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President's Message

Coming Soon

By DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



I'm probably showing my age, but I can remember the phrase "coming soon to a theater near you" like it was yesterday. In this case, I wanted to give our readers a heads-up as to what they can expect with our conversion to the *MemberClicks*-powered

IPNA website and associated membership management software.

By the time you read this November issue of the *Advocator*, some 400+ of you will have received an email from our Vice President of Communications, James McManus, notifying you that you are believed to be a current IPNA member in good standing. (We gleaned this list of 400+ from our current database and believe it to be fairly accurate). You will be invited to access the "test" version of our new website infrastructure and will be urged to update or create a Member Profile. This will extend your IPNA membership for a full year, and you may recall that (based on a vote of IPNA members in August) our "basic" membership is FREE! Also note that it is on an **individual** (not household) basis. *MemberClicks* only thinks in terms of individuals who make decisions to join organizations! So if you have a "better half" or other adults in the household, encourage them to update or obtain their individual free IPNA membership as well.

Later in the process when the online payment module is up and running, you will be invited to express your love for the Inman Park Security Patrol by opting for one of the payment levels adopted as part of the new membership structure approved in August: each **individual** IPNA member has the option of paying annual amounts of \$50, \$100, \$200, or \$300 to support of the Patrol. The website will list the benefits of each level.

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2015 Inman Park Holiday Party

Friday, December 11 • 7:30 pm – 11:00 pm
The Trolley Barn • 963 Edgewood Avenue

The annual Inman Park Holiday Party returns to The Trolley Barn this year. Don't miss this chance to meet and visit with fellow Inman Park neighbors over food, drinks and dancing. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Stone Soup and complimentary beer and wine. A DJ will be there to spin a delightful mix of old standards and new favorites. So don your holiday finest and join us for a good time!

Everyone is welcome. Admission for current IPNA members is complimentary. Members should have received an email Evite as of mid-November. Non-members may attend for \$25 each.

Email communications@inmanpark.org for any questions regarding IPNA membership.

Festival Kick-off

It is never too early to start planning Festival 2016!

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Holiday Light Balls

We are going to decorate the neighborhood! Get involved!

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Halloween in Inman Park

Take a look at some photos from the neighborhood festivities.

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2015

BY BEVERLY MILLER, SECRETARY • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motions were made, seconded, and approved to add to the agenda: 1) Springvale Park letter of support; 2) certificate of appropriateness for 1079 Colquitt Ave.; 3) approval of the *MemberClicks* payment implementation.

Newcomers:

Patricia Ricia, Desiree Heimann, Doug MacDonald, and Linda Aab.

Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the September minutes.

Announcements:

Jan Keith announced the next meeting of the IP Book Club on Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Purdue, 975 Ormewood Park Dr., to discuss *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Pat Westrick announced the Porch Party at the Trolley Barn at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 30. Bring a dish to share and a beverage; wear a costume if you want. A representative of Dad's Garage announced they will open in January in the Old Fourth Ward. Jan Keith announced Trunk or Treat at the IP Church from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 30. Steve Hays announced a proposal submitted for the Trolley Barn purchase. Randy Pimsler of Candler Park announced that the new CP Conservancy plans an informational session for October 24 at 9 a.m. at First Existentialist Congregation.

Police officers' reports:

Lt. Floyd, Zone 6, reported: 1) four incidents were reported in the past 28 days, all solved or close to being solved; 2) robberies trend upward around the holidays, so officers' presence will increase; 3) businesses should advise customers to remove valuables from their cars; 4) residents should attend Court Watch to influence judicial procedures.

IPNA officers' reports:

Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation: Ute Bansa, architect, presented plans for 1079 Colquitt to renovate and build a small rear addition requiring a variance for the side-yard set-back, already approved 2-0 by immediate neighbors. It was moved, seconded, and approved to

support the immediate neighbors.

Barbara Leach, Treasurer:

The *MemberClicks* payment requires approval. The payment was motioned, seconded, and approved. It was then motioned, seconded, and approved to pass the 2016 budget.

For Period: Sept 2015

Cash Balances at Sept 20	
Operating Accounts.....	328,555
CD's	48,790
Total	377,345

Revenues and Expenses

Security Patrol Income	
Individual Dues.....	1,230
HOA Dues.....	4,000
Total	5,230

Security Patrol Expense

Patrol Hours	7,245
Vehicle Exp.....	1,311
Yard Signs	586
Telephone.....	148
Total	9,290
Security Patrol Net Loss	-4,060

Other Income

Membership Dues.....	90
Film Production Donation.....	2,500
Total	2,590

Other Expenses

Memberclicks Fee.....	
Beautification	725
Education Grants.....	1,500
L5P Mini Precinct	5,000
Art on the Beltline.....	1,000
Misc Other Budgeted	297
Total	8,522
Net Loss for Period	-9,992

It was announced that today is James McManus's birthday!

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning:

Amy Higgins, Springvale Park Committee, recapped the Springvale Park improvement plans. The committee's application for a Park Pride grant for matching funds of \$65,000-\$75,000 requires a letter of recommendation from IPNA. Phase 1 brought a younger children's playground. Phase 2 includes finishing an older children's playground, bringing areas up to code, and increasing accessibility. It

was motioned, seconded, and approved to sign the letter of support. Cathy Berger, Lifelong Inman Park Committee, reported they will meet at the Trolley Barn on Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Rick Bizot, NPU-N:

Upcoming issues include: 1) 299 Moreland Ave., the former dry cleaners, with an application for a special exception for parking for a possible Chipotle; 2) BeltLine, Inc. is working to realign the corridor at DeKalb Ave and the BeltLine and needs a zoning change.

Tonya Marlatt, V.P. Zoning announced immediate neighbors will now receive postcard notices by mail instead of flyers and also presented the following items: 1) 280 Elizabeth St., Suite M&N (Inman Quarter), Liquor License Application for Rocket Farm Restaurants, LLC, dba Beetlecat. Stephanie Capezutto represented owner Ford Fry regarding two applications: Sunday sales in the restaurant and Patio sales. Immediate neighbors voted 2-0 in favor. A motion was made, seconded, and passed with 41 in favor and none opposed to support the immediate neighbors; 2) 24 /26 Waddell St. currently operating as Cameo Salon, seeking a reduced parking special exception. Immediate neighbors voted 2-2 with two supporting with the requirement that the space remain a salon, and two opposing the reduced parking exception. One vote against was later retracted. It was motioned, seconded, and approved by a vote of 41-0 to support the reduced parking special exception.

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety:

1) Sept. 29, two officers apprehended three suspicious persons after the suspects rammed their unmarked patrol car; 2) vehicle break-ins are way down.

James McManus, V.P. Communications:

1) emails will go out soon asking residents to update their profiles on the new membership database; 2) former members will be contacted next; 3) new neighbors will follow; 4) *MemberClicks* data will allow the publication of a directory. Alex Kronemeyer announced the *Advocator*

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Other Happenings to Note

Horizon Theater: Santaland Diaries and Madeline's Christmas

Santaland Diaries: Nov. 20 – Dec. 31; Madeline's Christmas: Dec. 5 – Dec. 31 • Horizon Theater • horizontheater.com

Two theater experiences no one should miss! Inman Parker Briana Gibson-Gary, 4th grader who lives on Spruce Street in The Peach House from the *Advocator's* Knock Knock spotlight last month, has been cast as Anne in the musical *Madeline's Christmas*.

Winter Wonderland at Fernbank Museum

Nov. 20 – Jan. 10 • Fernbank Natural History Museum • fernbankmuseum.org

Exhibition features trees, decorated by local cultural partners recognizing celebrations including Christmas, Hanukkah and the Festival of Lights.

Who's Bad – The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute

Saturday, Nov. 21 • 8:00 p.m. • Variety Playhouse • variety-playhouse.com

Their power-packed performance of Michael Jackson's expansive catalog has ignited crowds on every continent and can only be described as a jaw-dropping, musical must-see.

The Hip Hop Nutcracker

Saturday, November 28 • 2:00 p.m. • The Fox Theatre • foxtheatre.org

The Hip Hop Nutcracker features all-star dancers accompanied by a DJ and violinist. This production transforms the traditional Nutcracker into a romance in 1980s Brooklyn, and the story rejoices in love, community and magic.

Stories from 100 Elections

Wednesday, December 2 • 7:00-8:15 p.m. • Carter Center • cartercenter.org

Part of the "Conversations with The Carter Center" series, this talk focuses on the moving and sometimes humorous experiences Center staff have had observing elections in emerging democracies around the world.

Book Sale

Saturday, December 5 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Ponce de Leon Library • 404-855-7820

Help the Friends of the Ponce de Leon Library raise funds for special programs at the library. See page 14 for more details.

Children's Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 5 • 10:30 a.m. to noon, rain or shine • Midtown • choa.org/parade

Billed as the largest holiday parade in the southeast, this parade travels down Peachtree St. and features floats, huge helium-filled balloons, and marching bands all heralding the imminent arrival of St. Nick.


Winter Holiday Hugs at Kate's Club

Saturday, December 12 • 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Kate's Club empowers children and teens facing life after the death of a parent or sibling. Volunteers are needed at their annual Winter Holiday Hugs party to help setup and serve lunch to the families of the program. Pre-registration is required! Contact Michael Wilson at 678-812-4000 or at tcs@atlantajcc.org.

Bonfire on the Square

Thursday, December 17 • 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Downtown Decatur Square

Bring blankets, marshmallows for roasting, and all your friends and family for a community bonfire on the square! 

IPNA Calendar

Nov
18
IPNA Bylaws Committee
Trolley Barn
6:30 p.m.

Nov
18
IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Nov
19
Ball Makin' Workshop
Inman Park Church
1015 Edgewood Ave.
6:00 p.m.

See page 11 for details.

Nov
19
Festival Committee Meeting
860 Euclid Avenue
7:30 p.m.

Nov
23
NPU-N Meeting
L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Dec
5
Ball Makin' Workshop
Inman Park Church
1015 Edgewood Ave.
2:00 p.m.

See page 11 for details

Dec
11
IPNA Holiday Party
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

See cover for details.

Dec
13
Book Club Holiday Book Exchange
1046 Washita Ave.
1:30 p.m.

Dec
16
IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Dec
17
NPU-N Meeting
L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Dec
17
Festival Committee Meeting
860 Euclid Avenue
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Public Safety Update

BY CHRIS COFFEE, VP PUBLIC SAFETY • PUBLIC.SAFETY@INMANPARK.ORG

The Inner Workings of APD

I interviewed one of our Inman Park Security Patrol Officers, Sgt. Tom Soukup, who is also our Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) Supervisor. For his Atlanta Police Department (APD) job, Sgt. Soukup usually works nights leading a team of APD's APEX squad, a mobile and rapid crime suppression unit. This is a tactical unit that goes where it is needed, tracking down carjackers, muggers and other high profile criminals. I asked Sgt. Soukup to give us a general overview of how APD is organized and what some of the different units do.

APD has divided the City into six zones and the Airport (We are in Zone 6 which includes Virginia Highland, Poncey Highland, Old Fourth Ward, Candler Park, Inman Park, Edgewood, Kirkwood, East Lake, Grant Park and East Atlanta). Within each zone, the patrol officers work three shifts: day, evening, and morning watch. Each zone is divided down into many different beats (we are in beat 602 with Poncey Highland). There is one patrol car patrolling each beat and two other patrol cars to help out within the zone across all the beats. Besides those officers patrolling and answering 911 calls, each zone has other specialized units: traffic car for traffic enforcement, Field Investigation Team (FIT) which analyzes crime trends within the zone and combats them (usually going after car break-ins, auto thieves, and pedestrian robbers based on crime stats) and the Crime Investigation Division (the detectives) which investigate burglaries, car break-ins, muggings and auto thefts. The zone also has its own crime analysis officer, repeat offenders officer, and a dispatcher.

The leadership of the Zone starts with a Major. Major Timothy Peek is our Zone 6 Commander. He can be reached at tpeek@atlantaga.gov. He has a Captain as an Assistant Zone Commander, a Lieutenant for each of the three shifts and three Sergeants for each shift.

Besides the zones, APD has a number of specialized units that work throughout the City.

Motors – full-time motorcycle officers that work traffic or special details like parades or escorts

APEX – Sgt. Soukup's rapid and mobile crime suppression unit

Homeland Security – deals with major threats and large events

Gangs – interestingly, their intelligence is classified from most officers. Who knows who is listening?

Narcotics – they know the bluff well on the west side

SWAT – you don't want them knocking on your door

Tactical Traffic – City-wide traffic enforcement

Homicide – investigate all homicides City-wide

Mounted – yes, horses

K9 – cool dogs

Phoenix – Helicopter Division based out of the airport

Commercial Robbery – investigates gas station, jewelry store, and other commercial robberies

These are the basics of APD's crime fighting units. These men and women are doing their best to protect us but they still need our help, support, suggestions and accountability. Support the Inman Park Security Patrol, call 911 on suspicious activity and stay safe! Next month, I will explain more about the APD patrol car and the 911 dispatch center. **M**

Public Safety Volunteer Profile



Name: Neil Kinkopf

Street: Euclid Ave.

Job: Law Professor

Favorite Sports Team: The Mayo Westerners (Gaelic Football)

Volunteer Position:

Little Five Points Subcommittee

How long have you lived in Inman Park?

16 years

What is your favorite thing about living in Inman Park?

The neighbors. Well, except that General Grolsch character. He is pretty annoying.

What made you volunteer to be on the Public Safety Committee?

Who could pass on the chance to contribute to bringing back Little Five Points?

What does the safety of Inman Park mean to you?

Safety is towards the base of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs for good reason. Without security, the great funky experiment that is Inman Park cannot succeed. **M**

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – October 2015

Directed Patrol	799
Drop Ins	94
Suspicious Persons.....	8
Member Contacts	6
Security Eval.....	8
Noise Complaint	4
Info for Officer.....	4
Alarm	3
Found Property.....	1
Fight.....	1
Parking.....	1

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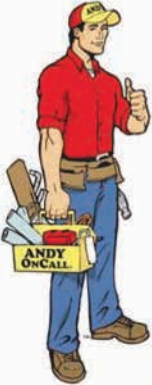
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President's Letter *continued*

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Also if you are part of the 400+ referenced above, you will have received an Evite to the annual IPNA Holiday Party. It will be a rocking good time on the evening of Friday, December 11th at (where else?) the Trolley Barn! We're hoping to have good news for all Trolley Barn fans at the party, if not before, as to "who" is buying the property. Stay tuned.

We are hopeful that the new user-friendly *MemberClicks* infrastructure, together with the possibility of FREE basic IPNA membership and lower-cost options for supporting Security Patrol, will double or triple the number of IPNA members. If this happens, we could no longer invite all IPNA members to the Holiday Party (the Barn can only accommodate a couple hundred revelers) nor could we necessarily offer first-come, first-served Butterfly Ball tickets to all IPNA members.

But these are, shall we say, "first world problems" that we would love to have!

One other "coming soon" to tell you about: IPNA plans to resume offering the printed membership directory which was suspended pending the implementation of the *MemberClicks* infrastructure. With expanded membership it will potentially be a much thicker publication than in years past. We will also insist that it be relatively easy to produce from the *MemberClicks* data (no more manually-maintained documents). Heck, we might be able to enable you to request one be printed "on demand" and inserted by you into an attractive binder of some kind. Stay tuned for additional details on all the above and bear with us—a lot of good things are "coming soon"! 

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supplements the city's police patrols in Inman Park. The patrol is managed by the IPNA, and memberships and fundraising activities are key to its fiscal viability. Visit inmanpark.org today to join, renew your membership or make a donation.

IPNA Meeting Minutes *continued*

deadline is pushed back this month and asked for submission of Halloween pictures. Please email advocator@inmanpark.org if you don't get the *Advocator* or are receiving duplicates.

Beverly Miller, Secretary: no report

Committee Reports: Pat Westrick reported the Bylaws Committee is still working.

Danny Feig-Sandoval reported 1) the Transportation Committee met and he's looking for someone who wants to take over the committee; 2) the Candler Park community met with the DOT on Saturday regarding the Moreland Ave. Corridor Study. Construction is set for March, 2019; 3) plans for DeKalb Ave. are progressing; 4) the pedestrian path over Freedom Parkway is being promoted tomorrow night at a meeting at Manuel's Tavern.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. 

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets regularly throughout the year and finishes out the year with a Holiday Brunch! Please bring a covered dish to share and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

Dec
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Holiday Brunch & Book Exchange
1:30 pm | Host Paula Mason & Joe Ebersole | 1046 Washita Ave.
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Festival Focus

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Fall is in the air, leaves are starting to flutter down and preparations for the 2016 Festival have started in earnest.

Before introducing ourselves as your new Festival Co-Chairs, we want to thank Christel Sundin and Rob Craig for their excellent job as Co-Chairs they held for the past two years.

Christel, for instance, greatly improved the organization of documents, budgets and files. Thanks to her we have a much easier job keeping all the paperwork sorted out. And there is quite a lot of it!

On top of that, both Christel and Rob will continue serving on the committee this year, leading the Exhibitor and Beer committees. Thank you both for your past and continuing efforts on behalf of this neighborhood, guys!

A little bit about us: both natives of The Netherlands, we have lived in Atlanta a combined 50 years, and in Inman Park for almost ten. We have made a lot of new friends and acquaintances through Inman Diners, which Karin has been organizing for nine years. Inman Park has given us so much joy, fun, good times – and places to eat. We feel lucky to live here and we want to give back and we hope to do it together with you.

One of the areas we want to focus on this year is touting the horn of Festival right here, in Inman Park. The neighborhood has grown very fast recently, and we want to actively engage the newer residents, who might not immediately feel that Festival is theirs. There are several rookies on the Festival Committee this year and we will focus the volunteer effort more towards newcomers.

Save the Date!

Festival 2016 dates have been announced! Save the date for **April 29 – May 1, 2016!**

We have heard from some residents in the newer apartments and condos that they don't feel they are fully engaged with all that goes on in the neighborhood. Festival is an excellent opportunity to get to know each other and to make new friends in the neighborhood. Volunteer or at least make sure you are in town the last weekend in April /1st of May to see for yourself what the fuss is all about (or why this is Atlanta's favorite festival).

We also believe the Tour of Homes can use some more of the spotlight. Four decades ago it was the main attraction. Atlanta came to see how this neighborhood remade itself and how many homes were being brought back to life. Today we have a different story to tell. Being on tour is fun, you get to show the world your place and how you have made it your own. We think the Tour of Homes deserves more attendance, and we will try to achieve that.

Although it seems daunting at first to chair the Festival Committee we are very excited to step into this role. It turns out that organizing Festival is a year-round effort and there is a lot of experience we can fall back on. We have had two committee meetings already and we are confident the 45th edition of the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes will magically come together like it does every year so we can continue to host Atlanta's Favorite Festival. **M**



Growing an Inman Park Tradition – We need you!

BY DEBI STARNES • SUGMAGBB@GMAIL.COM • 404-222-0226

Dear Neighbors,

It's time to get started on this project – as a reminder, a neighborhood in Greensboro, NC created these balls and they are SO, SO, SO COOL!!!! Over the last three years, we have started this in Inman Park. Our big trees with large horizontal limbs are perfect – and the overall effect is beautiful. We want to see them on balconies across Inman Park too so apartments and condos are not excused!

Last year we had about 250 balls, and at least 40 homes across 16 streets. But to get the full magical effect, we need 1,000 balls and we need them higher in the trees (we have methods to help you get them up high). This year will determine whether this will be an IP tradition because a few other neighborhoods are trying to copy us. We need to claim this as an Inman Park thing and not let them get ahead!!


You have three options to get it done:

- A) **Make yours** at home. You need chicken wire and strings of mini lights. The video links below can help.
- B) **Buy yours** for \$25 each. local troop of Cadette Girl Scouts will be fulfilling orders and putting the money towards their Silver Award, a community service project! Place your order with Debi Starnes (see contact info above) by November 20, 2015.
- C) Or the most fun way is to come to a **“Ball Makin’ Workshop”**. It is fun to do it together and it will help motivate all of us to get our balls done! Bring 45 inches of 24 inch tall chicken wire and 200 mini-lights (2 strings of 100 lights) for each ball.

Hanging starts December 5 so get your balls of lights ready!

Video about how to make lighted balls: <https://goo.gl/xtKX2U>

PDF instructions: www.lightedchristmasballs.blogspot.com

So, get your supplies...and let's get busy! 



Ball Makin’ Workshops (anyone can do it):

Thursday, November 19 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5 2:00 p.m.

Inman Park Church, 1015 Edgewood Ave

Contact Information for Healthcare and Retirement Topics

BY NANCY MORRISON • AGING WELL COORDINATOR, LIFELONG INMAN PARK • NMORRISON1214@GMAIL.COM


Our Aging Well Series fall kick-off session focused on Understanding Medicare. Programs are offered throughout the year on topics of interest for older adults as well as younger residents wishing to plan ahead and become more informed.

Reminder: Medicare open enrollment runs October 15th through December 7th each year.

If you are applying for the first time you must do so 3 months before you turn 65 up until 3 months after to avoid a penalty.

For more information:

- Georgia Cares/Senior Medicare Patrol 1-866-552-4464 (option 4) www.mygeorgiacares.org
- Medicare 1-800-633-4227 www.medicare.gov
- Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) 1-877-772-5772 www.rrb.gov
- Anita A. Richards 404-505-3818 www.piedmont.org/sixty-plus. Phone or office consults are offered for Piedmont Healthcare consumers

Look in the next *Advocator* for upcoming program dates on Caregiving, Resources and Discussing End of Life. 

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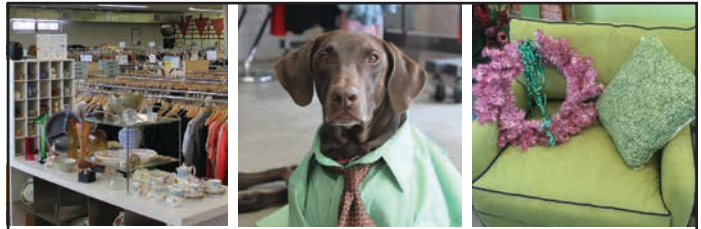
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Sarah Trunell in front of her trunk at Trunk or Treat

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Knock Knock

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Who's there? ...Heather Mitchell moved to Atlanta three years ago after she got a job as a nurse in the intensive care unit at Northside Hospital. She grew up in the mountains of upstate New York and on the beaches of Florida, but she is happiest on the quiet, leafy streets of Inman Park. "I fell in love with it after visiting a friend who lived here," Heather said. "I moved to Atlanta for Inman Park."

As a nurse in the ICU, Heather interacts with patients and family members at their most trying times. She loves the intensity of the job, but when she gets home she has to let go of everything that happened on her 12-hour shift. Her Inman Park apartment is the perfect place to do just that (unless she's meeting friends at a local brewpub).

One of the things Heather likes best about her apartment is the lush canopy of green surrounding it. She fills her balcony with potted plants, bird feeders, and a hammock suspended under a mosquito net. Her roommate is a cat named Kitty Smalls. She enjoys the sense of community in her building where she's known as the "mom of the house" because she's lived there a bit longer than everybody else.

Her favorite season in the neighborhood is spring. As the weather warms and flowers bloom, she sets out on walks to Piedmont Park with her hammock in tow. She takes out-of-town guests to Krog Street Market and the Collective. She also includes a visit to Sweetwater Creek State Park in Lithia Springs. "It feels like you're so far from urban Atlanta," Heather said, "but it's only 20 miles away." At the end of a long day she's back in Inman Park where she belongs. Another quiet night on a quiet street in the heart of a great city. **M**



Ponce Library Book Sale

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I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Ponce Library. We are hosting a used book sale on Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Library at 980 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. All funds raised go directly to the local branch, helping to fund programs and bring new books into the community.

We thank IPNA for their financial support in the past and we look forward to see Inman Park neighbors at the Book Sale! **M**



7 Stages Home Brew Series

BY ADVOCATOR STAFF

A new free series has come to 7 Stages Theater. Get a first look at Richard Garner and Lee Nowell's new play-in-development *The Commission*, and enjoy a free adult beverage from Red Hare Brewing.

Saturday, December 12

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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1105 Euclid Ave NE

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Welcome Trees Atlanta TreeHouse

BY KARLA VAZQUEZ • COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR WITH TREES ATLANTA • KARLA@TREESATLANTA.ORG

Trees Atlanta's educational branch has a new home of its own. We're calling it "The Trees Atlanta TreeHouse." The 3,800 square-foot rental space in the Stove Works, a reclaimed factory building, serves as an exciting new education and research center. The TreeHouse provides an ideal venue for Trees Atlanta's many youth and adult educational programs.

Located on the Atlanta BeltLine at 112 Krog Street, across from the popular Krog Street Market, The TreeHouse is the nonprofit's second program facility, in addition to the Kendeda Center. The newly designed space features flexible multipurpose areas for educational classes and lectures. Innovative features include seasonally changing exhibits and interactive play zones for all ages. A backdoor opens directly onto the Atlanta BeltLine's Eastside Trail, which serves as an outdoor classroom and laboratory!

The TreeHouse project has been funded by a capital campaign, with support from foundations, corporations, board members, universities and individuals. An enthusiastic response to the funding initiative has been a strong indication of the community's support for Trees Atlanta's educational programs.

Address: 112 Krog Street, Suite 7, Atlanta GA 30307 (The Stove Works)

We encourage you to walk, bike or carpool to visit us at the Treehouse.

Visitor Hours: The TreeHouse is open for visitors Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please feel free to call 404-458-4515 or email treehouse@treesatlanta.org to make an appointment for group visits and general information.

Programs: For a schedule of planned education or community events, please visit our website calendar for an up-to-date schedule. We have weekday, evening, and weekend events at the TreeHouse that you may find of interest. Many of our events are free and open to the public. Some events require registration and/or fee.

- **Youth Programs:** Engaging young leaders K-12 while taking into account curriculum needs and all learning styles such as visual, auditory and hands-on.
- **Thirsty Roots Reading Group:** Story time for young children with a hands-on activity including parents (Ages 2-7)
- **Junior TreeKeepers:** All day summer camp focused on the urban forest for elementary and middle schoolers (Ages 8-14)
- **Sapling Camp:** Morning summer camp for first- and second-grade tree lovers (Ages 5-7)
- **Badge Program:** Hands-on education helping scouts to earn forestry and arboretum achievements and badges (All Ages)
- **Citizen Science Studies:** Science research projects using the Arboretum as an outdoor laboratory (All ages)
- **Orienteering:** Learn to navigate the BeltLine with a compass and GPS to complete an Arboretum Scavenger Hunt (Ages 9-18)

- **Science Classes:** Programs customized to engage learners during the school day on Biology, Environmental Science, Ecology, Botany and Phenology utilizing the laboratory (Grades 3-8)

Adult Programs: Learning opportunities for all experience levels from novice tree lovers, to homeowners, to community professionals.

- **Family Arboretum Tour:** Youth-oriented walk on the Eastside Trail led by docents

- **Westside Arboretum Tour:** Docent-led walking tour of the Westside Trail

- **TreeSpeakers:** Trained group of volunteers leading presentations in the community about Trees Atlanta

- **Workshops:** Interactive educational experience with hands-on instruction

- **Certificate Programs:** Advanced educational programs offered in series leading to earned certificate in specific subject area

- **Exhibits:** Seasonal displays interchanged to attract visitors

- **Research:** Collaborative projects to conduct research in the Arboretum about the urban ecosystem.

For all opportunities to get involved, go to treesatlanta.org. See you at the TreeHouse! 🌳



Entrance to the TreeHouse



Charlie Kronemeyer, the first Acorn Club member, with Max Watkins, Volunteer Coordinator

NPU-N Update

By RICK BIZOT • NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA • NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG

Notes from the October 22, 2015 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department: Maj. Timothy Peek reported they are preparing for the holidays early by having more officers out on-duty.

MARTA Police: Angela Smith reported recent increase in criminal activity at the Inman Park / Reynoldstown MARTA station, including attempted robbery and a stolen vehicle. They are putting extra officers at the station, including some plainclothes officers. They also offer a service to escort Marta riders home from a station (within 5 miles of a Marta station); call 404.848.4911 for this service.

Parks Department: Tom Cullen reported that the Candler Park field remediation has been completed; also the tennis courts at Candler Park will be renovated soon.

Department of Public Works: Dennis Muma reminds homeowners that any work on a driveway apron (usually the first 10' back from the street curb) must be approved by the DPW in addition to any building permits required by the City. Work on driveway aprons is not covered by a building permit issued by the Bureau of Buildings.

SPECIAL EVENTS & OUTDOOR EVENTS:

Crafts & Drafts (Candler Park), November 8, 2015, 1-6pm. Lee Ann Rehkopf presented information on the event; free and open to the public; local craft vendors, Georgia craft beer and food trucks. For more information see www.clatl.com/craftsanddrafts. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

Ameeral Musani (Exxon Food Mart, Food Store, 247 Moreland Ave SE, Reynoldstown); Change of Ownership request for liquor license (existing location). Motion to support from RCIL rep. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

William Ford Fry (Beetlecat, Restaurant, 280 Elizabeth St NE, Suite M&N, Inman Park); New Business request for liquor license (new location). Applicant received support from IPNA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

299 Moreland Ave NE (V-15-222, Candler Park/L5P); seeking a special exception to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces from 54 spaces to 24 spaces to allow the conversion of retail to restaurant. Deferred to next month at the start of the meeting; applicant not present and did not meet with CPNO.

103 Mortimer St SE (V-15-254, NPU-O,

review/comment only); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the south side yard setback from 7' to 5' to enclose an existing porch of a single-family dwelling. NPU-N Board voted 6-0 to support, with 1 abstaining.

376 Candler Park Dr NE (V-15-256, Candler Park); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required south side yard setback from 7' to 6.3', reduce the required north side yard setback from 7' to 4.9' and the required front yard setback from 35' to 32.4' for a second story addition. CPNO voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application per site plan filed with City on 9/9/15.

465 Harold Ave NE (V-15-258, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 7' to 5.1' in order to allow for a 2-story addition to a single family dwelling. LCN voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application per site plan dated 9/8/15.

835 Kirkwood Ave SE (V-15-266, Reynoldstown); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 30' to 17' and the required West side yard setback from 7' to 3' for a second story addition and rear deck addition to a single family residence. Applicant not present; motion to oppose because application before NPU-N includes a front yard setback variance request opposed by the neighborhood; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to oppose the application.

69 Selman St SE (V-15-275, Reynoldstown); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7' to 3.6' to construct an addition to the rear of a single family residence. Applicant not present; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to defer the project.

2070 McLendon Ave NE (V-15-279, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7' to 1.3' to place a condensing unit over 30" above grade in the side yard. In addition to the existing unit located in the side yard. LCN voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application per site plan filed with City on 9/16/15.

24/26 Waddell St NE (V-15-285, Inman Park); seeking a special exception from the zoning ordinance to reduce the required off-street parking from 13 spaces to 6 spaces to allow the conversion of an office to a salon. IPNA voted to support the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

NPU-N Members

The citizenry advisory council of this neighborhood planning unit includes representation from the following areas:

Cabbagetown - cabbagetown.com

Candler Park - candlerpark.org

Druid Hills - druidhills.org

Inman Park - inmanpark.org

Lake Claire - lakeclaire.org

Poncey-Highland - ponceyhighland.com

Reynoldstown - reynoldstown.net

L5P Community Center - l5pcc.org

L5P Business Assn - little5points.com

505 #1 Oakdale Rd NE (V-15-315, Candler Park); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required north side yard setback from the required 7' to 3' in order to allow for the construction of a swimming pool. Applicant also seeks a special exception to allow active recreation in a yard adjacent to a street where otherwise not permitted. CPNO supported the application. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application per site plan filed with City on 9/22/15.

ZONING REVIEW BOARD:

10 Moreland Ave SE (Z-15-43, NPU-O); to reduce 20' landscape buffer for the addition of 7 parking spaces (Review/Comment only). Applicant did not appear; NPU-N Board voted 6-0 to take no position, with 1 abstaining.

LEGISLATION FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Intercity Bus Service Permit Fee Ordinance (15-O-1352); An Ordinance to amend article IX, Chapter 150 section 307 (A) of the code of ordinances of the City of Atlanta, entitled "Applications for right-of-way permits for intercity bus service" by adding a permit application fee structure; and for other purposes.

Increased parking fines during Class A outdoor festivals (15-O-1197); An Ordinance to amend Chapter 150, Article IV, Division 4 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, so as to create a new section 150-159 entitled "Penalty for parking without a permit during permitted festivals;" to impose a [\$75] penalty for parking without a permit in neighborhoods with designated Residential Permit Parking within a one (1)-Mile radius during class "A" outdoor festivals; to amend appendix "B" of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to reflect the penalty; and for other purposes.

*NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, and the December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend. Next Meeting: **Monday, November 23, 2015. M***

Agenda

November 18, 2015

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
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- 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
 1. Ratification of Board appointment of new VP of Zoning
 2. Vote on Authorization of 2016 IP Festival & Tour of Homes
 - B. Historic Preservation
 1. 193 Battery Place
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Planning
 1. NPU-N Report
 - E. Zoning
 1. Application for Change of Agent for Liquor License for X5 Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Variety Playhouse
 2. Seeking reduced parking special exception, 1150 Euclid Avenue NE, Govinda's Cafe
 - F. Public Safety
 - 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 welcomed & 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

www.little5points.com

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

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the December issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org on or before November 20.

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