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Farewell Dear Reader

By Neil Kinkopf • president@inmanpark.org

President's Message It is with sadness, Dear Reader, that I bid you farewell, for this my final President's column. It has been my honor and privilege to occupy this chair for the past two years. The close of my term has been an occasion for reflection on my legacy, about which, I must say, I feel quite secure. With the help of Pat Westrick, Diane Floyd, and my proposed successor, Beverly Miller, I have spent the past two years reviewing the bylaws, so I have become

quite familiar with the formal requirements of my position. The (almost) only duty of the President is to convene the neighborhood's monthly meeting. I have done that just about every month. What's more, it was my big idea to reconfigure the head table location at our monthly IPNA meetings, so now we face sideways instead of forward. Yes, indeed, the legacy of Sideways Kinkopf is secure. At least, it is secure as long as my Dear Readers are charitable enough to forget the ill-fated-experiment-with-Bikram neighborhood meeting.

From my perch, I have seen many great things happen during the past two years. I would love to take credit for them. But the bylaws make clear that I am not formally responsible for anything more than opening the Trolley Barn, arranging the chairs, and asking Oreon Mann to make motions. Setting aside the formal legalisms of the bylaws (which is hard for this lawyer/law professor to do), I am struck by just how true it is in substance as well.

This neighborhood accomplishes a stunning amount. We maintain and improve our parks, we smooth our sidewalks, we work with the City on projects to make traffic and transportation safer and more efficient, we support our schools, we run a security patrol to improve our safety, we throw parties and a little Festival, we welcome new neighbors, we cherish our past, we plant trees, we love our Barn, we publish the best neighborhood newsletter and website, we wrangle with film and TV production crews, and we work with developers to embrace the benefits of progress for everyone while preserving the fundamentals that make our neighborhood special.

As IPNA President, I have had a front row seat to watch all of this, but none of it is my doing. First, I have been so fortunate to be able to work with the best board I can imagine. The cast of characters on the board has changed over time, but I have been endlessly impressed by the wisdom, the integrity, and the commitment of every one of them. They have guided our neighborhood well and saved you, Dear Reader, from my missteps on too many occasions to count. (The Bikram meeting is a small taste of what might otherwise have been in store for you.)

In addition to the time and effort of the board, I have been awed at the range of talents and experiences, and the sheer number of hours, that so many of you have put at the neighborhood's disposal. Happily, no one volunteers for me, as President. We volunteer for something much better-Inman Park. Our neighborhood is so much more than any single ingredient; it is a sort of alchemy. It has been my great honor these past two years to convene us and to watch the neighborhood work its magic. I know our neighborhood will continue to be successful, because I have seen how many people are so deeply committed to what we share.

The neighborhood's special sauce is there for the sampling at our monthly meetings. They can be long and tedious, I know. But the deliberation that takes place during those meetings is the essence of Inman Park. At these meetings we discuss and debate our values and priorities. I have been so proud to preside at these deliberations because they have consistently taken a broad view that focuses on

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what is best for the whole neighborhood and for our surrounding neighborhoods and for the City as a whole. We understand that change is inevitable and embrace true progress. We work hard to ensure that progress reflects our values and aspirations. There is, of course, disagreement about what that means in any given situation, but the fact that our focus is aspirational is what makes us a neighborhood to be proud of.

I also know we will continue to be successful because I know what good hands we are in. Our new Councilman, Amir Farokhi, recognizes what is special about Inman Park. He has represented us well and, as long as we continue to live up to our aspirations, I feel sure he will continue to do so. I am also pleased that I will presumably be handing the President's gavel to Beverly Miller. She embodies everything that is great about Inman Park. My only misgiving is that I will suffer terribly by comparison. Unlike the one at the World of Coke, this is a Beverly challenge you will be glad to have taken.

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!

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"Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann Linda Dunham, 12 1st Avenue (Kirkwood),

June **26**

"Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate Lynn Koehnemann, 245 N. Highland Avenue, #206

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Welcome New Neighbors

Michelle and Jordan Kukler, Edgewood Avenue

Rachel Blacher and Scott McCowan, Druid Circle

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

April 2018	
Directed Patrol:	
Drop Ins:	
Parking complaint:	2
Back up officer:	
Fight:	
Suspicious vehicle:	1
Juveniles out past curfew:	1
Fire alarm:	1
Narcotics:	1
Traffic stop:	1
Suspicious person:	1



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Porch Party May 25 • 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by the residents of Iron Workers' Lofts at 1014 Edgewood Avenue

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

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Other Happenings to Note

Subversive Cross-Stitch Workshop at Ponce City Market

May 24 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. • Ponce City Market • www.museumofdesign.org Come for a special edition of MODA's Subversive Cross-Stitch workshop at Ponce City Market! Grab a drink in PCM's Central Food Hall, and meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor to learn all about how cross-stitch got subversive. They will cover some basic history with mind-blowing examples, and you'll learn cross-stitching basics and how to bring your own subversive design into reality. Tickets to these cross-stitch workshops usually sell out so if you're interested so get yours through MODA's website.

Atlanta Food & Wine Festival

May 31 — June 3 • Midtown • www.atlfoodandwinefestival.com

An all-female Advisory Council of 60 talented Southerns created the Festival's programming for 2018! This is the nation's first culinary weekend dedicated exclusively to showcasing the rich food and beverage traditions of the South. There will be learning experiences, tastings, fancy dinners, and a ton of other events.

Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring a Classic

Opening June 3 • High Museum of Art • www.high.org

The High will be the premier U.S. venue for this playful exhibition celebrating the magical world of one of the most adored literary characters of all time. Featuring more than 200 works spanning over 90 years of Pooh history, the exhibition will explore the origins, creation, and enduring legacy of the classic stories by A.A. Milne and illustrations by E.H. Shepard that have captured the hearts of generations of readers. Objects on view will include original illustrations, manuscripts, and proofs along with early editions, letters, photographs, cartoons, ceramics and fashion.

Tunes from the Tombs

June 9 • 12:00 p.m. • Oakland Cemetery • www.oaklandcemetery.com

An all-local lineup of music, beer, and food await you along with about 70,000 other very quiet attendees at this excellent annual event. Go on a free mini-tours of notable gravesites, visit the great craft market, or just chill on a blanket under those big trees and hear some music. Over a dozen bands will play at three different stages and busk throughout the cemetery. Advance tickets are \$20, but it's \$30 at the door so plan accordingly.

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

June 12 — July 29 • Center for Puppetry Arts • www.puppet.org

If you have a small child, you've probably read this picture book by Doreen Cronin a couple hundred times. Now you can see it in puppet form! It's a super funny barnyard story so this promises to be a fun outing for the little kids in your life.

Juneteenth Atlanta Parade & Music Festival

June 15 - 17 • Mozley Park and Morris Brown College • www.juneteenthatl.com Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States of America.

This family-friendly festival includes a parade on Saturday at noon that marches from Mozley Park to Morris Brown College. Festival organizers promise three days of live music, speakers, and beneficial information.



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IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.

May **24**

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

May **29**

Book Club See page 4 for details

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IPNA Meeting Trolley Barn 7:30 p.m.

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





Festival Focus

Magic Happens!

By Cooper Pierce and Robbie Whyte-Pierce • 2018 Festival Co-Chairs

It happens every year...this neighborhood transforms overnight into what we know as Festival! Neighbors go off to work or school on Friday morning and come home to see the Big Tent, several food vendors, and those stylish Comfort Stations. Then, Shazam! Saturday morning is the hustle and bustle of Festival. Sunday evening we go to bed to awaken on Monday like nothing happened...Magic!

It takes magicians to make magic happen – this year we had several new magicians step up to join the team. We would like to begin by thanking our numerous new Committee Chairs and their predecessors who helped make the transition smooth.

Diya and Sandeep Luke did a great job of Marketing our Festival and bringing in the crowds. They took over from Jen Ingram, who was instrumental in developing the position. Mollie and Whatley Fenlon took over Rentals for longtime Rental Queen Sam Bailey. Sam was a great mentor, even volunteering for set-up so that she could ensure that she had shared all of her knowledge. We can thank the Fenlons for the new deluxe Comfort Stations at Poplar Circle! Tara and Greg Wyman asked to get involved and took on Sales. They have done a great job of coordinating, folding, and selling thousands of t-shirts and merchandise. Kelly Krolikowski and Edwin Ortiz each sent us emails asking to be involved. Presto! They instantly became Signage Co-Chairs, taking over from Karen Goekel and Bill Goodman. Edwin and Kelly stepped in and have worked hard to handle the many signs needed to help our visitors find their way around.

This year is the retirement of Dennis Mobley, The Supreme Commander of Trash. DeMo levitated this task from lowly trash collection to one of the most coveted volunteer spots of Festival. His introduction of camo shirts for his Staph and Volunteers, along with annual service patches, has created a loyal Battalion. Dennis is being replaced by the youngest Co-Chairs in our history. Cory-Feig-Sandoval has been collecting trash at Festival since he was a little boy, helping his dad. And this year we also had an official Trash Force Youth Brigade, led by high schooler David Coffman. We welcome this exciting new energy to the Festival Committee. Our future is in good hands. And speaking of Trash, we have a new Cleanup Chair. Tony Smith mentored with Danny Feig-Sandoval last year, and is flying solo this year. This is a huge feat. It takes more than Thing 1 and Thing 2 to coordinate and energize the massive cleanup required on Sunday night so that we can all wake up to Magic on Monday.

Last years Co-Chairs, Jacques and Karin Mebius stepped into new positions. Karin has been working to recruit new volunteers from

all of IP's new apartment developments as well as captaining the new PayPal Will-Call Booth. Jacques is learning the ropes from our Music Man Extraordinaire, Steve Ellison, so that he can take on many of the Festival Weekend responsibilities.

Sam Bailey is going join forces with our current Food Chairs Robert & Wendy Orleman. Welcome back to the Festival Committee, Sam.

Danny and Lori came back from Colorado to once again lend a hand with Festival. A special thanks goes to Danny for installing the flags. Clark Cunningham is our new Photography Chair. His magic will transform moments into lifetime memories. Kristine Sandage is the Festival Treasurer, after Co-Chairing with Ben Mitchell for a year. No slight-of-hand here, Festival is after all a fundraiser. And let's not forget the magical transformation of Springvale Park into the Kids Zone. Alison Gordon created that wonderland this year after Co-Chairing last year with Donna Willis.

And now we want to say a special good-bye to Carol Mitchell who is stepping down from printing the Tour Tickets, Maps, and Posters. Her commitment and expertise will be missed.

Our thank-you to the rest of the Committee Chairs will be short, but their contributions to the Magic are no less important. Thank you: Alex Kronemeyer - Advocator; Christel Sundin & Rob Craig -Arts & Crafts and Beer; Sandy Hoke - ATM machines; Randy Bailey - Buses; Thea Quillian - Butterfly Ball; Jane Bradshaw-Caterpillar Ball and Volunteers; Carolyn McLaughlin - Dance Festival; Tom Pelletier - Electricity; Joe Castellano - Fire Safety; Richard Westrick - Fire Ants; Melissa Miller & Thom Abelew -Golf Carts; Mary Fiorello - Social Media; Karen Heim - Parade; Jan Keith, Sally Dorn & Kate Schnitzer, Ticket Distribution, George Gary & Paul Perry - Radios; Katie Goldberg & Nikhil Perumbeti - Security; Cam McCaa - Sponsor & Tour of Homes Sign Installation; Lacey Goodwin & Janice Darling- Sponsorships; Aimee Franz - Theater Night; Regina Brewer, Nancy Morrison & Judy Clements, Tour of Homes; Ward Bradshaw and Oreon Mann - Water, Chad Altermose - Website; Pat Westrick & Ben Mitchell -At-Large.

And lastly, we want to thank the hundreds of Volunteers who worked during Festival. The Magic literally cannot happen without you! M





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May 2018



Thank You from the Parade Wrangler

By Karen Heim • ipfestivalparade@gmail.com

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS to the Gnome March for breaking the World Record. On their tenth try, they WON with 755 gnomes assembled in Freedom Park. Shout out to my gnome-girl Chantelle Rytter for making it happen.

This Parade goes off without a hitch because of the following people, to whom I am most grateful:

The trusty Parade Line-up Crew with over 1,585 years of experience—Andy Rhodes, Wendy & Bob Patterson, Donna & Leif Palmer, Amy Stout, and Charles Gibson. New to the crew is Parade understudy, Julie Noble.

Lori Nipp and Leigh Higginbotham—the "ready-set-go" gals on the golf cart who clear the way for the start of the Parade.

Bobbi de Winter and Nikhil Perumbeti—our muscle on the median at the start of the Parade.

The lovely Laura Rogers and the Weinstein family (Eleanor, Lisa & Bennett)—our Parade banner carriers.

Our very first b'dass Butterfly, Logan Jones, and his two Butterfly crew, Liah Lawson and Olivia Bransford, heading up the Parade. Julie Noble and her understudy Sharon Tate for netting in the Butterfly Court.

Terry Sagedy and Jack Stenger-the Announcers on Edgewood.

Bill Dorn and newbies Sara and Marcus Wittich, rock steady on the corner of Hurt and Euclid.

The Grady H. S. Mock Trial Team organized by Susanna and Gary Capelouto and Denice Tischer; and the Grady H. S. G3 Robotics Team organized by Sam Castellano, Regina Brewer and Andrew Nichols—our invaluable Crowd Control. Thanks also to newbies Scott and Barb Palmer.

The Judges—Susan Bridges, Phil Tardif and Caroline Bridges Driebe.

Thanks also to "Prince Harry" Eric Anderson and "Meghan Merkle" Rebecca Hartley.

Thanks to Susie Allen, Holly Mull's sister, who always remembers her with a gift to the Parade—this time the banners for Holly-Hill Elementary School's "Jungle Book" float.

And many thanks to MailChimp—our Parade Sponsor. Inman Park Loves MailChimp!



Thank You Volunteers!

BY JANE BRADSHAW BURNETTE, VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE CHAIR



Dear Volunteers,

Y'all are the best. Simply. The. Best!

The 2018 Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes was a success! Thank you!

Festival would not be the fun-filled weekend we know and love without all the blood, sweat, and tears provided by y'all.

The Festival Committee Chairs, all volunteers.

The House Sitters, all volunteers.

The Trash Slingers, all volunteers.

The Beer Pourers, all volunteers.

The Water Haulers, the Butterfly Ball Decorators, the Tour Ticket and T-shirt Sellers, the Music Assistants, the Dance Festival Greeters, and last but certainly not least, the Final Cleaner Upperers, all volunteers. Festival is an all-volunteer run event and it shows. Our pride in our neighborhood shows in every hour given to the community and our Festival. It is a group effort and this group is the BEST!!

We have several committee chair openings (Printing and Food Vendors) for Festival 2019 and need your help! Time commitments range from light to heavy and we meet once a month as a committee. I've been on Festival Committee for 10 years and I've enjoyed getting to know my neighbors, giving back to my neighborhood, and being involved in planning the best Festival in the best neighborhood!

If you'd like to be part of next year's Festival Committee, please contact Robbie Whyte-Pearce, Festival Co-chair, (robbie@ whytekerner.com), or Cooper Pearce, Festival Co-chair (cooper@jonespierce. com).

Thank you, and see y'all next year!

It Takes a Village

Thanks to everyone who made our 2018 Festival the best yet. And a special shout-out to our four businesses who sold advance Tour of Homes tickets: VinoTeca; Little 5 Points Pharmacy; The Collective; and Revolution Donuts. Thank and support these businesses when you stop in. After all, it takes a village. This Small Town Downtown wouldn't be the same without each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

The Tour of Homes Committee



Joel Award

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 2018 on April 27.



Joel Award

There is a man in Inman Park Who's blessed with a creative spark. This quiet man, this patient man Is secretly a bonvivant. He is a most well-travelled chap Who creates beauty on the web.

When Festival is 'round the bend He proves to be a real godsend He strives to make the streets all clean And even gets his folks to join the team.

But outside clean-up day, you see He's also been a busy bee. He toiled and toiled for hours on end Working nights and many a weekend To create our new website, completely from scratch Delivering content, batch by batch, While keeping our old site up and running Something that is truly stunning.

> Design and Art he also teaches To the Committee, through his speeches. At meetings he stays calmly in the back But when asked, he has no lack Of wise words and thrilling tales About why this or that artwork prevails.

> > Who is this giant, pray disclose? Why...none other than

Chad Altemose

April 27, 2018



Joel Award

Ladies and Gents, the news is good, A terrific lady lives in our 'hood, She's smart, dedicated, and really swell Her abundant merits, this tale will tell.

A true Floridian, the Hurricanes are her team, And several hobbies make her beam. She solves the puzzles to find a geocache, And collects tiny things and trolls to add to her stash.

Her daily commute takes her IBM's way, And Airbnb hosting takes up time in her day. She's fluent in English, Spanish, and Hindi, She's got brains! She's got skills! We all do agree!

For her work in our 'hood, she's three years on the ball, Getting the job done winter, spring, summer, or fall. Meeting the deadlines, helping her staff: Accomplishment, without a gaffe.

With an eye for layout and a nose for news, She keeps us informed of IPNA events and important views. She brought us gloss, photos, and ads, She edits the Advocator that makes us all glad.

If Inman Park had a Pulitzer vote, Our ballots we would surely devote To our Advocator editor whose work we admire, Our very own

Alex Kronemeyer

April 27, 2018







Joel Award

Your Inman Park story started at the pinnacle – literally – when your dad decided to inspect his old-house roof with you in his arms.

(It took a bit of Mom hysteria to bring you back down to earth.)

Your toddler-hood was spent helping to set up the Festival stage and Butterfly Ball. You and your best neighborhood buddy supplemented your allowances chauffeuring tipsy Ball attendees back and forth to the "facilities" in your underage golf cart. And every Festival clean-up found you atop a truck, wielding a broom, or stacking chairs.

When it came time for a grownup Festival job, your next gig was to take over Festival Rentals, which led to prettier tents, ever-classier potties, and more daring urinals. Tables, chairs, tents, and umbrellas appeared as if by magic, and your negotiating wizardry was legendary.

> These days, Theater Night is benefiting from your organizational skills, your amazing work ethic, and your unerring sense of design.

You are known for your brilliant smile, your ready hug, your fiercely loyal friendship, and a Tiramisu to make the angels sigh.

Inman Park has many volunteers, but our very favorites are those who are home-grown. We thank you for all you do and have done,

Samantha Bailey April 27, 2018



Joel Award

He started with modest ambitions when he moved to the 'hood. He joined the L5P CID committee – just to do a little good. But after a while, the lure of a radio and golf cart did him in, He stepped up to become a Festival beer truck cap-i-tain. When asked to serve as President, he hearkened to the call. How difficult could this be? Just a few monthly meetings, that's all!

But right away, his term proved busy, you might even say hard. Who knew we'd have the Beltline, Villa De Grip, and a new preschool in our backyard! When the Beltline rail looked like it might dead-end at Krog, He worked his deft magic to negotiate between government "wheels" and developer "cogs." He approached this logistical challenge with his typical tact, grace and care, And as a result of his skillful compassion, our Southside neighbors were spared.

You may not know his face; he keeps a low profile.

He never appears in the Advocator, because that's just not his style. But he's no recluse! In fact, he has a social reputation. Every Thursday he plays poker and enjoys some libations. He and his partner-in-crime Andre won the bocce ball tournament. And look at him now, beer in hand, wearing a kilt, under this tent! An avid golfer, he's not one to miss 18 holes, But unlike our White House Prez, he did win at the popular poll. But give him a break, he must have his frustrations. It's hard to be a constitutional law expert during the Trump administration.

For the quiet son of Cleveland who never thought he'd move south, His actions certainly speak louder than his polished, reserved mouth.

Now he's all-in for Tropicália and smoking his own BBQ. What's next? A monster truck and some tobacco to chew? But no matter what, we Inman Parkers are proud to adopt him as our own, A transplant who can match any Southerner, homegrown. So it will come as no surprise to any Advocator reader, That this Joel Award goes to master of the quill, our Dear Leader:

> Neil Kinkopf April 27, 2018



Festival 2018 Arts and Crafts Winners

1st place: Greg Stones, Paintings, www.gregstones.com 2nd place: Matthew Terrell, Inman Park Resident, Photography, www.itsjustmematt.com 3rd place: Emma Knapp, Jewelry, www.etsy.com/shop/ironangeljewelry Honorable mention: Melissa Steurer, Leather, https://steurer.co Honorable mention: Kathryn Wieldraayer, Fiber, www.rangemarktextiles.com Honorable mention: Eileen Tantillo, Ceramics, Facebook Page: Eileen Tantillo Fine Arts M



First Place Winner- Greg Stones



Second Place Winner - Matthew Terrell



Third Place Winner - Emma Knapp





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Bee Education for Kids

By Susanna Capelouto • scapelouto@gmail.com

The difference between a bee and a yellow jacket is the first thing master beekeeper Linda Tillman explores with kids in her bee education class. She wants to dispel any fear of honeybees, telling her young audience that bees will only sting when you try to steal their honey. Unlike yellow jackets, bees will die after they sting someone, so they're unlikely to waste their lives on the general public.

Learning to distinguish a honey bee from a wasp can help kids fear of bees, she says.

Tillman, who is president of the Georgia Beekeepers association, gave a bee class recently at the Ponce de Leon Library where kids got to see bees in action. Tillman lives in Morningside where she keeps a few bee hives and practices organic beekeeping. Her young audience was enthralled as she described the mating of queen bees.

"She flies around and all the Drones (male bees) can't wait to give her a special hug," she says.

Tillman explains that once the queen mates with several drones, and she does this flight only once, she flies back into the hive and

A Visit to the New Rec Center!

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When you swim, walk, cycle, lift weights, climb the rockwall or dribble a ball at the new Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation and Aquatics center in Old Fourth Ward, you can't help but leave inspired.

Throughout the facility pictures of Martin Luther King Jr. and his family pay tribute to the centers namesake. And inspirational quotes accompany those who exercise.

Basketball players and the walkers on the indoor track can't miss the large writing on the wall.

It reads "if you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

Just as powerful is a photo showing King in the water which swimmers pass as they enter the pool area.

"A Love of Water Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," says its caption.

The Recreation center and pool opened in November and is part of the Renew Atlanta infrastructure bond approved by voters in 2015.

There's plenty to do for the entire family. Annual membership for adults ages 18 to 54 is \$110 and it drops to \$65 a year for everyone else. You can do drop-ins any time for \$5 a visit.

The center offers an array of classes. There are swim lessons for children and adults as well as fitness and chess classes. You can rent various rooms in facility for birthday parties, including the will lay about a 2,000 eggs a day to make new baby bees for the next 4 years.

Tillman's group does educational outreach and supports beekeepers throughout the state. The association was also instrumental this year in convincing the State Legislature to issue a "Save the Honey Bee" license plate.

Tips on what non-beekeepers can do to help bees include:

- Give weeds a chance, because dandelion is super nutrition for bees.
- If you must spray for mosquitos keep bees in mind, which means not spraying anything that blooms and only spray in the evenings or early mornings when bees are not out. They're most active between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Plan sunflowers and other vegetation bees love, especially those that bloom in late summer and fall.



rock climbing wall. For early morning lap swimmers, the pool opens at 6 a.m.

One thing the staff wants people to know is that there are two parking lots. The one in the front fills up quickly, so drive to the other side of the building for more parking.

To find out more on how to get fit and inspired go visit the Rec center at 110 Hilliard Street, or call 404-658-1149.





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Lost & Found Youth: Helping Homeless LGBT Youth

By Patty Durand \bullet Neighbor, Sinclair Avenue \bullet pdurand@bellsouth.net

The March issue of the Advocator included information about nonprofit efforts to place homeless people in the Atlanta area into housing and other support services. Research shows that about 30% of homeless youth identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). One of the saddest statistics is the high numbers of youth who are kicked out of their homes for "coming out" or disclosing their sexual orientation to parents who are unable to accept that their child is LGBT. Many times these youths are immediately homeless, or sometimes they will 'couch-surf' with friends or relatives until they run out of options. That is when we hope they call us.



youth. It's small with only six beds and two emergency beds, but we have a new strategic plan and our vision is to double to number of beds by the end of 2018 and triple the number of beds by 2020. The need for additional shelter beds is very high as we turn away many more youth than we can serve and there is always a waiting list. Some of those youths are probably at Little 5 Points and area parks because we simply can't serve all the need that exists. Our best ally, Covenant House, is often full and cannot take our overflow youths.

Lost & Found Youth offers these services:

- 24/7 phone, texts, and email response
- Emergency and transitional housing
- Emergency clothing and food for youth on the street
- Mental health evaluations and counseling
- Referrals to HIV/STD testing, health, and dental services
- Assistance for lost or stolen birth certificates, driver's licenses, or state ID cards
- Referrals to GED training/testing and other education resources
- Resume writing/editing and interview skills training

If you would like to help us achieve our strategic plan goals to serve more youths please consider a monthly donation in whatever amount you can afford at this link: lnfy.org/donate.

For some immediate fun, please join us on May 11th at our annual gala featuring Miss Coco Peru at the Atlanta History Center. We are honored to have the support of Atlanta business owner Steve Hightower who hosts this event. For tickets and information please visit www.atlthrivingchildren.org.

Finally, Lost & Found Youth also builds a large part of its budget from two thrift stores, one in Atlanta and one in Norcross. If you would like to buy affordable high quality used goods please stop by. And your donations are welcome – not only for clothes, art, appliances, etc., but the Thrift Store will pick up larger items upon request. Call 678-856-7824 ext. 4 to schedule a pick up.

LNFY is especially important to Inman Park and surrounding areas like Little 5 Points because many homeless youth in Georgia migrate to Atlanta, and often times gay youth are kicked out by their parents who do not accept their sexual orientation. As a result high numbers of homeless youth are LGBT. Other favorite areas where they hang out include Piedmont Park, Woodruff Park, and the Sweet Auburn District. It our hope on the hotline that we can get these youths off the street and into our shelter or other area shelters who are accepting of LGBT youth. Please join us in helping in whatever way you can.

Lost-n-Found Youth is an Atlanta-based nonprofit (501c3) that exists to end homelessness for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) youth. This organization was founded by three men who were not able to place these youths in area shelters and thought Atlanta's gay community and allies would support an organization aimed at providing services to such youth...and they have. Lost & Found Youth was created 2011 and serves LGBT youths between ages of 18 and 26 with services including shelter, clothes, food, HIV testing, and whatever help the youth needs to become stable and self-sufficient.

One of the founders and current executive director, Rick Westbrook, had the experience of trying to help an 18-year-old gay youth who ultimately died on the streets, and he resolved to do whatever he could to never let that happen again. Suicide, depression, and substance abuse are particularly high for LGBT youth trying to struggle through growing up while being rejected by family members. Approximately 40% of transgender youth have attempted suicide.

Lost & Found Youth is the only homeless services nonprofit in Atlanta with a 24x7 hotline. I manage the hotline and serve with five other volunteers to provide this coverage. We take calls or texts from as many as 200 homeless or at-risk individuals every month. About 20% of the time these calls come from support personnel looking for placement for LGBT youth such as high school counselors, Grady Hospital social workers, DFACs, police, and other shelters wanting a safer place for an individual. The other 80% of the time we are helping youth directly work through their issues and decide whether to come in for assistance. If they need help, we provide transportation for them to get to us since few homeless youths have a car.

We also receive calls on the hotline from outside of our service range because it's often not clear to callers that Lost & Found Youth serves a certain population. But that doesn't matter - we help everyone who contacts the hotline – straight or gay, young or old, married and pregnant, etc. We triage those who don't qualify for our services to other shelters, some of which were explained in the March Advocator. There is no caller we don't help with information and compassion.

In addition to the hotline, Lost & Found has a shelter for LGBT

Mary Lin Elementary Summer Garden Bed Rental

By Julie Roseman • Mary Lin Outdoor Classroom and Learning Garden Committee • Julieroseman@yahoo.com

Teach your kids how to grow food by renting a Mary Lin Garden bed this summer!!!

Students are planting various veggies and flowers right now! This is a great way to have fresh organic veggies this summer and get involved with the garden. Don't worry if you will be away part of the season. 'Garden families' are happy to water for each other. You can even share a bed with another family. Bed rentals are \$50.

Money raised from bed rentals helps 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 teacher mailbox marked "GREGG RICE" or deliver to teacher Gregg Rice.

Address questions to grice@atlanta.k12.ga.us OR Mary Lin Garden Club Chair, Andy Woodworth andy.woodworth@gmail. com M

Congratulations Graduates!

Mia Nicole Green, graduating from Woodward Academy, plans to attend University of South Carolina in the fall.

Carlin Lathi, graduating from the Howard School, plans to attend Beacon College in Leesburg, Florida in the fall.

Charlie Toole, graduating from Grady, plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall.

Jack Rafferty, graduating from Grady, plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall.

Anna McEntee, graduating from Paideia, plants to attend the University of Georgia in the fall.

Hannah Prausnitz-Weinbaum, graduating from Grady, plans to attend Stanford University in the fall.

Elizabeth Bockman, graduating from Ben Franklin Academy, plans to attend college in the fall.

To have your graduation published in the Advocator, email your name, school attended, and future plans to advocator@inmanpark.org

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

- Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers I.
- II. Police Officers' Reports
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. **Elected Officials' Reports**
- VI. **IPNA Officers' Reports**
 - President A.
 - Β. Planning
 - C. Zoning
 - D. **Historic Preservation**
 - 356 Sinclair (addition to contributing structure) i.
 - ii. 56 Waddell (renovations to non-contributing addition)
 - 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

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Report All Crimes: Call 911 IP Security Patrol: 404-414-7802 L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

L5P Business Association www.little5points.com

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