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President's Message

A Brief History

By BEVERLY MILLER • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG

In the early 1900s, Inman Park was an elegant neighborhood, but by the 1950s it had fallen to ruin. The advent of cars lured residents to newer, more distant neighborhoods, the Great Depression hit hard, and the City passed a law allowing absentee landlords. The once glorious homes became crowded boarding houses and were no longer maintained. Our neighborhood was a very unsavory place to be.

Adding to its woes, in 1961 the City re-zoned Inman Park to commercial and industrial classifications and GA DOT condemned houses by eminent domain and demolished over 500 houses and began purchasing and demolishing houses along the route of a proposed 12-lane expressway that would have destroyed our neighborhood. Judge Durwood T. Pye, who lived on Poplar Circle, and whose home was slated for demolition, fought the condemnation of his home with the help of the few remaining homeowners who were not absentee landlords. They made little progress.

But in 1969, along came Robert Griggs, an antiques appraiser, who drove down Euclid Avenue on his way to appraise the stained glass windows in the judge's house as part of his legal battle with GA DOT. On the way, he passed 866 Euclid Avenue, a formerly lovely house which at that time was in a terrible state of disrepair and was occupied by 34 tenants. Robert Griggs saw past its condition and decided he had to save this incredible Victorian home. The beautiful result of Griggs's renovation of 866 Euclid led others to begin buying and restoring our neighborhood's houses. These same pioneers also formed our neighborhood association, IPR (Inman Park Restoration, Inc) which was later changed to Inman Park Neighborhood Association. After many years of legal and political battles, the coalition of intown neighborhoods, C.A.U.T.I.O.N, Inc. won the war to keep the highway out. Sadly, Judge Pye's house was torn down, but thankfully it was the last to fall. The proposed expressway route became Freedom Park.

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**Fourth of July
Party!**

**ANNUAL IPNA
FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Join us for a couple of hours to celebrate
Independence Day – a great place to visit with
your Inman Park neighbors or just show off your
new Peachtree Road Race t-shirt!

Wednesday, July 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Trolley Barn
Rain or Shine

All Inman Park neighbors are welcome.
IPNA will provide chicken and beverages.
Please bring a covered dish to share.

Event Coordinator:
★ Carol Mitchell (404-659-2579)

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this month**

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Content is due on the 20th of the month prior to publication and should be submitted to advocator@inmanpark.org.

President's Message *continued*

I found this information in the book Inman Park, written by Christine V. Marr and Sharon Foster Jones, which I highly recommend. This story came to mind because at the May IPNA meeting, those in attendance were presented with an application for tearing down a home in our neighborhood. After discussion, a vote was taken, and the application for demolition was not supported. Not everyone at the meeting agreed. There were arguments made on both sides regarding whether or not the house should remain. The application for demolition will continue on to NPU and then to the City, so the future of the house remains uncertain.

I use this example to point out that IPNA is still involved with very important issues that affect the very fabric of our neighborhood. If not for the work of those who have shaped the development of Inman Park thus far, it would not be the place we all love today. However, change is a part of life. One mission of IPNA is to help determine how that change happens. How do we preserve the character of our neighborhood while also adapting to change?

The Atlanta BeltLine, for example, has brought many exciting changes. Among the many challenges handled so well by my predecessor, Neil Kinkopf, was the threatened narrowing of the BeltLine, precluding light rail, to accommodate The Edge, the development currently under construction at 670 DeKalb Ave. Under Neil's able leadership, IPNA successfully negotiated a compromise that allowed the development to go forward without hindering the original BeltLine Plans for light rail.

This is where your help is needed. You can make a difference in your neighborhood. Joining IPNA is free. If you're not a member, sign up on our web site so that you can receive updates and stay informed. Already an IPNA member? Pick your area of interest and join a committee. Email me or any of the VPs or committee chairs. Everyone's contact information is listed here in the Advocate. We want your involvement.

As a newcomer to Inman Park, I am very proud to represent IPNA as president for the 2018-20 term. What an incredible neighborhood we have! I look forward to working with each of you in the coming two years. Having an awesome neighborhood requires the hard work and dedication of many people, so please consider being involved. **M**

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!

June
26

"Before We Were Yours"

by Lisa Wingate
Lynn Koehnemann,
245 N. Highland Avenue, #206

July
31

"Flight Patterns"

by Karen White
Cathy Jamison,
805-B Edgewood Ave.

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

May 2018

Directed Patrol:	301
Drop in/Park and walk:	47
Animal Complaint:	1
Demented Person:	1
Found Property:	1
Noise Complaint:	1
Parking Complaint:	1



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Porch Party

June 29 • 7:30 p.m.

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This play follows a hopeful group of immigrants as they form an unlikely family, working to master the ups and downs of language, love, and staying afloat in their new world. As an attendee, you can become a participant by bringing food items to create a small grocery store onstage. Your donated food items will help stock the shelves in the play and also the shelves of the Atlanta Community Food Bank!

Yellow Submarine

July 9 • 7:00 p.m. • Midtown Art Cinema

landmarktheatres.com/atlanta/midtown-art-cinema

Midtown Art Cinema is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Yellow Submarine! Come check out this deliriously weird movie on the big screen and bring the whole family! It is “an icon of psychedelic pop culture, a colorful musical spectacle and an exhilaratingly joyful cinematic experience for all ages—filled with visual invention, optical illusions, word play and glorious music.” Super fun and anyway, it’s too hot outside, so go sit in the theater.

The Basics of Face Portraits

July 14 • 11:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Ponce City Market

poncecitymarket.com/event/the-basics-of-face-portraits-2

Here’s another indoor activity for a hot summer afternoon! Explore the world of portrait painting and break down the walls and barriers to expand your freedom of expression. In this workshop, the instructor will discuss the concepts of composition, intent, value, color and application. Start now and you can have a lovely portrait of someone ready to gift by the holidays.

Atlanta African Dance and Drum Festival

July 27–29 • Afrikan Djeli Cultural Institute • aaddf.org

The Atlanta African Dance and Drum Festival features a diverse range of music and movement workshops, an African inspired craft market, food vendors, Kid’s Camp and finale concert. The premiere festival in the region, The Atlanta Dance and Drum Festival features some of the most sought after instructors of African dances who teach an engaging lineup of dances from West Africa, Cuba, North Africa, and more.

Atlanta Ice Cream Festival

July 28 • Piedmont Park • atlantaicecreamfestival.com

This event sounds like it would be an all-day pig out sugar party, but actually there will be music, entertainment, and tons of wellness activities like yoga, traditional Chinese exercises, double dutch routines, hula hoop competitions, and frisbee tosses! Then, of course, lots and lots of ice cream, which is the whole point. **M**

IPNA Calendar

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

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

June
29

Porch Party
203 Hurt Street
7:30 p.m.

June
30

Freedom Park Tour
Meet in Poplar Circle
9:00 a.m.
Free

July
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Fourth of July Party!
Trolley Barn
4:00 p.m.

July
18

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

July
26

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

July
27

Porch Party
226 Elizabeth Street
7:30 p.m.

Moreland Corridor LCI Update – Progress Report

By JONATHAN R. MILLER • VP FOR ZONING • ZONING@INMANPARK.ORG

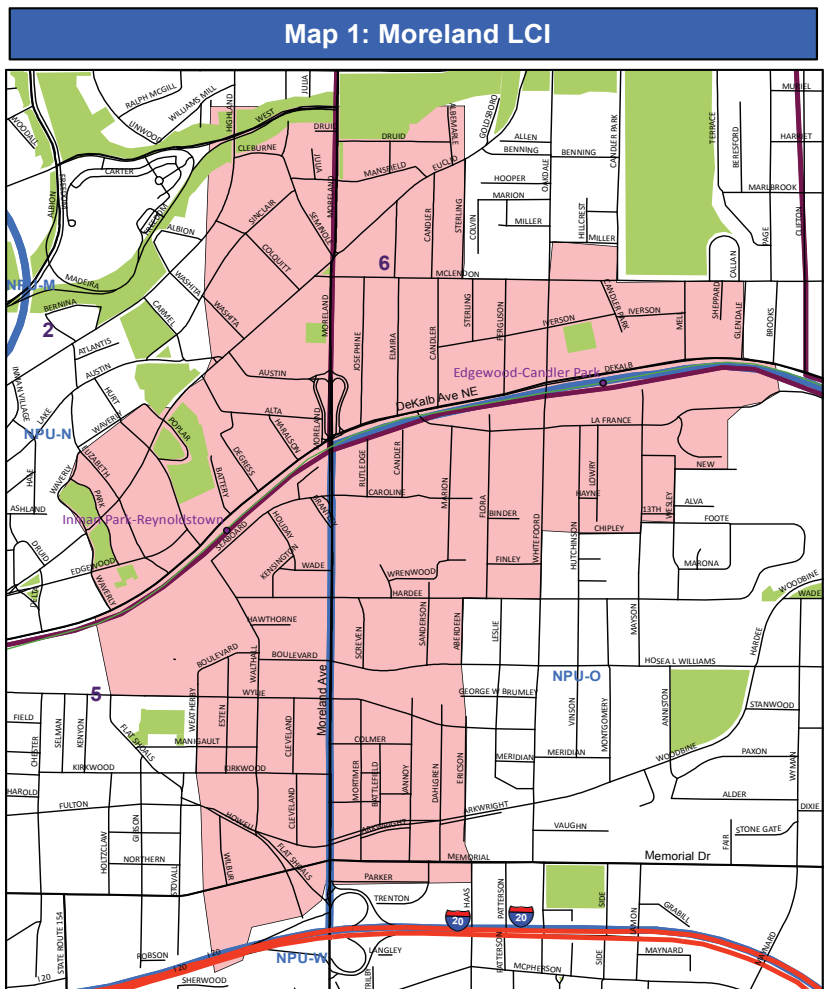
Earlier this year, Inman Park and the neighborhoods comprising NPU-N were presented with a proposed update to the Moreland Corridor Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Study, first prepared in 2005 and last updated in 2013. The study area comprises parts of Inman Park, Candler Park, Reynoldstown, and Edgewood (see Map 1). The report:

focuses on how local mobility can be enhanced so that neighborhoods are better connected, transportation alternatives are more easily accessed, and the tremendous assets of two MARTA transit stations (Inman Park-Reynoldstown and Edgewood-Candler Park) are better meshed into the daily circulation patterns of the residents. Further, strategies recognizing emerging economic opportunities and the evolution of activity within the corridor can reestablish the relevance of destinations within the corridor to nearby neighbors and visitors from throughout the region and beyond. Source: Page 6 of August 2017 draft LCI Update

The draft Update was prepared under the auspices of the Little 5 Points Community Improvement District (CID) with support from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC).

NPU-N determined that the draft was not ready. By picking exactly the wrong time to get back into neighborhood activities after a hiatus, I somehow find myself spearheading a program to evaluate and revise the draft report. Talk about being thrown into the deep end! As the study area covers more than just Inman Park, there are a number of issues raised that involve multiple parties. Fortunately, the neighborhoods in NPU-N were in general agreement that the draft needed work before it is sent to City Council for adoption into the Comprehensive Development Plan (“CDP”), the legal document that provides the underlying basis for zoning designations, which in turn controls current and future uses. And Inman Park stepped up and appointed a Working Group to advise Inman Park neighbors on the issues and prepare proposed edits to the draft Update.

The proposals for and around Little 5 Points are the primary focus for Inman Park. While beloved and revered, it is also a place in need of attention as the areas around it have changed. The proposed solution, bring more people to support more and different businesses, is one that takes some time to get used to. A particular hot button is an extensive redevelopment of the Bass Fields. While a parking deck for this area has been in the document since the original LCI Study, the current draft update has a proposal that raised red flags. Questions about Transit Oriented Development at the Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA station, traffic calming



Source: Page 2 of Moreland Avenue Livable Centers Initiative: Five Year Update

measures for the corridor, and a pedestrian bridge over Moreland Avenue at its intersection with Freedom Parkway also came up.

As is our habit, Inman Park rallied the troops and, you guessed it, decided to have a meeting or two. Or twenty! A Working Group of interested neighbors met to come up with a strategy. The first conclusion was that the draft document was too big for all to work on. So, sub-groups seemed like the way to go. This is where we stand today: the sub-group to address Bass Fields, led by Al Caproni and Chris Curley, has held several meetings and have crafted some recommendations. The sub-group addressing a short but unsettling proposal for a bridge at the Moreland Avenue-Freedom Parkway intersection (an idea that nearly derailed the Road fight many years ago) has developed some ideas as to how to respond.

The sub-groups will try to finish their work and report back to the Working Group in the next month so that the recommendations can be reviewed, presented to the neighborhood, and then discussed with the surrounding neighborhoods and the City. A schedule for completion depends on the City's schedule, but all signs point to completion this fall so that a revised LCI Update can be considered for adoption into the CDP this year. Stay tuned. **M**

Update On Springvale Park

By AMY HIGGINS, SPRINGVALE PARK COMMITTEE CHAIR

There will be some exciting things happening in the southern half of Springvale Park later this year and into early 2019. As many of you know, the southern half of the park (the portion between Edgewood and Euclid) has become significantly overrun with invasive tree and ground cover species that are gradually choking out the native vegetation. And although we've had several volunteer work days to remove this unwanted greenery, we've never been able to tame it.

Fortunately, neighbor Jim Abbot, has coordinated with Trees Atlanta to get some professional help to create lasting positive impact. Trees Atlanta will be using professionals to remove the ground cover due to the extent and complexity of the work. They'll be conducting volunteer work days for the woody invasive removal. Once we have the invasives cleared, we'll be able to plant native and more appropriate vegetation in the park. Be on the lookout for information about work day dates and times as we move into fall and winter. **M**

Nextdoor vs. Inman Park Yahoo ListServ

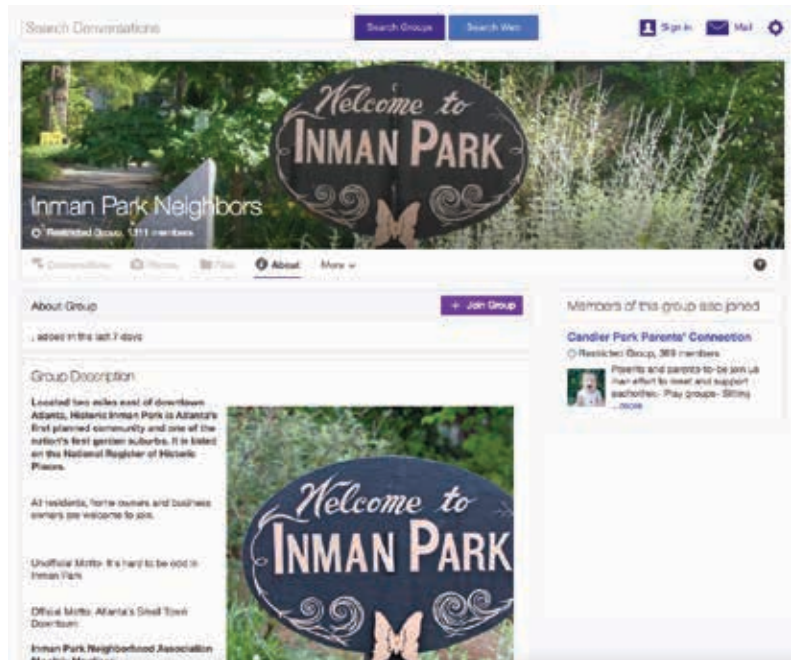
By PATTY DURAND • NEIGHBOR, SINCLAIR AVENUE • 678-467-0148

Did you know there is an Inman Park Yahoo Group ListServ just for residents and previous neighbors? Are you frustrated with Nextdoor? If so then come on over (or come back) (or stay on and post more) to the Inman Park Yahoo ListServ. Nextdoor has it's good parts but can be annoying also. With the freedom comes the ability for people to be inappropriately critical with others they don't know. Kristine Sandage created the Inman Park ListServ years ago and has transferred the administrator role to me since she's left the neighborhood (though still close and engaged with Inman Park events). Special thanks to Kristine for its existence!

I LOVE the Inman Park ListServ and think you will too if you aren't on it. The posts you will see include neighborhood announcements, promotion of local events involving Inman Park residents, issues related to crime and city services, questions about local happenings, and recommendations. Posts are similar to those of Nextdoor but fewer in frequency and, I believe, higher quality. We have witty and well-behaved posts like those from General Grolsch (Andre DeWinter) and other sassy curmudgeons.

There are no pontificators or admonishments - except about beer quality. Complainers are rare and quickly dispatched. Join us!

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Who is our new VP, Zoning for Inman Park?

Inexplicably, Jonathan Miller has been itching to “get back in the game” and do some zoning stuff. Having stepped down from too many years of being NPU-N’s Chair about three years ago in order to spend more time on Facebook and train for marathons, it was time to scratch the itch. With fond memories of quiet little immediate neighbors meetings to discuss Urban Design Committee (UDC) applications when he was IPNA’s VP, Historic Preservation in the good old days (early to mid 2000s), he thought: “how hard could it be to get my zoning legs under me again?” Having been a “litigation professional” (“lawyer” has negative connotations) for 17 years, his skin has toughened and his ability to sound like he knows what he is talking about has been honed. Besides that,

what better way to meet his neighbors than to be able to tell them that getting through the neighborhood process is the easy part of dealing with their city. Moreover, who doesn’t need more emails to read? So, he is back, older, hopefully with more perspective and a rested eye, ready to pore over development plans, attend meetings, and swap emails. Also, he likes reading the City’s Zoning Code. In a previous lifetime, he was an environmental chemist and the shortstop for the New York Mets. (One of these is true in this timeline, and one is true in his dreams.) He has two teenagers who think he is funny but a good source for money, and he is married to someone with a cool job managing the educational programs at the Children’s Museum. **M**



Inman Park Trash Force - Festival 2018

2018 - 2019 Budget

The IPNA Board will soon begin planning the budget for 2018-19. All committee chairs and other interested parties, please send your requests to president@inmanpark.org. Thank you!

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By Advocate Staff · advocator@inmanpark.org

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Wednesday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday: 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lanes always open during Recreation Center hours.

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Community Paid Swim, \$5

- Monday – Friday: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday – Sunday: 12:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Memorial Day, Independence Day, & Labor Day

Piedmont Park Outdoor Pool

Paid Parking at Atlanta Botanical Gardens

Community Free Swim

- Friday: 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Community Paid Swim, \$5

- Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday – Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



On June 5, the Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) Board and Committee Chairs met for dinner at Rathbun's to celebrate the last year and plan ahead for the coming year. If you want to join this dinner next year, contact Beverly at president@inmanpark.org to get involved with IPNA!

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Please congratulate all the members of G3 when you see them. Our executive leadership deserves special recognition for their leadership and dedication to the team:

- Hannah Prausnitz-Weinbaum (Grade 12) – Team Captain
- Emma Zuniga Martin (11) – Engineering Operations Lead
- Jacob Salomon (12) – Non-Engineering Operations Lead
- Zoie Nichols (12) – Drones Operations Lead
- Anthony Cochran (10) – JV Team Captain



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Please join the City of Atlanta and Atlanta City Council for an evening of open house meetings to discuss the future of Monroe Drive/Boulevard. This evening of events will allow residents to drop in to their selected open house location, to discuss the corridor based on their area of interest.

DATE: June 28, 2018

TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

MEETING A:

Monroe Drive from Piedmont Avenue to Ponce de Leon
Council District 6: Georgia Hill Neighborhood Center
250 Georgia Avenue SE
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

MEETING B:

Monroe Drive/ Boulevard from Ponce de Leon to Woodward Avenue
Council Districts 2 & 5:
Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation & Aquatic Center
110 Hilliard Street SE
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

MEETING C:

Monroe Drive/Boulevard from Woodward Avenue to McDonough
Council District 1: Henry W. Grady High School
929 Charles Allen Drive NE
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Agenda

June 20, 2018

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
 - i. 74 Druid Circle - additions to a non-contributing structure
 - ii. 835 Ashland - additions to a contributing structure
 - 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 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
InmanParkFestival.org
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Report All Crimes: Call 911

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

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