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President Beverly Miller, Signing Off

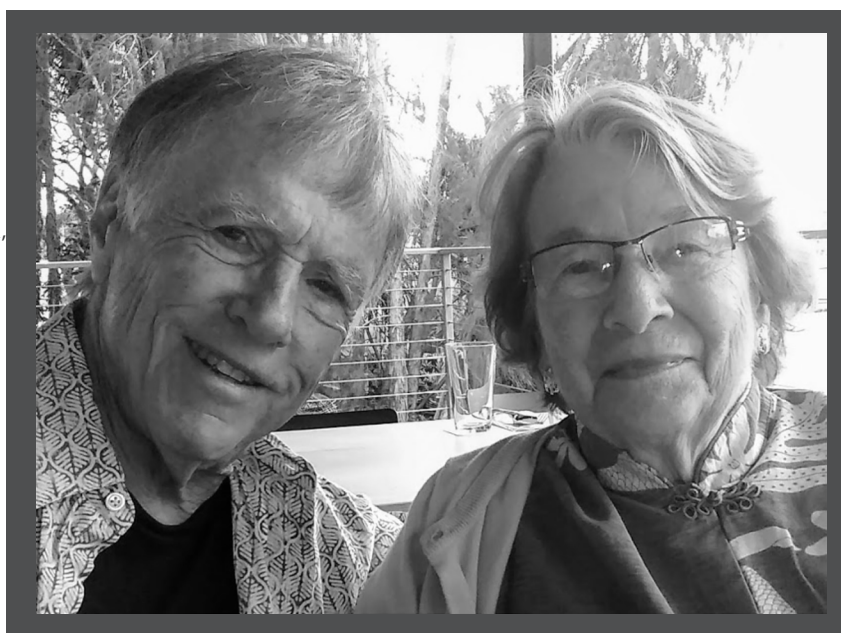
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To kickstart my final *Advocator* column as IPNA president, I enjoyed a Zoom chat with delightful neighborhood pioneers Bruce and Gretchen Maclachlan. When they first bought their home on Elizabeth Street in January, 1973, it was divided into seven small apartments. The house needed lots of work, but it was the front yard's conversion into a tenant parking lot that was calling out to Bruce for immediate remediation. He got to work right away transforming that compacted red clay into the beautiful garden it is today.

Other early pioneers soon stopped by to admire his handiwork and to invite Bruce to participate in cleaning up our local parks during an upcoming volunteer work day. Thus began his long involvement with neighborhood beautification efforts. During this time there were regularly scheduled neighborhood work days. Neighbors worked side-by-side with city employees to clear away the incredible amount of debris resulting from so many yards and houses under renovation all at the same time.

Bruce's love of Inman Park took him way beyond gardening when he joined Road Busters. This protest arm of the Road Fight provided direct physical resistance against the chainsaw-wielding government contractors clearing the expressway's path. He and other protesters climbed trees and chained themselves in place to block the destruction. His brave efforts led to Bruce's being among those arrested and hauled away to jail.

Gretchen, too, quickly became involved in her new neighborhood. The Neighborhood Planning Unit system was established in 1974 by Mayor Maynard Jackson to give citizens a voice in city planning and zoning in order to prevent such calamities as surprise expressways. She was the co-convenor of NPU-N for 1974-75 and served again as NPU-N Chair in 1980. In 1978, she broke the glass ceiling when



she became the neighborhood association's first woman president. Among other big developments during Gretchen's tenure was the APS sale of the 1892 Inman Park School building at 729 Edgewood Avenue. Gretchen led the neighborhood association in its efforts to prevent the building's conversion into an industrial property.

Bruce and Gretchen originally sought out Inman Park based on its central location, even though in the early 1970s it was in a high-crime zone surrounded by industrial areas. Since they were moving from New York City's Upper West Side, the Maclachlans
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Thanks to our Businesses!

The following businesses were ready to partner with us again in selling advance tour of homes tickets. Please give them a shout out when they are again all open (some are still open). Small businesses are the heart and spirit of Inman Park. Thank you!

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May 26

"The Dressmaker's Gift"

by Fiona Valpy

Host: Kevin and Kathy Dowling
Zoom meeting

June 30

"Beneath the Tamarind Tree"

by Isha Sesay

Host: Susan Levy, 627 Irwin
St., Unit 3

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity • March 2020

Directed Patrols • 123
Drop Ins • 84

Association Member Contact • 3	Fight • 1
Suspicious Person • 2	Pedestrian Robbery • 1
Theft from Auto • 2	Street Hazard • 1
Demented Person • 1	



Porch Party

June 26 • 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by:

Ann & Jeff Cramer
1054 Austin Ave.

Posted in the spirit of optimism!
Let us hope we are able to socialize again by then.

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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!

Sympathy to
Bill Goodman,
Dixie Avenue,
on the death
of his sister,
Lucia.

Thank you to our
Inman Park residents
who are serving
on the frontlines
of healthcare and
protecting our
community from
COVID-19

Thank You for Inman Park UN-Fest!!!!

Thank you to IPNA's festival committee for the un-festival surprise on Saturday, April 25! It was a bittersweet treat to see Pat and Richard, our grand marshalls, riding in the un-parade.

Thank you also to Barbara Leach, Steve Ray, Stephen Tate, and their helpers who made some beautification improvements around Lake, Ashland, and Waddell.

And thank you to all Inman Park neighbors who turned out beautiful chalk drawings, colorful cut-outs of butterflies, decorated cars, and big smiles for one another on a gorgeous un-festival day.



A Message from our Festival Co-Chair

By Jane Bradshaw Burnette • jcb5858@yahoo.com

This was to be my 43rd Festival and my first time chairing. In some ways, I've been looking forward to this particular Festival for most of my adult life. This Festival and this neighborhood have shaped me and are part of my soul. Part of my identity is embedded in this land we call Inman Park. So the week before our UNFestival was really hard for me. I struggled as I grieved the loss of my favorite weekend of the year. I missed seeing the power poles go up, the protective fencing being placed in Springvale Park, the barricades being delivered, the big tent being erected on Euclid Avenue, and all of the vendors setting up on Saturday morning.

And then, after our UNParade, I walked around my neighborhood and talked to my neighbors and saw their butterfly decorations and felt their love for this place we call home, and I started to feel better. My neighbors helped me remember why I love Inman Park and why I love celebrating Inman Park. Because that's what Festival is, first and foremost, a celebration of the love that neighbors feel for each other and our home.

Inman Park Festival 2020 was not at all what I imagined it would be when I signed up to co-chair last year. It ended up being so much more.

Thank you, neighbors, for reminding me of the true spirit of the Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes.

See y'all next year at the 50th Festival!

IPNA Calendar

May 20

IPNA Meeting
Zoom
7:30 p.m.

May 26

Book Club
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May 28

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

Jun 17

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

Jun 26

Porch Party
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were accustomed to city living. However, one night in the mid-1980s, right after the opening of the Hulsey Yard piggyback facility, Bruce grew tired of its round-the-clock noise. He drove to the freight yard at midnight and stormed up the control tower to confront the switch box operator, who called security in response. This time Bruce narrowly avoided arrest. Hulsey Yard is still operating, thankfully at a reduced capacity, but over time, the Maclachlans have watched the surrounding industrial area change over to a mix of retail and residential. In the early days, they shopped for groceries in Buckhead, so they now enjoy the more convenient access to amenities.

Inman Park exists thanks to the work of Bruce, Gretchen, and all of the pioneering neighbors who saved it. Under Bruce's continued care, that former parking lot keeps evolving into an ever more lovely garden. Thanks to the groundwork laid during Gretchen's tenure as president, we have the NPU system to give us a voice in the development process. And the former Inman Park School building is now Schoolhouse Lofts.

There is still work to do, so please come to an IPNA meeting! We had our first Zoom meeting in April, and it went pretty well, as you can read in the Minutes published here in the Advocate. IPNA will hang together now as always, especially during this pandemic.

I'm happy to say IPNA has found ways to serve the needs of others during this crisis. Thanks to Jim Abbot for organizing the recent IPNA Red Cross Blood Drive in conjunction with the Trolley Barn. Watch for information on the next blood drive, scheduled for July 2. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the Partners for Home initiative, which is making it possible to house Atlanta's COVID-19-positive homeless population in donated downtown hotel space. Please see the announcement in this issue of the Advocate for more information on how you can help.

It has been an honor to serve as the 33rd president of IPNA. Now, please join me in welcoming my successor, Amy Higgins. The formal ceremony of handing over the gavel usually takes place in early June at the board's transition meeting. Sadly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I will most likely be leaving the gavel on Amy's porch. But I am leaving our neighborhood association in capable hands. Amy and our board members are up to the challenge of helping IPNA get through these difficult times.

Consider Alternatives to Mosquito Spraying

By Susanna Capelouto • scapelouto@gmail.com

Last year I observed the effects of insecticide poisoning on one of my beehives. Bees can fly for several miles to find food, so it's impossible to say where in Inman Park they got poisoned.

The dying bees walked in circles on the ledge of the hive as if they were drunk. After a while they dropped dead to the ground by the thousands. For beekeepers it's a sad and traumatic experience to watch without being able to stop it.

Whenever I see a mosquito truck in the neighborhood, all this sadness come back. The radical me just wants to ban mosquito spraying by private individuals. The rational me knows that in this land of freedom, capitalism and property rights, I have no right to tell anyone what to do on their property.

So, the friendly me decided to just ask my neighbors nicely to please think about pollinators when you decide the mosquitoes are too much. Please consider doing the following things. The bees will thank you.

- Wear long sleeve clothing and spray yourself instead of your yard to ward off mosquitoes.

- Regularly walk around your home and yard and dump any standing water, no matter how small. Mosquitoes need water to multiply.

- If you still want to spray, make sure the service does super minimal spraying. Don't sign up for a maintenance contract, but call when it gets too bad.

- Only allow spraying early in the morning, like 7 am when it's still cool. That's when fewest bees and other pollinators will be out. You may need to pay extra, but it's the next best thing.

- If you DO SPRAY, please do not plant anything that flowers in your yard. Flowers literally serve like bait to poison bees. Plant a non-flowering yard, or nice stone landscaping.

- If you DO NOT SPRAY for mosquitoes, consider planting pollinator friendly flowers, like sunflowers, lavender, Verbena, Echinacea or Cosmos.

Thank you for keeping nature in mind in Inman Park.

Garden Committee Update

We are beginning to see what will be the Springvale bloomers for late April. Look for the Alabama, Florida, Florida Flame "Mooshantano" and Ocoee Azaleas, mountain laurel "Elk", rhododendrons "Chionoides" and "Chapman". Some pondbank lilies (irises) may hold their flowers and the shoals lilies may flower early. See if any late flowering trees will show. Even though this year was an unfestival, should the appropriate plants be installed in the Park, sidewalk medians and yards, they will provide beauty for many festivals to come!

IPNA is Helping Homeless Neighbors During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The City of Atlanta is testing homeless neighbors for COVID-19 and housing those who test positive in a downtown hotel converted to isolation housing. Homeless COVID-19 patients are cared for in the isolation hotel, giving them a safe place to recover and helping prevent the further spread of the disease. Another local hotel is being converted into housing for the city's homeless population to keep our most vulnerable neighbors safe.

Financial contributions are needed to support the staff, to purchase medical supplies, and to provide coordination, operation, and food distribution for the two hotels. You can find more information and make a donation using the link below:

<https://partnersforhome.org/donate/>

Partners for Home also has a wish list on Amazon. You can purchase needed supplies on Amazon and have them sent directly to those in need using this link:

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Inman Park Loves its Theatres

By Kathleen Busko • kathleenbusko@hotmail.com

Each April, we enjoy the bustling and sometimes exhausting fun of the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes. But Saturday's Theatre Night provides an evening's respite from a hectic day while offering the opportunity for us to financially support the neighborhood theatres we love. Patrons praise Theatre Night as one of the best things to do in Inman Park. Dining under the big tent, seeing so many neighbors gathered for a good cause, watching excellent performances by local actors, and enjoying live auction antics by Nick Franz all combine for one spectacular event!

This year's events may have halted the gathering, but not the neighborhood's enthusiastic support for our theatres. Many neighbors

have contributed their Theatre Night table fees so that our theatres will continue to receive much needed financial support during this time of economic difficulty. We are indeed fortunate to have three performing arts groups within close proximity to our homes and we don't want to lose them. Additionally, we are extremely grateful that so many neighbors recognize the importance of funding so that our theatres can continue to thrive.

Inman Park truly loves its theatres. We look forward to fully displaying that love at next year's Theatre Night!

Neighbor to Neighbor - Always Here to Help!

Neighbor to Neighbor is a program sponsored by the Lifelong Inman Park Committee in an effort to support neighbors living independently and safely in their homes even during times when they might be struggling to complete basic activities of daily life. So whether you are an older neighbor who no longer feels safe on a ladder or need assistance with shopping, whether you're a younger person recovering from a sports injury requiring frequent physical therapy or one who has a brand new baby in the home; or whether you are someone who can't get around and needs rides to doctors' visits or groceries and/or meals dropped off or someone to visit you at home, this program is for you!

Our goal is to create a community that accommodates all ages and incorporates the needs of older adults into all aspects of planning, development, and living. We provide short-term assistance with specific needs. All services are complimentary and without obligation. The only requirements for receiving services are that you live in Inman Park and that you are a member of the IP Neighborhood Association.

As with Festival and other Inman Park offerings, this is staffed by volunteers who sign up on the website to provide services and are matched with neighbors as needs arise. It is a homegrown caring support network of neighbors who are available and willing to help you and may be themselves in need at a later time.

To volunteer, go to the website, log in and find the Lifelong Inman Park tab. You will see a form that asks what you are willing to do and provides your contact information. This information will be forwarded to our volunteer coordinators and your information will be used to match requests for service to appropriate volunteers.

To submit a request for service, you can use the request form on the same website or your can call the Volunteer Coordinators, Linda Gross at 404-545-5222 or Jackie Lawrence at 404-272-0024.

Neighbor to Neighbor is here to help! Let us hear from you...

My Ex's Bulgarian Banitsa, or : the Closest I Ever Got to Eastern Europe

By Rebecca Duren Katz • beckto@aol.com>

This recipe is a simple, no-nonsense method to achieve a savory traditional Bulgarian pastry dish called a Banitsa (bah-neet-sah). It's like a cross between a quiche and a spanikopita! If you explore other methods to make a Banitsa, you may find other sources that ask you to create multiple layers with the delicate philo sheets, and then roll the whole thing into a log that is then shaped into a circle. I don't know about you, but when I'm working with delicate philo sheets, I want to manipulate it as little as possible (unlike my ex-mother-in-law who was particularly good at manipulation). So this straightforward version is the way my ex-husband and problematic ex-mother-in-law did it - resembling a lasagna. Although if my ex husband took me on any of the multiple trips he made to Bulgaria during our sham marriage, maybe I would have learned other methods to creating a Banitsa. Anyway...

You'll need:

1 rectangular baking pan. You can use any size, but consider the dimensions of the philo sheets you are buying. You'll want it to be similar 9x13, 10.5x14, etc
1 pastry brush
1 failed marriage
1 package of frozen philo sheets
1/2 cup melted butter
10-12 oz of Feta cheese in brine. Get the best quality you can find, because it really

makes a difference here.

A dash of spousal neglect

About 5 eggs

1/2 cup plain yogurt

1/2 cup chopped spinach fresh or frozen

3 tablespoons milk

Optional 1 manipulative ex mother-in-law

Be sure to defrost your philo dough In advance.

Preheat oven to 375 with rack in center.

Take your pan and gently lay it over the unfurled philo sheets and cut around the pan to create sheets that are roughly the same size as the pan.

Discard excess philo the way you would a sexless marriage, and cover with a damp towel to keep from drying out.

Crumble the feta cheese into a large bowl, mix with 4 eggs, yogurt and spinach. Should be a slightly lumpy mush. Add another egg if it seems too dry.

Melt the butter 1-2 tablespoons at a time and brush the bottom of pan.

Lay down 3 layers of philo and carefully brush with melted butter. You can also try laying down some boundaries with your ex

but that won't do anything.

Drizzle 2-3 heaping spoonfuls of Feta mix over the philo layers. It does not need to cover the sheets - a drizzle will do!

Lay another 2 sheets of philo on top, and carefully brush with butter.

Continue drizzling 2-3 heaping spoonfuls of Feta mix until you run out.

Top the final layer of Feta mix with 2-3 layers of philo dough.

Whisk 1 egg and milk together and pour over top layer of Banitsa, rolling the pan from side to side to get the egg wash all over the top, and to seep in all crevices on the sides.

Bake till you can smell it, and can't resist to dig in and eat. Or about 20-28min. Pull it out when it's golden brown, (like the beautiful Sardinian boat captain I finally left him for) on top.

Give it a few min to deflate out of the oven (like how it felt when reality set in once I got back to the USA), then cut like a lasagna, and enjoy with a side of plain yogurt.

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Speak for the Trees: Protecting Trees

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In 1977, Atlanta adopted a law regulating tree removals. It's been revised several times since then. The principle of the Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) could not be simpler: most of Atlanta's trees may be privately owned, but they're also a public good like clean air. The basic mechanism to protect Atlanta's trees is simple, too: require those who remove trees to seek approval from the city and then replant on site or, if that's not possible, pay into a fund for replanting elsewhere in the city.

Now the city is revising the TPO again. The first draft was released in March. This work is being done within a broader planning process known as the Urban Ecology Framework, which is itself part of a still broader vision called Atlanta City Design, completed in 2017. The current schedule for the revision anticipates a third and final draft of the new TPO going to the City Council and NPU's in August.

The message of my interim report is as follows: it's shaping up to be a missed opportunity. The city's team appears to have made the ordinance even more complicated, without clear improvements that promise more scientific, more effective protection for our trees and tree canopy.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/3bx7Qed>. Here's what you'll find there:

- Innovative approaches taken by other cities to protect trees.
- The unacceptable goal merely "to slow or halt canopy loss."

- Welcome limitations on clear-cutting.
- Uncertainty with respect to the new category of tree "significance."

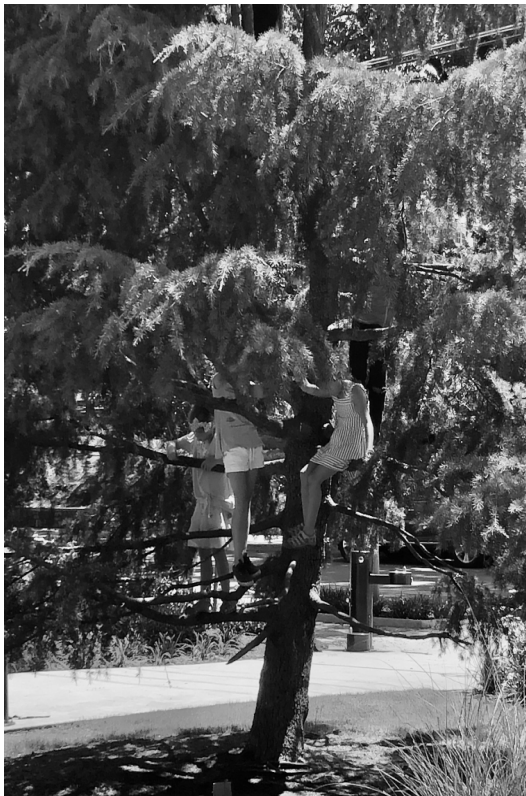
- Additional provisions to permit the removal of healthy trees.

- Siphoning of money from the Tree Trust Fund to pay salaries.

- Continuing duplication of effort across Parks and Planning.

- Concern about loopholes.

I hope you will join Tree Watch in calling for a better TPO, not a more complicated one that takes a step backward on tree protection. Stay tuned for more details as this process moves forward.



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IPNA Meeting April 15, 2020 Minutes: First Zoom Meeting

President Beverly Miller called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. [Note: between 7:30 and 9:45, the number of participants varied, with a high of around 62 people logged on at 7:45.]

Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers - none

Elected Officials Reports

Representative David Dreyer, Georgia House District 59 reported that the Georgia election has now been pushed back until June and urges voters to mail back your ballot request (or to vote by mail get one here: <https://sos.ga.gov/admin/files/Fillable%20Absentee%20Ballot%20Form%202020.pdf>)

He and State Representative Park Cannon (House District 58, who was invited but unable to join and hopes to attend a future meeting) have been working to keep an eye on fair voting issues. They would like to abolish the "signature match" requirement, which unfairly penalizes people with hyphens/apostrophes in their names, people for whom English is a second language, and military personnel, among others. He agrees that voting by mail has drawbacks, but posits that putting your ballot in a locked bin would be a safer alternative to USPS and still help avoid in-person gathering to vote. He mentioned that the Department of Labor is struggling to keep up with current paperwork demands but to contact him directly if you have an issue he can help with (404-234-4447). He commended Gov. Kemp for addressing most issues the state reps have brought to him, including help for food banks and access to remote learning. He mentioned that Comcast has partnered with APS to provide low-cost, high-speed internet and computers to students and that anyone can help contribute: <https://bit.ly/340OR8X>

He is not sure when it will be appropriate to go back into legislative session in person.

Senator Nan Orrock, Georgia Senate District 36 reported that although legally a state budget MUST be passed (for the July 1 fiscal year start), there is so much "up in the air" with the current uncertainty in the economy that legislators are stuck. In addition, Budget Chairman Jack Hill passed away suddenly in early April, causing further delays to the process. She reported that Georgia is currently #45 out of 50 states in access to testing/numbers tested; there are 34 testing sites in the state. There are currently still

open beds statewide in the ER, ICU and general hospital units, with plans to expand capacity underway, including opening 200 ICU beds in the World Congress Center. The National Guard has been mobilized to sanitize facilities and have covered 250 so far. Senator Orrock expressed concern regarding the conditions in prisons, where each inmate is given only one small (hotel sized) bar of soap per week, thus making it difficult to keep clean. The hotline for Covid-19 information is 1-800-442-2681

Councilmember Amir Farokhi, Atlanta City Council District 2 gave an update re: current city matters, starting with posting the website for the Georgia Covid-19 Hotline Info: <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

He went on to let us know that city services (garbage pick-up, etc.) are continuing unabated with extra safety precautions and hazard pay for solid waste workers, among others. He mentioned that there is a hotel downtown donating space for citizens dealing with homelessness, and that Piedmont Hospital was opening up a new building with 130 available beds. He commented that a large percentage of the communication coming his way is currently complaints about "other peoples' behavior" regarding social distancing, and although he understands the concerns, he urges us to realize that some neighbors don't have yards or private outside spaces to enjoy, and so he agrees with the Mayor's choice to leave parks and the Beltline open.

According to the "electronic people counter" on the Beltline, attendance this week was down 44% compared to this week last year, so whether it seems like it or not, usage is declining. With that said, he still urged neighbors to call 311 if you see something that can be improved and 911 if you see something unsafe. Construction, he reminded us, is allowed. Q: With new rules/hours on the Beltline, will someone using it to get to work get a ticket? A: No, just keep proper distance from other walkers. Q: When will Zoning Review Board meetings start up again? A: Not sure. He will talk to Mayor's office and find out. They are currently doing remote/virtual inspections and NPUs are meeting virtually as well. Q: Is there currently a Zone 6 staff shortage for APD? A: Not that he knows of. There have been 9 APD officers out sick with C19 but he does not think they

were all from one zone.

Lastly, Councilmember Farokhi mentioned that they are expecting a \$90-120 million deficit in the city budget from lack of sales tax in the past few months, and adjustments will have to be made for that.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Jane Bradshaw and Sam Bailey, IPNA Festival Co-chairs reported that while sadly there will be no traditional Festival this year due to the global pandemic of Covid-19, we will find safe ways to celebrate on the weekend of April 24-26. This year, we're calling it 2020 Inman Park UNFestival & Tour AT Home and there is still a lot to do. Please support the artists, vendors, dancers and musicians who would have performed this year; links to all their services are on the website. And on Saturday 4/25 at 2:00pm, we invite you to join us on your porch to make the loudest hoot & hollering you can make! Just like we've been doing for healthcare professionals in the evenings, let's show support for our neighborhood as well! Bang on pots & pans, yell, cheer, clap, celebrate! Plus there will be a surprise.

Please check <http://inmanparkfestival.org/> for more details and look for UNFestival t-shirts and posters to soon be available for online purchase. If you have any questions, please contact festival@inmanparkfestival.org. Sam also reported two related events coming up:

- Local artist R. Land has created a new piece ("Wash for ATL") to raise money for United Way of Greater Atlanta's COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund in partnership with the Community Foundation (available at Bang On in L5P): <https://atlantaintownpaper.com/2020/03/wash-for-atlanta-artwork-becomes-new-icon-for-city-helps-raise-funds-for-coronavirus-relief/>

- Hop's City in Krog Street Market will be doing a pop up event on April 25th from 12-8 pm: <http://www.hopcitybeer.com/krog-street-market/#locationeventsrow>

Lastly, the good news is that with careful planning, calm negotiations and some gracious refunds from vendors, Festival will not be in the red financially this year despite the postponement.

Jim Abbot, TreeWatch Committee gave a report regarding the new proposed tree ordinance from the city, for which they will have a

final draft in August. Boiled down into three major sections: 1. Goals – he would like to see a goal of 50% tree canopy 2. 5 categories of tree significance 3. Number of exemptions built into the ordinance. [https://inmanparktrees.com/2020/04/06/](https://inmanparktrees.com/2020/04/06/tree-protection-ordinance-1-0/)

tree-protection-ordinance-1-0/ Jim also gave an update on the recent Red Cross Blood Drive at the Trolley Barn, which he helped organize on April 9. More than half the participants were first time donors, and 35 units were collected. There will be another Blood Drive on July 1.

Cathie Berger, Lifelong Inman Park reported that Inman Park's Neighbor to Neighbor program is off and running, and more important than ever during this crisis while people are in quarantine, offering community assistance within the recommended boundaries of social distancing. They will pick up groceries and prescriptions, run essential errands, deliver meals to your porch or make telephone calls to check on someone isolated to ease troubled times Contact Linda Gross at 404-545-5222 or Jackie Lawrence at 404-272-0024 or enter your request on the Inman Park website under the Lifelong Inman Park tab. Recently their 20 volunteers called every resident in the IPNA Directory to check in on their needs.

Amy Higgins, Springvale Park reported that they are moving into Phase 4 of the Master Plan, which is cleaning up the pond. (Phase 1 was the playground, Phase 2 was bocce court, sandpit and retaining walls, and Phase 3 was pathways.) Q: How will we pay for this? A: It may take a while, but with future fundraisers and a grant for which we hope to qualify, we can get this done on an extended timeline.

George (Beau) Weidman reported that all the usual flowers would be blooming around the neighborhood in the 4th weekend of April for UNFestival.

Al Caproni and Chris Curley, Little 5 Points Alliance – updates on the Euclid Mobility Study (more than 400 responders participated) can be found on the website: <https://l5pa.com/blog/2020/3/30/mobility-study-input>

Neil Kinkopf, Nominating Committee – presented slate of incoming IPNA Officers and explained proposed bylaws amendment. More details here: https://ipna.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_dailyplablog&view=entry&year=2020

&month=04&day=14&id=230:important-notice-proposed-by-laws-amendment-and-nominations-for-new-ipna-officers

Opened floor for additional nominations; there were none. Motion to approve both slate and amendment; seconded; all in favor 45 -- opposed 0. Slate and amendment passed.

Police Officers Reports Kevin Curry, VP for Public Safety gave a report from our APD Rep (Officer Soukup):

- Numbers of house burglaries and car break-ins are down (presumably b/c everyone is home)

- There should currently be no response time lag; there are more police cars on streets

- Improvement in morale among officers because Chief of Police and Mayor have been very supportive, providing comp time and PPE (masks, etc.)

- Please stay diligent and stay at home

IPNA Officers Reports

Rick Bizot, VP for Planning confirmed that the streetlights/lampposts in Freedom Park are being installed. No timeline for completion.

Neil Kinkopf, NPU-N stated that the last meeting was held remotely via Zoom. Poncey Highland Neighborhood voted to approve Historic Designation; more than 300 votes were recorded, and it passed 3-1, but he expects potential litigation from those who objected (but presumably boycotted meeting and did not vote).

In response to City of Atlanta's proposed changes to NPU ordinance, Neil is starting a Committee to address our participation and representation in NPU. So far members include Joseph Drolet, Jonathan Miller and Ro Lawson. They intend to work together with other neighborhoods to make the process work better with the City.

Jonathan Miller, VP for Zoning had several items on the docket:

- Application for re-zoning: 204 Haralson Lane. Several slides and files (addressing intent to add stairs to access second floor of garage/office) were shared with the membership. Vote to approve plans: In favor 33, Opposed 0. Motion passed.

- Application for alcohol license: Star Community Bar. Owners Christopher Jackson (who has lived in the area for 20 years) and Luke Lewis attended the Zoom meeting and expressed appreciation for the community's support. Vote

to approve license: In favor 30, Opposed 0. Motion passed. More info here: <https://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2020/03/13/star-bar-reopening-new-owners-little-five-atlanta.html>

- Proposed Parish Expansion – looking to expand out at the back and add a garden, which will affect the Grinnell Lofts parking area and require a Beltline Special Administrative Permit. Will keep us posted on further activity.

- Villa de Grip update: no further developments known since 2 day trial in January. Nothing has been filed.

Sara Wittich, VP for Historic Preservation welcomed Tarver Siebert, new Historic Preservation Committee member

Kevin Curry, VP for Public Safety:

- New yard signs are coming

- IPNA Board voted to keep funding for patrol hours despite budget shortfalls. To assist in this effort, please join (or renew) Security Patrol membership: <https://www.inmanpark.org/security-patrol>

- Possible Savi fundraiser (originally scheduled for May 16 but stay tuned for new date) will support IPSP

Kay Kirsche, Treasurer gave a financial report: \$127k in checking, \$150k in reserves. Budget Committee met remotely and looked at possible reductions.

Q: (Andrew Stein) Are there any fundraising ideas in the works?

Presale for Festival or VIP tickets? A: IPNA welcomes all ideas.

Melissa Miller, VP for Communications gave an Advocate update: we have paid for most of the year's costs through advertising revenue. April's issue will be reduced to 16 (from 20) pages to save money.

There was an email that went out to IPNA members on 4/15 regarding LSP businesses that are still open. Please support and buy/eat local! Julie Noble, Secretary had nothing to report

Old Business none

New Business none

President Beverly Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Seconded. Approved

Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes is a lot of work! For most of you Inman Parkers it's a time to see family and friends, browse art, enjoy live performances (dance, music, theatre), watch the parade, and of course drink beer! Many of you volunteer for a few 2 hour shifts during Festival weekend, but did you know that we have over 900 2 hour volunteer shifts throughout Festival weekend? Did you also know that there is a committee with over 60 Committee Chairpeople dedicated to making Festival happen? We have our first meeting every year in September, and meet monthly until Festival weekend! Some of these committee members have been involved with Festival since the first one, and most of the committee members have been on the committee for multiple years. Lots of us have switched committees through the years as well. Below are some stories from committee members... **more to follow in the June Advocate issue...**

Sam Bailey, Festival Co-Chair - I grew up in Inman Park, and have attended Festival every year of my life. My parents have both been on the committee for as long as I can remember. Helping with Festival setup and cleanup was just a way of life for me. When my mom, Melissa Miller, and my second dad (technically step-dad), Thom Abelew, stepped up to chair Festival in 2012 I got the opportunity to take over the Rentals committee. Do you know how many people don't want to be the house that the port-o-potties go in front of??? It's a real issue! Fortunately, we've traded most of the traditional potties out for luxury restroom trailers. Two years ago I decided I could do more for Festival, so I asked Jane Bradshaw Burnette if she would Co-Chair with me, and she said yes! We signed on to Co-Chair Festival for 2020 and 2021. We thought the highlight would be Co-Chairing the 50th anniversary in 2021... little did we know we would end up with the first ever (and hopefully the only) Inman Park UNFestival & Tour AT Home. Hopefully you all had a great time!

Carolyn McLaughlin, Dance Festival Chair - After years of straightening chairs and telling people where the bathroom is (no, really, you cannot use the ones in the Trolley Barn, I don't let my own mother use them, and yes, the ones around the corner have air conditioning!), I still have a swell of gratitude in my heart in the moment just before I start the show, and I turn to see hundreds of people waiting to see dance. I know that next year this pleasure will be doubled.

Alison Gordon, Kids Zone Chair - I chose to volunteer for Festival Committee when I moved back to Inman Park from living in Santiago, Chile. I was brimming with neighborhood pride after living away for so long and finally being home again. I reached out to a fellow committee member, my lovely former next-door neighbor Christel Sundin, to see where I could be of service, and she said there may be room to help in the Kids Area. I've learned that the Festival Committee is a great group of welcoming people, who allow you to bring your vision to reality. If you can dream it, you can do it! I started with an idea of bringing performances to the Zone, and ended up getting WRFG on board as an in-kind sponsor, found some dog-performers in the "Americas Got Talent" list of past performers who lived nearby, and the rest is butterfly history!

Katy Stedina, Caterpillar Ball Co-Chair - I have lived in Inman Park for only 10 years, but my husband and I have been attending Festival for more than 20 years. It wasn't until I moved into the neighborhood and began meeting my amazing neighbors, who quietly and tirelessly run the Festival from behind the scenes, that I realized just how much work goes into pulling off this grand event every single year. These people, my wonderful neighbors, amaze me with their passion and creativity for this event. I decided to join the Festival committee for the first time this year so I could start giving something back to this community that makes me happy every day.

Glenda Minkin, Sponsorships Co-Chair - What does the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes mean to me? For years, the festival meant loving the energy, loving the artists' market, the bands outside our door, the food, etc., all the time knowing that there had to be a wonderful team of neighbors making this happen. But not until this year, when I took on a task (Sponsorship Chair which Regina Brewer later told me was the worst job for festival) did I understand the enormous undertaking, the time and resource commitment by every member of the IP Festival Committee and the great feeling of being a part of the fabric that is Inman Park. This job was a bit of a trial by fire but with huge help from Sam Bailey(!) and Jane Bradshaw Burnette, Janice Darling, Megan Gilroy and Lacey Goodwin, we did it! That we ended up having to return it all did not take away at all from my appreciation of what everyone on this committee did and does for Inman Park.

Regina Brewer, Tour of Homes Co-Chair - In 2013, I was recruited by Pat Westrick to be the Co-Chair of Tour of Homes. As most of you know, no one tells Pat Westrick "no." Seriously, I was thrilled to chair this committee. I joined the Festival and Tour of Homes committees in 1997 and served until 2000 and coming back in 2013 felt right. I think some people think Festival is about the beer, live music, and artist market. Many people think it's the Parade. The original festival was the Tour of Homes. That's right. Inman Park residents opened their homes to encourage other courageous people to buy houses in our neighborhood. Additionally, the proceeds from the Tour of Homes was used to fight the Road fight! it's not about beer or the Parade. It's about the legacy of the Tour of Homes (The other committee members may disagree with this assertion). The Tour of Homes has seen some strange things! One year, Debi Starnes and Jim Emshoff were on tour and Debi was our District 2 councilperson. A radio station decided it would be a great prank to come into Debi's house as a tour attendee but proceeded to turn her stereo on and off and change the stations. Then they microwaved a hot dog in her kitchen. Of course, this was live on the radio station. While we rarely have theft during the tour of homes, one year someone stole a curling iron and a back-scrub brush. The suspect was never found. Our committee is comprised of myself, Judy Clements and Nancy Morrison along with fabulous tour ticket writers and editor. We love this committee and we are honored to continue the legacy of Tour of Homes.



Our UNFestival swag site is going live! Make sure to keep an eye on your inbox and social media for the announcement. You can purchase UNFestival shirts and posters, along with other Festival swag like hats, glasses, and shirts at www.InmanPark.org/UNFestival

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IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

Location TBD: either Zoom or the Trolley Barn (963 Edgewood Ave. NE)

I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers

II. Police Officers' Reports

III. Minutes of Last Meeting

IV. Announcements

V. Elected Officials' Reports

VI. IPNA Officers' Reports

A. President

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 Advocate?

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Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

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