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President's Message

Two Questions for All Y'all

BY DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



As one of those too-many-to-count “dam Yankees” living in the South (Northerners who have moved South and do not plan to budge), I insist on using certain Southern colloquialisms because they are so darn descriptive.

I would like to present two vital questions that we as a neighborhood must answer collectively in the next couple of months.

First, now that we are on the verge of building our new *MemberClicks*®-powered website and membership management system, should we simply tell their programmers to build it in the exact same IPNA membership structure that we now have, or should we seize the opportunity to do things somewhat differently?

My June President's Message first raised this question, and I will tell you my working title for the original draft was “*Are We Insane?*” The premise was that the classic definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different outcome! I allowed IPNA colleagues to read the draft and they talked me out of the title, but I just can't let it go. :-)

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A Bridge For Springvale Park and Inman Park

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At the January 2015 IPNA meeting the neighborhood voted to accept a plan to approach the City with a petition to add to the City agenda a bridge in replacement of the current berm (A berm is the raised bank that splits the two sides of Springvale Park). For the last several years, neighbors have developed a plan including a bridge, to bring the park into full restoration rather than leaving it split forever. To be clear, there are two groups working to improve Springvale Park. The Springvale Park Committee is charged with the renovation of the park. The Springvale Park Conservancy (sometimes called the Bridge Builders) is an informal group of residents who believe the park would benefit from replacing the berm with a bridge. The Conservancy may be looked upon as an adjunct group working in concert with the Springvale Park Committee to bring a full return to the founders' original concept of Springvale Park.

We are aware that there are two obstacles to this goal: to gain the support and the collaboration of the City for a bridge, and to seek funding for the bridge. We are also aware that the City is generally resistant to spending money for that which is not intrinsically necessary in infrastructure. Funding and creating more than the necessary basics for the City is always a long climb, but it is worth the effort of an involved citizenry to promote something better. Sometimes there is surprising success. Funding for such a project is beyond the capacity of the neighborhood, and there will be no local fund-raising efforts. However, if we receive a positive response for City involvement, then we will seriously review funding sources.

There are two default positions if the bridge concept is not acted upon. They are to either remove the berm entirely, thereby disconnecting Euclid Avenue and unifying the park, or to retain the berm and work with what we have. Both these alternative outcomes were part of the January IPNA vote.

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Membership Scenarios

The structure of membership could be changing. Prepare for the August 19 vote.

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Books abound in Inman Park! Find out where to get them!

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Transportation Committee Chair Seat Available

What to help serve the neighborhood in a way that affects everybody?

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Alex knew immediately how best to market the house for the rental market and sure enough the right tenants were found, vetted, and signed up within days. Alex is a **PLEASURE TO WORK WITH** and facilitates every step of the process making what could be a difficult time a breeze.

Lee

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2015

BY BEVERLY MILLER • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Motions were requested, made, seconded, and approved, adding two items to the agenda: 1) Krog Masquerade; 2) 224 Haralson Ave.

Newcomers: none present

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve last month's minutes with the correction that Adam Stillman is the architect for 343 Sinclair.

Announcements: **Oreon Mann**, IP Book Club, announced the next meeting will be on July 28 at the home Dorothy McClure, 26 Waddell, to discuss Bill Bryson's *One Summer: America, 1927*.

Pat Westrick announced the Porch Party, hosted by **Gretchen and Bruce Maclachlan**, will be held at 226 Elizabeth St. on July 31 at 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and a beverage.

Janine Brown from Reynoldstown announced her run for Georgia House of Representatives District 59. Contact her at janinefor59@gmail.com.

Cathie Berger, Chair of Lifelong IP, announced upcoming tours of Lizzie Chapel, a condominium.

Chantelle Rytter announced the sixth Lantern Parade on Sept 12. Provide feedback at c@chantellerytter.com or 678-612-2570.

Neal Kinkopf announced Horizon Theater received a grant to fund performances 2-3 nights per week in Findlay Plaza, Davis Plaza, and other parks to engage with the community and help establish a new arts and theater brand for L5P.

Lou Archangeli reported he met with the Starbucks general manager about loiterers. They have now expelled four people whose behavior is not consistent with what they want and plan to ban vagrants. Police will now evict offenders for trespassing.

Andy Coffman announced an upcoming Bylaws Committee meeting.

Police Officers' Reports: none present

Elected Officials' Reports: Jay Tribby reviewed his recent tour of L5P, acknowledging new problematic activity and outlining efforts to correct it. APS is taking responsibility for the lot beside the Wrecking Bar. The organization, Friends of L5P is doing amazing work. He also announced we will soon know specifics about projects funded by the recent bond initiative for our neighborhood. Email khall@atlantaga.gov to receive their new e-newsletter.

IPNA Officer Reports: **Dennis Mobley, President**, announced a planned Oct. 17 repeat of the for-profit Krog Masquerade, organized by an outside group. The date conflicts with the L5P Halloween Parade. Reynoldstown and Cabbagetown requested our joining in opposition. The motion was made, seconded, and carried with 22 votes in favor and 2 abstentions; none opposed.

Dennis announced the Wine Stroll on the BeltLine this fall.

Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation: introduced three proposals: 1) Michaela Roberts representing 163-167 Sampson St. (NPU-M; Review and Comment only) said the owner seeks approval to build garages on 2 lots requiring double the allowed 35% garage allotment. 2) 1113 Colquitt: **Adam Stillman** presented the addition of a bedroom with dormers visible from the street. Immediate neighbors voted 5 in favor and none opposed. It was moved and seconded to support their vote; the motion passed. 3) **Adam Stillman** presented plans for 175 Battery Place for an addition that will also improve the previously modified camelback roofline, making the house aesthetically pleasing and code compliant. Three immediate neighbors voted unanimously in support. It was moved, seconded, and approved to support their vote.

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning, announced proposed plans for the parcel between Degress, Alta, Haralson, and Dekalb. **Cooper Pierce** spoke representing the new owner, Mike Tillman, who plans six 1.5 story, single-family bungalows, approximately 2500-2700 sq. ft., and needs rezoning for a road off Haralson. The city must still grant

approval. Immediate neighbors voted 16 in favor, none opposed. It was motioned, moved, seconded, and approved to support the immediate neighbors. The project will go before NPU and UBC and may be back before IPNA this fall regarding the design of the houses.

Rick Bizot, NPU-N: Dennis for Rick: nothing to report

Tonya Marlatt, V.P. Zoning: nothing to report

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety: **Neal Kinkopf**, leading the L5P Cleanup Committee, announced upcoming plans for redesigning Findlay Plaza and adding attendants to help visitors. Park benches have been removed. Chris announced: 1) a different volunteer for public safety will be profiled in each month's *Advocator*; 2) Inman Quarter is now paying IPSP \$500/month; 3) Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is claiming ownership of Bass Rec Center Park and posting "no trespassing" signs, allowing eviction of campers at any time; 4) there is a flasher on Edgewood, a white male, twenties, with long hair; 5) three cars were stolen last month. **Cooper Pierce** reported escalating drug activity at Poplar Circle. **Scott Evans** is working with the city to get lighting throughout the park.

James McManus, V.P. Communications, reviewed recent round table discussions. The final focus group will meet July 21 to review and fine tune. Findings will be published in the *Advocator* with a vote on the proposals in August.

Beverly Miller, Secretary: nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Transportation: **Danny Feig-Sandoval** reported Elizabeth Street is now repaved and crosswalks are forthcoming.

Jonathan Miller: El Bandido did not open within the six-month time frame so they must begin the liquor license approval process again, requiring another two months.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. M

Other Happenings to Note

Piedmont Park Arts Festival

Sat/Sun, Aug. 15-16 • 10/11 a.m. – 6 p.m. • Piedmont Park • piedmontparkartsfestival.com

The 2015 Piedmont Park Summer Arts & Crafts Festival is a 2-day outdoor event with an emphasis on the visual arts and family fun presented by the Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces, for people of all ages, races, customs and interests.

Dinosaur Birthday Bash

Saturday, Aug. 22 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Fernbank Museum
fernbankmuseum.org/calendar-of-events

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Festival Peachtree Latino

Sunday, Aug. 23 • 1 p.m. • Piedmont Park • festivalpeachtreelatino.com

Festival Peachtree Latino is the largest multicultural event in the Southeast featuring hundreds of exhibitors, family activities, arts & crafts, international foods, international recording artists as well as local artists. Free.

Cork Pullers Beer, Wine & Spirits Tour

Saturday, Aug. 29 • 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Candler Park • corkpullerstour.com

This is a beer, wine, and spirits sampling event featuring several Atlanta and national breweries. Live music and food trucks will also be available at this ticketed event for 21+ adults only.

Write a Love Note to Grandma & Grandpa

Various dates and times during September • Peachtree Branch Public Library
afpls.org/peachtree-branch6

September is National Grandparents Month. Children are encouraged to come in to the branch and write a love note to grandma and grandpa using pictures and words to illustrate something they find special about their grandparents. Free.

Decatur Book Festival

Fri/Sat/Sun, Sept. 4-6 • Various venues around Decatur Square • decaturbookfestival.com

Now in its 10th year, the festival is featuring book sales, author programs, children's activities, live music, cooking demos, parade, Youth Poetry Slam, food/beer vendors and a wine garden. Free.

Atlanta Beltline Lantern Parade

Saturday, Sept. 12 • Atlanta Beltline Eastside Trail • art.beltline.org/lantern-parade

This glowing procession of light, music, and color carries over the entire length of the Eastside Trail as the parade winds from Irwin Street near Krog Street up to Piedmont Park. Free.

Atlanta Ballet's Healthy Living Day

Sunday, Sept. 13 • Noon - 6 p.m. • Michael C. Carlos Dance Centre
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Kids and adults can participate in a variety of free activities such as arts & crafts, dance classes, food demonstrations, healthy living and nutrition seminars, performances by local dance and arts groups. Free. 

IPNA Calendar

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

Aug
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Book Club
Hosted by Jim and Cathy
Cook McKinney

see page 9 for details

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

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Porch Party

see page 15 for details

Sept
16

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Sept
24

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

Sept
26

Wine Stroll on the BeltLine
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sept
29

Book Club
Hosted by Jan Keith

see page 9 for details

We Sold Out!

September 26

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more detail see page 11.



Public Safety Update

BY CHRIS COFFEE • PUBLIC.SAFETY@INMANPARK.ORG

How to Protect Your Children from Online Predators

Investigator Jared Watkins works for us and lives in Inman Park. When he is not protecting Inman Park, he is protecting kids from pimps, predators, and exploiters as part of the APD Child Exploitation and Online Protection Squad. I had a conversation with him about what we can do to keep our kids safe online.

Q: The internet is such a big part of our world these days. Our children have so many ways now to communicate with others, whether it's through computers, phones or tablets using social media. It's become so much harder to keep our children safe. **So what do we do?**

Inv. Watkins: *First and foremost, be involved with what they are doing online. The world is a far different place from the early 90's when you had to call someone's house to talk to them. Know what apps they are using and what social media they use and on what devices. You don't have to have a phone to text or use social media these days. An iPod touch attached to Wi-Fi is able to send text messages, pictures, videos, and even use FaceTime (Apple's video chat service). Tablets connected to Wi-Fi have several contact options and can record and send video.*

Be mindful of who your kids are chatting with and do not be afraid to pick up their phone and look at it. Look at what they do on social media and be mindful of the fact that so many apps have built in social media components. Research each app your child downloads on any device.

Q: Who is appropriate for my kids to interact with online?

Inv. Watkins: *The easy rule for this that I tell parents is "Would you let this person talk to your kid at the mall or on the phone?" Most people would be creeped out if a 40 year-old man called the house and asked to speak to your 13 year old daughter. Use the same intuition and investigate who they are chatting with online.*

Q: I have heard that most of these predators start out pretending they are an age group peer of my child. How do you watch out for that?

Inv. Watkins: *Again, investigate who your children are chatting with. Are they asking your child to send photos? Videos? Do they ask to video chat with your child, but their webcam is always broken? Is their phone video blurry or cracked? These are all red flags that the person is pretending to be someone they are not.*

Q: What other disturbing trends are out there?

Inv. Watkins: *Sextortion. A predator will engage a child in chat and eventually ask them sexual questions or talk them into sending a somewhat compromising photo. Then the predator will threaten to expose the sexual conversation or picture to the child's parents or friends to force the child to send even more provocative photos or videos or even worse to get the child to meet them somewhere. Know who your kids are interacting with.*

Q: What is one thing you would like for parents to remember?

Inv. Watkins: *Do not be afraid to go through their devices. Our children have a right to be safe, not a right to privacy. M*

Public Safety Volunteer Profile



Name: Alison Gordon

Address: 1035 Euclid

Job: Construction Project Manager with BDR Partners

Favorite Sports Team: Atlanta Braves

Volunteer Position: Street Captain

How long have you lived in Inman Park? 3 years (husband Jeff for 9 years)

What is your favorite thing about living in Inman Park? The variety of amazing restaurants within walking distance

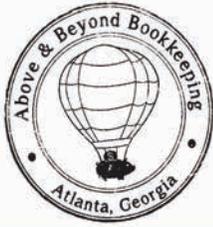
What made you volunteer to be a street captain? Attempted break-in to my house

What does the safety of Inman Park mean to you? Inman Park is a special neighborhood OF COURSE! That's why we all love living here. One of the last hurdles to being the absolute best neighborhood in the city is addressing the issue of crime. I hate to hear about car break-ins and robberies in our otherwise idyllic community. As a new mother, the issue of crime has taken on a new meaning. I now feel a new sort of compassion for victims and their families, and I worry for the safety of my own little one. By joining the Security Patrol, I hope I can do my part to protect the community I love, so my daughter can freely enjoy all our neighborhood has to offer. M

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – July 2015

Directed Patrols.....	821
Drop Ins	123
Noise Complaints.....	1
Suspicious Person	14
Info For Officer	3
Alarm Call.....	3
Officer Needs Assistance	1
Theft.....	7
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Criminal Trespass.....	4
Member Contact.....	2

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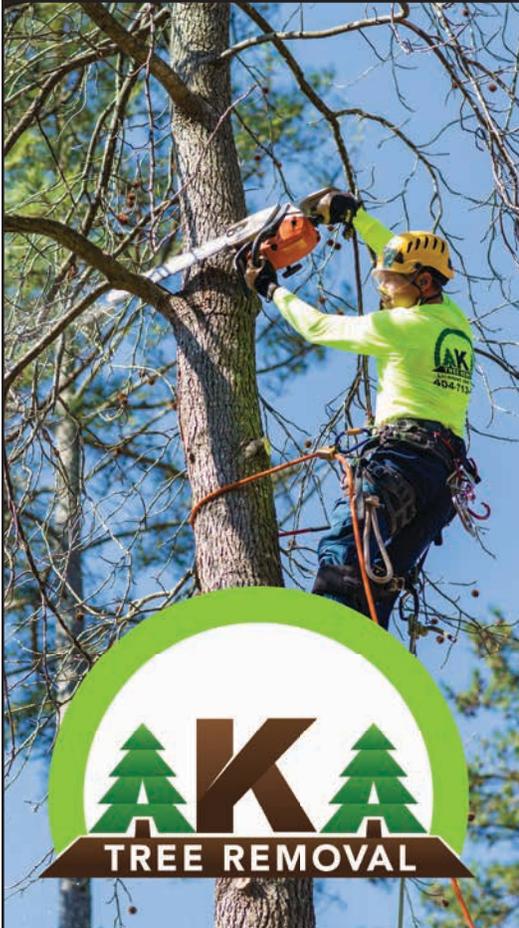


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President's Letter

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That's not to say I'm lobbying for a different membership structure versus what we've had in place for some time, but only to say that if we are concerned that only 413 Inman Park neighbors were IPNA members in July (out of a total population of 5,000), and that only around 38% of single-family households contribute to the Inman Park Security Patrol, then we better at least THINK ABOUT making some changes. Otherwise, "calling Dr. Freud?"

In that regard, I write this message the day after a focus group met at the Trolley Barn on the evening of July 21st, where two dozen neighbors (a cross-section of Inman Park) helped us fine-tune three different membership approaches or "scenarios" as we now call them.

At the August IPNA meeting, attendees will be asked to vote on their favorite "scenario" (as described elsewhere in this issue of the *Advocator*), and also their second-favorite and their least favorite.

I hope "all y'all" will come to the Trolley Barn starting at 7:30 pm on August 19th to help us answer the first of the two questions I am laying before you.

Second, it is almost time for the IPNA Budget to be published, and in fact in this issue we are inviting folks to send our Treasurer, Barbara Leach, any requests or ideas you have regarding the budget for the fiscal year beginning November 1st. Barbara can be emailed at treasurer@inmanpark.org.

I am asking you to ponder these questions because in some ways they are related. To wit, if the new *MemberClicks*®-powered infrastructure helps increase our Security Patrol revenue, whether linked to a new membership structure or not, it begs the question of **whether we should increase IPSP hours of coverage, versus reduce IPNA subsidization of IPSP, or a little of both?**

These (and other) queries are exactly what we should be asking ourselves at this time of year. Although City Council just passed an ordinance authorizing Public Works to "create a prioritized list of sidewalk maintenance and repair locations throughout the city", should we assume the City is NOT going to put a lot of money behind it, and so resume **significant IPNA subsidies for sidewalk repairs** that are desperately needed in our neighborhood? Should we invest in a **master development plan** or wait on the City to designate resources in this regard? Also what about **traffic-related initiatives?**

I hope all y'all will help us answer these and other questions, beginning with your presence at the Trolley Barn on August 19th. I hope to see you there! **M**

Welcome New Neighbors

Alicia Bostic, *Hurt Street*

Transportation Committee Update

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As I am writing this article, I just received word that the Georgia DOT has notified us that there is some funding for the redesign of Moreland Avenue between Dekalb Avenue and Mansfield Avenue. I have not yet seen any of the details of this funding, but it is an encouraging sign.

We are still waiting for the city to complete their final list of proposed projects to be funded by the \$250 million approved by voters in the March bond referendum. It does appear that the redesign of Dekalb Avenue will make the priority list. As for the discretionary money that our council district is hoping to receive, Kwanza Hall's office has informed us that they are still processing all the project funding requests that have been made. Once they determine how much money each council district will receive, they will then narrow down the project list. No timeline has been established at this point for these projects.

On another note, after doing this job for roughly 10 years (not even sure exactly when I started or for that matter why I took on this job - I can now start to blame these lapses partly on old age!!!), I think it is time for someone with new energy to step into my role as transportation committee chair for the neighborhood. There are many areas of focus that need attention so someone who feels they have a little extra time to work on keeping these projects on the agenda at city hall would be great at this. I would be happy to sit down over coffee, lunch, beer or whiskey to go over our ongoing and proposed projects needs. Please call or email me to discuss this further. **M**

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm to discuss the featured selection. Please bring a covered dish to share and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

Aug
25

Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter
Jim and Cathy Cook McKinney
337 Drexel Ave. (Decatur)

Sept
29

The Rosie Project
by Graeme Simsion
Jan Keith 889 Edgewood Ave.

IPNA/IPSP Membership Structure Up For Vote

By DENNIS MOBLEY AND JAMES McMANUS • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG

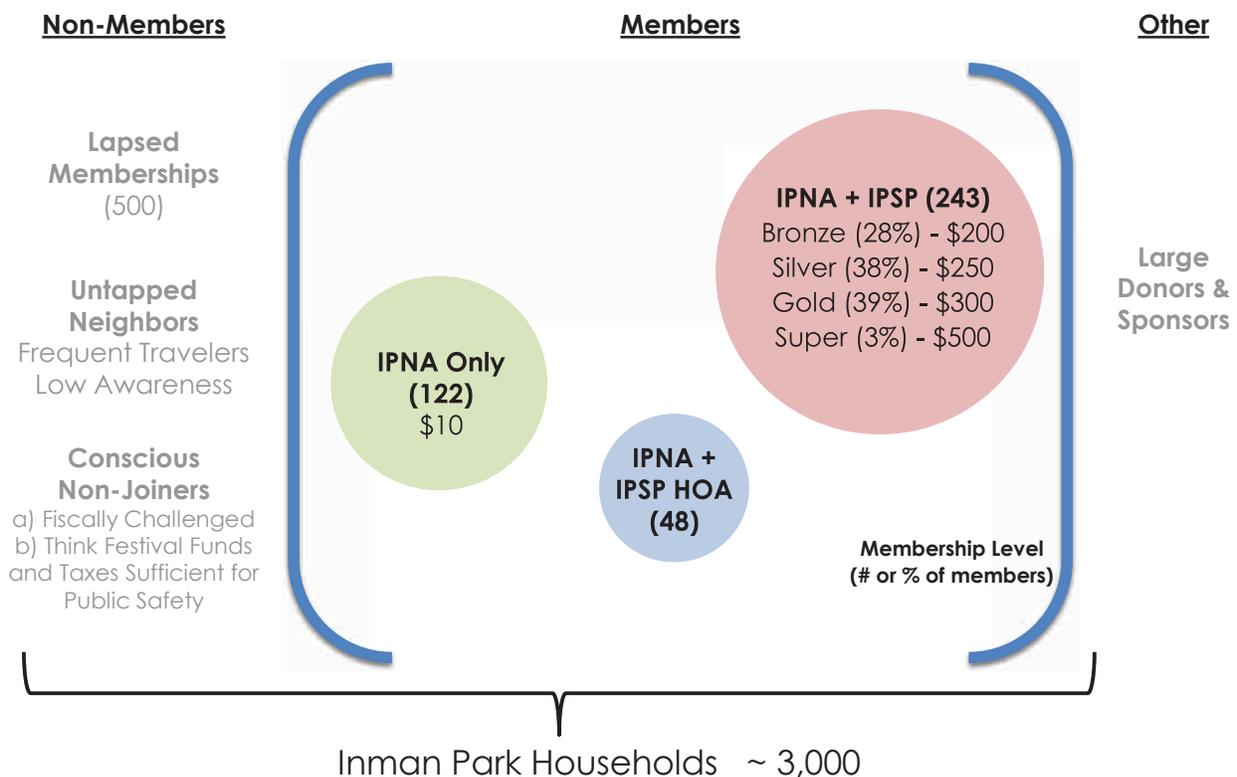
At the upcoming August 19th meeting (7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn), the Board will present three potential membership scenarios for both the IPNA and Security Patrol. The three scenarios are detailed below. Attendees will vote that night using a weighted system (to be explained then). The Board developed the membership scenarios and made the MemberClicks selection after 13 months of research including conducting surveys/focus groups, identifying needs, and interviewing potential vendors. This transition to MemberClicks offers an excellent opportunity for the neighborhood to assess current membership scenarios and determine the best scenarios moving forward. MemberClicks is the online platform that will manage IPNA/IPSP memberships, event/volunteer registration, communication platforms, status/accounting reports and more.



All members are urged to review these three scenarios prior to the August 19th meeting so that questions and concerns can be addressed prior to the vote. Additionally, members should consider which scenario best aligns with key IPNA objectives: A) maximize neighborhood engagement and volunteerism, and, B) grow Security Patrol participation to increase coverage and reduce IPNA subsidies.

The current membership rate reveals there is much untapped potential for membership to both IPNA and IPSP. Of the 5,000 residents in Inman Park, only 413 are IPNA members. Of those 413 members, 291 contribute on behalf of their household to the IPSP. These numbers mean that Security Patrol participation for single-family households is at only 30%. I expect that implementing the MemberClicks software will make membership renewal easier. Plus, revamping the membership structure could make participation more attractive to those not currently involved.

IPNA & IPSP Membership Snapshot – As of July 2015



The Board recognizes that regardless of the membership scenario selected by the vote, Inman Park faces five tangential issues that require consideration and eventual resolution:

- 1) Reconciling the calendar-based IPNA membership with the anniversary-based IPSP membership
- 2) Continuing the practice of offering non-Inman Park residents membership to IPNA
- 3) Assessing complications arising from increased IPNA membership. These include the criteria for Butterfly Ball advance ticket purchases and Holiday Party invitations. The IPNA Board and Festival Committee **may** eventually need to address these issues. Frankly, wouldn't we LOVE to have the problem of how to provide benefits to a greatly-increased number of members!

4) Investigating tax deduction status for those exceeding contribution levels perhaps through Friends of Inman Park. (Any tax attorney willing to work on this, please contact us!)

5) Changing the By-Laws to reflect any new membership structures

We are looking forward to an interesting discussion and vote on these crucial matters. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm at the Trolley Barn, 963 Edgewood Avenue. See you on August 19th.

Scenario A: CURRENT

IPNA membership is open to **individuals** and must be renewed each calendar year, May 1st to April 30th.

Individuals above the age of 18 pay \$10 each and are entitled to access the resident directory, vote on IPNA issues, purchase Butterfly Ball tickets, and attend the annual Holiday Party.

Security Patrol membership is by **household** and renewed one year from last payment date. There are three membership tiers:

Bronze – \$200/year – Benefits include attractive black-and-gold metal IPSP yard sign and basic patrol service

Silver – \$250/year – Bronze benefits plus vacation monitoring

Gold – \$300/year – Silver benefits plus on-demand property checks, street-to-door escort, and unlimited non-emergency access to IPSP car mobile phone

Super Booster – \$500/year – Gold benefits plus the satisfaction of knowing the household is providing extra support for the IPSP

The current policy for **multi-family properties**, such as condos, apartments, lofts, and townhouses is to have each property secure a tailored quote, which provides a discounted rate based upon 100% participation. The quoted prices vary based on the number of units and their physical layout. Vacation monitoring is not possible for some condos and apartments, but is typically available for townhomes.

Scenario B: NEW

Complimentary IPNA membership is available for all Inman Park residents who own or rent a residence or own a

business within the geographic boundaries of Inman Park. All members have the added Scenario of supporting IPSP. Although membership in IPNA is free, online registration will be required to activate and maintain member status. IPNA members are able to vote on IPNA issues, have access to and be included in the IPNA directory (if desired), and receive e-news bulletins.

This scenario will offer members opportunities to financially support the Security Patrol. Details of these opportunities are not yet determined but the listing below show possible scenarios for single-family households. See Scenario A for the **multi-family homes** policy.

IPSP Supporter – \$50/year

IPSP Contributor Level 1 – \$100/year

IPSP Contributor Level 2 – \$200/year

IPSP Contributor Level 3 – \$300/year

Note: Focus groups raised concerns that offering lower price points would encourage current IPSP supporters to opt in at a cheaper price insufficient to offset the dollars brought in from increased memberships attracted by the lower levels. Rest assured that if necessary the Board of Directors will intervene under these circumstances commensurate with its powers under our By-Laws.

Scenario C: NEW

This approach, like Scenario B, also offers a baseline **complimentary IPNA membership** to all Inman Park residents and offers the added scenario of supporting IPSP via a two-tier version of the current Bronze/Silver/Gold levels but with increased benefits.

IPSP Contributor Level 1 – \$200/year – Benefits include an IPSP yard sign or window decal, “safe ride home” (e.g., street-to-door escort) and safety alerts.

IPSP Contributor Level 2 – \$300/year – Benefits include IPSP Basic benefits plus vacation monitoring and on-demand property checks.

See Scenario A for the **multi-family homes** policy. **M**

Sip, Socialize and Stroll to benefit Inman Park

BY ADVOCATOR STAFF • ADVOCATOR@INMANPARK.ORG

Back by an overwhelming demand, the third annual Wine Stroll on the BeltLine will be held on Saturday, September 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event is organized by Inman Park neighbors and proceeds benefit Friends of Inman Park. The Friends of Inman Park’s mission is to support phase two improvement projects at Springvale Park as well as to support the Inman Park Security Patrol. Listed below are just a few of the venues that will feature a selected wine and light appetizers:

The Collective	Cockentrice	MF Sushi	The Albert
Atlanta Beltline Bicycle	Ice Box Cool Stuff	Parish	Two Urban Licks
Barcelona Wine Bar	King of Pops	Pecola	
Bill Hallman	Ladybird Grove and Mess Hall	Pure Taqueria	
City Issue	Made Again	Serpas	

Tickets sold out in 5 days so thank you for your overwhelming interest! For more information, please visit us on www.Facebook.com/beltlinewinestroll. **M**



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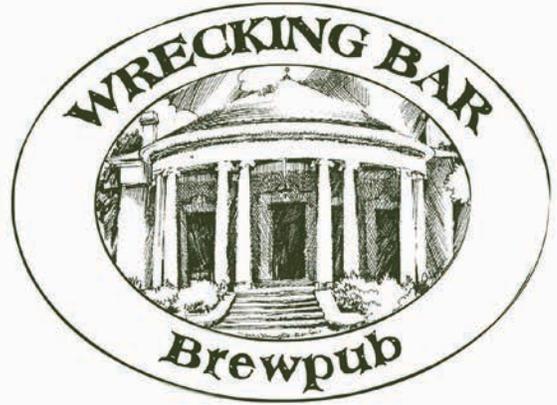
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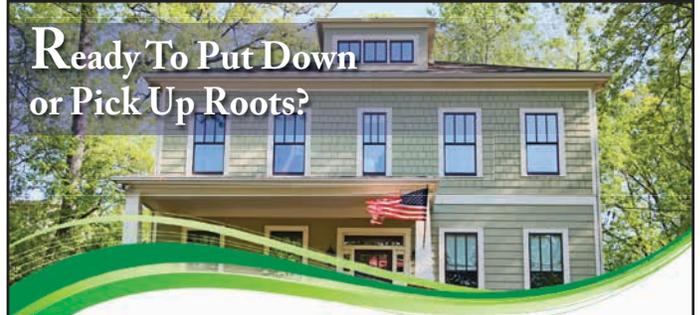
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Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

BY BRIAN A. ROOF • VP 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	August 18	September 9
	September 1	September 23
	September 22	October 14

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

July 8, 2015

1197 Cleburne Ave. Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-214) for alterations and additions at 1197 Cleburne Avenue. Property is zoned R-5 /Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1).

Staff Recommendation (CA3-15-214): Approve with a condition

Commission Voted: Approve with a condition

343 Sinclair Ave. Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-239) for alterations and additions at 343 Sinclair Avenue - Property is zoned R-5/ Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1)/Beltline.

Staff Recommendation (CA3-15-239): Approve with a condition

Commission Voted: Approve with a condition

August 5, 2015

1113 Colquitt Ave. Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-271) for a second story dormer addition at 1113 Colquitt Avenue - Property is zoned R-5/ Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1)/Beltline.

Staff Recommendation (CA3-15-271): Approve

1187 Cleburne Ave. Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-223) for a variance to allow a rooftop addition higher than the existing house and with a higher ridge line and (CA3-15-222) for an addition at 1187 Cleburne Avenue - Property is zoned R-5/ Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1)/Beltline.

Staff Recommendation (CA3-15-222): Approval

Staff Recommendation (CA3-15-223): Approval

Applications Scheduled for AUDC

August 12, 2015

175 Battery Pl. Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-294) for alterations and additions at 175 Battery Place. Property is zoned R-5 /Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

Please see the agenda on page 18 for applications scheduled for this month's IPNA meeting.

AUDC Contact Information:

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

Address: 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3350
Atlanta GA 30335-0331

Phone: (404) 330-6145

Fax: (404) 658-6734

IPNA Budget Request for 2015-2016

BY BARBARA LEECH • TREASURER • TREASURER@INMANPARK.ORG

Please submit budget requests for fiscal year November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016 to treasurer@inmanpark.org by August 21. A proposed budget will be published in the September *Advocator* for discussion at the September meeting. The final budget based on the September meeting discussion will be published in October and voted on at the October meeting. 

A Bridge For Springvale Park and Inman Park • *continued*

WHY BUILD A BRIDGE WHEN THE CURRENT BERM IS SERVICEABLE?

For those members of the community who question the effort to replace the berm, with its costs and temporary dislocations, here are two reasons:

- To promote the Park ultimately to a level of excellence that will make it as noteworthy as the founders intended it to be at the turn of the 20th century. A bridge was designed but failed to be implemented in 1914
- To advance the neighborhood in its continued movement towards the kind of excellence and uniqueness of character that those same founders envisioned for the neighborhood, and that the urban pioneers in the late 20th century sought to emulate

The berm is indeed serviceable, but that is all it is. It was created 55 years ago connecting Euclid Ave and abutting Springvale Park. We can do better for Inman Park than simply accept the compromises and limitations inflicted on our neighborhood in the mid-20th century. Further, it should be universally apparent that the berm is simply ugly and an all-round sore thumb that can't be truly healed as it is now constituted, the berm being permanently subject to erosion due to its unnatural slope, as is apparent in the exposed concrete footings to the fence.

We all know that Atlanta has a history of suppressing charm and grace in its infrastructure in favor of pragmatism. Maybe this bridge will help ameliorate that.

THE PLAN

There are four illustrations in total of the bridge, all of which are being concurrently posted on the Yahoo website.

We (Amy Higgins, Chair of Springvale Park Committee, Fred Yalouris, BeltLine design manager and local resident, and I) determined that the optimum width for a bridge is 46 feet, which is

the minimum surface required. This narrow size serves a threefold purpose:

- reducing excess visual bridge impact on the park below and street above,
- keeping costs as low as possible, and
- acting as a traffic calmer.

A bulk amount of the berm remains in place. With a bridge in place, the Euclid Avenue block can still accommodate a Festival tent (displaced slightly to the east) and the bridge itself can freely accommodate Festival booths and concessions. There is the opportunity to incorporate water and electrical feeds within the bridge construction to service Festival. That would reduce the need for temporary mechanical requirements in that area each year.

Our initial approach to the City of Atlanta will be through our Councilperson, Kwanza Hall, and his Chief of Staff, Jay Tribby, both of whom are aware of this project as it now stands. They were both present at the January IPNA meeting. Kwanza pledged to connect the dots and schedule the necessary meetings with City staff, funders, and others once the Bridge Builders is ready to move forward.

Having said all that, we may find out that, even gaining overall City support, the powers that be may have other ideas for the bridge design. Nonetheless they will know that we have a starter plan, the key to making it known that we have definite ideas on what we want. We will accept no bridge at all rather than just another "pragmatic" bridge.

If you are interested in joining the effort, call me and I will add you to the Conservancy list. Alternately, you may wish to become a member of the Springvale Park Committee itself which can always use new talent and workers. **M**



Little Free Libraries

BY MARNIE ZAMBRI JACHMAN • MARNIEZAMBRI@HOTMAIL.COM

I never pay for books. When a new book comes out, I go online to the Fulton County Library and reserve it, waiting my turn until my lending status is no longer pending but ready for pick up! I also borrow books from friends. Both the library and friend lend requires a measure of responsibility and a time limit and I absolutely hate reading under a deadline.

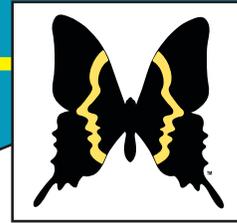
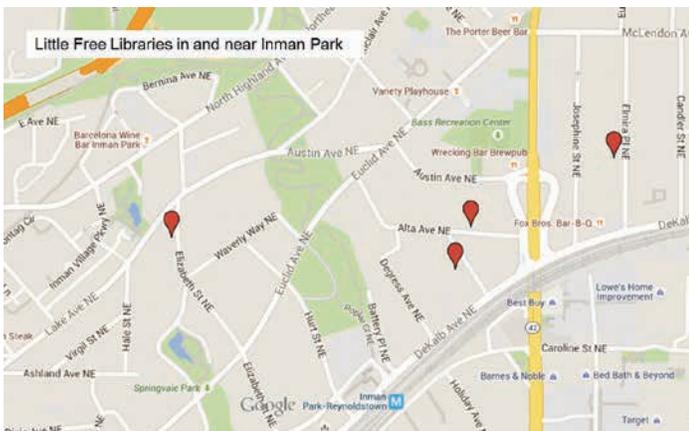


Little Free Libraries are the perfect solution to my insatiable desire to read, while eliminating the necessity to return, read fast, or discuss the book. Little Free Libraries are the brainchild of two guys in Wisconsin wanting to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide.

Since discovering these little libraries, I drop by one at least once a week looking for a “new to me” book. “Love in the Time of Cholera” is my latest find at one of three little libraries in Inman Park. I’ve also found Tom Brokaw’s “Greatest Generation”, Alice Waters’ “Chez Panisse Vegetables,” Alcott’s classic “Little Women” and of course a bevy of self-help books.

The entire philosophy behind the Little Free Library is “take a book, leave a book.” I’ve taken a lot of books, and I’m ashamed to say, I have yet to reciprocate. I get attached to books and have a hard time letting them go. You could say I’m a bit of a book hoarder.

Thankfully my husband and daughter found a solution to help me redeem my selfish ways and overcome my book separation anxiety. For my birthday they bought me my own Little Free Library and my purple palace of reading pleasure sits proudly at 228 Haralson Avenue. Drop by, choose a book, leave a book, come read with me! For all locations or for information about how to start your own, check out littlefreelibrary.org. 



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NPU-N Update

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

Notes from the July 23, 2015 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Bicycle Theft: MARTA Police Lt. Smith reported two recent bicycle thefts from MARTA stations. She encourages riders to use U-locks to secure their bicycles to designated bike racks at stations.

Fire Department: Chip Newell advised residents to stay well clear of downed power lines. He also stated that any closure of the Krog Tunnel would have the potential to affect emergency response times.

Recycling Perks Program: Marcus McGaw (Public Works) announced a new program starting September 1. It is an online rewards program that provides incentives to residents for recycling with discounts and freebies from local businesses. For more info, visit <https://recyclingperks.com/#/serviceArea/Atlanta>.

Atlanta Streets Alive: The next event is Sunday, September 27, 2015 (2:00 – 6:00 p.m.). It will be the same streets as last year (Highland Ave, North Ave, and Boulevard). For more info, visit <http://www.atlantastreetsalive.com/2015-routes/highland-september-27>.

SPECIAL EVENTS & OUTDOOR EVENTS:

Reynoldstown Throwdown (Reynoldstown), September 12, 2015. Neighborhood event (formerly Wheelbarrow Festival) in Lang-Carson Park and Manigault Street; free. RCIL voted to support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

The 5 Arts Festival (Little 5 Points, Inman Park), September 12, 2015. Interactive festival to celebrate the arts and the people who contribute to the Arts community; free. One-day festival would close Euclid Ave between Moreland and Washita from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. (Sept. 13); music with amplified sound from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more info, visit www.5artsfest.com. L5PBA voted unanimously to not support, due to negative impact on businesses from last

year's event. NPU-N Board voted to not support the application (6-2).

Krog Masquerade (Krog Tunnel, Cabbagetown, Inman Park), October 17, 2015. Gated and ticketed event. Applicant did not attend due to illness; plans to attend next month. Several community members spoke in opposition to the event, with concerns including public safety (pedestrian and emergency vehicle access would be blocked by closure of this critical north-south link) and loss of revenue for local businesses. CNIA, RCIL and IPNA have all voted to not support this event. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to not support the application, in case the City takes any steps in processing the application prior to next month's meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

167 & 163 Sampson St NE (V-15-143 & V-15-144, Old 4th Ward, NPU-M); seeking a variance to allow an attached residential garage to exceed the maximum 35% of the ground floor area to 70%. Applicant met with IPNA and received no comments. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to abstain with regard to the application.

451 Clifton Rd NE (V-15-159, Lake Claire); seeking a variance to 1) reduce the required south side yard setback from 7ft to 3ft; 2) reduce the required rear yard setback from 15ft to 9ft 8in. (provided 5ft credit for half of adjacent alley) to allow construction of an accessory structure (freestanding carport). Applicant met with LCN and received support, conditioned on site plan dated 7/5/15. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application with like condition.

ZONING REVIEW BOARD:

1150 Blue Ridge Ave NE (U-15-009, Poncey-Highland); seeking a special use permit for a daycare center. Applicant met with PHNA and received support, but did not appear at NPU meeting. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to defer the application to the August meeting.

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
l5pccc.org

L5P Business Assn
little5points.com

1099 North Ave NE (Z-14-061, Poncey Highland): to rezone the property from R4 to MRC-3. Application deferred at start of meeting at applicant's request; applicant not present.

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP):

Connect Atlanta Plan Appendices: The following four planning documents are proposed as appendices to the Connect Atlanta Plan, Atlanta's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. To learn more, visit <http://www.atlantaga.gov/index.aspx?page=1228>.

- CDP-15-010 – An ordinance to adopt Move Atlanta: A Design Manual for Active, Balanced, & Complete Streets.
- CDP-15-012 – An ordinance to adopt Transit Oriented Atlanta: A Strategy for Advancing Transit-Oriented Development.
- CDP-15-013 – An ordinance to adopt the Cycle Atlanta Phase 1.0 Study.
- CDP-15-014 – An ordinance to adopt Cargo Atlanta: A Citywide Freight.

NPU-N Board voted 7-0 (with 1 abstaining) to support the four ordinances.

NPU-N Update *continued*

PUBLIC NOTICES:

Proposed Ordinances (for information only; no vote by NPU; citizens with concerns should contact their City Council and NPU representatives):

- Streetcar Charter Services (15-O-1159): to authorize the Department of Public Works to establish a schedule of fees for the Atlanta Streetcar Charter Services Program.

City of Atlanta Brownfields Assessment

Program: The City of Atlanta has established a voluntary assistance program to provide no cost Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) for select brownfield properties throughout the city. This program was established thanks to a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program and will end on September 30, 2016. Candidate sites under the current assessment program are those that are considered brownfields, are located in priority areas of the city, will be redeveloped in the near-term and will serve as catalysts for other redevelopment efforts. Nominations for Assessments will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year and will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. For additional information and for the Brownfield Nomination form, please visit www.atlantaga.gov/Brownfields or contact Jessica Lavandier or Lenise Lyons at 404-330-6145.

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 pm in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2015. M

Join the Lantern Parade

By ADVOCATOR STAFF • ADVOCATOR@INMANPARK.ORG • PHOTOS BY JEFF MILSTEEN

Art on the Atlanta BeltLine officially opens each year with the annual **Lantern Parade!** Over 20,000 revelers joined us in 2014 - will you join us for the next parade on September 12, 2015?! The glowing procession of light, music, and color carry over the entire length of the Eastside Trail as the parade winds from Irwin Street near Krog Street up to Piedmont Park. The Lantern Parade is free and open to the public. Your participation is the magic of the Lantern Parade. Just hop on! Go to <http://art.beltline.org/lantern-parade> to confirm the start time closer to the event date.



For more fun before the parade, the **Old Fourth Ward Fall Festival** at the Historic Fourth Ward Skate Park meadow will take place from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, September 11 and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, September 12. Live entertainment, a food truck rally, adult beverage concessions, a college football sports bar, kid areas and pet zones will be available. A fixed number of free tickets are available at rivalentertainment.com. Tickets may be purchased for the parade viewing party and lantern making workshops prior to the parade. M



Join the Inman Park Security Patrol

Staffed by off-duty police officers, the IPSP 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.

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Agenda

August 19, 2015

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
 1. Vote on IPNA/IPSP Membership Structure
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Planning
 1. NPU-N Report
 - E. Zoning
 1. 1083 Euclid Avenue - El Bandido Liquor License Change of Agent
 2. 741 Edgewood Ave (V-15-201)
 3. 743 Edgewood Ave (V-15-202)
 - 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

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InmanParkFestival.org
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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 September issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org on or before August 20.

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