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## President's Message

## Help Put the “You” in NPU

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Atlanta's Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) system, initiated by Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson in 1974, was created to give neighborhoods a voice in decisions affecting the community; it institutionalizes citizen participation in Atlanta. The NPU process requires that any application not in compliance with a neighborhood's existing zoning or land use rules cannot proceed without resident input. However, this protective system is now threatened.

On June 15, Leah LaRue, Interim Assistant Director, Neighborhood Planning Units, issued the following memo with the subject line “Code of Ordinances Requirements for Applicants for Certain Licenses, Permits, and Zoning Matters.”

The Code of Ordinances requires applicants for alcohol licenses and permits for certain special events to appear before the appropriate Neighborhood Planning Unit. However, as part of this requirement NPUs cannot require applicants to appear before a subcommittee, neighborhood association or any other body as a prerequisite to having their application considered at the NPU meeting. Where an applicant appears before the NPU as scheduled, an NPU's refusal to hear from the licensee will not result in adverse action by the City in relation to the application.

The Code of Ordinances also requires applicants for certain zoning and land use related matters to appear before the appropriate NPU. However there may be more flexibility for NPUs to establish or recommend preliminary discussions of these matters before a subcommittee, neighborhood association or other body as a prerequisite to having their application considered at the NPU meeting.

The memo is disturbing for two reasons. First, NPU-N has traditionally refused to hear from applicants who have not gone before the affected neighborhood associations. Second, it suggests curtailing neighborhood participation even beyond liquor licenses and special events permits to include land use issues. The City's legal department maintains that the memo is based upon a Supreme Court decision protecting free speech. IPNA has been unable to obtain any information from the City to support this claim.

IPNA has long relied on the NPU system as a bridge between our neighborhood and the City. Our elected NPU-N representative alerts IPNA membership each month about any pertinent applications coming before NPU. For many years, the normal procedure has been for any applicant seeking a liquor license or special events permit in Inman Park to seek approval first from IPNA and then from NPU-N. At

the monthly NPU-N meeting, our rep, as well as those from Candler Park, Druid Hills, Lake Claire, Poncey-Highlands, Reynoldstown, the Little 5 Points Business Association, and Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community vote on issues affecting any of those entities. Results of the votes are passed along to the City. But since the issuance of the June memo, there have indeed been two disturbing applications that bypassed both IPNA and NPU-N.

The first was Vegan in the Park, an application which first appeared in June on the NPU-N agenda. However, it was incomplete, and the applicant had not given the required advance notice to immediate neighbors despite the explicitly stated instructions that such notice must be given prior to submission. I contacted the applicant to point out this omission and to invite her to appear at IPNA's July meeting. She stated at that meeting that she would defer the application. Yet it remained on the August NPU agenda, prompting IPNA to vote against it at our July meeting. At the August NPU-N meeting, the applicant simply stated nothing more than her intention to defer, so NPU-N did not take a vote. However, the City issued the permit right before the event, despite our NPU rep Neil Kinkopf's alerting the Mayor's Office of Special Events that the applicant had failed to follow proper procedure. Special Events staff maintained that she had appeared before NPU-N even over Neil's objections that merely signing in at a meeting does not constitute an appearance. The staff also claimed that the applicant could notify neighbors after the permit was approved although the application clearly states totally the contrary. Neighbors on Euclid woke up the morning of September 14 to find their street closed and a festival being set up. They had no advance notice, and ingress and egress from their homes was blocked. IPNA protested directly to Ebony Barley in the Mayor's Office of Special Events and also to our Councilmember Amir Farokhi, who wrote to Ms. Barley on our behalf.

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## Welcome to the Neighborhood

Casey, Joel, and Stone Inglehart  
on Austin Avenue!



## From the President *continued*

In the second instance, Crave nightclub in Little 5 Points was recently granted a temporary liquor license despite the fact that the previous license belonging to Kimi's Bistro, the former occupant, expired at the end of 2017. According to City of Atlanta ordinances and policies, a temporary liquor license can be issued for a location which has a current license and within one year's time of the issuance goes through a change of ownership or agent. The City issued Crave's license despite the spotty existence of a string of temporary and withdrawn permits during several changes of ownership across a two-year period when no business operated on the site. Crave is a nightclub; Kimi's Bistro was a restaurant. Crave is next to the Little 5 Points Music Center, which houses a music school attended by numerous children, and it is in close proximity to residences. Neighbors halfway down Colquitt have complained about loud music from Crave. At our October meeting, IPNA membership voted unanimously to condemn the City's issuing the license without neighborhood involvement through NPU-N.

Considering the fact that these two events did

not happen in isolation but are symptomatic of the larger problem of the City's marginalization of our input, IPNA is contacting other affected neighborhoods. We have reached out to Councilmember Farokhi's office and also to the Little 5 Points Business Association, which is fighting the issuance of Crave's permanent alcohol license. We will also set up meetings with our elected officials to pursue changing the ordinance in order to better ensure neighborhood participation.

If you were adversely affected by Vegan in the Park, please send information and photos to Neil Kinkopf at [npu.n@inmanpark.org](mailto:npu.n@inmanpark.org). Neil will gather everyone's input and file a formal complaint with the Mayor's Office of Special Events. If you disapprove of the issuance of Crave's temporary liquor license, stay tuned for further information on how you can help. Most importantly, tell Councilmember Amir Farokhi and other elected officials that you support our NPU system.

Thanks to Joseph Drolet for his help with this column. **M**

## Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

### October 2019

Directed Patrols .....	323
Drop Ins .....	69
Suspicious Person .....	3
Parking Complaint.....	2
Criminal Trespass .....	1
Information for Officer.....	1
Prowler .....	1

## 2019 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 Cappella Books, 208 Haralson Ave. in Inman Park.  
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Nov  
**19**

*"The Storyteller's Secret"*  
by Sejal 'Badani

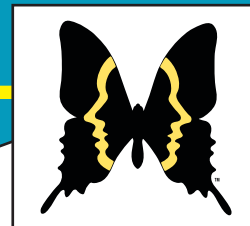
Diana Glad, 960 Edgewood Ave.

Dec  
**8**

*Holiday Brunch and Book Exchange*

Jan Keith, 889 Edgewood Ave.

Starting at 1:00 pm. Bring a new book wrapped in holiday paper for the book exchange along with your brunch dish.



## Porch Party

**There aren't any more  
Porch Parties for 2019!**

*But your porch was asking around  
about it and wants to host  
one in 2020.*

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**Get in touch with  
Pat or Richard Westrick to be on the  
schedule: 404-388-6466.**

# Other Happenings to Note

## Garden Lights Holiday Nights

November 16 – January 11 • Atlanta Botanical Gardens • <https://atlantabg.org>

Other cities have magnificent buildings and museums and history but they can all stuff it when it comes to botanical-themed holiday light extravaganzas. This one is not only hands-down the twinkliest, but it also features model trains, s'mores, carolers in Dickensian garb, a poinsettia fever dream, AND a disco.

## Harry Potter Week

November 19 – 22 • Guac Y Margys • <http://www.guacymargys.com/>

Guac Y Margys (over on the new part of our Beltline) is throwing down with dedication on Harry Potter fandom. Starting with a Potions class and Sorting Hat party (you find your House via a Sorting Margarita, naturally) on Tuesday November 19, there's also Harry Potter trivia nights and then it culminates with a Yule Ball on Friday November 22. Find tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harry-potter-potions-class-sorting-hat-party-tickets-66915984511>

## Atlanta Christkindl Market

November 21 – December 24 • Centennial Olympic Park • [www.christkindlmarket.org](http://www.christkindlmarket.org)

Did you know we have a huge traditional Christmas Market in Atlanta? We do indeed and you can get bratwurst, glühwein, and beer whilst selecting your nutcracker. This year, the German American Cultural Foundation is sponsoring the event in Centennial Park instead of Atlantic Station, which I think was a good idea.

## Habitat for Humanity Build

November 23 at 10:00 am • Inman Park United Methodist Church  
<http://www.inmanparkumc.org/>

Come join the team! Inman Park Church is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity build. Contact Jack Reed at [jackreed16@gmail.com](mailto:jackreed16@gmail.com) to join.

## Home Alone in Concert

November 30 & December 1 • Atlanta Symphony Orchestra • <https://www.atlantasymphony.org>

I personally don't think the music from Home Alone is particularly what you'd call iconic. But you know it will be lots of fun.

## Nightmare Before Christmas

December 6 & 7, 8:00 pm • Center for Puppetry Arts • [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org)

It's hard to find the appropriate time to watch this movie. Seems like you should around Halloween, but it is really more Christmassy, honestly. Right after Thanksgiving is good, so go see it on the big screen at Center for Puppetry Arts!

## Night of Light Christmas Concert

December 8, 5:00 pm • Inman Park United Methodist Church • <http://www.inmanparkumc.org/>

Come to Inman Park Church's beautiful "Night of Light" Christmas Concert!

## When and How Physical Therapy Can Help?

December 4, 10:00 am • Inman Park United Methodist Church  
<https://ipna.memberclicks.net/lifelong-inman-park>

The Lifelong Inman Park Committee will be sponsoring an informational program with presenter Erika Belmore, RT, DPT from BenchMark Physical Therapy.

## Lake Claire Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

December 14, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm • The Atrium at The Frazer Center

Shop local! Handmade arts and crafts from over 30 vendors, kids and adults. Lake Claire neighbors and Mary Lin Elementary are teaming up for the neighborhood Fair. A portion of the sale proceeds go to both organizations. Don't miss performances by The Mary Lin Advanced Chorus at 11am, followed by The Real Ukeladies of Atlanta. The Frazer Center is located at 1815 S. Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30307 

# IPNA Calendar

Nov  
**19**

**Book Club**  
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Nov  
**20**

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

Nov  
**21**

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

Dec  
**8**

**Book Club**  
**Holiday Brunch**  
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Dec  
**13**

**IPNA Holiday Party**  
Trolley Barn  
7:00 p.m.

Dec  
**18**

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



# Exhibitors Welcome to the 49<sup>th</sup> Inman Park Festival!

The Inman Park Festival will showcase a wide variety of artistic disciplines including painting, metalwork, fiber art, mixed media, fiber, ceramics, jewelry, woodcraft and much more. Held in one of the oldest neighborhoods in Metro Atlanta, the Inman Park Festival is a two-day celebration of community and tradition presented by the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, for people of all ages, races, customs, and interests. The Festival is a major celebration of the arts while honoring the rich history of our community. At this festival, there is something for everyone: fine arts and crafts, a children's play area, local food and beverage concessions and live entertainment. All this in the ambiance of Atlanta's most lovely and historic neighborhood. The Festival is entirely run by volunteers, and all proceeds go back to various neighborhood and other in-town initiatives such as playgrounds, sidewalks, and general beautification. Approximately 400 exhibitors will participate in this annual event.

#### **Festival Hours:**

Saturday 11:00AM-7:00PM | Sunday 11:00AM-6:00PM

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Accept applications:** October 1, 2019

**Application deadline:** March 6, 2020

#### **Jury dates:**

January 19, February 9, February 23, and March 7, 2020

**Accept invitation & purchase deadline:** March 15, 2020

**Event Dates:** April 25-26, 2020

**Load-in:** Saturday 25, 2020 between 6:30AM-10:30AM

To apply to festival, please use this link <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=7721> or search event "Inman Park" in Zapplication.

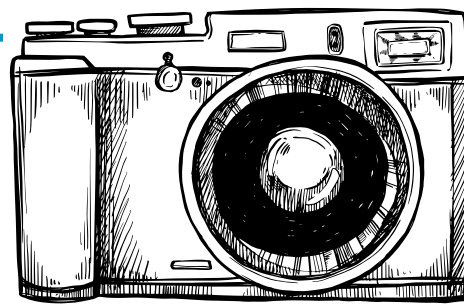
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**[ads@inmanpark.org](mailto:ads@inmanpark.org)**

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## Editrix Seeks Photographers!

By Yr. Editrix [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org)

You: a cool kid with a fancy camera (or maybe just a nicer iPhone than I have) who takes some really nice pictures in and around Inman Park.


Me: just a laid-back local newsletter editor who really needs some pretty content.

What say we get together and have some fun? As you may know, the Advocate is going to be self-published by Inman Park starting in January 2020. I would love to run your favorite pictures from around our neighborhood to illustrate our monthly issues. My only rules are that you should send them as high-resolution as humanly possible and also that they will look good in contrast, as the Advocate is soon to be printed in black and white. I am partial to pictures of dogs and birds, but local shops, porch parties, gardens, scooter pileups, trees, chicken wings, and adorable children also make excellent subjects. Hit me up at [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org) 

## Ponce Library Closing: Once More with Feeling

The Ponce de Leon Library will close to the public on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6 p.m. in order to begin extensive renovation work, as part of the Library's Capital Improvement Program, Phase II project. As you may recall, they were supposed to close earlier this year, but they had some issues that needed to be resolved and pushed off the renovation until now.

Construction is expected to take approximately six months to complete. During the closure library service will be available at the following nearby locations:

- Peachtree Library, 1315 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta 30309
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 409 John Wesley Dobbs Ave., Atlanta 30312
- Kirkwood Library, 11 Kirkwood Road NE, Atlanta 30317 



# Inman Middle School “Eagles” Soar with Support of Foundation


BY MELANIE BLISS • DRMBLISS@ME.COM

When some of us imagine middle school, we picture dark years wedged between bright fun of elementary school and experiential learning of high school. However, a walk through Inman Middle is illuminating and surprising – there is brightness, fun, projects, and experiences. Energized students learn an array of subjects through state-of-the-art technology; every student has a dedicated Chromebook or laptop; and virtual reality technology allows excited students to explore the world. Moreover, teachers have additional certifications and training, enabling them to provide creative, cutting edge teaching strategies. A key partner in providing these tools and training has been the Inman Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports two key pillars of Inman’s strategic plan: technology and development.

The Foundation’s mission is to provide a stable, long-term funding source for the people, program, and technology that offer an exceptional learning environment. The Foundation builds infrastructure capacity to address physical and innovation needs of learning, largely through technology. Secondly, the Foundation funds teacher training, such as gifted certification and Google certification. The Foundation supports the Educational Advisory Foundation (EAF), which provides experienced tutors for in-school intensive instruction to students needing additional support. The EAF is a win-win for everyone as it assists teachers with staying on pace, lowers the student-teacher ratio, and participating students saw gains last year of 79% and 35% in their STAR reading and STAR math scores, respectively.

Inman Principal Dr. Kevin Maxwell and his staff consider themselves fortunate. Dr. Maxwell stated, “Inman Middle School is a special

place that is thoughtful, caring, and student focused. Our highly skilled teachers stay current on research and Foundation funding permits them to keep their skills up-to-date and to acquire the latest in instructional quality, which is often not covered by APS.” Dr. Sparrow, a 7th grade life science teacher, stated she is “truly thankful for everything the foundation has done,” because when she started at Inman she needed classroom supplies and resources that were unavailable. She is also grateful for training she received at Georgia Tech that was made possible to her from a Foundation grant. Many teachers describe the confidence and excitement students feel when they meet with EAF tutors. “My kids absolutely love it,” said 6th grade teacher Ms. Lonza. The Foundation truly helps all students, regardless of age, grade, and ability.

The 2018-2019 school year was a record year as the Foundation raised over \$125,000. Our goal for 2019-2020 is \$150,000. We hope all parents will consider a generous donation, but take note - donations do not just come from Inman families! If you are a community resident or business owner, please consider making a tax-deductible donation, and check to see if your business will match. Be assured your donation directly impacts the academic success of young students at our neighborhood school, setting them up for future success. Furthermore, your donation fortifies Inman Middle as an exemplary institution where students desire to attend and highly qualified teachers aspire to work, upholding Inman’s solid reputation locally and state-wide. You can learn more at [www.inmanfoundation.org](http://www.inmanfoundation.org), where you can easily make your donation. For those of you who have already donated, thank you! 

## Grady Renovations Update

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Wednesday, August 21st, Grady High School held an informational meeting to go over what the future of Grady will look like. The meeting began with a presentation of the exterior design, including parking at the front and a newly created secure front entrance. Interior plans were briefly discussed as well. The remainder of the meeting was community questions and feedback.

The new addition will be three stories high and include a STEM lab, new media center, counseling suite, and lab classrooms. The space between the new addition and the original building will become a secured entrance - much like newer schools have with the double entry doors. The old entrance/lobby will be reworked for the new entrance.


The current media center will be incorporated into the cafeteria to serve more students. The current classrooms housing engineering, labs, etc. will be regular classrooms. There will be other HVAC and renovations worked on, but this was not fleshed out at the meeting.

The new building will go somewhat where the trailers currently sit, with some orientation changes. The gravel lot will be paved to be an actual parking lot. A new visitor parking lot with ADA spaces will go in front of the old building with curb cuts in the sidewalk on Charles Allen. Some trees will be removed but will have to be replaced (inch for inch). The large trees closest to the sidewalk will remain.

There was almost no time spent on the plan for operations leading up to and during the actual build and renovation. The new portables will be installed on the front lawn near 8th street with a fence for security; installation will begin at the end of September. Construction will begin in January. There was no time allotted for logistics about this, timing of interior renovations, or parking during construction.

Overall, the neighbors appeared disgruntled about the parking in front of the school. They don’t want the extra car movements and trash collection, potential issues with parking during events, and loss of green space. The parents generally were supportive of a safer and more easily accessible entrance and the other changes.

### Questions to ask and to think about:

- What will the impact be to the current student population during construction?
- The addition is thoughtful and includes spaces that the school desperately needs for both the STEM and science labs, and solves the very real problem of a safe/secure entrance. It does not address the overall current space issues. The design is built for 1500 students and we already are at 1455. If Grady cannot accommodate our children, what will?
- The front parking lot solves accessibility issues, but wondering if there are more creative solutions out there? It is common to find parking in the front of the buildings in suburbia, but we are renovating an in town building in an area with loads of traffic.
- Current problems with Grady appeared to be addressed, but might there have been a more holistic approach to the campus, which might solve multiple problems at one time?
- Have all the areas of accessibility and safety issues around the school been addressed?
- The planning committee behind the Grady renovations seems strong, but why did they not hold a public input meeting along the way? The issue with all the renderings just being shared means that it is now too late to have community input and be able to change the drawings. How do we know something has not been overlooked? 



# Speak for the Trees: Trees & Values

By Jim Abbot • [abbot.jim@gmail.com](mailto:abbot.jim@gmail.com)


When Kay and Jaime Kirsche asked me to help them plant two silverbell trees in front of their home, they probably weren't thinking about values. But I was.

We're fortunate to live in a neighborhood that values trees. Joel Hurt saw to it that many, many trees were planted when he developed Inman Park. Since then, so many of our neighbors have chained themselves to trees, planted trees, mulched and pruned trees, agreed to have new trees planted in their yards, and raised money for trees, that you might say we now have a "tree culture" in Inman Park.



What does it mean to value trees? Values can be "held," as in reverence for nature generally; "assigned," attaching to specific features of the natural world; and "relational" or "felt," arising from memory and emotion. Would it upset you to drive down Elizabeth Street and see that the live oaks in front of Callan Castle had died? If so, it might be due to each type of value: your love of all living things, your belief that tree-lined streets contribute to our neighborhood's desirability, and your treasured memories of walking your dog in the shade of those magnificent trees.

Personally, however, I think it's that last category that really explains why Inman Park is so passionate about its trees. After all, Kay, Jaime, and I did more than increase their property value by planting those street trees. We started writing a story for their new trees, if you will, a story that will always begin in good cheer on a rainy Sunday morning in October 2019.


By working together to ensure that the next generation of Inman Park residents can stroll in the shade of trees, we'll be creating wonderful memories for ourselves and valuing our urban forest at its true importance. 

# Atlanta Preservation Center Recognizes Jan Keith

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Congratulations to Edgewood Avenue resident Jan Keith for her recent Keystone Award from the Atlanta Preservation Center. Jan has been leading APC's walking tours in Inman Park for more than 25 years! Her knowledge of our neighborhood and her willingness to share it with others are invaluable to the preservation of Atlanta's history. If you've not had the pleasure of taking a tour with Jan, or other APC guides, you've missed a great opportunity to learn more about our neighborhood's – and our City's – history.

Information about APC's tours of 13 sites throughout Atlanta is available at <http://www.atlantapreservationcenter.com/tour-FAQs>. Tours are offered March through November.

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# Another Successful Beltline Wine Stroll!

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The Beltline Wine Stroll Committee (Eric Goldberg, Jenny Cohen, Neel Gupta, Allison O'Neill, Laurie Stenwall, Jaime Kirsche, Jan Keith, Galit Levitin, Sara Wittich, Michael Reeves, and Scott McCowan) would like to send a big thank you to all our venues, sponsors and volunteers for another successful Stroll. This year we netted \$61,115 for the Inman Park Security Patrol and continuing improvements in Springvale Park!

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We are looking forward to another fun Stroll in 2020. If you'd like to join the committee and help plan next year's event, please contact me at [ahigginsia@gmail.com](mailto:ahigginsia@gmail.com). 





# Memories of Halloween

BY MOLLIE BRUKER FENLON • MOLLIEFENLON@GMAIL.COM

Our 2019 Halloween was not so different after 27 years on Alta Avenue except for the aging of neighbors, the arrival of new families and the changing expressions of the season. Years of what I refer to as museum quality costumes by Robbie Whyte Pierce adorning her children Myers and Fairlie together with Bonnie O'Brien and her decorated children Colin and Darien we were dazzled with creativity and sewing prowess as we anticipated their designs each year. Together with Lori and Danny Feig-Sandoval and their son Cory along with our daughter Emily rituals were set.

Driven by friendship and precious memories we gather as adults with intermittent showings by our adult children. This year, without Lori and Danny who were swept off by the charm of Colorado, their son Cory continued to join us! Myers and Fairlie are still in Atlanta and able to join us when work schedules permit and our Emily home on a break before graduate work add to the celebration. Other changes are found in the habit of the adults dressing for Halloween and the earned luxury of relaxing on the porch with dinner & wine to watch a parade of little cutie's arrivals demonstrating varied degrees of commitment for the asking of candy. We were sadly driven indoors from the porch because of the cold this year however.

I will never forget the year my husband Whatley dressed as a woman and insisted with Jo Anderson, all of four or five at the time (Julie Noble & Eric), to be the visiting sister of Whatley. Precociously Jo was persistent in questioning "the sister" including the whereabouts of Whatley. But Whatley as the sister stuck to his story in that pitched voice leaving a discontented Jo as she departed for her pursuit of candy or tricks elsewhere. An earlier year on the front porch Whatley with his head through the hole of a skirted cardboard table, horrified all with its severed appearance both bloodied

and cocked with darkened eyes and a dangling tongue. It got a little too real for some of our little guests as the eyes sometimes rolled a bit and the head shifted slightly as children approached. Did I mention the piped sounds coming from the recorded electronic keyboard? This did not ease the tension. YIKES!

On the porch three years ago at Halloween a very different request was floated by Robbie and Cooper who were approaching their first of two years as Inman Park Festival Chairs. There had been a shuffle of committee chairs and a need to fill an open spot for the Rental Committee. To date my volunteer status had circulated around hour long shifts helping with varied committees responsible for beer sales, home tours, the parade and decorations for Butterfly Ball. I was ambivalent to put myself out there with the responsibility of coordinating stages, tents, toilettes and bike valets but I wanted to be a part of the work responsible for the now forty-eight years of Festival activities providing neighbors and thousands of visitors the beauty of the neighborhood.

I'm approaching my third year with The Rental Committee with gratitude to help and to connect with neighbors. I feel fortunate to live in a neighborhood with the type of camaraderie not always afforded by large cities. Here's to all the hope you find yourselves in a position to give time for the unique all volunteer endeavor Inman Park affords at Festival ensuring the richness of rituals found in this season as well as all through out the year. **M**



## Inman Park Halloween Kick Off and Candy Stroll

BY KATHLEEN BUSKO • KATHLEENBUSKO@HOTMAIL.COM

Inman Park young and "young at heart" braved the chilly weather to gather in Poplar Circle for the 3rd Annual Halloween Kick Off. There was no shortage of excitement as folks beheld the spooky, wacky, and often silly costumes on display. Through the magic of face painting, children were transformed into scary creatures, spooky monsters, and mysterious beings. The Ooey Goey experience thrilled the little ones who felt the icky "worms," "eyeballs," and "brains" lurking there. Families could also enjoy the fun of snapping instant photos that provided an immediate Halloween souvenir.

Then everyone set off for the evening's highlight—the Candy Stroll. Our official mascot, Boo Dove, took the lead as parents and children walked the Trick or Treat route. Generous Inman Park neighbors greeted everyone with delicious treats and good cheer.

Many thanks to LifeLong Inman Park for sponsoring this event. We invite everyone to be there next year. **M**

# October Meeting Minutes

President Beverly Miller called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:31 pm

## Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers

Sarah Birdsong, owner of new business at 900 Dekalb ("The Dickey") told neighbors about the 4 new women-owned businesses in the building and availability of one more rentable room.

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Georgia Tech Masters students (from Mike Dobbins Studio) Cameron and Deborah spoke briefly about their interest in Inman Park and city planning, and invited neighbors to attend a presentation on Nov 13 from 6-9 p.m.

<https://planning.gatech.edu/michael-dobbins-facip-faia>

## Police Officers' Reports

Sgt. Soukup introduced officer Sgt Barth (IP's very first bike officer) and Michael Wolf (who has been in the Patrol for 7 years). Together they thanked the IPNA for the new patrol car/truck and reported that although they've been patrolling in it as "unmarked," the graphics and lights would be added soon.

Alex Kronemeyer reported that her neighbor's car was stolen car (Waverly Way) via tow truck, but that as video surveillance captured the event, the suspect has been apprehended.

Beverly Miller asked for an update on the car accident on North Highland on 8/31. [Police officer was responding to a 2969 (fight with weapon) and hit a driver, then a bike rack while driving south on N. Highland.] Sergeants answered that an internal investigation is still planned and they will report back results.

## Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve August Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

## Elected Officials' Reports

None to report

## Announcements and Committee Reports

**Amy Higgins** - Wine Stroll. Happy to report that the 7th Annual Beltline Wine Stroll went off without a hitch and raised (net) just under \$60K, which will be used for Security Patrol

and improvements in Springvale Park. This year more than 1,040 tickets were sold, and 57 volunteers worked in 97-degree heat to make this event a success. Thank you to all Committee Members for your hard work! David Shorter, Executive Director of Little Five Points Center for Arts and Community was introduced by Ute Banse (Board Chair) and presented briefly, thanking IPNA for past support and urging neighbors to USE the Center, which is available for multiple purposes. They are also looking for additional Board members: <http://www.l5pcc.org/>

**Phil Sims** from the L5P Music Center spoke about the recent opening of the business "Crave" (formerly called "Skinny's Hot Chicken and Hookah Bar") which is operating with a temporary liquor license, and did not go through either the IPNA, L5P Business Association or the NPU for support. The IPNA voted previously not to support the application, but it never went to the NPU and it is uncertain how the temporary license was granted by the city. Mr. Sims is concerned that the late hours and loud music of this establishment will disturb the 3 artists in residence living at the music center (right behind the restaurant) and other nearby neighbors on Colquitt, none of whom were given any information about this potential new business. He also operates a music school and has many children on site; he lives halfway down the block and can hear the music from Crave at his house; Miller said the board will discuss the granting of the liquor license and formulate a response to the city and will keep IPNA updated.

The membership unanimously voted to condemn the unauthorized opening of this establishment.

<http://www.cmcatlanta.com/index.php/founders-directors/item/2-phil-sims>

<https://cravel5p.com/>

Pat Westrick: October Porch Party will be at the home of Emily Pelton and Neil Kinkopf at 1027 Euclid Avenue on Friday, October 25, at 7:30. This is the last porch party of the year! Neighbors are asked to bring a dish or munchie to share and their beverage of choice.

## Cathie Berger - Lifelong Inman Park Committee

- 3rd Annual Halloween Kick-Off Parade.
- Lifelong Inman Park Information Series presents MEMORY ISSUES: Diagnosing

and Important Things to Know; October 24, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. Presenter: Moira Keller, LCSW, Geriatric Specialist, Piedmont Healthcare

## Jane Bradshaw Burnette - Festival Committee

- The call for art entries is live & ready to accept submissions!  
<https://www.facebook.com/InmanParkFestival/>  
  
<https://www.instagram.com/inmanparkfest/>  
Submissions should be made on the site: <http://inmanparkfestival.org/art/submissions/>
- The Inman Park Festival 2020 Exhibitor Application is also now open! <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=7721> 3. Festival 2020 still needs a Trash/Recycling Supreme Commander UNDERSTUDY – someone to work and learn from Cory, and eventually take over. Al Caproni and Chris Curley - Little 5 Points Alliance

Chris walked the membership through the new website (<https://l5pa.com/>), in particular pointing out that the donation portal is now live (<https://l5pa.com/show-love>). They encourage everyone to visit the website. The L5P Alliance Board is looking to fill 2 At Large positions.

**IPNA Officers' Reports VP Public Safety** -- Kevin Curry reiterated that lights and decals/insignia would soon be added to the new Security Patrol vehicle and announced that, after the sale was completed, we came in well under budget. VP for Historic Preservation -- Sara Wittich introduced architects for both properties under review and pointed out that proposed plans for each had enjoyed unanimous support by immediate neighbors. Ute Banse presented plans for changes to 124 Elizabeth Street, which include a rear addition with a deck and screened-in porch. Plans conform with all regulations; no change to front elevation. Asking only for rear yard setback reduction. Adam Stillman presented plans for changes to 1112 Colquitt, which include a dormer in the back which will not be visible from the street. Owners are hoping for historic city tax credits and are therefore conforming to strict historic regulations. No variances. Proposed changes to both properties passed with unanimous approval. VP for Planning -- Rick Bizot reported that the Hulsey Yards Master Plan is still being



finalized; no real update this month. Looking forward to the Mike Dobbins Studio update on Nov 13th.

**NPU** – Neil Kinkopf reported on upcoming ordinance regarding adopting a definition of “small discount stores” and a restriction on having more than one in a community within 1,500 feet of one another. Membership voted in favor of supporting this ordinance: 47 in favor, 0 opposed.

Update on “Vegan in the Park” Festival, which occurred on September 28 and closed Euclid Avenue from Hurt to Austin, despite a lack of notice to any immediate neighbors who were inconvenienced (and surprised!) by this. As a reminder, the organizers of this event did not present either to the IPNA nor was the application presented to NPU for consideration (was deleted online). Neil suggests that neighbors who were affected/inconvenienced lodge a formal complaint with the Mayor’s Office and also communicate with City Councilperson Amir Farokhi, who has been helpful in this situation. The long-term solution to this increasingly frequent problem may be a change in legislation (alter the ordinance that closes streets). Lastly, Neil urges neighbors to

attend this month’s Porch Party, which he is hosting!

**VP for Zoning** – Jonathan Miller reports no update on the Moreland Avenue LCI; still waiting for other neighborhoods to provide input.

**VP for Communication** – Melissa Miller announced that she will be adding many of the aforementioned project details to the Quick Links on the website (under Historic Preservation Project Plans): <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/historic-preservation-project-plans>

**Secretary** -- Julie Noble thanked Hampton & Hudson/Nina & Rafi’s for pizza and sliders at today’s meeting

**Treasurer** - Kay Kirsche presented the edits from September to the proposed 2020 budget:  
a) Advocator revenue/expenses added as line items  
b) Lifelong IP budget changed from \$500 to \$2k  
c) Babysitter expense for IPNA meetings now \$600.

Summary: \$330k revenue vs. \$572k expense

means loss of \$242k but still leaves buffer in reserves of \$150k.

Motion to vote on FY2020 Budget as presented. Seconded. Passed with unanimous support (47 – 0). President – Beverly Miller (nothing to report)

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

George (Beau) Weidman reported that the Community Garden Committee has planted new flowers that will bloom during Festival (since in the past few years, the expected shrubs, perennials and bulbs have been blooming too soon). He is interested in reorganizing the structure of the Committee to cover “Delta Park, Elizabeth Triangle and Springvale” and is looking for members to help coordinate this. Beverly Miller started that both Barbara Leach as Beatification Committee Chair and Amy Higgins as Springvale Park Chair do a great job; Miller offered to discuss his ideas with him outside of the meeting.

President Beverly Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04. Seconded. Approved. 



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# Agenda

November 20, 2019

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m • Babysitting Available

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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
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- IV. Announcements
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- 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

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IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Trolley Barn.

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### Websites

[InmanPark.org](http://InmanPark.org)  
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### L5P Business Association

[www.little5points.com](http://www.little5points.com)

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