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## President's Message

### Meet the New Board, Same as the Old Board (I Hope)

BY NEIL KINKOPF • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG

The evidence is incontrovertible. The Russians clearly interfered with last year's presidential election. The Russians clearly wanted an erratic and manipulatable character in the most powerful office in our world. The result must have exceeded even Vladimir Putin's wildest dreams. The office I'm talking about is, of course, President of the IPNA board.

Well, it is election time again in the 'hood. The eight IPNA board members serve two-year terms with four positions opening each year. Fortunately for my Russian handlers, if not for my Inman Park neighbors, my term does not expire until next year (along with the Treasurer and the Vice Presidents for Planning and Zoning). The four board members who rotate off this year are Secretary, Beverly Miller; VP for Public Safety, Chris Coffee; VP for Communications, James McManus; and VP for Historic Preservation, Brian Roof.

The expiration of these board members' terms should set off celebrations in the Kremlin. What the apparatchiks didn't understand is that the IPNA board works

collaboratively, so Dear Leader's erratic and questionable judgment is held in check by the wisdom and commitment of the board. Each of the departing board members leaves an impressive legacy. Beverly Miller's passion for the BeltLine was indispensable during our deliberation over the path the BeltLine should take through the critical stretch between Edgewood and DeKalb Avenues. Her graciousness and good will set the tone for the procedures and conduct of the epic meeting on the Druid Hills Preschool's special use permit. Chris Coffee has shepherded us through a number of high profile crime problems (including the Vortex murders and heroin overdoses and urban camping in the Little Five Points area, to name a few), expanded our security patrol, and brought us foot and bike patrols. Brian Roof has run two years' worth of immediate neighbor meetings. These years have seen major developments that will define the neighborhood's character for some time. Brian has provided invaluable insight and thoughtfulness to insure these developments embody the values that make us the neighborhood we love. James McManus has committed countless hours to dragging the IPNA's website and

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### Annual Transitional Board Meeting Announcement

BY BEVERLY MILLER • IPNA SECRETARY  
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Our transitional board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at The Trolley Barn. This is an opportunity for IPNA board members to come together with committee chairs to discuss plans for the next year.

Attendees are:

- All current IPNA board members, including the ones whose terms are expiring
- All newly-elected IPNA board members whose terms begin at this meeting
- All committee chairs

Food and drink are provided. I look forward to seeing you there! 

## Vote

Come to the IPNA meeting on May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at The Trolley Barn to vote for four of the next IPNA officers!

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Outdoor  
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# Neighbors' Stroll Event

By KATHY BUSKO • WALKABLE INMAN PARK COORDINATOR  
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## Neighbors' Stroll:

A Social Gathering Celebrating Walkable Inman Park

**Where:** Poplar Circle (Hurt and Euclid)

**When:** May 20 8:30 a.m.

Get social and enjoy healthy living. Join with your neighbors to promote walkable sidewalks during a 30-minute trek through Inman Park. After the walk, enjoy complimentary refreshments. Everyone is welcome-- youngsters, older folks, and the four-footed.

IP's Neighbors' Stroll is part of the Walkable Inman Park Campaign dedicated to improving the walkability of Inman Park for everyone by focusing on the condition of our sidewalks, crosswalks, and street lights.

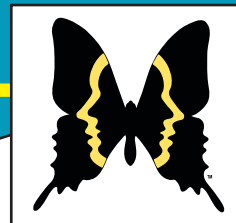
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All proceeds go to the IPNA sidewalk replacement fund. 

## Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

### April 2017

Directed Patrol: .....	295
Drop Ins: .....	46
Suspicious Person: .....	4
Alarm: .....	1
Parking Complaint: .....	1 (3 parking citations issued)
Info for Officer: .....	1
Vandalism: .....	1



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## Porch Party May 26 • 7:30 p.m.

At the home of  
**Carol and Ben Mitchell**  
at 1107 Austin

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

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

## 2017 Inman Park Book Club

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

May  
**30**  
June  
**27**

*A Man Called Ove*  
by Fredrik Backman  
Oreon Mann, 44 Krog Street, #306

*The Last Painting of Sara de Vos*  
by Dominic Smith  
Jan Keith, 889 Edgewood Avenue

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## Other Happenings to Note

### **Ponce City Farmers' Market on the BeltLine**

Tuesdays • 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. • PCM "Shed" • [cfmatl.org/pcfmbeltline](http://cfmatl.org/pcfmbeltline)

A new member of Community Farmers' Market hosts some of Atlanta's finest local food talent, including urban farmers, artisanal food makers and pop-up chefs. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

### **Freedom Farmers' Market**

Saturdays • 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • Carter Center • [freedomfarmersmkt.com](http://freedomfarmersmkt.com)

Freedom Farmers' Market at the Carter Center was formed in 2014 by a small group of Georgia farmers with one vision: to bring local, sustainably-grown food to intown Atlanta neighborhoods.

### **"How to Use a Knife"**

Through June 25 • Horizon Theatre • [horizontheatre.com](http://horizontheatre.com)

In the chaotic hustle and bustle of a Wall Street restaurant, George – a down-on-his-luck master chef – is facing his last chance to turn his life around. His United-Nations-of-a-kitchen sizzles with two rowdy Guatemalan line cooks, a nosy busboy, and a mysteriously dignified African dishwasher. Set during busy dinner shifts, "How to Use a Knife" bursts with grinding suspense, crackling energy, and piercing surprise as secrets from the past come to a boil. Ticketed.

### **3rd Annual Fire in the Fourth**

May 20 • 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Between Jackson Street and Boulevard on Edgewood & Auburn Avenues

All-ages event featuring live music, street performances, fire entertainers, fire sculptures and Great Atlanta Fire of 1917 History. It's a Curated Street Experience! This is a fundraising event for the O4WBA to support community initiatives like signage and trash cans. Stay late for the 9:00 p.m. Circus Combustus Fire Show. Free.

### **Atlanta Jazz Festival**

May 26 to May 28 • Piedmont Park • [atlantafestivals.com](http://atlantafestivals.com)

The month-long Atlanta Jazz Festival culminates over Memorial Day weekend with local and national jazz greats on two stages, a youth jazz-band competition, arts and crafts, food vendors and a kids' zone. Free.

### **Atlanta Food & Wine Festival**

June 1-4 • Various venues in Midtown • [atfoodandwinefestival.com](http://atfoodandwinefestival.com)

In the words of its creators, the festival weekend is an in-depth food and drink experience – part conference, part party and all Southern. Ticketed.

### **Free showing of "Nobody Loves You"**

June 15 - 18 • 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. • Piedmont Park • [horizontheatre.com](http://horizontheatre.com)

The game of love is on! Tune into "Nobody Loves You," the show in which cluelessly self-obsessed contestants compete for love and adoring fans. When Jeff, a philosophy grad student, snags a spot on this reality dating show in trying to win back his ex, he breaks all the rules and attempts to expose its "authenticity." That is until he unexpectedly falls into an onset love connection with Jenny, an enticingly prickly producer. General Admission is free. Reserved seating and tables are ticketed. **M**

## IPNA Calendar

May  
17

### **IPNA Meeting**

Trolley Barn  
7:30 p.m.

May  
20

### **Neighbors' Stroll**

Meet at Poplar Circle  
8:30 a.m.

May  
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### **NPU-N Meeting**

L5P Community Center  
7:00 p.m.

May  
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### **Porch Party**

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### **Book Club**

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### **Transitional Board Meeting**

Trolley Barn  
7:30 p.m.  
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### **IPNA Meeting**

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### **NPU-N Meeting**

L5P Community Center  
7:00 p.m.

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### **Book Club**

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### **Annual Fourth of July Party**

Trolley Barn  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

## President's Message *continued*

membership rolls into the Internet age. Outside his bailiwick, James's good humor and spot-on judgment have kept the board and me on the right track on issue after issue. It has been an honor to work with each of these remarkable neighbors. I will miss every one of them.

Two things cushion the blow of these departures. First, although their terms are expiring, these neighbors will continue to be involved. James has committed to remain on the Communications Committee to help the new VP and to continue to work the bugs out of the MemberClicks process. Beverly will not assume a formal position but will act as informal consigliere to your Dear Leader. Brian will join his wife in running the neighborhood's (and perhaps the world's) first baby squirrel hospital. Finally, Chris Coffee will continue on the board, assuming the position of Secretary.

Second, the Nominating Committee has brought forward an exciting slate of new board members. Thom Abelew has agreed to stand for election to be the new VP for Public Safety, David Bicoiff to be VP for Historic Preservation, and Cristy Lenz to be VP for Communications. Chris Coffee, again, is the nominee to be the new board Secretary. I have had the chance to talk to each of the nominees. Each one has great vision for their new position and brings the energy to realize that vision. At the May IPNA meeting, you will have the chance to hear for yourself each nominee's plans for their position and to cast your vote. Don't let the Politburo decide another election. Please show up and vote. 

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## Ponce de Leon Library Upcoming Events

BY FRIENDS OF PONCE LIBRARY • 404-885-7820

### **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.**

Lawyer in the Library: Unpaid Wage Claims

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation attorney will address your right to get paid for your labor, and what options you have when your boss breaks the law.

### **Tuesday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.**


Mumferd Learns About Water Safety

Join us for an educational puppet show that gets kids ready for summer fun.

### **Mondays, June 5, 2017 - July 24, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.**

Mobile Food Service

Bright From the Start is offering free meals for children. This is part of a summer nutrition program that ensures that all children are getting nutritious meals while school is out.

For information about ongoing free programs such as Storytime, Kids' Math Club, Yoga, Meditation, and Book Club, go to <http://afpls.org/ponce-branch6>. 

## Neighborhood Meeting Highlights: What you missed...

This space will be used to identify highlights from the IPNA and NPU-N meetings and point you to the full recorded minutes for more details!

### **IPNA, April 19, 2017 meeting at The Trolley Barn:**

- Brian Roof, for Chuck Clarke, presented Giovanni Ray who is opening Bar Mercado in Krog Street Market and was seeking a liquor license approval. It was moved, seconded, and approved to support the application.
- Neil gave an update on the Druid Hills Preschool. This matter was on the agenda for this week's City Council meeting and it has been remanded back to the City of Atlanta Zoning Committee for further review.
- Neil introduced Jay Sandhaus from the Freedom Park Conservancy Board and Friends of Freedom Bridge who wants a bridge over the PATH from Moreland Avenue to Freedom Park.
- Four new officers for IPNA will be elected at the next IPNA meeting on May 17.

*For the full meeting minutes go to [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org).*

### **NPU-N, April 27, 2017 meeting at the Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community:**

- Frederico Castellucci III (Bar Mercado, 99 Krog Street #5, Inman Park); change of ownership request for liquor license (former Cockatrice location). NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.
- Steven Altman has volunteered to be the NPU-N representative on the Candler Park Conservancy Board. He received a unanimous vote of support from the NPU-N Board.
- IPNA's annual vote to reaffirm approval of the NPU-N bylaws will take place on May 17 at the monthly IPNA meeting at The Trolley Barn at 7:30 p.m. The bylaws are unchanged from last year.
- IPNA-related issues on the next NPU-N agenda: Little Five Points Halloween Parade (Special Event) and proposed new zoning category "I-Mix" (Industrial Mixed Use); ordinance Z-16-011

*For the full meeting minutes go to [npunatlanta.org](http://npunatlanta.org). *



# New Executive Director, Officers, and Board Members at The Trolley Barn

BY JIM ABBOT • ABBOT.JIM@GMAIL.COM

The Trolley Barn is very pleased to announce that it has hired a new executive director. In addition, the Board of Directors has new leadership and members, as The Trolley Barn enters an exciting era in its illustrious history.

Built in 1889 by Joel Hurt, the Atlanta and Edgewood Street Railway Company (AESRC) was the first of its kind in Georgia and attracted curious visitors from throughout the South. Along rails reaching from Five Points to Inman Park, electric streetcars — painted yellow and trimmed in gold, with oak interiors, cane seats, brass hardware, and letters spelling out “Inman Park” along their sides — made continual round trips from morning until evening.

In the handsome, High Victorian “car house,” as it was then called, AESRC had its offices, and there also workmen inspected, cleaned, and repaired the trams. A contemporary account, published in a Chicago trade magazine, describes the building as “one of the best arranged for its purpose in the country.”

The modern-day AESRC is a nonprofit corporation established by Inman Park residents in the 1970s to work with the City of Atlanta on the preservation and restoration of The Trolley Barn, in which they succeeded admirably. Last year, after the city decided to sell, AESRC managed to purchase the property, in significant part through the generosity of Inman Park residents. Moving forward, it will continue to lease The Trolley Barn for special events, provide a meeting place for civic groups, house our neighborhood archives, and contribute in other ways to Inman Park.

**Lisa Milko** succeeds Linda Dunham as The Trolley Barn’s part-time executive director. She is a widely respected event planner whose work has received attention on the Style Network and in publications that include the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Redbook, and Modern Bride Atlanta. Lisa is also a dedicated community volunteer, fitness enthusiast, and mother of three school-age children. She lives with her family in Lake Claire.

On the Board of Directors, **Judy Clements** takes the reins from the redoubtable **Steve Hays**, who becomes immediate past president and continues on the board. **Christel Sundin** is Vice President for Operations; **Jacques Mebius**, Vice President for Facilities; **Diane Floyd**, Treasurer; and **Ellen McManus**, Secretary. Also continuing on the board, in addition to Steve Hays, are **Neil Kinkopf** and **Thom Abelew**.



*Lisa poses in front of The Trolley Barn.  
Photo by Jan Keith*

The new members of the board are as follows:

**Jim Abbot** is retired from teaching classics at Agnes Scott College. A tree nut — metaphorically, that is — he chairs IPNA’s Tree Watch Committee. He and his wife Jeanne LaSala are the original owners of their two-story Craftsman home on Waverly Way. They spend most of their time missing their now-grown children.

**Susan Crawley** is an independent scholar specializing in the fields of folk, self-taught, and outsider art. For almost a decade, she curated the folk art collection at the High Museum of Art. Service on this board is another of Susan’s many contributions to Inman Park: IPNA officer, Festival co-chair, and member of the planning committee for the Historic District Zoning overlay, to name just a few. Her proudest moment, however, was riding a street sweeper as the 1981 Festival Trash Queen! Susan and her husband John Murrill own a 1912 bungalow on Alta Avenue.

**Helen Cunningham** had a forty-year career in social service and legislative advocacy, which took her from Detroit to Chicago, St. Louis, and finally Atlanta. In 2015, she retired from her position as executive director of Buckhead Christian Ministries. She and her husband Clark live on Ashland Avenue, in the house (and amid the lovely garden) once owned by Atlanta artist Christine Sibley.

**Ellen McManus** is a senior engineer and project manager at Jacobs, a Fortune 500 company in technical professional services. She and her husband James have lived on lower Austin Avenue since 1996. They have two teenage daughters, one dog, four cats, and 11 chickens! Ellen is an accomplished potter, avid urban farmer, and runner.

**Pat Westrick** needs no introduction. She and her husband Richard moved into Inman Park in 1975 and raised three children here. If there is an IPNA committee on which she has not yet served, no one has identified it. She is a past winner of the fiercely competitive Old Broad on the Board Award, and suffice it to say that without her contributions, beginning in the 1980s, the Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes would not be what it is today. She and Richard moved recently from their second (on Elizabeth) to their third home in Inman Park (on Ashland).

At the Porch Party in March, the Board of Directors recognized and expressed its sincere thanks to Linda Dunham, as well as to outgoing directors Jay Doyle, Oreon Mann, and Richard Westrick. **M**

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AGAPE CAMP 2	JUNE 19, 20, 21, 22	10 AM - 3PM	7-18	\$220
ELITE CAMP 1	JUNE 26, 27, 28, 29	10AM - 3PM	7-18	\$220
QUICKSTART CAMP 2	JULY 10, 11, 12, 13	9AM - 12PM	4-12	\$132
AGAPE CAMP 3	JULY 10, 11, 12, 13	10AM - 3PM	7-18	\$220
ELITE CAMP 2	JULY 17, 18, 19, 20	10AM - 3PM	7-18	\$220
AGAPE CAMP 4	JULY 24, 25, 26, 27	10AM - 3PM	7-18	\$220
QUICKSTART CAMP 3	JULY 31, AUG 01, 02, 03	9AM - 12PM	4-12	\$132
NIGHT CAMP 2	JULY 31, AUG 01, 02, 03	5PM - 8PM	7-18	\$132

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## Taming Your Technology: Tips and Tricks

By STEVE STERN • [STEVE@STEVE-KARIN.COM](mailto:STEVE@STEVE-KARIN.COM)

This is the next in a series of articles about Taming Your Technology. Today's topic is how to backup your data.

With all the devices we own today, keeping track of content can be a challenge. Laptops, phones and tablets for each family member often have a combination of shared content and content unique to each device. It is essential to be able to retrieve that information if a device is stolen, damaged or misplaced.

Let's start with laptops. If you use Microsoft Office products (such as Word and Excel), every document and spreadsheet you create is normally stored locally. In a Windows environment, the default location for these documents is named My Documents. Apple environments have a similar default file folder. Unless these document folders are backed up somewhere, their content could be lost if a laptop (or any other device) is stolen or damaged. A simple way to keep that information safe is to use a cloud backup solution (which is a collection of remote internet-based computers that provide shared resources to computers and other devices). One budget-friendly cloud-based option is Carbonite, which automatically backs up all files in these default data folders to their secure cloud-based storage locations. If you ever need to get a copy of any of your documents, you can retrieve it from Carbonite's cloud storage. Carbonite also can store multiple versions of your files, not just the most recent one.

Another way to ensure you don't lose content due to a catastrophic loss is to store the documents in a cloud environment (rather than locally on your device) as soon as you create them. Google Drive is one of many available options. An advantage to storing your files in a cloud-based library is having the content



accessible from any of your other devices (phone, tablet and other computers).

This is a very large topic, and we've only scratched the surface. But most importantly, knowing your content is backed up to a cloud-based environment will hopefully give you some piece of mind.

*Steve is a long-time Inman Park resident, and has been working in the technology industry for more than 40 years. M*

## Lifelong Inman Park Plan

By CATHIE BERGER • [LIFELONG@INMANPARK.ORG](mailto:LIFELONG@INMANPARK.ORG)

Across the nation, communities are seeking to better serve resident of all ages. The Lifelong Inman Park Master Plan is a reflection of that movement in Inman Park. Inman Park neighbors will have the opportunity to review this plan prior to its presentation at the June IPNA meeting.

Inman Park's plan focuses on four Lifelong Principles identified by gathering information from neighborhood surveys, a walking tour and a workshop plus input from IPNA Board and neighbor meetings. These principles address housing options, mobility/accessibility, services/information, and social interaction. For each of these principles, the plan describes existing conditions and identifies goals and policies that will guide the development of the Lifelong projects the neighborhood undertakes.

This plan was made possible by generous funding from the office of Atlanta City Council District 2, Kwanza Hall, IPNA, and the work of the Lifelong Inman Park Committee. M

### See you at the Stroll on May 20!

See page 4 for details.



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# Festival Focus

The Joel Award recognizes neighbors who have gone above and beyond to make Inman Park a special place to live, work and play. These awards were presented at Butterfly Ball 2017 on April 28. 

When it rained in Springvale Park,  
He was the “elf” who opened his door.  
So neighborhood kids got to visit with Santa  
For holiday picture-taking galore.

When Festival rolls around--  
Never fear!  
He’s always there to vanquish the trash  
And captain the pouring of beer.

He’s served on Festival Home Tour Committee  
And with his girls, they’ve had their home on tour twice.  
He throws an annual party of BBQ and crawfish  
Making sure the boil has just the right spice.

He organizes volunteer workdays, schedules park maintenance,  
Had the Bocce Ball court resurfaced with gravel--this low key  
gent

Of reserve, cool demeanor and steadying presence,  
Even spearheaded the first Bocce Ball tournament.

It’s kind of befitting of this benevolent ninja  
That his last name sounds like a tropical bird.  
But unlike the colorful avian homonym  
Fruits of his labor are seen but not often heard.

Until tonight, when we take time to recognize him--  
The guy who always finds us free mulch and free bedstraw,  
The prince of Waverly Way, the keeper of Springvale Park--  
With our utmost gratitude, this Joel Award is given to

**Cam McCaa**  
April 28, 2017 


North of Belgium lays a land,  
Below the sea, we understand.  
A couple from there, they took a boat.  
They sailed to the west, were months afloat.

Having left the land of Gouda and herring,  
They took their time and got their bearing.  
Lucky for us, they made their way to Inman Park.  
For these Dutch neighbors have really made their mark.

With her front and center, easy to be found.  
He’s a step away, just in the background.  
At Festival meetings, she keeps track of budgets and deadlines,  
He supports behind the scenes—pouring us fine white and red  
wines.

For the neighborhood’s benefit, they work side by side  
Heading up Festival with Butterfly pride.  
They lean on each other with strength and resolve,  
And together every Festival puzzle they solve.

Our gratitude and appreciation is heartfelt and without nonplus;  
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for Festival leadership and Board service,  
for your dependably willing pair of hands and ready smile.

And while we value your continuing efforts  
to plant trees, participate in cleanup,  
and chair the Friends of Inman Park,  
it is for a special service we honor you tonight.

When our irreplaceable Trolley Barn was put up for sale,  
you were the perfect leader at the perfect time.  
As engineers do, you approached the problem without drama,  
confident in the existence of a solution.

Step by step, calmly and with unfailing good will and good  
humor,  
with wits and the merest touch of wily-ness,  
you and the Board you presided over  
shepherded fundraising and proposal-writing, schmoozing and  
loan-applying  
until the seemingly impossible was made possible--  
And the Barn was ours.

So, accept this third Joel Award  
as a token of our continuing appreciation  
for your ongoing service to this neighborhood  
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**Steve Hays**  
**April 28, 2017** 



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## Little Five Arts Alive

BY LAURA MOODY • PEACH STATE COLLECTIVE • 404-621-5677

Little Five Arts Alive has returned to Little Five Points presenting free art, music, and performances each Saturday and Sunday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. through October 2017. The series is organized by Horizon Theatre and funded by ArtPlace America as a creative placemaking tool for economic and community development.

For the weekend of May 27-28 the theme will be the history of Little Five Points through PodPlays (accessed through your mobile phone at key historic locations in the neighborhood) written by Found Stages, an architectural display, a photography scavenger hunt, and more!

These free presentations are located at the intersection of Euclid and Moreland Avenues. **M**



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*Congratulations to our  
High School Seniors graduating this May!*

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from Grady plans to attend the University of Vermont.

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from Woodward Academy plans to attend The University of Georgia.

**Ben Bizot**

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*Congratulations to our  
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**Colin O'Brien**

from the University of Missouri with a  
Bachelor of Journalism.

# 2017 Budget Update

By DAVID ADAMS • TREASURER • TREASURER@INMANPARK.ORG

As we rapidly progress through IPNA's fiscal year, ending on September 30, 2017, I would like to share the mid-year budget/financial summary with our neighbors and committees. I will be available for questions during the next IPNA meeting at The Trolley Barn on May 17, 2017. 

		<i>FY17 Budget</i>	<i>FY17 Actual</i>
<b>REVENUE</b>	IPNA Security Memberships - Individuals		
	Checks	0	950
	Online	127,000	28,789
	IPNA Security Memberships - Business		
	Inman Park Cooperative Preschool	0	300
	Ironworkers	0	950
	The Trolley Barn	0	300
	IPNA Security Memberships - Multifamily		
	IPV Master Assoc.	0	12,500
	Inman Mews	2,070	0
	IronWorks	950	0
	Krog Condo Assoc.	750	0
	Waddell Street Lofts Assoc.	400	0
	Jennie's Cleaners	300	0
	Inman Park Animal Association	300	0
	Garland at Inman Park Condo Assoc.	0	600
	IPNA Security - Other Multifamily	10,000	0
	Interest	15	22
	Festival	185,000	5,779
	Atlanta BeltLine Wine Stroll - From Friends of I.P.	0	13,481
	IPNA Flags & Banners	500	280
	Film Industry - Donations	0	2,000
	Unclassified	0	207
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$327,285</b>	<b>\$66,158</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Public Safety</b>	Police Officers	135,000	59,614
	Signs/Stickers	1,750	255
	Graffiti Removal	500	0
	Officer Appreciation (Meals)	10,000	1,248
	Patrol Car		
	Repairs	15,000	680
	Fuel	0	1,059
	Insurance	0	3,775
	Telephone	900	372
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>163,150</b>	<b>67,003</b>
<b>Communications</b>	Advocator	250	0
	Website; includes Memberclicks	5,000	0
	Merchant Fees e.g. Moolah / Quickbooks	0	863
	Hospitality	1,500	1,050
	Directory	1,000	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>1,913</b>
<b>Planning</b>	NPU-N Mtg Space Contribution	50	50
	Lifelong Inman Park	1,550	435
	Lifelong Inman Park - Neighborhood Study	5,000	4,535
	Traffic Calming	1,000	0
	Archives	0	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>5,020</b>
<b>Beautification</b>	Beautification Maintenance	18,000	11,890
	Beautification Maintenance - Enhancements	10,000	0
	Springvale Maintenance - General	8,000	0



## 2017 Budget Update *continued*

		<i>FY17 Budget</i>	<i>FY17 Actual</i>
	Springvale Maintenance - Phase 3	7,000	0
	Homeowner Sidewalk Subsidies	55,000	0
	Lights - Freedom Park / Euclid	87,000	86,675
	Grant - Tree Watch	2,000	0
	Sign Toppers	2,000	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>98,565</b>
<b>Executive</b>	General Board Expenses	4,000	1,997
	Bank Fees/Charges	100	0
	CPA - Audit / Tax Prep. Expenses	8,500	5,332
	Insurance - E&O for Officers	4,600	0
	Insurance - Liability/Umbrella for neighborhood	20,000	0
	Trademark	60	0
	Corp. Registration - Annual Renewal	150	30
	Legal (Tax Penalties 2013, 2014, 2015)	20,000	18,144
	Property Tax, Waste, 911 - Gordon Park, Virgil St.	250	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>57,660</b>	<b>25,503</b>
<b>Social</b>	IPNA Flags & Banners	500	0
	Porch Parties	500	0
	Holiday Party	12,000	17,016
	4th of July Party	450	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,450</b>	<b>17,016</b>
<b>Grants</b>	Little 5 Mini Precinct	5,000	0
	Freedom Park Conservancy	5,000	0
	Ponce de Leon Library	500	0
	Trolley Barn Investment	0	0
	MLK Library	500	0
	Art on the BeltLine	1,000	0
	Dad's Garage	0	0
	Inman Park United Methodist Church (for ADA handicap accessibility)	2,000	0
	PEDS	2,000	0
	Board Discretionary Grants	30,000	0
	<b>Education</b>		
	Grady High School	8,000	5,000
	Inman Middle School	3,500	5,000
	Mary Lin Elementary School	3,000	5,000
	Hope Hill Elementary School	2,500	5,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>63,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$501,610</b>	<b>\$235,020</b>

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## Getting Ahead of Canopy Loss in the City in the Forest

BY CHRISTINA GIBSON • CANOPY CONSERVATION COORDINATOR • TREES ATLANTA

Many Atlantans are alarmed by the rapid loss of trees in town these days. Buzzwords like ‘good urbanism,’ ‘high density,’ and ‘sustainability’ pepper many conversations and marketing materials about new development in Atlanta, but our urban forest—and our corresponding civic identity as the ‘City in the Forest’—suffers from rampant tree loss. This current reality begs the old adage: are we literally missing the forest for the trees?

The question is simple: how is Atlanta going to grow WITH its trees? We have the chance to write that narrative now, while we have remnant green space to work with from the side effects of urban sprawl. Solutions must be sought through more innovative design and holistic development on the site scale, as well as progressive environmental policies and land use planning at the regional scale. Trees Atlanta will continue planting trees everywhere we can, but we simply cannot keep pace to mitigate our dwindling tree canopy without working together to actively protect our existing forest, too. We simply must do both.

Attending NPU (Neighborhood Planning Unit) and civic association meetings can be a good place to start to learn about new projects coming up in your part of town. At this level of planning, developers often present conceptual plans to the neighborhood, especially when seeking a zoning change or variance; this can be an effective stage for citizens to get involved, educate each other, and speak for the trees.

But let’s also consider some bold ideas to get ahead of this canopy loss pattern.

One possibility would be tree conservation overlay districts, especially for our residential neighborhoods where 77% of the city’s trees are located. This may sound familiar if you have attended any of the Atlanta City Design public presentations by Ryan Gravel. A major pattern emerging from that visioning process is the stark distinction between our leafy-green, characteristic in-town neighborhoods, versus the major thoroughfares, where density, new development and transit options make sense. As an example, Washington, D.C. has Tree and Slope Overlays that safeguard trees and soils in three heavily-forested, hilly neighborhoods in Northwest D.C. They have also adopted a zoning regulation called the Green Area Ratio that lessens the environmental impact of intensive urban development. Any new construction that requires a certificate of occupancy must meet certain ecological design standards, measured by a scoring system that reflects a variety of green elements, including trees, vegetated roofs, and bio-retention of stormwater. Seattle, Washington uses a similar scoring system in their code, called the Green Factor, which requires increased quantity and quality of urban landscaping in certain parts of the city. The score worksheet awards points for elements like native plants, vegetated walls, soil depth, food cultivation, and—for the highest score factor of them all—preservation of existing mature trees.

What if the cost of tree removal more accurately reflected the services it provides for our communities and savings on public infrastructure? Currently, the cost of removing a healthy tree in the City of Atlanta is \$100 per tree, plus \$30 per inch diameter at breast height (DBH), or replanting inch for inch (which

## Getting Ahead of Canopy Loss *continued*

is often not possible). For builders, this is simply the cost of doing business. What sorts of incentives might we place on tree preservation instead of imposing minor fees and penalties for their destruction? Let's acknowledge the public health benefits provided by healthy trees and soils, and assign more appropriate values accordingly.


Maybe there are some cases where a tree simply should not be removed – period. Other southern cities provide restrictions on certain, significant trees: Charleston recognizes “Grand Trees and colonnades;” Savannah acknowledges “exceptional trees;” Nashville designates “historic and specimen trees.” Nashville also draws an interesting comparison to Atlanta: of its 247 square miles, they average 47% urban tree canopy, a close running to Atlanta's 48% average canopy across 133 square miles. As both southeastern cities grow rapidly, which will remain a true City in the Forest?

When does it make sense to build taller buildings (rather than low and wide) to save greenspace? When discussing design alternatives with builders and developers in your neighborhood, look out for opportunities to achieve density vertically rather than horizontally if it affords for existing trees and quality greenspace to be incorporated into the plans.

What if we restricted the sale and planting of English ivy, or

Chinese wisteria? The evidence is all around us; these vines are slowly suffocating our trees, or in some cases present enough of an imminent threat that trees may be easily written off as ‘dead, dying, or hazardous’ (DDH) according to the tree ordinance, and removed. Should we prohibit certain species’ ornamental use when they can easily become destructive?

What if the City had more dedicated funding to purchase and protect large, forested parcels of land? Imagine a network or a ring of publicly accessible, protected community forests, cherished by all Atlantans in the same way we love our city parks.

Development and conservation need not be mutually exclusive, and in fact, we cannot afford to take that polarizing approach any longer. Until our policies can be updated, let's collaborate across stakeholder levels to maintain 48% tree canopy coverage in the City in the Forest. We don't necessarily have to reinvent the wheel, since we can look to other cities for guidance and inspiration. What changes would you like to see in the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance? Which developers can we look to who are actively trying to do this better – even if they don't have to? Let us know. Contact [Christina@treesatlanta.org](mailto:Christina@treesatlanta.org) with your ideas, and explore these questions with your community. For a focused discussion about trees in your neighborhood, contact [Dave@treesatlanta.org](mailto:Dave@treesatlanta.org) to coordinate a Canopy Conversation at a neighborhood meeting. 



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# Spotlight on Mary Lin's Outdoor Classroom

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## What is an Outdoor Classroom?

An Outdoor Classroom, fondly referred to as an OC, is an outdoor learning space where cross-curricular, teachable moments happen. In order to nurture the whole child, we have to make learning accessible to all students besides inside a classroom. An outdoor classroom is ideal for when students might be studying bees and pollination, and making observations. Other students might be experimenting and testing soil, making predictions, and growing plants. Perhaps another group is writing poetry using their five senses, and yet another sculpting models of an animal they are observing. At the very least, they will learn that food is not just from the grocery store or Amazon. The OC is a place of creativity and endless tangible moments for students to learn and grow.

## What does the research suggest?

Not only has research shown that children de-stress and learn better in outdoor environments, but also that academic performance increases as well as attention span. The Children and Nature Network (C&NN) has compiled several studies, one supporting the claim that daily exposure to the outdoors increases students' ability to focus (Nancy Wells, 2000). Another study compiled by C&NN showed that being outdoors leads to higher levels of concentration in children ages 7 to 12 with ADHD (Faber Taylor & Kuo, 2008). American Institutes for Research (AIR) reported in their study that children in outdoor education programs rated higher in conflict resolution and cooperation skills. This same study also showed that students raised their science test scores by 26 points. Needless to say, outdoor education is of great benefit to our children.

## What's the latest scoop on Mary Lin's Outdoor Classroom?

With over a year and a half of planning, Joan Piccalo with JP Designs has put together this video of what the first Phase of Mary Lin's Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden will look like. Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93IeUafX9B8&feature=youtu.be>

### Outdoor Classroom Tentative Timeline:

1. March 17th – Atlanta Public Schools removed the trees
2. Week of April 10th – Mary Lin K-2nd grade planting in beds
3. Week of April 24th – Mary Lin 3-5th grade planting in beds
4. April 24th – First day of Construction
5. May 1st – Work day with Captain Planet and Mary Lin to build raised garden beds
6. Middle to End of May - Last day of potential construction. New Learning Garden will be finished and turned over for the summer to the Outdoor Classroom Maintenance Team

The Outdoor Classroom has been getting a facelift with the hard work of Boy Scout Ben Shipp, who is working on his Eagle Scout Project under the supervision of Lake Claire neighbor and Eagle Scout Leader, Michael Baer. He organized two workdays and fixed up the old amphitheater and its benches by removing and replacing wood, and giving the chalkboard a good cleaning. Ben and a group of volunteers built four picnic tables for the habitat area and laid mulch. Thank you so much Ben and Troop 101!

The Mary Lin Annual Spring Garden Clean-Up took place on Saturday, March 25. Our amazing volunteers cleaned up and cleaned out our Mary Lin Garden beds, which are now ready for students to plant Spring vegetables. The Garden Club planted a few vegetables and herbs to kick off the season.



*The Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom gives children an opportunity to learn and grow. Photo by Gregg Rice*

# Outdoor Classroom *continued*

## How can I get involved in the Outdoor Classroom either up close or from afar?

If you are looking for ways to help our Lake Claire community, our environment, and/or Mary Lin Elementary, then you have arrived at the perfect place. You can be a hands-on volunteer, a volunteer from afar, or make an in-kind or monetary donation.

### Hands-on Volunteering

- Workdays
- Garden club

Please contact Andy Woodworth, Garden Club Chair at [andy.woodworth@gmail.com](mailto:andy.woodworth@gmail.com) or 404-759-3826. Parents and students welcome!

### Volunteer from Afar

- Grant writing
- Volunteer coordinating
- Mini-fundraisers

Please contact Julie Roseman, Outdoor Classroom Committee, at [julieroseman@yahoo.com](mailto:julieroseman@yahoo.com).

## In-kind Donations and Contributions

- Donations of planters, cisterns, seeds, garden tools, mulch, soil, benches, signage, and more
- Naming opportunities
- Monetary contribution

If you are interested in an in-kind donation, please email Julie Roseman at [julieroseman@yahoo.com](mailto:julieroseman@yahoo.com). You can make a monetary donation by mailing a check to Annsley Klehr, 482 Hardendorf Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30307. The check will be made out to Mary Lin Education Foundation, ear-marked to the Outdoor Classroom.

## Who has helped to make this possible?

- The Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom Committee consisting of co-chairs Allison Turner and Tamara Jones, Julie Roseman, Annsley Klehr, and Mary Lin teacher, Gregg Rice
- Landscape Architect, Joan Piccalo, without whom the Outdoor Classroom could have never made it this far
- Sam Heys, Mary Lin parent, who will build and assemble equipment
- Donors like Bill Gordon with Georgia Landscape Supply, the Mary Lin Education Foundation, the Lake Claire Neighborhood Association, and the Inman Park Neighborhood Association

## Do you want to rent a Mary Lin vegetable bed for the summer?

Rent one from the Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom!! We have planted beds and unplanted available. Each planted bed might include peppers, eggplant, basil, cucumbers, squash, zinnias, and cosmos. All vegetables will be started as seedlings, but the zinnias and cosmos will be seeded. This is a great way to have fresh organic veggies this summer and to have your children involved with the garden. Don't worry if you will be away part of the summer. 'Garden families' are happy to water for each other. You can even share a bed with another family. Planted bed rentals are \$75 and unplanted beds are \$60. We will use these funds to help our students learn and grow in the garden during the school year.

First come, first served! Make out your check to Mary Lin Elementary, write "Summer Garden Bed" in the comment line, and place it in the P.T.A. mailbox marked "GREGG RICE" or deliver to teacher Gregg Rice. Send your questions to [grice@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:grice@atlanta.k12.ga.us) or Mary Lin Garden Club Chair, Andy Woodworth at [andy.woodworth@gmail.com](mailto:andy.woodworth@gmail.com). **M**



Children enjoy growing eggplant in the OC. Photo by Julie Roseman



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- Yoga in Old Fourth Ward Skate Park, 7 p.m.

## Mondays

- Yoga on the putting green at Park Tavern the first Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m.
- Yoga in Piedmont Park on the fourth Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesdays

- Caribbean Dance in the Historic Fourth Ward Park Outdoor Amphitheater, 6:00 p.m.

## Wednesdays

- Yoga on the Square at Colony Square, 6:00 p.m.

- Yoga at Atlantic Station Central Park, 6:30 p.m.

- Meditation in Old Fourth Ward Skate Park on May 24, June 14 and June 28, 6:00 p.m.

## Thursdays

- Caribbean Dance in the Historic Fourth Ward Park Outdoor Amphitheater, 6:30 p.m.

- Cabbagetown Runners and Walkers meet at Milltown Tavern, 7 p.m.

## Saturdays

- Boot camp in Old Fourth Ward Skate Park, 9 a.m.

- Yoga in Tanyard Creek Park on Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m.

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# Agenda

May 17, 2017

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available  
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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Police Officers' Reports
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
  - A. President
  - B. Planning
  - C. Zoning
  - D. Historic Preservation
  - E. Public Safety
  - F. Communications
  - G. Treasurer
  - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

*Check [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org) the day of the meeting for any agenda updates.*



## 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](http://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 off-duty 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](http://InmanPark.org)  
[InmanParkFestival.org](http://InmanParkFestival.org)  
[Facebook.com/InmanPark](https://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](http://www.little5points.com)

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

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the June issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org) on or before May 20.



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