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President's Message

Home Together for the Holidays

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

Around this time of the season each year I begin to notice that the sunlight is slowly disappearing little by little each day. Of course, that gradual loss of light has been happening since the solstice in June but it's right about now that I can't really ignore it any longer or blame it on the dark clouds accompanying the slew of evening thunder storms we've experienced this year. Summer's ending and we are sliding into the holiday season. Normally this a time of socializing, good cheer, and a fabulous party at the Trolley Barn. This year COVID threatens to cast its long shadow over the season along with the damage it's already done to our finances.

Of course, this being Inman Park, we don't sit around and mope – we get to work! Your neighbors are collaborating to create a fun, uplifting way to brighten the holiday season and put some money back into IPNA's dwindling coffers. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12th to join us (virtually) for both a silent and live auction featuring musical performances from some of Inman Park's own talented musicians. We will be live streaming the event so you can join from the comfort of your living room.

To make this successful, we need lots of participation. I realize not everyone is in a position to donate money or time right now. For those who can though, please give some thought to what you might want to contribute to the auction. Our focus is going to be more on experiences than objects. Perhaps you have a mountain cabin or beach condo that you can offer for a weekend get-a-way. Maybe you have a skill you can teach via Zoom like cooking, guitar-playing, or cocktail making. Or, maybe you have a special dessert that you can make and deliver to a neighbor for a special occasion. Donating a couple of hours professional consulting is often a popular auction item. I know we have a lot of talent in this neighborhood so I'm looking forward to seeing what you all can come up with. Email me with your ideas and I will connect you with the auction coordinators.

Remember, IPNA funds much of the repair, maintenance and improvement you see in the neighborhood; everything from the sidewalk repair subsidies, to the lighting in Freedom Park, to

Make Your Voting Plan for November 3

The IPNA Diversity and Inclusion Committee offers the following information to help you plan for voting. The general election is on November 3rd. There is also a special election on September 29th to temporarily fill the position left by our dear Representative, John Lewis. The Committee is organizing a COVID-safe canvassing effort to make sure that people who might lack the proper information can be informed. If you would like to help in canvassing, please contact Eileen Rhea Brown (eileenrheabrown@gmail.com).

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the playground in Springvale to the hundreds of new trees we have planted over the past couple of decades. IPNA also donates thousands of dollars to the local public schools: Mary Lin and Hope-Hill elementary schools, Inman (now Howard) Middle, and Grady High School. Festival and Beltline Wine Stroll normally fund these things but with those gone for now, it's up to all of us to fill the void. In this coming holiday season, let's pull together, encourage and uplift one another, make the future feel a little brighter, and enjoy a fabulous IPNA holiday party – just in a little different format.

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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

Visit www.inmanpark.org/lifelonginmanpark

Contact Linda Gross (404-545-5222) or Jackie Lawrence (404-272-0024)

2020 Inman Park Book Club

Meets at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of most months.

All meetings to be held on Zoom.

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Sept 29

“The Beekeeper of Aleppo”

by Christy Lefteri

Host: Linda Dunham,
Second Ave. (Kirkwood)

Oct 27

“Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows”

by Balli Kaur Jaswal

Host: Patty McGuigan
Robinson, 814 Virgil St

If you are new to Inman Park, welcome!
We're so 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
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Janet Ockers on Inman Mews
Drive

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Springvale Park Update: Wasps and Weedwackers

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

This summer has had its challenges in Springvale Park. Wasps infested the children's playground and another huge tree fell blocking the southeast stairway path. The Japanese Chaff Flower, a noxious weed (<http://www.ecoaddendum.org/invasive-japanese-chaff-flower/>) grew along with kudzu. A city employee with a weedwacker inadvertently took a chunk out of one of the park's mountain laurels (*kalmia latifolia*) but the remainder of the shrub survives. Action was taken to eliminate the insects, chainsaws reopened the stairs and work began to remove the weeds.

Many Springvale plants are native to Georgia. Each of these plants can be related to the area in which they are found. The easiest way to look at our state's geology is to divide it into three regions. The Appalachians are in our northern counties, the Coastal Plains is to the south and east with the Piedmont being the Atlanta area in the middle. Most Atlanta residents relate to Piedmont Av., Piedmont Park, Piedmont Hospital or Piedmont azaleas among shrub and landscape enthusiasts. Plants may favor a region but they are not mutually exclusive. Rhododendrons cover the Appalachians but are also on the Piedmont. Water oaks come from the Coastal Plain yet line Elizabeth Street. The piedmont azalea (*r. canescens*), mountain laurel and rudbeckias (from coneflowers to green eyed susans and others) are found throughout Georgia from Hiwassee to Valdosta.

Look for the August and September bloomers in Springvale and nearby. The shoals lily (*hymenocallis coronaria*), from the Columbus to Macon to Augusta area can be seen on the streambank near the bridge. The white flowered arbor azalea (*r. arborescens*), a Piedmont native and the red pruneleaf azalea (*r. prunifolia*), from the Columbus area, are showy. Rudbeckias are also now blooming.



Announcing Shout-Outs!

Celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in the Advocator!

Each month a limited number of SHOUT-OUTS will be available for publication. Space will be available for only two 1/8-page SHOUT-OUTS (\$150) and one 1/4-page SHOUT-OUT (\$300). The 1/4-page can include a photo! The deadline for purchase is the 20th day of the month prior to the month of publication.

Go to inmanpark.org and use the "Buy a SHOUT-OUT" pulldown menu to let the Advocator help you surprise that special someone!

IPNA Calendar

Sep 16

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Sep 24

NPU-N Meeting

L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Sep 29

Book Club

See page 4
for details

Oct 21

IPNA Meeting

Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Oct 22

NPU-N Meeting

L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Oct 27

Book Club

See page 4
for details



Make Your Voting Plan for November 3!

1) ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

To be eligible to vote on November 3, the registration deadline is October 5.

Go to (<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>) and fill in the login information with your first initial, last name, date of birth, and county to:

- Ensure that you are registered to vote, or to register if not.
- Check and make sure your registration is active, even if you vote regularly.
- Make sure your registration information is current and correct, and change it if needed.
- Find out where to vote. You must vote where you are registered.

You can also check your registration or request a registration form by mail by calling (404) 612-3816.

Be sure to register as soon as possible because it may take 2-4 weeks to get acknowledgement and to become eligible to vote.

What if I've moved?

If you've moved within or even outside the same county in which you are registered to vote and don't notify the registrar at least 30 days prior to an election, you should vote in your old polling place for that election because there might not be enough time to register at your new residence.

To register vote in your new precinct, you must file a notice of your new address. This can be done by submitting a new voter registration application at (https://sos.ga.gov/admin/files/GA_VR_APP_2019.pdf) You may also request a registration form by phone at (404) 612-3816.

If you move outside the county in which you are registered to vote more than 30 days prior to an election, you have lost your eligibility to vote in the county of your old residence. You must register to vote in your new county of residence. You will be assigned a new voting precinct and polling location. Remember, if you don't register to vote by the deadline, you cannot vote in that particular election.

College students can obtain Georgia voter registration forms, or the necessary forms to register in any state in the U.S., from their school registrar's office or from the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

2) WILL YOU VOTE IN PERSON OR BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

If you request an absentee ballot, you will not automatically be able to change your mind and vote in person. The easiest way to resolve the issue is to bring the absentee ballot and surrender it to the polling manager when you go to vote at your polling place. If you requested an absentee ballot but never received it, if it is lost, or if you received it too late to mail it in on time, you must appear before the registrar or absentee ballot clerk and make a written request to have the ballot marked as cancelled.

VOTING IN PERSON (Remember to bring a valid state or federal government issued photo ID. An expired Georgia driver's license is still valid for voting!)

To find out where to vote in person, go to: (<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>)

You can vote early! Early voting runs from Oct. 12 to 30. Early voting polling hours are 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Our nearest early voting locations are:

- Ponce de León Library, 980 De León Ave NE, 30306
- State Farm Arena, 1 State Farm Drive, 30303

Both locations offer free parking.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

To get a ballot, use this link: [absentee ballot application](#). Absentee ballot requests may be made through Oct. 30, but you should be sure to request an absentee ballot and return it as soon as possible in order to have it arrive by the Nov. 3 deadline.

To be counted, ballots must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The BEST way to make sure your absentee ballot gets counted is to put it into an official Ballot Box. Our closest one is:

Auburn Avenue Library
101 Auburn Ave. (at Courtland)

To mail your ballot, use the following address:

Fulton County Chief Registrar Ralph M. Jones
130 Peachtree St SW Suite 2186
Atlanta, GA 30303-3460
Telephone: (404) 612-3816

To scan and fax:

Fax: (404) 612-3697

To send by email as an attachment:

Email: elections.voterregistration@fultoncountyga.gov

It is important to send your ballot in a format that can be opened and read easily, such as a pdf.

At <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>, you can also check the status of your absentee ballot and make sure it was received by using the "Absentee Ballot - Request Information" menu.

For questions about absentee voting:

- Use this link: https://sos.ga.gov/admin/uploads/Absentee_Voting_Guide_20142.pdf
- Call Fulton County Voter Education at 404-612-7020 E
- Email veo@fultoncountyga.gov

<i>Election Dates</i>	<i>Deadline to Request Mail-in Ballot (aka Absentee Ballot)</i>	<i>In-Person Early Voting</i>
<i>November 3, 2020 General Election</i>	<i>October 30, 2020</i>	<i>October 12 - 30, 2020</i>
<i>December 1, 2020 General Election Runoff Local & State Offices</i>	<i>November 27, 2020</i>	<i>TBD</i>
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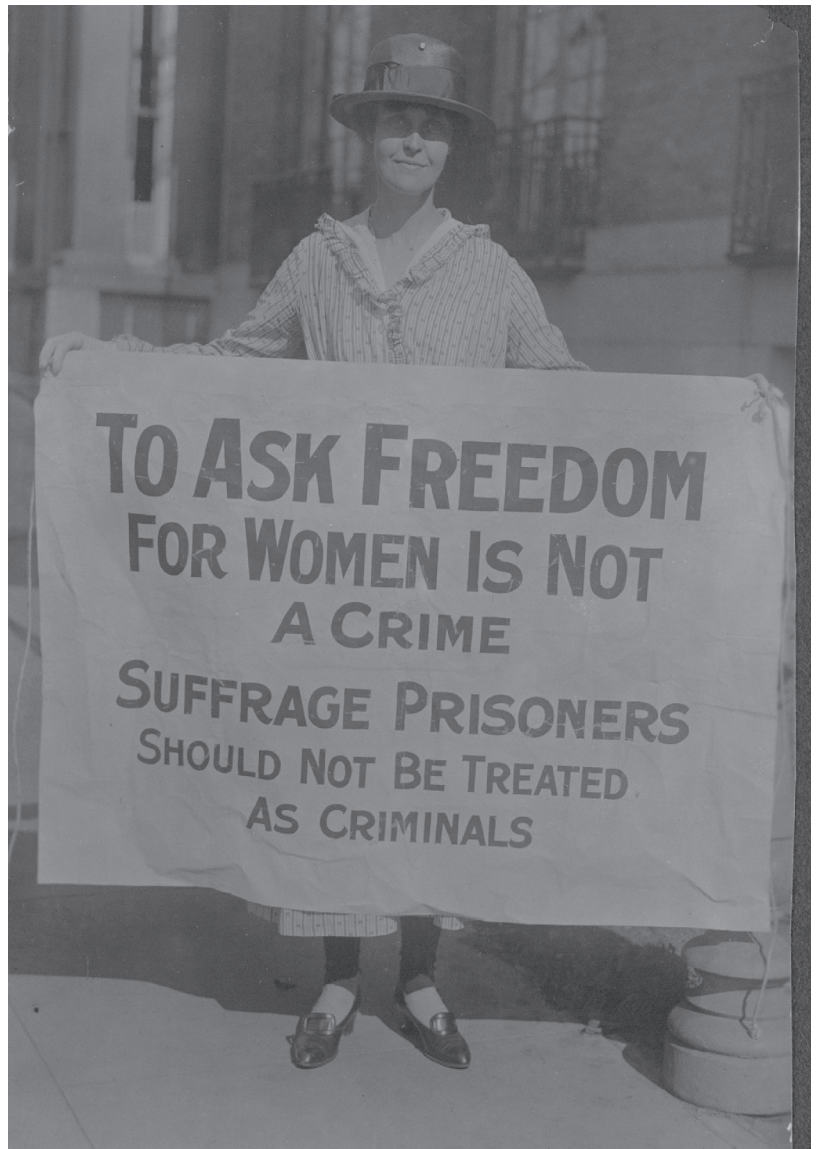
To the Others

By Lola Ridge (1873-1941)

I see you, refulgent ones,
Burning so steadily
Like big white arc lights...
There are so many of you.
I like to watch you
weaving—
Altogether and with
precision
Each his ray—
Your tracery of light,
Making a shining way about
America.

I note your infinite
reactions—
In glassware
And sequin
And puddles
And bits of jet—
And here and there a
diamond...

But you do not
yet see me,
Who am a torch
blown along the
wind,
Flickering to a
spark
But never out.



(images courtesy of Library of Congress)

Celebrate Fall's Arrival with Historic Oakland Cemetery's Upcoming Events

This summer has had its challenges in Springvale Park. Wasps infested the children's playground and another huge tree fell blocking the Historic Oakland Foundation invites you celebrate the approach of fall with us at these September and October events.

Sunday in the Park returns for its 43rd year from September 21 through September 27! We've expanded the beloved fall festival into a week-long event. Help us celebrate all things Oakland with this year's hybrid virtual/in-person format. Virtual activities include trivia, a costume contest and more. On Sunday, September 27, grab a picnic from your favorite local restaurant and join us on Oakland's grounds for some on-site, socially distanced activities: small-group cemetery tours, an Oakland Cemetery pop-up shop, and musicians busking throughout the cemetery. Learn more at oaklandcemetery.com/sip.

Shop a great selection of interesting and hard-to-find plants at Historic Oakland Foundation's low-contact Fall Plant Sale! The sale will take place at Oakland Cemetery's Beaumont Allen Greenhouse on Saturday, September 26 with a special members-only presale on September 25. Shop by reservation. Learn more and reserve your spot at oaklandcemetery.com/plantsale.

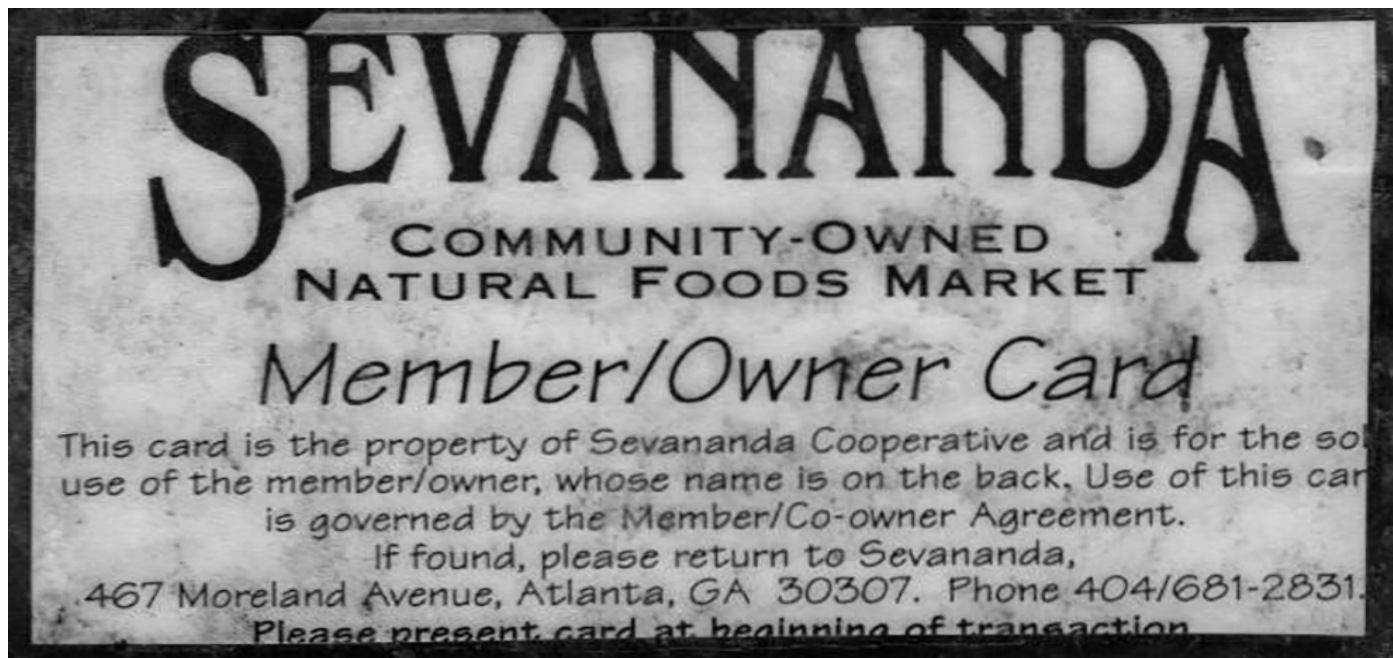
Our Run Like Hell 5K, a neighborhood favorite, is also going virtual this year. Register now and run any time from September 27 through October 11. All proceeds support Historic Oakland Foundation. Learn more at oaklandcemetery.com/rlh.

Ode to Sevananda

By Jeffrey Martin • jeffrey@martinonline.org

I'm an unapologetic Varsity chili dog eater and Coca-Cola drinker, but I've also lived in Inman Park a long time and I support Sevananda. Sevananda is a part of what makes Inman Park different from everywhere else. Where else would the reconfiguration of what was then Sevananda (Rag-o-Rama now) into a Piggly Wiggly for the filming of Driving Miss Daisy be debated on the merits of corporate capitalism versus "they want to fix the holes in the wall" versus the controversial thematic issues in the film? Even the historic Hyde Park Co-op on the south side of Chicago is gone, but we can keep and support Sevananda. It is still a thing that most persons who've lived in Inman Park can pull out a membership card to Sevananda. Some shop there for the unique things it offers and some like the fact that it ain't like every other grocery store and some just want to support a part of the fabric of Inman Park. Ask me and I will show you my membership card. I recommend you join.

Membership details are at <https://sevananda.coop/membership/> and the membership application is at <https://sevananda.coop//membership-sign-up/>. \$25 is a cheap price to become a card carrying counter-culture, climate-aware, socially-conscious, fun and tasty embracing Inman Park member.



Speak for the Trees: The Wisdom of Trees

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

The other day, a friend drew my attention to a story about a wildfire at California's Big Basin Redwoods State Park. He was sad to learn that the fire was intense enough to destroy trees more than two hundred feet tall and many hundreds of years old.

I understand. I doubt there's anything on Earth comparable to a redwood forest. It's not just the trees' gigantic size, for which nothing can prepare you. It's also the quality of the light, the deep hush, and the unnerving sense that you are in the presence of something not entirely of this world.

For my friend, as for others, the plight of the Big Basin redwoods gets added to all the other sorrows of this difficult year.

That said, I do take consolation from my memory of a visit to a place called Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, on the far side of Pikes Peak from Colorado Springs. A peculiarity of the area's geological history has preserved the immense stumps of ancient redwoods, now petrified and dating back some 35 million years — ancestors of California's coast redwoods, growing at an elevation of 8,500 feet at the base of a mountain in Colorado!

I also think about this iconic photograph of Springvale Park from 1895. Contrast the lush urban forest we have today with the smattering of trees in Joel Hurt's garden suburb. The implication? Trees counsel us to take the long view. They urge patience. They are willing to tell us something about resilience, if we're willing to listen.



Keeping Cool on Virgil Street

By Yr. Editrix • advocator@inmanpark.org

Virgil Street is known for its great street parties and in the time of COVID we have become especially adept at socially distant celebrations. Upper Virgil threw a water party in August that was much enjoyed by all the children and grown-ups too! Next time you find yourself walking around the neighborhood, come on by and splash with us!



Renaming Grady High School

By Yr. Editrix • advocator@inmanpark.org

Our District 2 Council Person, Amir Farokhi, was appointed to a committee to consider renaming Henry W. Grady High School after current and former students called for a change given Grady's racist views. The committee met on several occasions, received community input, and as of their August 11, 2020 meeting made a decision to move forward with a recommendation for a new name for the school that does not incorporate "Henry W. Grady" or any portion thereof. The committee will be making a recommendation for a new name to the Atlanta Public School Board in the coming months who will then make a final decision.

If you'd like to learn more about the committee, please visit <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/62976>.

To make a suggestion for a new name, please go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6jxfF2V8-JIYWJL_8D114fEAo39vXEK8alz59h-ghgZYURA/viewformee

Haven't You Always Wanted to to Have the Last Word?

By Johnathan Katz of Lower Virgil

For Yr. Editrix's recent birthday, her esteemed neighbor made for her a most scrumptious cocktail, which he now shares with you:



In your cocktail shaker, combine equal parts (suggesting 3/4 ounce of each) of:
Dry gin
Green chartreuse
Luxardo maraschino liqueur (this is clear and NOT the red syrup from the cherry jar!)
Fresh squeezed lime juice

Shake until well chilled, strain, and serve up in a chilled cocktail glass (coupe or martini preferred).
Garnish with a cherry.

Lifelong Inman Park Information Session on September 18: "Talk Saves Lives"

The session will offer an introduction to Suicide Prevention and will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention, and what we can all do to fight suicide. Participants will learn the common risk factors, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe. The presenter will be Taylor Chambers, MPH, Associate Director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

For more information contact Nancy Morrison (Nmorrison1214@gmail.com).

Zoom information: <https://zoom.us/j/92070428516> and Zoom Meeting ID: 920 7042 8516

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IPNA Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2020 (Fourth Zoom meeting)

President Amy Higgins called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. [Note: between 7:31 and 9:34, the number of participants varied, beginning with 30 people at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 51 people logged on at 7:50.]

Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers: Jen Nascimento (Battery Place) and Jane & Jesse Caudill (Alta Avenue).

Motion to approve June Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Elected Officials' Reports

Councilmember Amir Farokhi, Atlanta City Council District 2 thanked the neighborhood for the opportunity to speak, reminded everyone to stay safe and wear masks, and gave an update of current city matters:

1. Recent events have prompted more than 15 hours of public comment and thousands of phone calls to the City Council regarding public safety and discussions of what reform for public safety should look like.

2. Mentioned recent large gatherings near Edgewood (drag racing, shootings) and efforts of APD and DOT to calm and reduce these events.

Q (Estrup): Some of us are having trouble with homeless folks hanging out in our yards; can you tell us more about the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative?

Q (Lawson): And is it possible to reallocate funds so 911 does not have to be the first point of contact?

A: Please feel free to email either Amir (arfarokhi@atlantaga.gov) or Jay (jctribby@atlantaga.gov) with specific questions/issues. More info about the program here:

<https://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=210>

Q (Caproni): Can you give us an update on the Findley Plaza improvements (and two other projects) that were stalled by the city in May?

A: Those are all currently in "Procurement" and there's nothing to do but wait.

Q (Alphan): Why do all (even non-emergency) calls go through 911? And is there more/new information about how local (city) officials and state officials are communicating or coordinating on recent issues?

A: There seems to be less communication and coordination than before. More info about how 911 works:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enhanced_9-1-1

Q (Robbins): Is property tax tied to community services? Can we input opinions re: usage?

A: Property tax = 25% to Fulton Co., 50% to school system and remaining 25% to City. Regarding public health/other services, City often fills in gaps where County fails.

Q: Could we invite the County rep to these meetings?

A: We will, and feel free to reach out to Fulton County Commissioner of District 4 Natalie Hall (natalie.hall@fultoncountygga.gov) and Chairman of Fulton County Board of Commissioners Robb Pitts (robb.pitts@fultoncountygga.gov) with questions.

Q (Leach): Dekalb Avenue improvements update? Last we heard, bid was supposed to be finished, with paving/construction starting in Sept.

A: Everyone is still waiting and hoping for movement.

Q (Leonel): What is the progress of the legislation attempting to take the burden of sidewalk repair/maintenance off the homeowner (esp prescient since IPNA budget was curtailed due to lack of Festival and planned sidewalk improvement expenditures were nixed).

A: Assessment is complete and now estimate for cost is needed.

Announcements

IPNA Diversity & Inclusivity Sub-Committee - Cristy Lenz thanked neighbors for input and ideas, and read the final draft of the IPNA Proposed Black Lives Matter Statement:

"Inman Park Stands with Black Lives Matter

The time is overdue to end the

systemic racism that has prevailed through the history of our nation. While progress has been made, racism remains pervasive in our institutions. It is unjust and we will work to end it. It harms us all. Black Lives Matter."

Ro Lawson reported that, unfortunately, the July Pop-Up for Stop the Road history/education will have to be postponed because of Covid-19. We hope to engage via Zoom meetings soon.

Q: Can people join this Sub-Committee if interested?

A: The purpose of the D&I is to get more volunteers involved and active in IPNA, so we encourage interested folks to find a Committee to serve on (and eventually join the Board if possible): <https://www.inmanpark.org/>

Joseph Drolet, IPNA Tax Reform Committee reported that property tax increases are widespread throughout the neighborhood and the time to appeal is now. Updated materials for 2020 will be on website soon: <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/2019-inman-park-property-tax-information>

Al Caproni and Chris Curley gave an update for Little 5 Points Alliance, including the recent hiring of Cristy Lenz as Executive Consultant. Cristy hit the ground running, helping to organize and advertise the 2nd Annual L5P Halloween Photo Contest Call for Entries (deadline for submission August 15): <https://l5pa.com/photo-contest>

In June the community voted for 6 artists to transform 6 graffiti covered traffic signal boxes into signature pieces of local art that tell the story of Little 5 Points, and 4 signal boxes have been completed. See the winners here: <https://l5pa.com/winners>

IPNA officers' reports

President Amy Higgins gave updates on several topics:

1. Summary of Joel Award renaming process and final vote for new award name: after last month's discussion on this

topic, 26 new name suggestions were submitted to the IPNA and voted on. The two submissions that received the most votes were "The Butterfly Award (63 votes/36%) and "The Sweet Award" (26 votes/15%). After brief discussion and various opinions expressed, membership present voted 37 to 4 to change the name of "The Joel Award" to "The Butterfly Award."

2. Neighborhood review process for UDC Type III applications during pandemic: Amy Higgins reported that the Urban Design Commission is backed up because of Covid-19 delays and recommends that we as a neighborhood move forward in the reviewing process for salient individual cases (even if the UDC hasn't seen them yet). Sara Wittich (VP of Historic Preservation) promises to be as helpful as she can in this process.

3. Update on Trolley Barn status and reopening "The Trolley Barn has considered its options for re-opening, but those options are complicated by Atlanta being advised to move back to Phase 1. We're following the news and the mayor's statements and hope that the virus cases recede soon so that we can safely welcome IPNA and other guests back. In the meantime, we've allowed the Barn to be used for two Red Cross Blood drives, with a third scheduled for the end of the month, and are exploring whether we're a suitable venue for COVID testing."

4. The Graffiti Committee has a new member; thank you to Nelson Ray for joining.

Q: Is there a neighborhood pressure washer hidden in someone's basement?

A: Might be in the possession of Bruce MacLachlan? Will ask.

VP for Planning - Patrick Pontius would like neighbors to email him regarding ideas/what we think is a priority in Planning: planning@inmanpark.org Q (Ford): Can we get some speed bumps on Euclid? A: Pat will confer with Janice Darling (Transportation Chair) and follow up.

VP for Zoning - Regina Brewer reported that Jason Hill (owner of Wisteria) is interested in pursuing block outdoor dining, and the immediate neighbors meeting provided support for this idea, but she suspects that the official process will take too long to achieve.

VP of Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich reported that, as the UDC was still shut down, there has nothing new to report.

VP of Public Safety - Kevin Curry reported Sgt. Soukup is ill and therefore unable to join us for an update. In general, crime numbers are still down but that there were a few car thefts and break-ins in the neighborhood again this month. Kevin stressed that the IPSP (7 officers) is not an "on call" police force. Their purpose is added visibility, an extra layer of protection and vacation home checks (with level of membership.) Q: Does Inman Park Security Patrol have standard/regular patrol hours?

A: No, the hours are random on purpose and also due to individual officers' work schedules.

VP for Communications - Melissa Miller reported that she was working on a new Memorials page on the IPNA website

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche was absent; no report

Secretary - Julie Noble is working on creating new IPNA merchandise for sale. A cache of (previously thought lost) IPNA flags has been found, and will be for sale at Intown Business center. Look for other exciting items to be available soon.

Neil Kinkopf, NPU-N gave an update on the current state of the Atlanta Citizens Review Board (ACRB – <http://www.apabatlanta.org/> description on website says "APAB serves to advise the City on city-wide issues, goals and objectives relative, but not limited to the Comprehensive Development Plan, land use, zoning transportation, environmental quality, license review, parks and open spaces. APAB also advises the City on matters relating to citizen organizations and participation in the planning process"). The APAB has, in Neil's opinion, usurped a lot of the power from NPUs [<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning/office-of-zoning-development/neighborhood-planning-unit-npu> or <http://npunatlanta.org/>] and is appointing new members without consulting NPUs. Our NPU (N, which includes Cabbagetown, Candler Park, Druid Hills, Inman Park, Lake Claire, Little 5 Points Business Association, Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community, Poncey-Highland, and Reynoldstown) may appoint 1 person to the APAB, but has not been offered the chance to do so. In addition, the Atlanta Citizen Review Board <https://acrbgov.org/> (which has not had a lot of power or been effective) needs to, in light of recent events, be more active and engaged and determine what role it should play in the city. If you are interested in knowing more about related volunteer opportunities, please contact Neil at npu.n@inmanpark.org.

Committee reports none

Old Business none

New Business none

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Seconded. Approved



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Agenda

September 16, 2020

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

- 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?

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