offer and then come try it out. Just show up at a rehearsal and we'll be delighted to see you. At the very least, enjoy the fun that is the Abominable for our 40th anniversary this 2014 Inman Park Festival. Check out our website at seedandfeed.org and find out more about our 40th at seedandfeed.org/40th.



Bill Scott is one of two original members that are still very active in the band. Bill was a member of Kelly's Seed & Feed Theatre, has served many volunteer roles within the band and currently represents the band at the Little 5 Point Community Center member meetings. Bill still plays the same trumpet he started with 40 years ago. M





Festival Focus

2014 Festival – Something for Everyone

By JAY SHRAY, PR COMMITTEE CHAIR • jshray@yahoo.com

As the neighborhood awakens from its winter hibernation, the Inman Park Festival volunteer committees are finalizing this year's arrangements continuing the 42-year historic goal of promoting positive growth and prosperity in the neighborhood. With multi-level entertainment platforms, Festival offers something for everyone: Caterpillar and Cocoon ball for the youth, Butterfly Ball and all of the artistry for the adults, great food and wide array of musicians appealing to everyone and the Tour of Homes for those not yet familiar with the charm that makes Inman Park so loved. Tour of Homes and the Festival continue to be a premier opportunity to demonstrate the vast benefits to our warm, friendly walkable community and are an opportunity for us to enjoy the festivities and special times with neighbors.

Details from committee chairs are shared here and in the next issue to help you easily navigate Festival. The volunteer chairs have worked tirelessly for the last eight months to create the outstanding range of events that allow us all to celebrate together. You can also check out the Festival website (inmanparkfestival.com), Facebook page (Inman Park Festival) and Twitter feed (@InmanParkFest) to stay up on the latest information. **M**

INMAN PARK SPRING FESTIVAL AND TOUR OF HOMES 2014



Festival Parade Grand Marshals: Ann and Jeff Cramer

By KAREN HEIM, PARADE ORGANIZER • ipfestivalparade@gmail.com



The Festival Committee is pleased to announce **Ann and Jeff Cramer** as this year's Parade Grand Marshals. Ann and Jeff moved to Inman Park in September 1972, the same year they married. Their good works in Inman Park began in 1969 with a ministry related to Bass High School, and in the 42 years since Jeff and Ann made Inman Park their home and raised children Megan and Wil, this exceptional couple has contributed significantly to our community and the city at large.

An accomplished educator, Jeff began his teaching career at Walker/McNair High School in DeKalb County in 1980 before moving to Grady High School, where he's taught physics and coached cross-country for the past 15 years. Over the course of his career, Jeff has taken nearly 30 teams to the state cross-country championships, taught more than 5,000 students, trained hundreds of new teachers and been honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. He has received the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) award eight times, which commends Georgia's outstanding high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their development. Not to be outdone by the athletes he coaches, Jeff has competed in more than 1,000 running and triathlon races and biked across Georgia seven times.

After her successful tenure with IBM as Director of Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs for the Americas, Ann joined Coxe Curry & Associates, a fundraising consulting firm serving nonprofit organizations in Georgia, as a senior consultant. Throughout her exceptional career, Ann has chaired numerous local and national organizations in the fields of education, the arts, business, public policy, and other areas of philanthropy, and currently chairs the board of Atlanta Partners for Education. Though her list of accomplishments is far too numerous to list in this print publication (you can see them all on the Festival website), she most recently received the prestigious Dan Sweat Award from Central Atlanta Progress, Public Broadcasting Atlanta's Sullivan Award and was honored with The United Way of Greater Atlanta Women's Leadership Award. In 2012, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce presented her with its first Business Civic Leadership Achievement Award.

Jeff plans to join Ann in retirement this summer to "see what experiences the world has to offer... and find a little something to offer the world in return." The Festival Committee proudly pays homage to these outstanding neighbors by honoring them as our Parade Grand Marshals. **M**

Who Loves Festival? I do, I do!

By JANE BRADSHAW, VOLUNTEER
COMMITTEE CHAIR • jcb5858@yahoo.com

As a native Inman Parker and current Dixie Avenue homeowner, nothing excites me as much as Festival! Arts & Crafts, food, beer, homes on tour, the Parade!, shiny happy people, music, food, seeing my neighbors, volunteers who make everything flow so smoothly, dancing, did I mention the food?

Speaking of volunteers, we are what make Festival happen. Volunteers empty recycling and trash bins, volunteers serve beer, volunteers guide folks through homes on tour, volunteers set up for and clean up after Caterpillar Ball, Butterfly Ball and Theater Night, volunteers organize and execute all aspects of Festival and volunteers clean up our neighborhood after the visitors and vendors have gone home.

All told, it takes over 900 volunteers to plan and carry out Festival each year. Yup, you read that right: 900 volunteers. And that's where you come in. Festival needs a few hours of your time over the weekend of April 25-27, 2014.

Visit inmanparkfestival.org/volunteer, choose the day or activity for which you'd like to volunteer, and then select the specific shift. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at the above email. **M**



Street Closings for Festival 2014

The following streets will be closed 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 25th until Sunday, April 27th, at 11:00 p.m. This is for the convenience of the tents and food vendors:

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

Hurt Street from Euclid to Edgewood

Elizabeth Street from Euclid to Edgewood

Waverly Street from Euclid to Edgewood

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

The following streets will close Saturday, April 26th, at 5:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 27th, at 7:00 p.m.:

Euclid Avenue between Alta Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.

Edgewood Avenue between Hurt Street and Waddell Street.

Elizabeth Street between DeKalb Avenue and Lake Avenue.

Waverly Way between DeKalb Avenue and Euclid Avenue, past Euclid Avenue to Elizabeth Street, past Elizabeth Street and back to Euclid Avenue.

Delta Place between DeKalb Avenue and Edgewood Avenue.

Waddell Street between Edgewood Avenue and Lake Avenue.

Alta Avenue between Euclid Avenue and Moreland.

Degress Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way.

Harralson Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way.

For the parade, Saturday, April 26th:

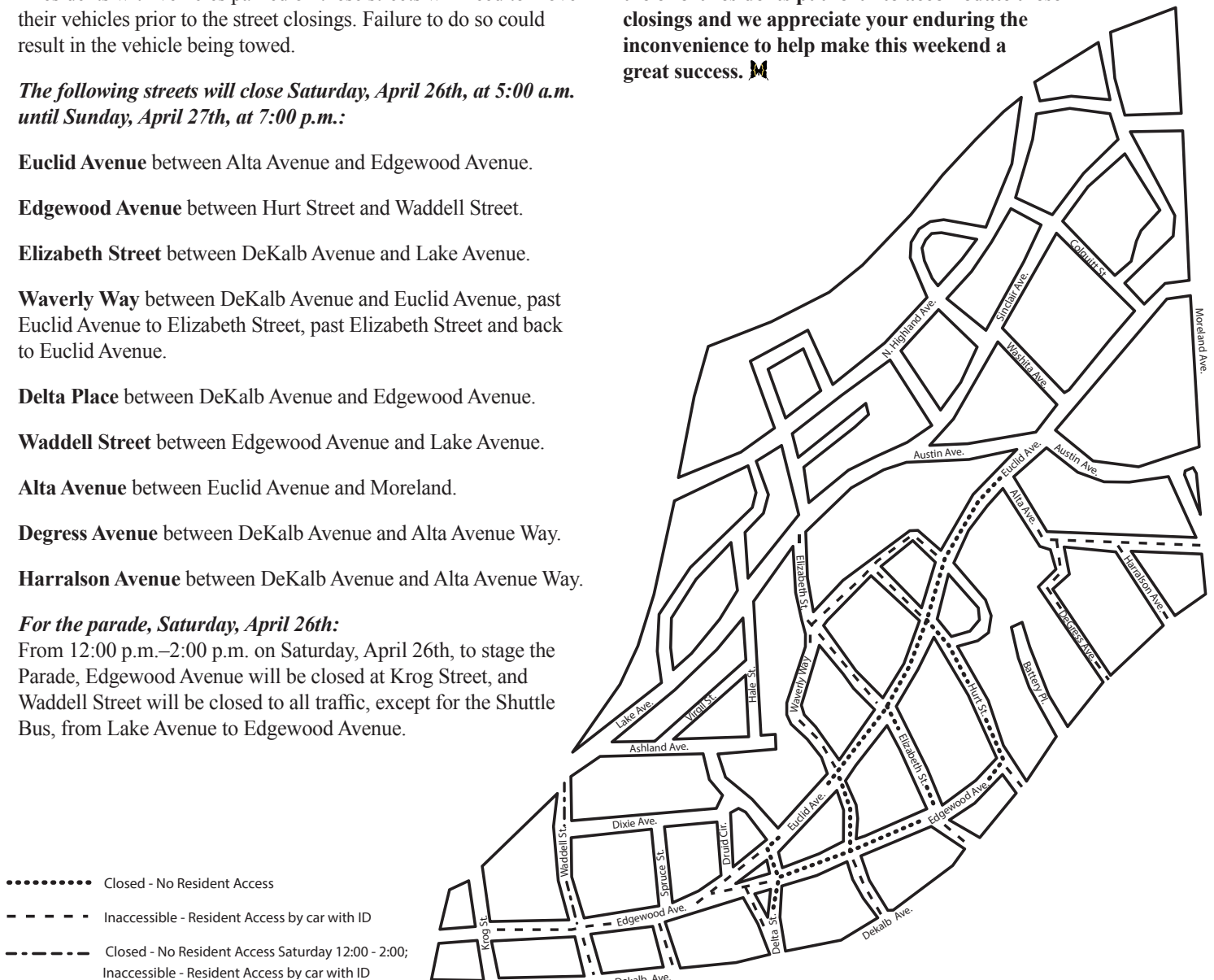
From 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th, to stage the Parade, Edgewood Avenue will be closed at Krog Street, and Waddell Street will be closed to all traffic, except for the Shuttle Bus, from Lake Avenue to Edgewood Avenue.

Streets that are indicated on the map as “INACCESSIBLE” are limited access and only residents with ID/or proof of residency can enter. However, streets marked “CLOSED” (streets with vendors) on the map will be closed to all traffic during all of Saturday and Sunday (until 7:00 p.m.).

If you have a car on one of the streets with tents or food vendors, **PLEASE RELOCATE YOUR VEHICLE OFF OF THESE STREETS PRIOR TO FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. OR YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE TOWED.**

If you have a car on one of the “CLOSED” streets and will need the vehicle during festival hours, please relocate your vehicle off of these streets prior to Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

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





Festival Focus

Why I Spend Festival in the Trolley Barn

BY CAROLYN STINE McLAUGHLIN, DANCE FESTIVAL CHAIR
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Each Festival for the past 12 years, I have spent some, if not most, of Festival weekend in the Trolley Barn – setting up chairs, hanging signs and mopping a big black floor. And I'm planning to do this again this year, and here's why.

As part of the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes, I have the privilege of selecting dance companies from all over the city and putting on one of the only free-admission dance events in the state. Heck, I even get to pay the artists to perform! In the past decade, thousands of folks have been entertained and enlivened; some of them only having come in the doors to enjoy a bit of air-conditioning, get out of the rain or looking for a bathroom.

This year's line-up includes:

Balletnic This company fuses classical ballet with African based dance forms. This company's energy is infection. Yes, African dance steps can be done in pointe shoes!

Callenwolde Dance Ensemble This is the youth company for 2014. These young ladies will be doing a contemporary ballet called Sunday Picnic that includes a love note and a quarrel over the proper placement of a picnic blanket. This piece will include two of Inman Park's own; Emily Fenlon and Margot McLaughlin.



Full Radius Dance This modern dance company has been in every Inman Park Dance Festival. Their work is innovative and passionate. This company is one of the few physically

integrated dance companies in the world. Some dancers use wheel chairs and some do not and many times you may not be sure who is who.

Staibdance 2014 will be the first appearance of this company. George Staib, director and founder, is an award winning choreographer and teacher both in the US and abroad and is part of the faculty of the Emory University Dance Department.



So, add this to the tally of why you can be proud of our 'hood and the best neighborhood Festival. I hope you'll come by either Saturday or Sunday at 4:00 pm to see the show! **M**

Alright, Kids (of all ages!)

Get Ready for the Caterpillar Ball, featuring AM1690 DJ Amy Handler

BY AMY LEAVELL BRANSFORD, CATERPILLAR BALL CHAIR
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We're pleased to announce that Amy Handler, radio DJ and voice of AM1690's radio show, "The Kids are Alright," will join us for the second year in a row to provide musical and dance activities in addition to the traditional hayrides, games and food at the Caterpillar Ball on Thursday, April 24, from 5 – 7 p.m.

"The Kids are Alright" airs Saturdays at 9 a.m. and Sundays at noon on the local station. Billed as "kid's music for everyone," the show's wild playlists, themes, and guests make it educational, goofy, and, above all, fun. Amy is sure to play a lot of songs about parades, dancing, butterflies, and, of course, caterpillars!

So whether your Caterpillar is just learning to crawl or is about to be a Cocoon, mark your calendar for Thursday, April 24! Stay tuned for more information. Alright, already! **M**

THIS IS NOT AN ARTICLE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING...

BY KAREN HEIM, PARADE ORGANIZER • ipfestivalparade@gmail.com

...but it is about putting yourself out there. About bringing on your best self to show your neighbors and the rest of the world just how cleverly creative you are, to show them your *je ne sais quoi*! C'mon, you celebrity look-a-likes, you leaf blower brigade wannabes, you bounty huntin' dogs, you reality showboats, you clowns, sheriffs and beer generals...bring it... you know you want to...go ahead...do it...promenade your bad selves and enter the Parade. It's on Sat., April 26th; parade apps are due by April 12. There's some cash prizes up in here...as much as \$300...for details and an application, check out inmanparkfestival.org/events/parade. **M**



The Inman Park Spring Festival is pleased to present the 2014 COCOON BALL

for 6th-8th graders!
THURSDAY, APRIL 24
7:30 p.m. TO 9:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$5/person



Hosted by Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Ave. (in the basement)

Dress your best - costumes welcome, too. Get your dance on, play in the president and poker tournaments, toss some corn-hole, make-your-own cookie bar and fuzzy antennae, storm the photo booth.

Music provided by Outspoken Entertainment.

(break free. fly.)

Chaperones on site. Sign-in and adult sign-out required.

For more info, email: childrenipumc@gmail.com; licollett@gmail.com or ans04f@gmail.com



Butterfly Ball 2014

By COOPER PIERCE, BUTTERFLY BALL CHAIR • c3pierce@yahoo.com

On Friday, April 25, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, Butterfly Ball will kick-off our 43rd Festival, and all IPNA members are invited. The IPNA Festival Committee organizes the party, and if your membership is current, you'll receive an email invitation with instructions about purchasing tickets.

Ticket priority is given to IPNA members, and for the past few years, the Ball has sold out prior to non-members being able to purchase tickets. Last year, we sold about 375 or 400 tickets in two weeks. This year, ticket sales will be online only and IPNA members will receive an email invitation with instructions on when and how to purchase them. Should any tickets remain for non-members to purchase after April 14, details will be posted on the Festival website at www.inmanparkfestival.org/butterflyball.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. IPNA members can purchase up to two tickets each. ***Please remember that tables are no longer offered for purchase so in order to allow more residents an opportunity to attend.***

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie, as **Bogey and the Viceroy** will entertain us once again this year. You may recognize members of this band from the band Kingsized, and they will be playing a variety of songs. We will have two cash bars and a great complimentary buffet with desserts catered by Bold American Catering. (Non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary as well.)

If you would like to help set up and decorate the tent on Friday afternoon or clean up after the party on Saturday morning, sign up at the Festival website or email me at the above address.

So, get your dressy "festive" attire ready, and let's celebrate Festival 2014! We're gonna have a Ball! Festive attire would be your sparkly, funky, dressy, "formal with flair" or "dressed to kill" outfit. **M**

After the Party... It's Time to Clean Up!

DANNY FEIG-SANDOVAL, CLEAN UP CHAIR
danny@smalcarpenters.com

Ok, so it's Sunday night and Festival is winding down and you're thinking, wow, what a great weekend – so much excitement and so many volunteers working together like ants on an anthill to make it all happen! Well, the clean up committee would like to offer any and all volunteers, free HOT pizza and beer at 9:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn, as long as you're willing to come out for a few hours after Festival closes on Sunday evening to help clean up the mess created over the weekend. For clean up to go as smoothly as possible, we need the following:

- 4-6 people who will bring their leaf blowers or use ones donated to work the streets, cleaning up small debris;
- 3-4 volunteers with pickup trucks to shuttle Festival supplies to the nearby storage warehouse;
- About 15-20 folks at the main tent and other stages to break down tables and chairs;
- Several 2-3 person crews to move tables and chairs to their proper locations and assist with putting other Festival items in the storage warehouse;
- 2-4 people to take down flags and signs off power poles; and
- 3-5 people to help with post-pizza party cleanup at the Trolley Barn.

Sign up today on the volunteer website so we can confidently staff the clean up effort and successfully put another Festival in the books by 9:30 p.m.

Please let me know if you have a leaf blower or truck you can contribute to the cause, or if there are any specific tasks noted above that are of interest to you by contacting me at the above email or 404-791-8497. **M**

Smiling Sales Volunteers Wanted

By KARIN MEBIUS, SALES COMMITTEE CHAIR
karinmebius@gmail.com

We're looking for outgoing and energetic people to help sell t-shirts, home tour tickets and the like during Festival weekend. Several spots are open for Saturday and Sunday shifts.

There are two different locations for sales volunteering – one booth is near the MARTA station at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Hurt Street, and the other is in the heart of Festival at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

If you like the Parade, volunteering at the MARTA booth location during the Parade provides a prime viewing spot – on a hill with an unobstructed view down Edgewood Avenue!

And as far as the Euclid Booth is concerned, you – (especially the ladies!) - have a wonderful view as well. Situated next to the ruggedly handsome police officers and across from the gorgeous EMTs you really can't go wrong.

Plus, time always flies for our volunteers. You'll find yourselves in a whirlwind of activity, with lots of fun stuff to sell and visitors to talk to.

Plus, you'll feel even better when you realize that just being there is very important to the entire neighborhood and Festival guests.

Plus, you'll get your own personal volunteer t-shirt (if you don't already have one).

Plus... we really need you! Sign up for a sales shift today – we very much appreciate your help! **M**

Tour of Homes Tickets

Tickets to the Inman Park Tour of Homes will be available for purchase at the IPNA March meeting on Wednesday, March 19. Tickets can also be purchased directly from Tour of Homes co-chairs and Inman Park neighbors Regina Brewer and Lora Millard or at one of the following area stores (after March 24): LSP Pharmacy, Nandina Home and Design, Intown Business Center, Inman Park Pet Works, Intown Hardware, Java Vino and Seventeen Steps. **M**

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NPU-N Update

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

Notes from the February 27, 2014 meeting:

Fire Department: representatives reported:

- The City's alarm registration program applies to both burglar and fire alarms. All residents and businesses with alarm systems are required to register their system at www.crywolf.us/atlantaga
- Residents are reminded to use caution with space heaters – maintain 3' clearance from all combustible materials, 3' clear zone from children and turn off space heaters before leaving home.

Parks Department: Tom Cullen attended the meeting and reported:

- The City will have job openings for various parks-related work, from March-October, as well as some during the summer. For more information, go to www.atlantaga.gov/iparcs.
- If a neighborhood has several parks-related projects, the City will assist with a mini-Master Plan to help coordinate the work; they are doing this currently with Lake Claire.

Solicitor's Office: Lauren Clayton attended the meeting and reported:

- They are reviewing policies regarding overgrowth vs. intentionally tall vegetation (gardens or other tall planting); if you would like to provide input on this issue, please contact Lauren at 404.658.6618 or Lmclayton@atlantaga.gov

Planner's Report: Nina Gentry attended the meeting and reported:

- The 37th Annual Atlanta Urban Design Commission "Awards of Excellence" competition is accepting nominations through Wednesday, March 19, 2014 by 3:00 pm. This program honors those projects, programs, individuals and organizations that have significantly contributed toward the enhancement of the City of Atlanta's built environment, the preservation of our physical heritage and the sympathetic balance between the old and the new. For more information, contact Matt Adams at 404.330.6201 or mdadams@atlantaga.gov.

License Review Board:

- **Katherine Rice** (Barcelona Wine Bar, 240 N. Highland Ave NE, Suite 1) Change of Agent request for the current alcohol license; 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, based on the need to submit corrected language, as well as questions regarding limitations on gas station locations.

- **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. NPU Board voted unanimously to oppose.
- **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. Applicant has worked extensively with the Poncey Highland Neighborhood Association (PHNA); PHNA members voted unanimously to support, with conditions regarding intersection improvements and adoption of certain beltline overlay requirements. NPU Board voted unanimously to support, with same conditions.
- **170 Chester Ave SE** (Z-14-004), seeking to re-zone the property from C2-C to R-5. NPU Board voted unanimously to support.

Board of Zoning Adjustment:

- **374 Clifton Rd NE** (V-13-193), seeking a variance from Zoning Regulations to reduce the transitional south side yard setback from 20 ft. (required) to 2.5 ft., to exceed the maximum transitional height plane, to reduce the minimum yard requirements from 5000 ft² to 2907 ft². NPU Board voted unanimously to defer.
- **636 Harold Ave NE** (V-14-009), seeking a variance from Zoning Regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 ft. (required) to 3 ft. for a second-story addition to an existing single-family residence. NPU Board voted unanimously to support.

Special Events and Outdoor Festivals:

- **Candler Park Movie Nights** (Candler Park), Saturday nights, April 19 – May 17, 2014. NPU Board voted unanimously to support.
- **Spring Festival on Ponce** (Olmstead Linear Parks), April 5-6, 2014. NPU Board voted unanimously to support.
- **The Great Atlanta Pot Festival**

(Candler Park), April 20, 2014. NPU Board voted unanimously to support.

- **Candler Park Music & Food Festival** (Candler Park), May 30-31, 2014. NPU Board voted unanimously to support.

Other Matters:

- **Druid Hills sub-division** (lot split), 1640 Clifton Terrace NE (SD-14-001), proposed subdivision of property into 2 residential lots; review and comment only: proposed sub-division appears to meet zoning criteria for R4 conforming lots; applicant was encouraged to design residential structures in keeping with the character of the surrounding neighborhoods, without visible garages, and to look to SPI-7 and Druid Hills Historic District regulations for useful guidance.

Text Amendments, Ordinances and Resolutions:

- **14-O-1095**, an Ordinance adopting the Krog-Lake-Elizabeth-North Highland (KLENH) Transportation Strategy as a supplement to the 2008 Connect Atlanta Plan and for other purposes. NPU Board voted to support, while noting concerns raised:

- 1) BeltLine would be given precedence over traffic – stopping city streets for recreation.
- 2) Elizabeth/Lake (four-way intersection), a fifth crosswalk (diagonally) is proposed.

This may not be appropriate for low pedestrian demand and may create a bottleneck.

- 3) Shared space (Lake/Krog/BeltLine area). Concerns raised about a linear shaped (rather than plaza-like) shared space; also concerns about potential cost and amount of signage that would be required.

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, March 27, 2014. All are welcome to attend. M

Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

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

Please note: If you wish to perform any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior of a site, home, or building in the Inman Park Historic District, you must contact the AUDC to begin their review/approval process. Please contact me at the email address above as early in the project as possible to schedule meetings and be placed on the monthly IPNA meeting agenda, or for any questions related to the historic regulations or approval process.

	Application Deadline	AUDC Hearing Date
Upcoming Application Deadlines	March 18	April 9
	April 1	April 23
	April 22	May 14

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

January 22, 2013

1. 50 Spruce St. - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-13-335) for a porch enclosure. Property is zoned R-LC-C / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

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

Applications scheduled for AUDC:

February 26, 2013

1. 1047 Washita Ave. Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-14-017) for a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 34 feet 4.5 inches (required) to 26 feet 11 inches (proposed) for an addition. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Staff Recommendation: Approve with 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>
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Agenda

March 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
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Zoning
 - 1. 913 Bernina - Victory Sandwich - liquor permit
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Planning
 - 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 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

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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 March 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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