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New Year's Irresolution

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You, dear reader, are no doubt aware that I strive to be presidential at all times. When I learned that President Trump, my role model in these Stormy times, recently underwent a mental fitness exam, I headed straight for my own physician. I am happy to report that your Dear Leader passed the test. I guess that makes me a very stable genius. But as the pop sensation Panic at the Disco (Inman Park's First Kid is a big fan) has noted, "crazy equals genius." By the property of transitivity, then, I am reliably crazy.

The coming month promises to test our neighborhood's stability, not to mention our sanity. We are scheduled to consider and vote on the proposal for Villa de Grip. At the time of this writing, I am informed that the developers have substantially modified their plans. The developers, however, have given no indication as to what those changes might be, so I will ask you, dear reader, to keep an eye on the website for updates. We will also send out notice of developments through our various social media platforms. by no means the only major proposal in the plan. In connection with the parking deck, the plan proposes the construction of a new road that would extend Washita south across Euclid Avenue to run behind the houses on Austin all the way through to Moreland. This new road would emerge onto Moreland between Bass Field and the Wrecking Bar. The plan also calls for a major development to be constructed on the MARTA parking lot. Finally, the plan embraces the pedestrian bridge over Moreland at Freedom Parkway. We have posted a link to the plan on the IPNA website and I strongly encourage you to read it. (Fair warning, though: it is 133 pages.)

These proposals are so important for the neighborhood, I am tempted to call them existential. Which side of the crazy/genius line any one of them falls on is a matter that commands our close and searching deliberation. Your first chance—I will do everything I can to make sure it is not the last—to be heard comes this month. I hope you will join us.

As if Villa de Grip weren't stress test enough, the drafters of the plan entitled Moreland Corridor 10-Year Update will be presenting their study this month. The geniuses in the neighborhood will not be fooled by this innocuous title. In fact, the study is a fatberg of highly consequential (not to mention controversial) proposals for our neighborhood. The centerpiece of the plan is to have Invest Atlanta build a parking deck on Bass Field for the benefit of the surrounding commercial properties. But that is









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February 2018

MAKE UP SCHOOL DAYS

Atlanta Public School is implementing a plan to make up school days missed due to inclement weather.

Based on feedback from senior leadership, principals, students, staff, the community and the results of a survey, APS will add 30 minutes to end of the school day from January 29 to March 30.

This means: • Elementary school will release at 3 p.m.

- High school will release at 4 p.m.
- Middle school will release at 4:35 p.m.

Our Sympathy & Condolences

Patches Mongeon, Degress Avenue, on the death of her grandfather

Get Well Soon!

Judy Clements, *Elizabeth Street*, recovering from surgery

Christel Sundin, *Euclid Avenue*, recovering from surgery

2018 Inman Park Book Club

Meets @ 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of most months. Most book selections are available at our neighborhood bookstore, A Capella, 208 Haralson Ave. in Inman Park. Shop local!



Cost: A Novel by Roxana Robinson Kathy & Kevin Dowling 245 N. Highland Avenue, Apartment 314



Born a Crime by Trevor Noah Stephanie Sherman, 936 Austin Avenue



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Porch Party February 23 • 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Melissa Miller and Thom Abelew at 211 Hurt Street

> All are welcome. 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 2017. 404.523.4801

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

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Directed Patrol:	
Drop Ins:	
Member Contact:	
Alarm:	1
Suspicious Person:	1
Found Property:	1
Noise Complaint:	1
Theft:	1

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Other Happenings to Note

Intown Piano Open House and Salon Evening of Music

February 24 • $6:00 \text{ p.m.} \cdot 315 \text{ Fortune Street NE} \cdot intownpiano.com}$ Love music? Stop by Intown Piano's Annual Open House for adult students to listen to our talented students perform for each other. There will be complimentary refreshments for all!

Steven Pinker "Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress"

March 2 • 7:00 *p.m.* • *Atlanta History Center* • *atlantahistorycenter.com* Cognitive psychologist, linguist, and popular science author Steven Pinker is coming to Atlanta to lecture on the concept of the Enlightenment and the current human condition. Come for a thoughtful and fascinating discussion by one of our greatest living cognition theorists as he presents his most recent book!

Mark Steinmetz: Terminus

Opening March 3 • High Museum of Art • high.org

Artist Mark Steinmetz has photographed in, around, and above Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, through which approximately 100,000,000 passengers, 1,000,000 flights, and 650,000 tons of cargo pass every year. Using the world's most heavily trafficked airport as his home base, Steinmetz closely considers the activity and interactions that take place at this crossroads of the contemporary South.

Subversive Cross-stitch

March $4 \cdot 12:30 \text{ p.m.} - 3:00 \text{ p.m.} \cdot Museum of Design Atlanta \cdot museumofdesign.org Cross-stitch is a type of embroidery in which the needlework creates images that look pixelated. Traditionally a way for society to measure a woman's marriageability, cross-stitch has recently become a vehicle for craftivism (craft activism) and used to assert diverse identities and demand social change. Grab a needle and thread and fabric and join us as we co-opt traditional designs or create entirely new ones that command attention and express your beliefs. The activity fee covers everything you need to create and bring home your own awesome cross stitch: 4" hoop, AIDA cloth, needle, threader, embroidery floss, and graph paper. The fee also includes admission to MODA's current exhibition.$

Lepre*CON 2018

March 10 • 3:00 p.m. • Park Tavern in Piedmont Park xorbia.com/e/asocialmess/leprecon-2018

Atlanta's legendary and largest St. Patrick's Day celebration. For a ninth straight year, the fabled event returns to Park Tavern. Join 5,000 friends in the heart of Midtown for an unforgettable all-day party in honor of all things Irish. Attendees are encouraged to wear their best costumes and prepare for a full day of outrageous antics, contests, surprise guests, DJs, and live bands on multiple stages.

Atlanta Master Chorale: Israel in Egypt: George Frideric Handel

March 17 • 8:00 p.m. • Emerson Concert Hall, Emory University • music.emory.edu/ home/events.html

Handel's lavish musical retelling of the story of the Exodus. Think of it as the Messiah (actually written 3 years prior but with some similarity) but for your springtime enjoyment. Full performance of choir, orchestra, and soloists. Regular admission tickets are \$35 online.

Bride of Frankenstein Special Screening and Discussion

March 18 • 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. • Fernbank Museum of Natural History atlantasciencefestival.org/events/bride-of-frankenstein

In honor of the 200th Anniversary of the publication of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein;* or the Modern Prometheus, we present a film screening of James Whale's Bride of Frankenstein. A rare sequel considered to be greater than the original, it poses questions about the limits of science, the manipulation of life, and the ethical responsibility of the scientist. Join Emory bioethicist and Director of the Center for Ethics, Paul Root Wolpe, and author, filmmaker and media historian, Eddy Von Mueller, for a screening and lively discussion of science and ethics related to the film. Advance reservations required at 404-929-6400.





Festival Focus

2018 Festival Design Winners



Cooper Pierce





Danielle Ramos



Michelle Glennon



2018 Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes Artwork Winner

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Artists and designers are invited every year to submit a creation to be considered for the official artwork of the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes. This year's winning artwork is by Cooper Pierce, a fellow Inman Park resident.

The art reflects Cooper's interest in typography and old school sign painting. Cooper explains that he brought two main ideas together for this piece. "The art of the hand-drawn image is quickly fading away with digital media to where hand drawing is practically becoming a lost art. The other aspect to this year's design is the architecture of the neighborhood, which was the primary focus of the posters of the early Festivals in the 70's and 80's." As tempting as it may be, don't try to identify the home in this year's artwork. The house you see represents elements of Inman Park architecture, but isn't an homage to one particular home.

Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes April 27 - 29, 2018 No Festival artwork would be complete without honoring our neighborhood mascot. "The butterfly is a symbol of rebirth and corresponds with spring," says Cooper. "Artistic liberties have been taken to modify the butterfly from the stylized neighborhood symbol to put more emphasis on the creature as a symbol of spring to correspond with the Festival."

Cooper is a professional architect, and enjoys drawing and art, so the Festival Design Contest is a natural outlet to pursue those interests. Cooper says, "I felt awkward about submitting a design being Festival Co-chair," a reference to the fact that Cooper and his wife Robbie are chairing the festival this year. However, the design competition is blindly judged and awarded, and Cooper recuses himself from voting any year that he submits an entry. This year, there were 21 entries, and the winning design was chosen from a short list of three finalists. Cooper's win is well-deserved, and you can look forward to seeing it on Festival merchandise and printed material.





Love your Hood! VOLUNTEER!



April 27-29, 2018

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Questions? Contact Jane Bradshaw Burnette: jcb5858@yahoo.com

Sign up early! Sign up often!



Lifelong Committee Update

By Cathie Berger • LifeLong@inmanpark.org

The Lifelong Inman Park Committee works to incorporate the needs of older residents into all aspects of community planning, development, and living by supporting the IPNA board and its various committees. This committee's work is guided by the goals and policies contained in the Lifelong IP Plan which identified four focus areas and was approved by neighbors in July 2017.

Housing

The committee focuses on housing needs of interest to residents as they age. Efforts include:

- Exploring housing options
- Keeping home ownership affordable by addressing the effect of rising property values on property taxes
- Identifying aging-in-place home modifications available to historic neighborhood residents

Mobility and Accessibility

The committee continues providing support to the IP Sidewalks Committee. Efforts include:

- Supporting the installation of new sidewalks and utilizing funding allocated through the IP Sidewalk subsidy programs.
- Urging Atlanta officials to address the failing sidewalks along the public parks the city manages

Information and Services

The committee provides interesting, practical, and timely information sessions aimed at improving individual well-being and neighborhood quality of life. Efforts include:

- Identifying topics of common interest and concern
- Designing and scheduling informative presentations where neighbors can discuss issues and problem-solve (All neighbors are welcome to attend. Look for notices in this publication, at inmanpark.org, on Nextdoor, and in Yahoo! group emails.)

Social Engagement

The committee promotes social interaction. Efforts include:

- Organizing themed strolls that highlight the walkability of Inman Park
- Celebrating IP new sidewalks
- Offering Walkable Inman Park t-shirts

The Lifelong Inman Park Committee always seeks and welcomes new members. Email lifelong@inmanpark.org for more information.

Lifelong IP Information Sessions

By NANCY MORRISON • LIFELONG@INMANPARK.ORG

December Lifelong Information Session - Safety and Security

Thom Abelew, IPNA Vice President of Public Safety, and IPNA Security Officer Tom Soukup provided updates on Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) operations and offered practical tips for making Inman Park a safer neighborhood. Thom Abelew, along with Chuck Clarke, also provided information for outdoor surveillance options such as Ring and Nest.

The IPSP recommends creating an "In Case of Emergency" contact on cell phones (under contact name ICE). ICE enables first responders, as well as hospital personnel to contact someone to obtain important medical or support information. Please support the IPSP by joining and keeping your annual membership up to date. More information can be found at www.inmanpark.org/security-patrol.

Presenters discussed and encouraged a Whistle Alarm Program that encourages residents to carry a small personal alarm on their keychain which can be easily activated when help is needed. The presenters also provided these important safety tips:

- The IPSP covers an average of 40 to 50 hours a week and now includes car and bicycle patrols
- Call 911 first and then IPSP
- Don't leave anything in your car and unlock doors to prevent broken windows
- Proper training is essential for people housing firearms
- Neighbors are the best security asset
- Consider installing a security surveillance camera like Ring and Nest (recommended options)

Next month's Advocator will report on Lifelong's homeless information session. Plan to attend the second homeless presentation on Friday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at Inman Park Methodist Church.

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February 21, 2018 IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available The Trolley Barn • 963 Edgewood Ave. NE

- 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
 - Β. Planning
 - C. Zoning
 - **Historic Preservation** D.
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Communications
 - G. Treasurer
 - H. Secretary
- VII. **Committee Reports**
- VIII. **Old Business**
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

Check 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. 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 Instagram: @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 February issue of the Advocator, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org on or before February 23.

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