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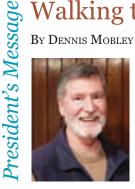
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Walking the Walk

By Dennis Mobley • president@inmanpark.org



At the February meeting of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA), we experienced not one but two examples of how we might better "walk the walk."

Our first example was an outgrowth from remarks made and questions answered by Atlanta's exciting new

Planning Commissioner, Tim Keane. Of course many attendees' comments and questions addressed traffic and pedestrian safety issues. After all, it WAS an Inman Park meeting. In response, Tim (as he likes to be called) made a confession. He does not own a car. He also in effect issued a challenge: He cited statistics that calculate the average number of car-trips made per day by suburban households: Twelve (12). Further, he revealed the corresponding average for America's truly great urban, walkable cities is seven (7). He said that here in Atlanta we will not thrive as a genuinely great urban city if we simply "out-suburb the suburbs."

He reported that he has enlisted BeltLine visionary Ryan Gravel in helping envision a City of Atlanta numbering over a million souls (vs. the current 450,000). He foresees a downtown that, by itself, houses 450,000 people. He acknowledges that current city zoning requires suburban-level numbers of parking spaces and that this will be re-examined on his watch, beginning with areas (like us) fronting on the BeltLine. It appears he believes the theory that requiring numerous intown parking spaces in new developments is tantamount to fertility drugs for automobiles! Are we perhaps seeing the effects in our very own neighborhood?

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Street Closings During Festival

It's that time of the year again! Festival will be here on April 29th, 30th and May 1st, 2016.

Some roads are closed the whole weekend and some roads are only closed during the parade. Vehicles parked on these streets will need to be moved.

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Porch Party

March 25 • 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Oreon Mann 877 Edgewood Ave

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage to enjoy.

Your porch wants to host a party! Call Pat or Richard Westrick to get on the schedule for 2015. 404.523.4801

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2016

By Beverly Miller • IPNA Secretary • secretary@inmanpark.org

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. He moved, and it was seconded and approved, to add 744 Ashland to the agenda for historic preservation.

Newcomers: Amber Johnson and Ariel Betancourt

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the January Minutes after changing the year to 2016.

Announcements: Oreon Mann announced that IP Book Club will meet Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Jan Keith's, 889 Edgewood Ave., to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Bring a dish to share and a beverage. Pat Westrick announced that the upcoming Porch Party will be on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Thom Abelew and Melissa Miller, 211 Hurt St. Bring a dish to share and a beverage. Boyd Baker, Horizon Theater and L5P Arts Alliance, distributed a survey, explaining that content of upcoming programming on the plaza will be determined by public interest. David Melton, Fresh Harvest, announced home delivery of organic produce, bread, eggs, and dairy to IP on Tuesdays, Chris Hendershaw, clinical research director at Grady Hospital, announced HOPES, a traumatic brain injury study gave out information about the clinical trial.

Police officers' reports: Sgt. Soukoup reported 12 hours per week added to IPSP and said residents should call 911, then IPSP, to report crime.

Elected Officials' Reports: Sr. Assistant DA Keith Lamar reported 1) Walter Todd, arrested for possession of cocaine, has been banned from Atlanta; 2) a 2000% rise in heroin overdoses has resulted in a program in which each Fulton County officer and all Fulton County school officials will have Narcan: 3) the alleged shooters in the March 2015 L5P double homicide will be tried in April; he will announce dates and times. Jay Tribby reported on the Lifelong Inman Park master plan, the first of its kind in Atlanta. Jeanine Brown, resident of Reynoldstown, reported on VITA, a United Way program allowing those who make less than \$54,000 annually to obtain tax preparation from qualified volunteers who also screen for food stamps and other needs.

IPNA officers' reports: Dennis Mobley,

President, introduced Planning Commissioner Tim Keane, who said he wants to create value by making major changes in the permitting process and rewriting zoning ordinances. Commissioner Keane is working with Ryan Gravel on desirable growth; downtown should take growth since the infrastructure is there. A resident asked if he thinks of the BeltLine as a catalyst for growth and about the impact of minimum parking requirements. Keane said he hopes for an amendment this year to do away with minimum parking rules and wants transit to play a bigger part. Another resident said 85 percent of Krog Market customers are from outside the area. Keane responded that 1) we must get more people inside the city so they don't have to drive; 2) the average household makes ten car trips a day; 3) encouraging driving, and adding parking spaces adds to our frustration; 4) suburban lifestyles brought into the city will frustrate us forever; 5) he doesn't have a car, and we don't want the city to be the suburbs; 6) we should manage traffic signals better and in real time. Discussion ensued about sidewalks, impact fees, and crosswalks.

Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation:

744 W. Ashland - Rick Bizot presented plans for two new houses, explaining the desire for variances on setbacks for a wider driveway and a larger rear yard setback for one and a smaller deck and slight move to the west for the other. Eight neighbors attended the immediate neighbors' meeting: six approved; two abstained. A motion was made, seconded and approved to support the immediate neighbors.

Barbara Leach, Treasurer, reported a guiet month, with \$4,300 collected for IPSP. a dramatic increase in IPSP funding since the new web site came online.

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning, nothing

Rick Bizot, V.P. Zoning, reported that IP Festival is coming before NPU.

Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety, Dennis reported that Chris is sick but is posting good information on Nextdoor and Yahoo.

James McManus, V.P. Communications, asked for a show of hands and saw that

many people have logged into their profiles on imnanpark.org. He asked that everyone update contact information and thanked everyone who is supporting IPSP.

Cathie Berger, chair of Lifelong IP, announced the launch of their Walkable Inman Park Campaign to focus on sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting. They will spearhead the initiative in collaboration

with other committees. For details and to volunteer, contact Cathie at 404-584-6309 or bergercathie@gmail.com.

Janice Darling, Transportation

Committee, has made a list of all the crosswalks we need and is working with the city to implement them. She wants to focus on what we need to do on the KLENH study. Commissioner Mendoza has agreed to work on six priorities, including crosswalks, narrowing of the streets, and flashing beacons.

Beverly Miller, Secretary, nothing to report.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. M



Book Club Calendar

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

March

Let's Pretend it Never Happened by Jenny Lawson Kathy and Kevin Dowling | 245 N.

Highland Ave Apt. 314

April

No Book Club. Enjoy Festival!

Other Happenings to Note

5th Annual Daffodil Festival

March 1 – April 15 • Gibbs Gardens • gibbsgardens.com

Start spring off right! This breathtaking display includes over 20 million daffodils of more than 100 different varieties, ranging in color from primrose-yellow to yellow, saffron, gold, orange, blush pink, white and cream.

Celtic Music duo Four Shillings Short

March 18 • 8:00 p.m. • Fiddler's Green Coffeehouse at Epworth UMC Candler Park

The husband/wife team, Aodh Og O'Tuama from Ireland and Christy Martin from California, perform traditional and original music on more than 30 instruments. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Eggstravaganza! Easter Egg Hunt in the Garden

March 26 • 9:30 a.m.- noon • Callanwolde Fine Arts Center • callanwolde.org

Eggstravaganza features candy eggs to find (including three golden "prize" eggs), and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. Also, baked goods for sale, a "cake walk", face painting, carnival games, and spring-themed arts and crafts for kids. Bring your basket and your camera for a fun family day. Buy tickets online.

Coffee with a Cop

March 31 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • Sweet Tooth's Dessert Bar • 335 Nelson St. SW

Join your neighbors, Zone 5 Commander and officers, fire, and crime prevention for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches. Just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers of Zone 5.

40th Annual Atlanta Film Festival

April 1 through April 10 • various local theaters • atlantafilmfestival.com

One of only two-dozen Academy Award® qualifying festivals in the U.S. The festival is the area's preeminent celebration of cinema, welcoming nearly 25,000 people to discover hundreds of new independent, international, animated, documentaries and short films.

Beltline Boil

April 2 • 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. • Old Fourth Ward Skate Park • beltlineboil.com

For the third year, the Beltline Boil will be offering a low country boil chef's competition, live music, and local fare. No parking is provided as the organizers stress use of the Beltline for access. A bike valet will be on hand! Tickets are \$10 to attend and \$30 to participate in the boil competition judging. .

International Pillow Fight Day

April 2 • 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Grant Park • pillowfightday.com

Bring your best friend or worst enemy! Come join the rest of the world in this annual international event! Where to meet: Grant Park corner of Cherokee Ave SE, and Sydney St. SE. Free for adults and kids.

Salvage: Vintage Sale

April 17 • 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Yaarab Shrine • ice-atlanta.com/about-salvage

Brought to you by the Indie Craft Experience. Salvage, a curated vintage show, features vendors selling clothing, decor, home goods, furniture, books and more from all decades. A wonderful selection of local food vendors will be there. Swag bags are free for the first 100 attendees!

IPNA Calendar

March

IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.

March

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

March

Festival Committee Meeting 860 Euclid Avenue

7:30 p.m.

March

Book Club 7:00 p.m. See page 4 for details.

April

Fools Rush In **Fundraiser** Inman Park United Methodist Church See page 9 for deails. 8:00 p.m.

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IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.

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

April

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

Inman Park Festival See pages 10 to 13 for details.

Suspicious Activity – Follow your instinct!

By Chris Coffee • VP, Public Safety • publicsafety@inmanpark.org

One of the most important roles you have as a member of our community is to report suspicious activity.

How do you determine what is suspicious activity? Suspicious activity is when a person's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of our neighborhood. It is an occurrence that is out-of-place and should not be happening in our neighborhood.

If you observe something unusual or think something looks "wrong", report it. Don't hesitate to call 911! Follow your instinct! You will not get in trouble with the police and you will be doing a service to your community!

Consider the following activities as suspicious and call 911!

- 1. A person or vehicle staying in the same place for an unusual length of time.
- 2. A parked car with the engine runningregardless of a person inside or not.
- 3. A person behaving strangely or exhibiting unusual movements, looking out of place, or wandering aimlessly.
- 4. A person concealing an object or carrying a weapon or suspicious bag.
- 5. A person looking into cars, moving from car to car, and/or trying door handles.
- 6. A person looking into windows of homes, or forcibly entering a car or home.
- 7. A person running from a home for no apparent reason, especially at night.
- 8. A person carrying/transporting unusual/ valuable objects, day or night.

- 9. A person conducting business out of their car, van, truck, or other vehicle.
- 10. A vehicle driving around your block frequently, slowing down, speeding up.
- 11. A vehicle without lights on, arriving or leaving at night.
- 12. A person you do not know offering candy or gifts to children.
- 13. A person leaving a neighbor's house who isn't the neighbor or someone you recognize or uniformed.

Many activities can be considered suspicious. And, there could be reasonable explanations for some suspicious activities. By thinking things through, being observant and using common sense, you will be able to make a good judgment about whether an activity is suspicious. Your role as a concerned citizen is to report whatever you think is wrong or suspicious.

Reporting Suspicious Activity

Call 911. Remain calm. Avoid taking any risks. Your safety is most important. Keep away from the crime scene to preserve evidence.

When you call to report a suspicious activity, you will be asked for your name, address, and telephone number. This information is requested to verify records or in case additional contact becomes necessary.

Try to remember the following information:

What happened?

Time and place?

Was anyone hurt?

Description of suspect(s)

Description of vehicle(s)

License plate number

Time and direction of travel

Additional details and circumstances

If it is suspicious to you, it's suspicious to the police. It is better to be safe than sorry.

In our neighborhood, the police don't always know what is suspicious and what is not.

It is up to you, Inman Park, to let the Atlanta Police know when you see suspicious activity!

Report it immediately!

Our neighbors are our best defense against crime! Refuse to be a victim!

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – February 2016

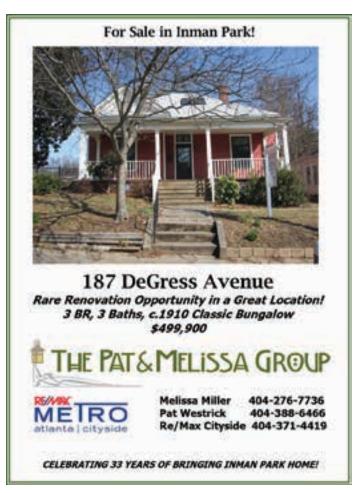
Directed Patrols: 752		
Drop Ins:		
Susp. Person: 8		
Alarms:		
Burglary:		
Theft:2		
Member contacts:		
Found Property: 1		
Traffic Stop:1 (backed up on-duty Officer)		
Parking Complaint:		
Fight: 1		
Info for Officer:		

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. Memberships and fundraising activities are key to its fiscal

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viability. Visit inmanpark.org today to join; renew your membership or make a donation.







100 New Trees

By Jim Abbott • abbot.jim@gmail.com

On the morning of January 30 and again on February 13, hardy volunteers from Trees Atlanta and Inman Park planted more than 100 new trees in our neighborhood. Streets now boasting even more "green" include Alta, Ashland, Austin, Colquitt, Degress, Elizabeth, Edgewood, Sinclair and Washita.

Our new trees are remarkably diverse. As you walk or drive along these blocks, you will spot 'Ann' magnolia, baldcypress, basswood, crepe myrtle, dogwood, eastern redbud, eastern redcedar, gingko, hornbeam, red maple, 'Rising Sun' redbud, Shumard oak, parrotia, serviceberry, sweetbay magnolia and white oak.

These plantings would not have happened without the incredible help of Trees Atlanta, the neighborhood's generous support of Inman Park Tree Watch, and above all, the enthusiastic response of homeowners to our proposed plantings. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I met one young man in high school, on the porch of his family's home on Sinclair Avenue. I asked to speak with his parents about planting four trees nearby, one in their yard and three in their sidewalk planting strip. "Oh, we've already discussed it," he said. "Yes, please go ahead. We can't have too many trees in Inman Park."

That's the spirit that makes Inman Park such a fabulous place to live. Long may it last!

(Donations to Inman Park Tree Watch are tax-deductible. Make your check out to Friends of Inman Park and mail or deliver to Mr. Steve Hays, FOIP Treasurer, 207 Hurt Street NE, Atlanta GA, 30307.)



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Walkable Inman Park - Let's Keep Moving

By Cathie Berger • Bergercathie@gmail.com

Sidewalks. We walk our dogs; we push strollers; we run on them. Our sidewalks keep us connected to what we love about life in Inman Park-- our parks, our restaurants and shops, and most importantly each other. Many of our sidewalks make traveling risky. Uneven, crumbling, and uprooted surfaces challenge even the most sure-footed pedestrian. Many of our intersections lack essential crosswalks. And many areas lack adequate lighting at night. Thus, a group of neighbors is stepping up to help.

A Walkable Inman Park committee, part of Lifelong Inman Park, is spearheading this campaign in collaboration with the existing IPNA Beautification & Sidewalk and Transportation committees. The Walkable Inman Park Campaign is dedicated to improving the walkability of Inman Park for all ages. We plan to do the following:

- Engage neighbors to actively participate
- Assess and catalog the current status of sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting
- Identify and prioritize needed improvements
- Continue our dialogue with the City of Atlanta and determine additional funding sources.

As many of you know, in the 1970's due to budget concerns the City of Atlanta determined that homeowners are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks even though the city owns the

What is Lifelong Inman Park?

Neighbors committed to making Inman Park a community where residents can live throughout their lifetimes. For more information contact Cathie Berger at bergercathie@gmail.com

Did You Know?

150 homeowner sidewalks and 5 community sidewalks have been replaced during the past 11 years. property. To help with this financial responsibility, our IPNA budget provides matching funds for homeowners replacing their sidewalks and increases the subsidy if contiguous neighbors participate. Although this replacement program has been in place for 11 years, it cannot keep pace with our deteriorating sidewalks or homeowner interest.

What can you do to help make this campaign successful and improve our neighborhood? Give us your feedback via Nextdoor and the Inman Park Yahoo group:

- What trouble spots have you noticed sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting?
- Are you ready to replace your sidewalk?
- Have you talked to your neighbors about joining together on replacements?

Support the Walkable Inman Park campaign. We need to make Inman Park walkable for everyone! M

Save The Date

Friday, April 1st, 8:00 pm

Fools Rush In: Jim Emshoff on Piano

A benefit concert for

Inman Park United Methodist Church Building Fund

Concert at the church, followed by a reception at the amazing home of Trisha Bell.

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A little blues, a little jazz – and a surprise singer or two.

\$25.00 per person advance sales \$30.00 after March 15

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Festival Focus

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From FRIDAY, April 29th 10:00 a.m. until SUNDAY, May 1st, 11:00 p.m., these streets will be closed for the convenience of food vendors and their tents and equipment:

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

Hurt Street from Euclid to Edgewood Elizabeth Street from Euclid to Edgewood Waverly Street from Euclid to Edgewood.

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

From SATURDAY, April 30th, 5:00 a.m. until SUNDAY, May 1st, 7:00 p.m. the following streets will be closed:

Euclid Avenue between Alta Avenue and Edgewood Avenue Edgewood Avenue between Hurt Street and Waddell Street Elizabeth Street between DeKalb Avenue and Lake Avenue Waverly Way between DeKalb Avenue and Euclid Avenue, past Euclid Avenue to Elizabeth Street, past Elizabeth Street and back to Euclid Avenue

Delta Place between DeKalb Avenue and Edgewood Avenue Waddell Street between Edgewood Avenue and Lake Avenue Alta Avenue between Euclid Avenue and Moreland

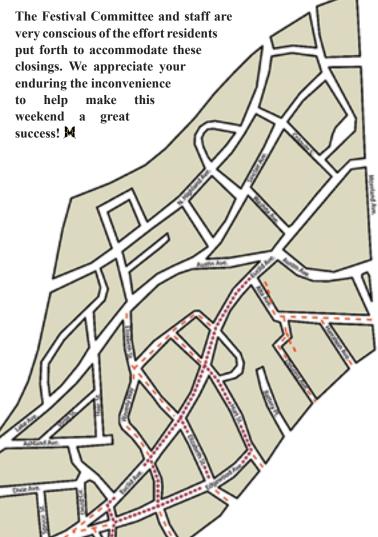
Degress Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way Haralson Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way Battery Place at DeKalb Avenue

Krog Street from Lake Avenue going towards and up to Edgewood is one-way traffic.

On SATURDAY, April 30th, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., Edgewood Avenue will be closed at Krog Street and Waddell Street will be closed to all traffic (except for the Shuttle Bus) from Lake Avenue to Edgewood Avenue.

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

If you have a car on one of the streets with tents or food vendors, PLEASE RELOCATE YOUR VEHICLE PRIOR TO FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. OR YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE TOWED. If you have a car on one of the "CLOSED" streets and will need the vehicle during festival hours, please relocate your vehicle off of these streets prior to Saturday at 6:00 a.m.





Inman Park Festival 2016



Festival Focus



Butterfly Ball Tickets 2016

By Cooper Pierce • Butterfly Ball Chairman • c3pierce@yahoo.com

On Friday, April 29th from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, Butterfly Ball will kick-off our 45th Festival, and all IPNA members are invited. The party is organized by the IPNA Festival Committee, and if you have signed up for a free membership via the website (www.inmanpark.org), you will receive an email invite with instructions about obtaining tickets.

Those registered IPNA members will receive an email invitation with instructions on when and how to purchase tickets in mid to late March. The tickets will go on sale in early April. You must be registered as a member to receive the email with the link to the tickets sales. Also, for couples, each member must register independently now.

Tickets are \$50 each and sell out fast! You can purchase two (2) tickets per individual or a maximum four (4) per household.

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie. **Bogey and the Viceroy** will be here to entertain us this year. We will have two cash bars and great complimentary food stations and desserts catered by Bold American Catering. (Non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary as well.)

So, get your dressy attire ready, and let's celebrate our 45th Festival! The Ball has historically always been a semi-formal dress affair. Let's get dressed up and have some fun for our 45th! M

Joel Award Nominations Due March 31

The Joel Awards recognize neighbors who have gone above and beyond to make Inman Park a special place to live, work and play. To nominate an individual or group, send the name of your nominee(s) and why they deserve recognition to Greg Scott at wedfoto390@yahoo.com by March 31.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Festival Fun for Kids & Teens!

From tiny tots to tweens and teens, Festival offers plenty of options for the not-yet-legal IP set to enjoy. So if the days leading up to Festival weekend find you with toddlers in tow or a houseful of adrenaline-filled adolescents, the following information might be just what you need:

Clean-Up and Pizza Party Sat, April 23 * 9 am -12 pm • Delta Place

This party is for teens who are not afraid to get their hands dirty while helping to make this neighborhood look great for Festival. If you still need some volunteer hours for school this is a perfect opportunity to get those while hanging out with friends and eating pizza afterwards!

Caterpillar Ball | Thurs, April 28 • 5-7 pm Inman Park Cooperative Preschool

Festival weekend hosts kids of all ages for food, drinks, games, prizes, face painting, hayrides and a photo booth for fun and crazy souvenir photos. Admission: \$3

Parade | Sat, April 30 • 2 pm • Edgewood Avenue

Girls and boys ages 4 and up who can walk the milelong parade route are welcome to walk in the Monarch Butterfly's Court. If your child is interested, simply email ipfestivalparade@gmail.com by April 15 with "Butterfly Court" in the subject line and a Court coordinator will follow up to provide participation details.

Kids Zone | Sat – Sun, April 30-May 1 • 12-6 pm Springvale Park

Geared for children ages 2-10, our Tiny Tots Town and Kids' Village feature inflatables, safe play areas and craft projects for the younger set, in addition to the existing Springvale Park playground. Select food and beverages for moms and dads will be available for purchase.

Volunteering | Thur – Sun, April 28 - May 1 Various Times & Locations

There are many options for tweens and teens to volunteer with Festival – from helping with Caterpillar Ball games and cleanup, to Butterfly Ball and Theater Night set up or clean up and trash/recycling. Volunteers under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult and, based on a school's requirements, Festival volunteer hours may even count toward required community volunteer hours. Visit http://vols.pt/5WUsPh or go to volunteerspot.com to sign up.



Festival Focus

Veteran or Newbie? No Matter, Festival Wants You!

Do you have years (even decades) of volunteer experience or will 2016 be your first year? Either way, Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes needs you!

Tour of Homes, Ticket or Merchandise Sales, Water, Beer, Music Assistant.. There's a place for everyone!

If you want to make someone's day, volunteer to sit at their house for a mere two hours!

Do you know how to get from MARTA to the Main Tent? Then volunteer for Sales where you sell tickets and help give directions!

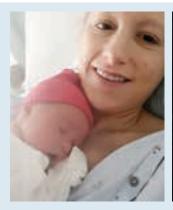
Are your arms strong and ready for showing off? Then we need you to haul coolers full of water!

Would you like to be a part of the live music action? Then carry gear for our musicians, listen to them play. You would make a great Music Assistant!

If you volunteered last year, you may sign up for the same shift or try something new and different. If you've never volunteered and aren't sure where you'd fit best, contact Volunteer Chair Jane Bradshaw (jcb5858@yahoo.com) for advice!

Here's the link: http://vols.pt/zbJaBt

Please participate. Most shifts are only a couple of hours. You can give back and still have plenty of time to play.





Birth Announcement

Ella Grace Paul arrived on February 14 to proud parents Melanie and Dan and big sister Olivia. Lake Avenue. 7 lbs 0.5 oz. 19 inches



Wow! What a House Tour!

By Pat Westrick • Tour of Homes Committee Member • Patwestrick@gmail.com

This year's Tour of Homes is a not-to-be-missed event! Tour tickets purchased in advance are \$15 for the general public and \$12 for neighbors, while tickets purchased the weekend of Festival are \$20.

And if you want some insider advice, the best time to see these wonderful homes is on Friday, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Not only can you navigate the neighborhood without the Festival crowds and pedestrian-only streets, but you can enjoy a more leisurely tour, visiting with homeowners and other neighbors. On Saturday and Sunday the homes are open from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Remember to encourage your friends visiting Inman Park for the Festival to use MARTA or the BeltLine to get here! M

Neighbor Discount:	Advance Purchase:	At the Door:
\$12 (Cash or Check)	\$15	\$20
As a "thank you" to the hundreds of neighborhood volunteers, the Festival Committee invites neighbors to buy their own House Tour tickets for a little less! This year tickets will be available at the March and April IPNA meetings as well as at these neighbors' houses. Call to arrange pick up and payment. • The Keiths at 889 Edgewood Avenue 404-688-7330 • The Westricks at 177 Elizabeth Street 404-388-6466 • The Mitchells at 1107 Austin Avenue 404-659-2579	Online at Inmanparkfestival.org -Or- In-person at the following locations (Cash or Check only): • The L5P Pharmacy at 484 Moreland • Nandina in Inman Park Village • The Collective at 723 Lake • Inman Dry Goods at 743 Edgewood Avenue	Beginning on Friday, April 29, Tour of Homes tickets can be purchased at the Festival Sales Booths for \$20. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted.

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Little Five Points comes ALIVE Spring through Fall

Little Five Arts Alive is a partnership project of Horizon Theatre and the L5P Community Improvement District. The project is supported by ArtPlace America which will bring live arts, community and performances together Friday through Sunday at Findley & Davis Plazas. Theatre artists, dancers, musicians, circus performers and acts of all sorts will create a warm, welcoming and artful place for the community and visitors from April through December. Submissions are being accepted now for individual artists, organizations, school groups and creators through the www.LittleFiveArtsAlive.com website.

"Little Five Points has been Horizon's home for our entire 31vear history. It's a diverse, alternative arts and entertainment hub in Atlanta, and we are excited to work with the L5P CID to increase the area's success as a regional arts and culture destination," says Lisa Adler, Horizon Theatre's Co-Artistic/ Producing Director and L5P CID board member.

The Arts Alive project was created by the board of the CID and Horizon Theatre after talking about ways to visibly increase the exterior presence of the arts in the district while building on the success of L5P's special events and outdoor festivals. The project builds on the Little Five Points 40-year history as an alternative neighborhood with creative leadership, deep sense of community investment and strong cooperation between arts and small business.

"Investing in and supporting the arts have a profound impact on the social, physical and economic futures of communities," said ArtPlace Executive Director Jamie L. Bennett. "Projects like these demonstrate how imaginative and committed people are when it comes to enhancing their communities with creative interventions and thoughtful practices."

Horizon Theatre Company is among 38 recipients of ArtPlace America's 2015 National Grants Program. ArtPlace, one of the nation's largest philanthropies dedicated to creative placemaking, is investing \$170,000 in the Little Five Points Arts and Retail District to further integrate arts and culture into community planning and development. ArtPlace selected Horizon from a pool of nearly 1,300 applicants.

Rachel Parish and Boyd Baker are Co-Managers of this project and can be reached at info@littlefiveartsalive.com with any ideas or questions.



Local Boutique Rene Rene Moves To Paris On Ponce

BY CARRIE CUNNINGHAM • MANAGER • RENE RENE

In October 1987 Rene Sanning, an emerging designer, opened her boutique RENE RENE in Little 5 Points. Her edgy designs quickly gained popularity and over the next 29 years. Her designs have made her a household name in Atlanta and the Southeast. She continues to design and produce her line locally, and her loyal fan base comes to shop from as far as New York and Los Angeles. Though her designs give a nod to fashion trends, Rene's collections are classic and are made up of limited edition pieces (no more than two to four of each). Additionally, her one-of-a-kind pieces fly out the door with customers joyfully able to brag they own an exclusive RENE RENE.

Rene's list of celebrity clients include Halle Berry, Pink, and Simone (who wore a RENE RENE glam top on stage when she performed the music of her mother, Nina Simone). Other celebrities include members of Atlanta's own TLC, and more recently, Janelle Monae, who was a store regular before her international success and her appearances on the covers of Vanity Fair and Vogue. Of course, the TV and film industry has also discovered RENE RENE, including the cast of The Walking Dead, who paid a recent visit to the boutique.

In order to spend more time in her studio, Rene recently moved into the charming Paris on Ponce, where she is eager to bring fresh new designs and beautiful fabrics to her customers for Spring 2016. Rene looks forward to seeing you at RENE RENE, Paris on Ponce Booth #83, 716 Ponce de Leon Place NE. Rene's studio number is (404) 391-0909. To visit online, find her at facebook.com/renerenedesigns

Our Sympathy Condolences

Eleanor Troutman Bockman, mother of Betsy Brockman, passed away on February 12, 2016.

Alexia Hyneman, a Freshman at Grady High School, passed away on February 12, 2016.



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President's Message

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He was in effect describing a future where people actually decide where to live in relation to how they might avoid or reduce the need to drive automobiles. This is certainly how many people think in places like New York City, San Francisco, and Seattle. Do we scoff at such a vision, or do we think he's ON to something?

The second example was the announcement by IPNA's new Lifelong Inman Park Committee that they are unveiling a campaign to be known as "Walkable Inman Park." The campaign will focus on the condition of our sidewalks, crosswalks, and street lighting, for starters. Granted, various committees within IPNA have been separately focusing on these issues for some time. But now we have a new way of looking at all of these initiatives. It's all about making it easier and safer to walk in and through Inman Park. Tying this campaign to our Planning Commissioner's vision could help us reduce the average number of car-trips we make each day in the future.

You will be hearing much more from Cathie Berger and her highpowered committee going forward. Meanwhile they urge you to take a look at the condition of the sidewalks in front of your home and on your street. Are they walkable? Further, take a look outside at night and determine whether your streetscape is adequately lit. And I add a third query. Is our Security Patrol adequately funded to further enhance the feeling of safety while walking about in Inman Park?

The committee will partner with Georgia Tech to make a comprehensive video survey of our sidewalks. (The Ramblin' Wrecks are envisioning a city-wide visual catalog of all city sidewalks!). Homeowners will be asked to upgrade sidewalks where needed, and IPNA will be asked to expand its current sidewalk repair subsidy program.

All of which is to say, it's time to Walk the Walk!



Keith Lamar Senior Assistant District Attorney during the February 2016 IPNA meeting

NPU-N Update

By Rick Bizot • NPU-N Representative for IPNA NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG

Notes from the February 25, 2016 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Department: Battalion Chief Sean Johnson advised that in the event of car fire under the hood, the driver should pull over to the side of the road, pull the hood release and get away from the vehicle. Firefighters will then be able to open the hood rather than taking an axe to it.

Police Department: The representative recommended improved sidewalk lighting to increase pedestrian safety in our neighborhoods.

Parks Department: Adrienne Wright and Doug Voss discussed the Parks Department's new role to review and approve gated and ticketed events in City Parks, previously handled by Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOSE). Mr. Voss also mentioned a new design of pole light recently installed in Grant Park being considered for installation near the Inman Park Marta station.

Dept. of Public Works: Dennis Muma advised that installations of Public Art require approval from City Departments of Planning, Parks and Public Works.

SPECIAL EVENTS / OUTDOOR FESTIVALS:

All of the below applications were supported by the local neighborhood association and the NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support during the meeting.

Atlanta Taco Festival (May 1, 2016; Candler Park)

Olmsted Plein Air Invitational (April 30 – May 1, 2016; Olmsted Linear Park)

Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes

(April 29 – May 1, 2016; Inman Park)

ISKON Atlanta (April 23-24, 2016; Springdale Park)

Candler Park Music and Food Festival (June 3-4, 2016; Candler Park)

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

828 Fulton Terrace SE (V-15-369, Reynoldstown); seeking a variance from zoning regulations to reduce the required front yard setback from 30' to 11.6' and reduce the required West side yard setback from 7' to 6' to construct a new two-story single family residence. RCIL supported the application; NPU-N Board voted 6-0 (with 2 abstaining) to support.

1137 Ponce de Leon Ave NE (V-15-394, Poncey-Highland); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to 1) reduce the required west side transitional yard from 20' to 5' and 2)

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reduce the rear transitional yard from 20' to 2' to allow for the construction of a multifamily dwelling. PHNA supported the application; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

1938 Tuxedo Ave NE (V-15-398, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required west side vard setback from 7' to 3' for an addition to the 2nd story of an existing single family dwelling. LCN has made numerous attempts to contact the applicant, but has had no response; applicant did not send information requested (site plan and elevations); applicant did not attend LCN meeting; applicant did not attend NPU-N meeting; LCN representative made a motion to oppose the application; this motion was supported unanimously by the NPU-N Board.

1121 Boulevard Dr SE (V-15-399, Reynoldstown); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required west side yard setback from 7' to 3' for the construction of a duplex. RCIL supported the application; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

491 Claire Drive NE (V-16-007, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7' to 3' 1" for the construction of an addition to an existing single family dwelling. LCN supported the application; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 NPU Grants: Suggestions for bike rack locations in City Parks within NPU-N are welcome; please contact your NPU-N representative ASAP.

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

Cabbagetown

cabbagetown.com

NPU-N Members

Candler Park

candlerpark.org

Druid Hills

druidhills.org

Inman Park inmanpark.org

Lake Claire lakeclaire.org **Poncey-Highland** ponceyhighland.com

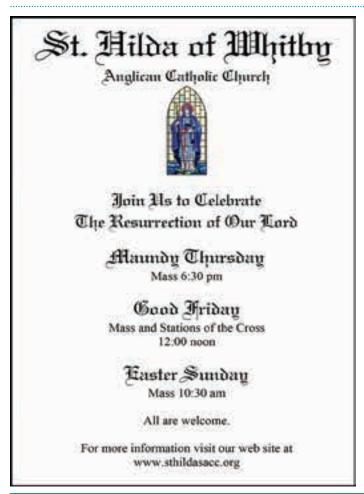
Reynoldstown reynoldstown.net

L5P Community Center 15pccc.org

L5P Business Assn little5points.com

NPU-N Appointees/Delegates: the following appointees were unanimously affirmed by the NPU-N Board: APAB (2016 term), Amy Stout; Olmsted Linear Park (2016 term), Jonathan Miller; Special Events Working Group (appointed 2015), Ben Klehr; Eastside TAD (appointed 2015), Barton Hodges.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend.





genda

March 16, 2016

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

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

Proof Bakery of Hurt Street will be providing cookies to the first 50 people that come to the March 16 meeting at the Trolley Barn! Make sure to arrive by 7:30 p.m. to get this treat!



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership: Available to those who live within, own property within or operate a business within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is free with online registration at inmanpark.org. Membership allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details), gives you access to the directory and makes you eligible for special neighborhood events. In addition to being a member of IPNA, you may register for the Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) which staffs offduty Atlanta Police officers to patrol our neighborhood. There are four levels of commitment starting at \$50 per year.

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 April issue of the Advocator, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org on or before March 20.





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