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President's Message

Catching up with Dave and Matty at 788 Lake Avenue

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In December 2017, on what has turned out to be one very lucky day for all of us here in Inman Park, Dave Pierce and Matty Brooks were strolling down Lake Ave when they ran into a friend who lives on the street. After some casual conversation, Dave and Matty learned that the owner of nearby 788 Lake Avenue had recently passed away and the executor was looking to sell the property. Having just completed a slow, seven-year renovation of their nearby home in Candler Park, the couple (well, at least one of them!) was intrigued by the late-Victorian cottage.

Clearly, this home had seen better days. According to Dave's extensive research, the house was constructed in 1907 and initially served as a rental, with many employees of the railroad and nearby ice plant calling it home. Forty years later, the house was sold and then occupied by the same family for over 70 years. By the time Dave and Matty came along 110 years after its construction, they found that this once charming home had been allowed to undergo a 40-year decline. It had a badly deteriorated foundation and had even lacked running water for the past several decades.

As they looked at the house from the outside, Dave and Matty became intrigued despite their observations that burglar bars obscured the windows and the home's prominent front gable had mysteriously pulled away from the rest of the house and twisted at a significant pitch. Somehow undeterred by the exterior condition, Matty and Dave braved a look inside. While many of the original interior details remained, it became apparent that the house would need a complete foundation lift due to missing foundation piers that had caused the house to sag over twelve inches in some places, including at the rear corner of the house. They also couldn't help but notice that the house was full of lots of debris, including large mounds of trash and dead squirrels.

Who could forget their stunning presentation of the "before" pictures juxtaposed with those ambitious restoration plans at the November 2018 IPNA meeting? Since that meeting, no doubt we've



all often wondered about their progress, especially when walking by in the early days of the restoration and thinking, "Oh, wow, I hope Dave and Matty can really pull this off!" The cheery wreaths and garland decorating the still-empty house in December brought a spark of hope that Matty and Dave were not giving up.

This persistence sprang from their initial expectation that the project would not be easy. After months of permitting, work began in February 2019 with Matty's uncle as the project's architect.

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The Inman Park Neighborhood Association is happy to announce that our neighborhood magazine, The Advocate, is once again published by neighborhood volunteers and features only local ads.

The Advocate is mailed directly each month to 2200 homes in Inman Park, shared on social media with Inman Park and surrounding neighborhoods, and distributed to neighborhood businesses, providing a great way to advertise to your neighbors.

To purchase ads, go to inmanpark.org and click on the "Advocator Ad Sales" link at the top of the home page.

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Please remember to support our fabulous local sponsors who make this publication possible!

2020 Inman Park Book Club

Meets at 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, Inman Park

10% Discount! Shop local!

Mar 31

"The Alice Network"
by Kate Quinn

Host: Diana Glad
960 Edgewood Ave.

April

**No bookclub--go
volunteer for Festival!**

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity • January 2020

Directed Patrols • 143
Drop Ins • 90

Criminal Trespass • 2	Noise Complaint • 1
Fireworks • 1	Snatch Theft • 1
Missing Person • 1	Theft from Auto • 1



Porch Party March 27 • 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by:

Jan & Windell Keith & Jennie Casaday
889 Edgewood Ave.

2020 celebrates this home's 130th birthday! The Keiths moved in 30 years ago, so they've been there for 23% of the home's life so far.

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

We'd like to meet our new neighbors!

If you are new to Inman Park, welcome! We're glad you're here.
Please contact the IPNA hospitality chair at hospitality@inmanpark.org

Also, if you have personal news or a life event to share, the Hospitality Committee would love to hear about it and recognize you in the Advocate. Get in touch!

Public Conversation: MR-MU Zoning Designation

Amir Farokhi, councilmember District 2, has invited Commissioner Tim Keane of the Department of City Planning and Keyetta Holmes, Interim Director of Zoning, to join a public conversation on MR-MU zoning designation and the City's intent, expectations, and guidelines.

All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
Meeting to be held at the new Station 464 Apartment Homes at 464 Boulevard NE, 30308

Other Happenings to Note

Pee-Wee's Big Adventure Anniversary Tour

March 12, 7:30 pm • Tabernacle • <https://www.tabernacleatl.com>

I was just telling my five-year old about this movie! Apparently it came out 30 years before he was born, and I find that shocking. Go check out a screening of this classic weirdness followed by a conversation with Pee-Wee himself, Paul Reubens!

Kegs & Eggs Va-Hi St Patrick's Day

March 15, 11:00 am • All over Virginia-Highlands • <https://www.atlantabartours.com>

Brunch and booze through ten or so pubs, if you can handle it (I can't).

Mathapalooza!

March 15, 1:00 pm • MLK Recreation Center • <https://atlantasciencefestival.org/events-2020/111-mathapalooza>

Or instead you could "spend the afternoon exploring puzzles and games and engaging with mathematics through music, magic tricks, movement, and visual art." That sounds more wholesome and educational for sure. This event is part of the Atlanta Science Festival that I told you about last month.

The Leopard Tale

March 19 -22 • Ballethnic Dance Company • <https://ballethnic.org/>

This is a really exciting dance work with thrilling African drumming and fantastic costumes. Great for the whole family.

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

March 21, 3:00 pm • Spivey Hall • <https://www.clayton.edu/spiveyhall>

This sounds like way too much fun: "driving rhythms, a kaleidoscopic mix of styles, and infectious high spirits, the Ukes offer their unique take on music spanning centuries. Very tongue-in-cheek, they are. And a good time will be had by all, as legions of loyal fans around the world will readily attest."

AntiquiTEA

March 24, 4:00 pm • Michael C. Carlos Museum • <https://carlos.emory.edu>

Afternoon tea and scones while Dr. Sara McClintock discusses a Tibetan thangka painting depicting scenes from the life of the Buddha!

Dad's Garage Big Stupid Parking Lot Carnival

March 28, 3:00 pm • Dad's Garage • <http://dadsgaragecarnival.com>

Beer, carnival rides, food, and interactions with Dad's Garage comedy goofballs! Expect some deeply silly carnival booths. This event is for 21 and up only and, no, you can't bring your dog.

enra: Dreams

March 27, 8:00 pm • Ferst Center • <https://arts.gatech.edu/content/enra-dreams>

Or would you rather see a Japanese performing arts collective that day? No problem, get thee to the Ferst Center for dance, juggling, martial arts, and absorbing synchronization of projected animated computer graphics with performer's movements.

Susannah

April 10 - 12 • Rialto Center for the Arts • <https://events.rialtocenter.gsu.edu>

Susannah is a two-act opera based on the Apocryphal tale of Susannah and the Elders. Written during the McCarthy era, it tells the tale of an innocent targeted as a sinner in a small mountain town, in Appalachian folk melodies, Protestant hymns, and traditional classical music.

IPNA Calendar

Mar 18

IPNA Meeting

Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Mar 26

NPU-N Meeting

L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Mar 27

Porch Party

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Mar 31

Book Club

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Apr 15

IPNA Meeting

Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Apr 25

FESTIVAL!!!

Apr 26

FESTIVAL!!!



President's Message, continued

Before other major structural repairs could even begin, the house lifters had to raise the house to install steel support beams underneath and also to twist the structure back into its original configuration.

Dave and Matty both cite the Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property as an important component that made the rehabilitation possible. Despite their can-do approach, there were a few surprises along the way due to the extreme shifting the house had undergone. For instance, the mysterious twisting of the gable turned out to be the result of someone having inexplicably severed the porch rafters from the rest of the house.

When they finally began tackling the home's original interior with its footprint of around 1200 square feet, Dave

and Matty found beautiful heart pine floors hiding under five layers of linoleum and two layers of carpet. They uncovered colorful linoleum rugs in the kitchen that they plan to frame and hang as artwork. The home retained its original moulding, but the stain was covered in paint, so Dave and Matty had the woodwork and fireplace mantels removed and stripped, then reinstalled and stained. The moulding around the windows still bears holes from all of the curtains that were nailed to it over the years. Three of the home's four fireplaces were intact, with their original mantels and tile. Matty was able to source a beautiful green antique tile for the other fireplace, along with a period-appropriate oak mantel and iron fireplace surround. Dave later found in the basement some fragments of tile from the missing fireplace that are almost identical to the replacement Matty chose.

A new addition has expanded the rear portion of the house. The main floor of the addition contains a family room complete with built-in bar, home office space, full bath, powder room, and screened-in porch. The upstairs portion of the addition includes a master suite. Thankfully, the pitch of the original roofline allowed enough height to include a guest bedroom suite in the original attic portion of the house. The former root cellar is now a beautiful and light-filled space that is graced by exposed portions of the original field stone chimney bases. Fully renovated, the house now boasts around 2800 square feet with four bedrooms, three and one-half baths, and a two-car garage.

The three levels are joined by an open staircase graced with stately panelling. Every room in the original part of the house is filled with period light fixtures

- all are antiques salvaged thanks to Matty's passion for them. He finds and restores the fixtures, and Dave re-wires them. One of Dave's passions is gardening, and he has lush garden areas already under cultivation around the property.

Every house in Inman Park has a story, and most of our neighborhood's homes have by now been saved from the brink of collapse and lovingly restored to their former glory. Now 788 Lake joins their ranks. Dave and Matty are excited about this new opportunity and being part of the Inman Park community. And, yes, they say they will someday be on the Inman Park tour of Homes! So please join me in welcoming our new neighbors and celebrating their love of old homes.

Contact Congressman John Lewis

Some neighbors have inquired how they can correspond with our Congressman John Lewis to lend support in his fight against cancer. If you want to send your well wishes, appreciation for his service, or any other communication, you may address to:

Congressman John Lewis
Cannon House Office Bldg. #343
Washington, DC 20515

Beltline Fitness Classes, Bus & Bike Tours Return from Winter Hiatus!

Bus Tours:
Travel the entire 22-mile Beltline loop, passing through each of the 45 historic neighborhoods the trail connects. Knowledgeable guides share information about the past, present and future of the project and fascinating insights about the neighborhoods

you'll visit. Tours depart Saturday mornings at 9:30 am from the Inman Park/Reynoldstown MARTA station and return to the same location three hours later. Tickets are \$25 each at BeltLine.org/tours.
Fitness:
Yoga, bootcamps, Zumba, soccer and more! Visit BeltLine.org/fitsignup to

find the class, time and location that's right for you. All ages and fitness levels are welcome.
Bike Tours:
On Saturday mornings, bike tours of the Atlanta BeltLine, alternate each week between the Eastside, Westside and Southside Interim Trails. Tours are 2-3 hours

long with several stops along the way where guides share information about the project and surrounding neighborhoods. You can even rent a bike and helmet if needed. Visit BeltLine.org/tours for more information

Grady Cluster Data Dig

By Annsley Klehr • anzoid@yahoo.com

On Wednesday, January 22, The Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) partnered with Atlanta Public Schools (APS) for the Grady Cluster Data Dig. The meeting took place at the Hope Hill Media Center. This was an event that highlighted different schools within the Grady Cluster as well as the data collected about several areas from demographics to test scores.

Michael LaMont, Executive Director of APS' Data and Information Group presented the material. Though he focused his presentation on the Grady Cluster, other APS clusters were shown in his graphs and data as well as how we compare to them.

So, what was presented?

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity: APS and Cluster

- As of 2019, the Grady Cluster is now majority white with a total population of 6,192, not including data from the cluster charter schools
- The Grady Cluster has also seen a steady increase in the amount of students it serves since 2000, whereas other clusters have had a steady decline or remained fairly static.

Grady Cluster Math Milestones vs. Poverty

- In order to compare the district, a challenge index is put in place to even the playing field by taking populations they serve into account. The index includes poverty and English learner indicators. It includes five years of trend data
- For the 2019 Milestones Results vs. Challenge Index, Mary Lin, Springdale Park, and Morningside are outperforming the rest of APS.
- Hope Hill shows that it has outperformed its expectations
- Inman outperforms all the other middle schools in the district
- Grady outperforms the district average, and not far behind is North Atlanta High School and Drew Secondary

3rd-8th Grade Milestones Results: 2018 Percentage Proficient and Above

- Math and ELA milestones are taken in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades; Science and Social Studies are taken in 5th and 8th grades
- The State of Georgia's percentage of students proficient and above has increased from 2015 to 44%
- Morningside's percentage is 83; Lin's percentage is 82; SPARK's is 81; Inman's is 67; and Hope Hill, which made the most progress since 2015 is at 40%
- The APS district average is 36%

Performance: Milestones by Subgroup

- A subgroup has to have 10 or more in it to be counted
- Across the board at all of the schools in the Grady Cluster, the African American subgroup populations performed under the white subgroups in ELA
- In the majority of Grady Cluster schools in ELA, the Hispanic

subgroups outperformed the African American subgroups

Graduation Rate 2019

- This is based on the percentage of students who graduate high school in four years
- Based on a cohort of students who start high school at the same time, a 2019 graduation rate of 75% means that 75% of students who started high school in 2015-2016 graduated in 4 years.
- Students who transfer are removed from the cohort
- Grady's rate is 90.4%; North Atlanta's is 91.1%; Jackson HS is 83.7%
- When graduation rates are broken down into subgroups of APS and Grady over time we see:
- APS' African American population for 2019 graduation rate is 75.5% whereas Grady's African American population is graduating at 85.7%, so Grady's African American population is doing better than overall APS
- When comparing a white population in APS to that of Grady, Grady graduates 96.1% of it's white population, whereas APS graduates 93.4%

SAT/ACT

- APS has started an SAT day for all Juniors, which has dramatically increased SAT participation and access in the district
- Grady's SAT and ACT math average scores are higher than the nations

For more data and statistics for APS and the Grady Cluster, please visit: [APSinsights.org](https://apsinsights.org)

Town Hall for the Future of the UMC

By Dr. Tara Paul • rev.tara.paul@gmail.com

Many of you have questions about what is going on in the United Methodist Church and the future of the church (and frankly, those deeply engrained also wonder, to be honest).

On April 19 at 12:15 in the sanctuary of Inman Park Church, Rev. Dr. Tara Paul will give a brief overview of the rubrics of the UMC, how all of this plays in the potential split in the UMC, and Inman Park United Methodist Church's position.

Tour of Homes 2020

Are you ready for another fabulous Tour of Homes? Have you made plans to tour with your BFFs? Wonderful!

Of course, it is never too soon to get your tickets --either paper tickets or on-line tickets-- and as always, there are three pricing tiers:

\$15 Inman Park Neighbor Advance Sales

If you live in Inman Park, you can buy your discount tour tickets for \$15 as a thank you from the Festival Committee to the hundreds of neighborhood volunteers who make Festival possible. This will be our 49th Festival!

Paper tickets are only available at the March 27th porch party and the April 15th I.P.N.A. meeting, as well as from the following neighbors. Cash or checks only (made out to Inman Park Festival).

Jan & Windell Keith,
889 Edgewood Ave.
(404-688-7330)



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Pat & Richard Westrick,
835 Ashland Ave.
(404-388-6466)
Carol & Ben Mitchell,
1107 Austin Ave.
(404-659-2579)
Karin & Jacques
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(404-584-0355)

You can also purchase on-line tickets at the I.P.N.A. website at inmanpark.org. That way you can avoid the hassle of stopping by one of the above mentioned addresses and writing a check, but you will have to print out your receipt and pick up your paper ticket at one of the Sales Booths during Festival weekend. Should

you buy your tickets on-line before April 15th, however, you can bring your receipt to the I.P.N.A. meeting and exchange it for the real thing there. So yes, we are doing everything in our power to get you the best deal possible on the best Tour of Homes in town!

\$20 General Public Advance Sales Starting on April 1st, general public advance paper tickets may be purchased at five of our wonderful neighborhood businesses. Cash or checks only. No charges.

Please thank our neighbors when you frequent their businesses:

Little 5 Points Pharmacy,
484 Moreland Ave.
The Collective, 723 Lake Ave.
VinoTaco, 299 North Highland Ave., Suite T
Revolution Donuts, 785 Edgewood Ave.
A Cappella Books, 208 Haralson Ave.

On-line tickets can be purchased at inmanparkfestival.org. The printed receipts for these tickets must be exchanged during Festival at the Sales Booth at Elizabeth &

Euclid (near the big tent) or at Edgewood & Hurt (near MARTA).

\$25 Full Price During Festival Weekend Beginning at 12:01 pm on Friday, April 24, ALL tickets are \$25.

A Tour of Homes ticket is valid all weekend—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It contains a description of each tour home, a map of Festival, a history of Inman Park, and the entertainment schedule.

The best day for neighbors to tour is on Friday, April 24th during the short/preview tour from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. All streets are still open and the houses are not as crowded. But if you cannot make it on Friday afternoon tour houses are also open from 12 noon to 6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday of Festival.

See you April 24-26 at our Small Town Downtown Festival!

A Message from Savi Market

By Mick Patel • info@saviprovisions.com

As the proprietor of Savi Provisions in Inman Park, I am grateful for the wonderful support we have been blessed with here in this neighborhood. We are so fortunate to be in a community that has been so supportive of our mission to promote local, organic produce and passionately produced wines and beers. We are excited to introduce Inman Park to a freshly re-designed shop, with beautiful

new shelving that allows us to have much more variety than before. We are huge believers in investing back into the community that supports us, and have been working with other small businesses to offer more homegrown, hyper-local products. As a father, I understand all too well the importance of supporting sustainable practices with a mind to the environment we leave behind for the next

generation, as well as promoting a wholesome, natural food supply with a focus on freshness and nutrition. Further, we've renewed our commitment to wine education and perpetually improving customer service; we aim to continuously build our wine knowledge, in hopes of better serving you, the curious and adventurous wine drinker. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have!

At Savi, we believe that every bite of food and every sip of drink should be delicious, wholesome, and joyful. I'm happy to invite the community to come and experience the new shopping experience, as well as the personal customer service you have come to know and love.

Stay tuned for news of an upcoming exciting IPNA fundraiser hosted by Savi!

Butterfly Ball 2020

By Cooper Pierce, Butterfly Ball Co-Chair

On Friday, April 24th from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, Butterfly Ball will kick-off our 49th Festival, and all Inman Park residents are invited. The party is organized by the IPNA Festival Committee, and if you have signed up for membership via the website (www.inmanpark.org), you will receive an email invite with instructions about obtaining tickets. Those registered IPNA members will receive an email with instructions on when and how to purchase tickets in late March. The tickets will go on sale in early April. You must be registered as a member to receive the email about the tickets sales. Also, for couples, each member must register independently now. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. You can purchase two (2) tickets per individual or a maximum four (4) per household. This year will be a new band, COAST GUARD,

and we will be going with a Tiki Party theme – have you noticed? We will have two open bars serving complimentary beverages, but bottles of wine and souvenir Tiki drinks will require cash or credit. Non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary as well. We will still have our complimentary food stations and desserts catered by Bold American Catering, but this year we have changed up the menu. So, get your “TIKI” attire ready, and let’s celebrate our 49th Festival! The Ball historically required semi-formal attire. We are passing on that tradition this year for a little fun. So forget those sequins, and get out those grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts, and whatever channels your inner Tiki Tonga Luau spirit.



Neighbor to Neighbor

Inman Park neighbor volunteers are ready to assist anyone needing short-term help, for example:

- Getting to medical appointments
- Preparing meals or help with pets while recovering from illness
- Managing daily activities

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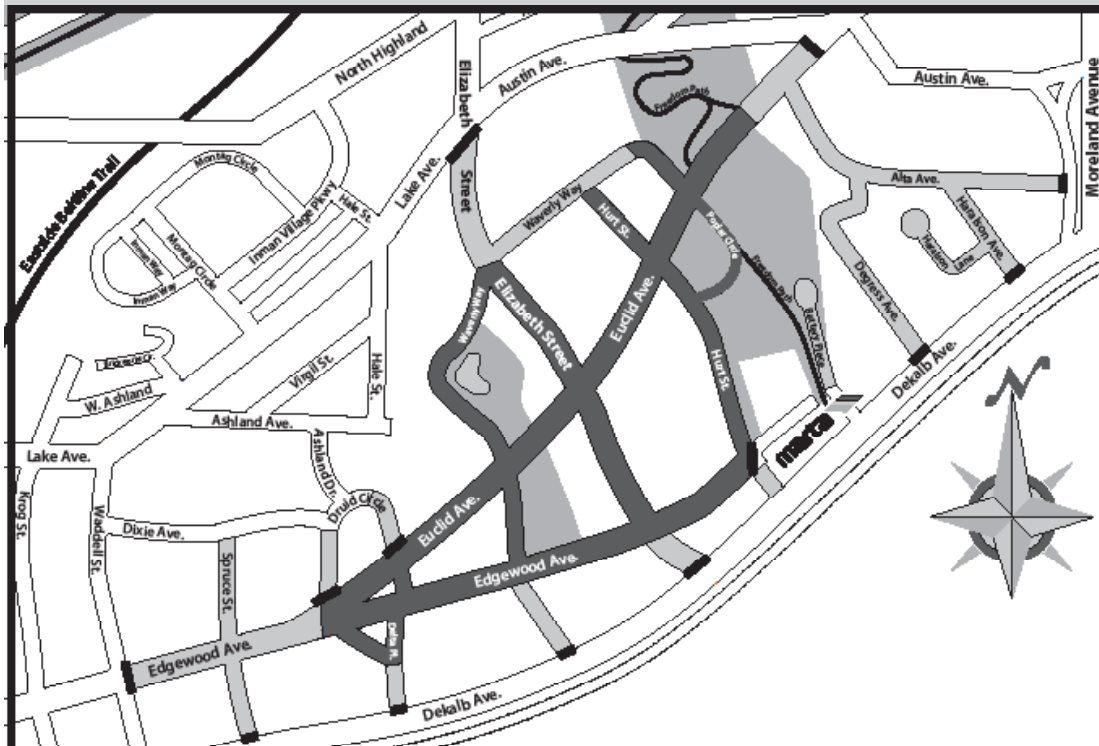
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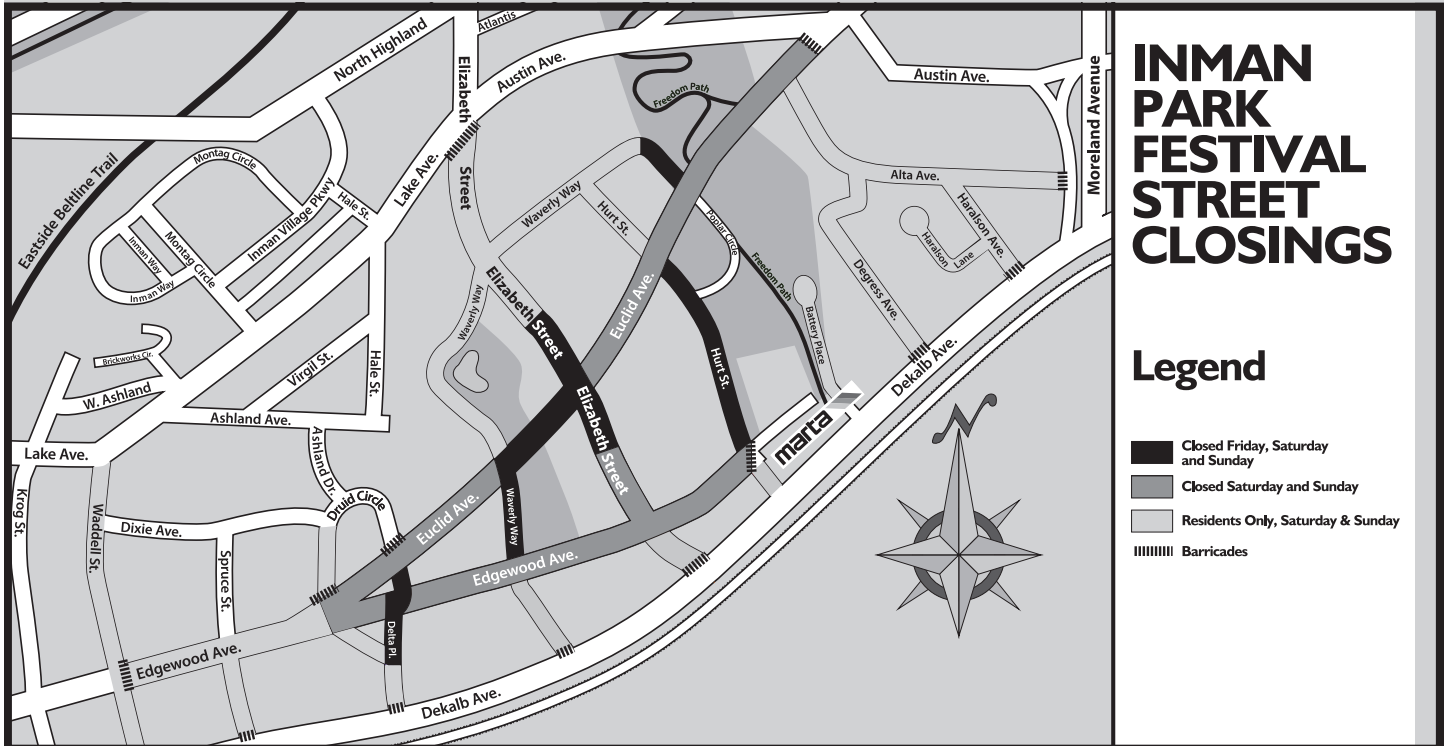
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Inman Park Festival Street Closing and Impacts

It is that time of year again! Festival will be here on Friday April 24th, Saturday April 25th, and Sunday April 26th, 2020. In order to have this amazing festival, the best in the Southeast, we have to close some streets. Please pay close attention to the street closing and remove your cars from the streets prior to the closing in order to avoid being towed.

Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday:

The following streets/areas will close on Friday, April 24 at 7:00 a.m. and reopen on Sunday, April 26 at 11:00 p.m. Cars must be off the street in this area by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24 or they will be towed:

- Euclid Avenue from Elizabeth Street going west to Waverly Way (where it crosses Springvale Park)
- Waverly Way at two areas: Popular Circle/- Euclid Ave to the bend in the road (the Freedom stage goes here) and then again from Euclid Avenue to Edgewood Avenue
- Delta Place along the east side of Delta

Park to Edgewood Avenue

- Elizabeth Street from to 144/145 Elizabeth Street to 176/177 Elizabeth Street
- Hurt Street From Euclid Avenue to Poplar Circle

Closed Saturday and Sunday :

In addition to the above closures, starting Saturday, April 25 at 3:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. the following streets will close:

- Euclid Avenue from Austin to Edgewood
- Edgewood Avenue from Hurt Street to Druid Circle (west side closest to Spruce)
- Elizabeth Street from Euclid to Edgewood
- Hurt Street from Euclid to Edgewood

Important note: The closings above are the main festival footprint. Cars must be off the street in these areas by 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25 or they will be towed. If you need access to your car Saturday, please relocate it outside the closed areas.

Closed with Resident Only Access Saturday

and Sunday:

The following streets are closed with resident only access starting Saturday, April, 25 at 3:00 a.m. to Sunday April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Note: You may be asked to provide ID to enter these streets with a car:

- Alta Avenue
- Haralson Ave
- Haralson Lane
- Degress Avenue
- Battery Place
- Waverly Way from Freedom Park bend to Euclid Avenue and from Edgewood to Dekalb (See No Parking)
- Elizabeth Street from Lake to Waverly Way and Edgewood to DeKalb
- Hurt Street from Waverly to Euclid and - Edgewood to Dekalb
- Druid Circle from Euclid to Dixie
- Spruce Street from Edgewood to Dekalb (see no parking and parade impact)
- Waddell (see no parking and parade impact)

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Pat & Richard Westrick - 2020 Inman Park Festival Parade Grand Marshals

By Karen Heim, Festival Parade Chair • ipfestivalparade@gmail.com

The Inman Park Festival Parade Committee is proud to announce Pat and Richard Westrick as the 2020 Parade Grand Marshals. Pat and Richard have involved themselves in the neighborhood and the Atlanta community



beginning in 1975 until now in myriad volunteer capacities. As a joint effort, these include: the Advocate as Staff, Contributors & Delivery; IPR & IPNA Board members; CAUTION supporters; Security Patrol; Festival Committee members and Chairs (individually & collectively--Tour of Homes, Trash, Operations, Flags, Butterfly Ball, Clean up, Fire Ant Patrol); Festival Co-Chairs (in 1997, when it rained for days and days!); Trolley Barn Board members; and, of course, co-chairs of Porch Parties for the last 20 years and counting! The neighborhood has also thanked them with three Joel Awards.

Pat has been on the Board of Directors for BOND Community Credit Union and has been a member of the following committees: Lifelong Inman Park; Historic Preservation; Tree Watch, Zoning, City of Atlanta's District 2 Rail Corridor Study Group, Joel Award writer, and IPNA Nominating Committee. She is also a contributor to Inman Park's Restoration Recipes, an Inman Park cookbook published in 1980.

Richard has been a member of the Beautification Committee and Tree-Huggers' Ball Committee. He is the Co-founder of the Tree Watch Committee and the prestigious Inman Park Attache' Case Drill Team, of which he is an occasional leader.

Pat and Richard met at a backyard party in high school in St. Petersburg, Florida. Both went to college, while dating each other on and off before marrying six years later. Richard joined the Navy and being stationed in Charleston and Norfolk generated their love of old houses. After the Navy, they moved back to Florida, then moved to Atlanta in 1974 for Richard's work. He was working downtown at Citizens & Southern, and they were living in an apartment on Buford Highway with the first two of their three children. One day, while he was stuck in traffic on the Downtown Connector, Richard pulled out a map, found Edgewood Ave., then cut down Euclid, where he saw Robert Griggs' house. He pulled over and

stopped. The rest, as they say, is history.

To our neighborhood's great benefit, they moved to Inman Park in August 1975. Their first house was on Sinclair, their next house was on Elizabeth, and now they live on Ashland. Pat says, "It's just been an amazing experience and to have raised the kids here, and now the grandkids have an affinity for it and the in-law kids. They don't all make it for Christmas but they almost all make it for Festival. And there're 14 of us in this small house. We each get 100 square feet; we use it wisely!"

As to why they love Inman Park, Richard says, "It's the people that hold us here...," to which Pat added, "that says it for both of us. You can't beat the people. We're all so supportive of each other. So many shared memories." She related the story of the year they chaired Festival, 1997: "It was the Sunday evening of Festival, it was pouring down rain, we were all under the tent, the hot dog vendor started giving them away, the band was playing, the kids got up and started dancing on the stage, and it was OK because we were all together, having a good time, and that's what it's all about."

Thank you, Grand Marshals Pat and Richard, for your time, your efforts, your good humor, your smiling faces, and for sharing and making memories!

Appealing Your Property Taxes?

You can now get help on the Inman Park website. Volunteers on our Tax Committee have gathered some materials that may be helpful to you as you prepare for your appearance before a Board of Equalization. A spread-sheet includes all properties in Inman Park so you can compare your value-per-square-foot with other properties on your street (or the entire neighborhood). Also available is a guide giving what we hope are helpful suggestions on how to prepare for your Board appearance as well as other pertinent information that might assist you in your appeal.

If you have questions, email josephdrolet@bellsouth.net or daveseeley99@gmail.com.

Nan Orrock Visits IPNA

On Wednesday, February 19, IPNA welcomed Senator Nan Orrock and Representative David Dreyer for a special pre-meeting screening of *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote*. Nan and David stayed around after the movie to discuss voting rights, and attendees were also able to try out one of the new Georgia voting machines.



Volunteer Spots Still Available!

Water, Trash, Beer Sales, House Sitting, Music Set-Up. There is something for everyone and plenty of spots still available.

Grab some friends or come make new ones April 24-26.

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Ashley Brimer, ashleybrimer@gmail.com if you have any questions or you can sign up using this link:

<https://signup.com/go/faDSmvL>

2020 Dance Festival Preview: Established Contributors & New Voices (Part I)

By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin, Inman Park Dance Festival Director

As we step up the energy for Festival, I would like to invite you to the 18th Inman Park Dance Festival. Part of our beloved yearly event, these two performances take place in The Trolley Barn on the Saturday and Sunday of Festival at 4:00 pm. There is no admission fee and you will have the opportunity to see some of Atlanta's best dance companies. This year, there are five companies performing; Ballethnic, Fly on a Wall, Full Radius Dance, The Georgia Ballet and Kit Modes. For this preview, I will put the spotlight on returning companies.

Ballethnic's vitality is infectious! Blending West African dance forms with classical ballet, we frequently are treated to live drummers during their performance at the dance festival. This company is celebrating its 30th anniversary this season. I hope you will come to the show and congratulate their Founding Co-Directors, Nena Gilrith and Waverly Lucus who are always at the shows.

Being the only company that has performed in every dance festival, Full Radius Dance (FRD) will bring its high quality

physically integrated (dancers with and without disabilities) modern dance to the program. This internationally recognized company has created its own technical vocabulary that recognized the capacity of all bodies to make dance. This artistically driven perspective is very beneficial to both artist and audience. FRD is headed into its 30th season in the fall.

The Georgia Ballet (GAB) returns as the classical ballet representative on the program. Last year, they performed a dance that was well over 100 years old and this year they will perform a selection from a ballet that was first performed in 1870. Like getting to see a beautiful Renaissance painting, the opportunity to see these preserved works is a treat. GAB is marking its 60th season this year!

So, that is 120 years of dance experience! I think that this is amazing and hope you do too. Next month, look for more information about the newer companies on the program.

Inman Park Festival Street Closing and Impacts, continued

No Parking Zones Saturday and Sunday:

The following resident only access streets will have No Parking Zones on Saturday April, 25 from 3:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.:

- Waverly Way No Parking on the Springvale Park side of the street.
- Waddell No parking on the east side of the street (Spruce side)
- Spruce No Parking on the east side of the street from Euclid to the driveway of the townhouses/IP pool.

Parade Closing Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The following will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, April 25 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Edgewood from Krog to Waddell
- Waddell Street
- Spruce from Edgewood to DeKalb

One Way Street Saturday and Sunday

The street below will run one way on Saturday April, 25 from 3:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

- Krog one way from Lake Avenue toward Edgewood



Full Radius Dance

IPNA Meeting February 19, 2020

Minutes

Pre-meeting: Senator Nan Orrock and Representative David Dryer joined IPNA at 6:30 p.m. for a screening and follow-up discussion of Suppressed: The Fight to Vote, plus a live demonstration of Georgia's new voting machines.

President Beverly Miller called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers:
Gen Norden (who works at the Kadampa Meditation Center) just moved here from Texas

Police Officers' Reports
Sgt Wolfe reports that our Zone 6 area (we are the 602 Beat) had no crimes last month until late in January, when The Albert was broken into. Most of the incidents that occur in the neighborhood are car break-ins, so his advice, as usual, is to try not to leave anything in your car.

Minutes of Last Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Elected Officials' Reports
Representative David Dreyer reported on the status of IPNA Tax Relief Committee's Atlanta School Tax Graduated Homestead Exemption Proposal. He reminded us that 50% of our property taxes support our schools and that they need that funding; however, three problems exist in the system that, if fixed, could make funding more efficient.
1. Commercial property (buildings worth over \$5 million) taxes are undervalued and therefore not enough money is entering the system this way. There is a bill introduced that would help improve the appeal process after appraisal.
2. Development authorities are giving away our tax dollars as unneeded incentives (Example: Colony Square was given \$7.5 million to renovate, even though it would have happened without this incentive)
3. They are working to increase the property tax relief homestead exemption to \$50,000.

City Council Member Amir Farokhi told us about two current initiatives:
1. He is working on legislation that will increase bonds for sidewalk repair: <https://atlanta.curbed.com/2020/1/17/21068988/atlanta-city-council-sidewalk-transportation-amir-farokhi>
2. To move towards initiatives in affordable housing and to prevent more homelessness via eviction, the Mayor's Office has ordered a six month moratorium on development in parts of the Westside and passed

an ordinance that forces apartment owners to accept public assistance vouchers. <https://www.bisnow.com/atlanta/news/affordable-housing/moratoriums-and-required-vouchers-will-atlanta-go-further-in-its-quest-for-affordable-housing-103067>
He also mentioned that he was aware of the immediate neighbors' (and LSP Business Association) issues with Crave Restaurant, and is trying to help in that matter.
He mentioned that a sinkhole has developed in the Eastside Trail of the Beltline and that there is a detour (through Inman Park!) so expect more foot traffic there.
Lastly, Farokhi has invited Commissioner Tim Keane of the Department of City Planning, and Keyetta Holmes, Interim Director of Zoning, to join him for a public conversation on MR-MU zoning designation and the City's intent, expectations, and guidelines for it. All are welcome. While the conversation may be shaped, in part, by MR-MU zoning in the Old Fourth Ward, other neighborhoods in District 2 will also be invited.
Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 11, at 6pm-7:30pm at the new Station 464 Apartment Homes (464 Boulevard NE 30308).

Joseph Drolet, IPNA Tax Reform Committee reported that the spreadsheet with every house in Inman Park listed and the "How To Appeal" guides complete and are available on the website: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/2019-inman-park-property-tax-information>

Announcements
Jane Bradshaw Burnette, IPNA Festival Committee was unable to attend, but the Membership voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Festival

Al Caproni, LSP Alliance reported on their three day "Pop-Up" Studio from February 20- 22, where Lord Aeck Sargent planners move their design studio to LSP to dig deeper into the area's public spaces and LSP business owners, neighborhood residents and interested citizens are highly encouraged to stop by during studio hours: <https://l5pa.com/blog/2020/1/28/pop-up-studio>
He reported that CPNO has approved the new budget, and that all four organizations involved have been asked to contribute the same amount of funding. IPNA Membership voted to approve the LSP Alliance Budget: In favor 53, Opposed 0.

Pat Westrick reported that the February Porch Party will be Friday the 28th at 7:30, hosted by Melissa Miller & Thom Abelew at 211 Hurt Street. As always, all are welcome!

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

Philip Covin, Inman Park Rep for Freedom Park Conservancy apologized for a delay in relaying FPC news from the past few months, and gave an 8-point update, briefly summarized here:

1. FPC Executive Director Laura Hennighausen resigned in the Fall; they do not plan to immediately fill that position
2. There are 2 regional director positions available; if you are interested, please email Philip at covin8@yahoo.com
3. The FPC just sold a piece of land near the airport (donated by Al Caproni 20 years ago), which gained them \$150k, to be used towards a new Master Plan (the last one was in 1992)
4. The RFQ will be finalized soon
5. The Elder Project is an exciting new art installation at the David T. Howard Middle School. More info here: <http://www.freedompark.org/fpc/?s=elder+project>
6. They are aware of downed trees in Freedom Park and working to solve these issues
7. Trees Atlanta will be planting in O4W on Friday, February 21st.
8. Good news about the sidewalks along the east side of Hurt Street from MARTA to Euclid: Amir Farokhi is working to take action and find funding to fix this.

Sally Eggleston, Managing Director, Horizon Theatre thanked the LSP Alliance for the recent Bleeding Hearts Art Open House, which was part of the Little 5 Point Alliance's monthly program, Weird Wednesday. <https://l5pa.com/weird-wednesdays>
She also thanked Inman Park Festival for our support at Theater Night each year. They use the funds raised in April to host a week long Young Playwright Festival and Contest for aspiring high school and college aged playwrights. <https://www.horizontheatre.com/education-and-community/>

Cindy Parker, Elin Begley, and Gen Norden of the Kadampa Meditation Center introduced themselves and invited the community to visit and become familiar with the Center, and to attend one of the upcoming workshops (March 1: "Overcoming Perfectionism, Self-Criticism, and Discouragement") <https://meditationingeorgia.org/>

IPNA Officers' Reports
President Beverly Miller reported that she and Amy Higgins will attend the Inaugural Intown Leadership Council meeting to be held in February. She also relayed that the IPNA has made

a contribution of \$1,000 to Little 5 Points Business Association legal fees regarding current issues with Crave, etc. The meeting in front of the LRB will be on February 25th at 5:00 and she urges everyone who is able to attend.

VP for Zoning--Jonathan Miller lead the discussion on 2 Applications in play and gave several Zoning updates:

- Applications:
- Savi: Liquor License Application – Change of Ownership to Mr. Mick Patel. Q: What changes will you make? A: Staying with same concept, but want to include more "regular and affordable" grocery items in stock. Keeping same hours. Q: Why is there never enough white wine in stock? A: We will keep an eye on the items in demand and make sure they are ordered. Q: What is your experience in this business? A: Mr. Patel owns/runs 3 liquor stores and a bar in Pensacola. Immediate neighbors (attendance was 1) voted unanimously to approve this application. Membership made a motion to approve and voted to approve: in favor 47, opposed 0.
 - 204 Haralson Lane: Rezoning-Site Plan Amendment – defer until March meeting

Updates:

- Crave: Liquor License Application -NPU-N voted unanimously to oppose; deferred at 11 Feb 2020 LRB hearing because application package was incomplete; will be heard at next LRB hearing on February 25th.
 - 320 N. Highland (Villa de Grip): Trial (non-jury) set to start on Feb 24, 2020 with Judge Richardson
 - NPU Ordinance Update – no developments, but not yet on NPU-N agenda
- Upcoming:
- DeKalb Complete Streets: meeting with Project Manager; implementation in summer 2020 (if bids are within expected range)
 - Masquerade Devil's Ball (31 Oct 2020) in Krog Street Tunnel. Representative for the event Jim Shumake presented ideas for "rejuvenating" this event, which has not occurred since 2014. New company (not Randall Fox) involved. Permit pending. Event would close the Tunnel from 11:00 a.m. on 10/31 until noon on 11/1 (although actual hours of event planned are 8:00 pm – 1:00 am). They would shut down 150 feet of sidewalk on either side; pedestrians and bikes will be allowed to pass. As many as 1,900 \$50 tickets will be sold to this for-profit event. No funding will be given to the neighborhood or local schools. Q: Where will 1,900 people park for this event? A: People will take Uber/Lyft or scooters. Scooters (which deactivate after 9pm) will have to then be moved

IPNA Meeting Minutes, continued

to another location. Q: Won't this be inconvenient to neighbors who are trying to get home to Trick or Treat with their kids? What about access for fire/emergency trucks needing to get through Krog or down Dekalb? Where will 1,900 drunk people go at 1:00 am when they vacate the tunnel? A: No answers.

Motion to deny support of event. In favor of denying 43; against 0. More info here: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/19292/660?sortn=EN&sortd=asc&npage=4>

• Commissioner of Planning Tim Keane and Acting Director of the Office of Zoning and Development Keyetta Holmes to visit with District 2 at meeting to discuss implications of the new MR-MU zoning classification on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Station 464 Apartment Home (464 Boulevard NE) from 6-730 PM {note: location may change}

VP for Historic Preservation Sara Wittch introduced introduced architect Fran Neely, who presented plans for 215 Degress Avenue - Type III Certificate of Appropriateness.

They are subtracting historically inaccurate round windows in side of house (added in 80s?) and adding small dormers and bedrooms upstairs to accommodate growing family. Per historic guidelines, changes will not be seen from the street. Q: Is the foundation brick? A: Brick and cinderblock. Immediate neighbors unanimously approved. Membership voted to approve: In favor 43, opposed 0.

NPU Representative Neil Kinopf reported that he has filed IPNA's formal complaint against Vegan in the Park.

Treasurer Kay Kirsche gave a financial report, informing the Membership that IPNA has paid out the \$2K grant to Trees Atlanta for Springvale Park and the \$1k grant to Friends of Ponce de Leon Library, leaving \$150k in reserves.

VP for Communications Melissa Miller announced that Advocate ad sales have reached \$19k, which pays for most of this fiscal year.

VP for Public Safety Kevin Curry

reminded us that there would be an upcoming public safety event entitled "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events." The instructor for the 90 minute course will be APD Sgt. Tom Soukup, manager of our patrol officers. There will be no charge for the event which will be held at the Trolley Barn on March 19 starting at 8 pm. Attendance will be limited. Registration will be required (first come, first served) and limited to two household members. Households must hold active membership in the Inman Park Patrol Service. Please email ipnasafety@yahoo.com to register. We expect full attendance so register early by February 19.

Secretary Julie Noble reminded everyone of the upcoming IPNA "Festival Focus" Volunteer Fair coming up on Sunday March 22 from 3-6 pm at the Trolley Barn. Food will be provided by Hutchinson's Finest Biscuits (<http://www.hutchinsonsfinest.com/>) along with beer, wine and drinks for kids. Come find out which Festival 2020 volunteer shift is perfect for YOU and sign up on the spot. Also, Julie wants to help you get rid of those vases that are cluttering up the space

under your sinks! We need 50 vases for Butterfly Ball décor, and instead of spending budget \$, we want to help you Marie Kondo your house. Julie will pick up unwanted vases from your porch (email secretary@inmanpark.org) or you can drop them on her porch (1135 Alta) and then enjoy seeing them in a new, tiki/luau incarnation the night of April 24th.

Old Business none

New Business none

President Beverly Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Seconded. Approved.

Speak for the Trees: Dendrophobia

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

Dendrophobia is irrational fear of trees. Not all fear of trees is irrational, however. So let's talk.

Aversion to trees is perfectly understandable. The probability that a tree will injure or kill you is very, very remote — you're far likelier to get hurt falling out of bed — but not zero. I say that as someone who survived Hurricane Opal, which toppled a huge oak onto our Virginia-Highland home. Moreover, the hassle and expense of dealing with autumn leaves, falling limbs, and dripping sap may be comparatively minor, but they're nonetheless real.

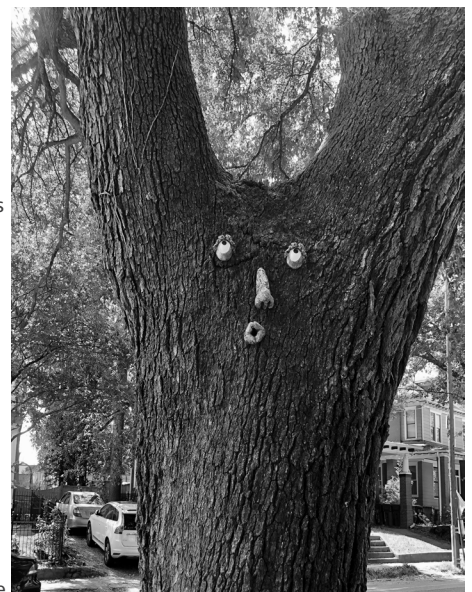
That said, it's important to bear in mind the following:

- (1) Even the most tree-averse among us knows that Atlanta needs its forest. Without trees, our city would be uninhabitable, with murderous summer heat, polluted air, and silt-choked rivers. Accordingly, given that 80% of Atlanta's trees are growing on residential lots, some of us must step up. There's simply no arguing with that.
- (2) Again, if everyone were to adopt the view, "As long as my neighbors preserve and replant trees, I'm free to do what I want," you and I will end up living in a hellscape. That's the tyranny of small decisions: they add up.
- (3) The elderly, the poor — some of us have more reason than the rest of us to be doubtful about trees. Those who are in a better position to cope with risk and expense have the greater responsibility.

(4) Finally, let's acknowledge that we live amid danger: bad drivers, storms, crime, infectious diseases, economic downturns. And yet somehow we manage. We decide that the risk of dying on the interstate is not so great that we give up driving to the mall. We go to parties even though 80,000 people died from flu last year.

The truth is that we get rid of trees and refuse to replant them because we can. We persuade ourselves there's no downside. It's just one tree, we say to ourselves.

Please reflect on all this, because in 2020-2021, I'm going to be challenging you to celebrate our 50th Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes by finding 50 locations to plant a shade tree. More on that soon.



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Agenda

March 18, 2020

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

***Check inmanpark.org the day of the meeting
for any agenda updates***

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

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the April issue of the Advocate, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org before March 20.



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership: Available to those who live within or own property within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is \$5 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 beginning 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.

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