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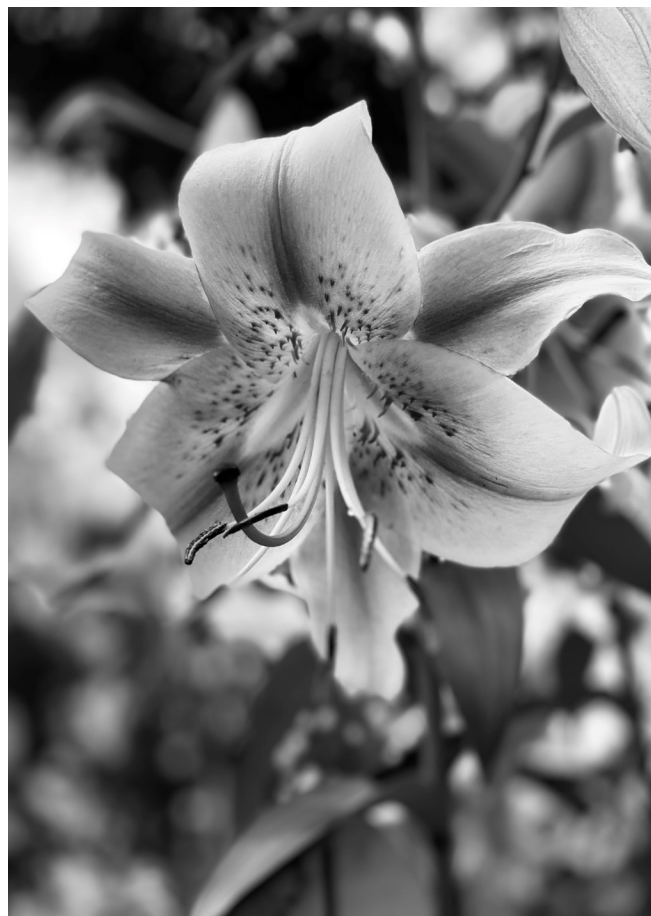
A Less Soggy Springvale Park

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

Ever noticed how damp and muddy the lawn is in Springvale Park and wonder why? Well, that's been a mystery for a while now but after some detective work, we've concluded it must be underground springs. Years ago, we ruled out a water or sewer line leakage. Civil engineers have assured us that we'd smell it if that were the case - yikes. Thanks to neighbor Alison Gordon and Peter Coyne of Oakview Landscape, we've also determined it's not the old irrigation system in the lawn that's the source of our troubles. Natural springs are the only plausible explanation left. Fortunately, now that we've made that determination, we can design and implement a solution.

Peter has planned out a series of French drains that will allow water to make its way more easily from the lawn to the pond and leave us with a drier, more usable space. (For those of you who are not familiar with French drains, they are simply perforated pipes that are placed several inches below ground, surrounded by a bed of gravel. Sod will be placed over the gravel so that the drainage system isn't visible.) Thanks to Alison's dogged determination and the generous contributions of several neighbors, we've already raised the funds necessary to pay for the drains. We are currently winding our way through the maze of permitting and approvals but intend to begin work soon.

Hopefully by fall, we will be able to host concerts on the lawn like the one we enjoyed last October by neighbor Dahlan Foah and the Atlanta Musicians' Orchestra. Perhaps an Inman Park movie night on the lawn similar to the Cabbagetown and Candler Park events can be planned. At the very least, we can look forward to a cleaner and drier Kids Zone for the 2022 Inman Park Festival. A huge thank you to all the neighbors who are making this possible!



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2021 Inman Park Book Club

Meets at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of most months.
All meetings to be held on Zoom.

Most book selections are available at our neighborhood
bookstore:

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Jul 27

***"Shadow Divers: The
True Adventure of Two
Americans Who Risked
Everything to Solve....
Mysteries of WW II"***

by Robert Kurson
Paula Mason, 1046 Washita Ave

Aug 31

"The Book of Lost Names"
by Kristin Harmel
Bunny Lenhard, outside at The
Water Tower Park

BIG NEWS!
**INMAN PARK BOOK CLUB TO RESUME
FACE TO FACE MEETINGS IN JULY!**

We are cautiously resuming face to face
meetings in July.

Masks must be worn and food/drinks will
not be shared initially (even though this is a
critical part of book club!).

Happy Reading!

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
Advocator.
Get in touch!

Welcome new neighbors:

Margaret and Steve Kendrick, Lake
Avenue

Richa Bhardway, 15 Lofts, Waddell Street

Jordan and James Dahlman, Hurt Street

Fran Tyler and Will Draper and children
Tyler and Olivia, Waverly Way

Congrats to More IP Graduates!

Annabella Monroe Farabaugh
Euclid Avenue
United States Coast Guard Academy
(High Honors)
BS in Marine and Environmental
Science

Kirsten Wittich
Virgil Street
University of Georgia
BS in Mathematics

Get your IPNA vinyl banners, cloth
masks and Historic Inman Park
(HIP) stickers for sale at Intown
Business Center



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
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Gardener's Corner/Corner a Gardener

By Yr. Editrix • advocator@inmanpark.org

In which Yr. Editrix corners a gardener and asks a few dumb questions. This month's Cornered Gardener is Matt Cherry of Virgil Street! Carolyn Jordan-White came along for the ride this month.

Yr. Editrix: Hi Matt Cherry! We are here with Carolyn Jordan-White, and we're talking about this interesting magnolia in your backyard.

Matt Cherry: This is a magnolia macrophylla, a big leaf magnolia, it's a big leaf magnolia, an understory shade tree, native to Georgia. You see them around but not that often. We moved in this house less than two years ago and I had always wanted one. I saw it at the Trees Atlanta sale last year and we have a lot of shade here. It was actually the first thing I planted back here, before I had the hardscape. And the way I drew all the hardscape in, I did it all around that.



It's cool—it's kind of this crazy tree where the leaves get humongous over time.

YE: You have some of the most interesting hardscaping because you thought very deliberately about it. Can you tell me about it?

MC: I'm a landscape architect in my professional day to day. I design contemporary spaces; some would call them modern—I think of it as modern landscape. I do a lot of commercial and institutional and public spaces. I found this naturally rusting corten steel edging. The thing I like about it is that it gives everything a super clean look. I like the dichotomy of a super wild planted area with a super clean edge.

YE: Tell me about the north steel edge here.

MC: The pavers were all here, stockpiled by the former owner. Pavers really only do well if they have a really hard edge on them—if you don't put an edge on, they fail over time typically. All the other houses I lived in have been in neighborhoods where the neighborhood layout is a north south grid. Virgil is at a 45. I always get confused about sun exposure, so lacking another design gesture to pull from, I laid a perfectly north-south line. It's kind of nerdy.

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IPNA Calendar

Jul 21

IPNA Meeting
Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Jul 27

Book Club
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Jul 29

NPU-N Meeting
Zoom
7:00 p.m.

Aug 18

IPNA Meeting
Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Aug 26

NPU-N Meeting
Zoom
7:00 p.m.

Aug 31

Book Club
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Inman Park Residents:

Want to keep up with local events, civic activism, and neighborhood content related to Inman Park? Join our Inman Park Google Group with almost 1000 subscribers. Email admin Patty Durand at pdurand@bellsouth.net to join.

Cornered Gardener, con't

Carolyn Jordan-White: And you have the rain garden.

MC: Right! I was just going to do some hardscape and then I started digging and I found that all the runoff from our property was running into our neighbor's property, which is kind of a no-no. Then a simple hardscape project became a drainage project. I completely re-routed the drainage—it's a more sustainable way to keep runoff on the property without overwhelming the city's infrastructure.

YE: You have some water loving plants here! What are these called?

MC: These are river oats, some people call them northern sea oats, it's the same thing. But they are not oats. The top of them look like oats but they are a native ornamental grass, they can grow in submerged water. Really easy to maintain. This is juncus here—juncus is a native littoral planting. This one is a variety called Big Twister. This is Joe Pye weed, a native perennial that blooms late in the summer. The big version grows 5-6 feet tall but this one is called Little Joe and gets

these cool pink things on the top. That over there is called green and gold, a shade ground cover. Some of this stuff was already here and I just moved it. Some of this Carolyn gave me—that's the de facto Carolyn Garden over there. One thing I've been trying to get rid of is the liriop. Liriop can be kind of invasive—I've used it on projects where you have serious urban conditions with dog pee and stuff like that. But in a setting like this if you put that against ferns, it will choke out your ferns over time. So, I have that liriop graveyard over there. I pull it up and just toss it over there.

CJW: It's probably still living

YE: Zombie liriop

MC: I've been trying to eradicate that! But I prefer, if given the choice, carex, which is a sedge. There's a lot of different varieties. It's more interesting and does well in the shade.

Inventory for Inman Park's Fruit and Nut Trees

By Lynn Curtis Koehnemann • lkoehnemann@gmail.com

Appealing to foragers, educators, and tree huggers, the fruit and nut tree inventory for Inman Park is off to a great start! Neighbors were quick to point out their persimmons, pecans, pawpaws, native cherries, serviceberries, and mulberries. The current list is viewable here: Link (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1em8CtetNiMOQNn4jva7LCizHFxLcLaJxhwIW2SwQzRA/edit#gid=0>) Or link <https://tinyurl.com/3h2xsrpr>

The goal of the inventory is to illuminate and encourage the planting of native food trees - for people as well as wildlife. This could be close to your house or on the street. Before the critters get to them this fall, I hope to collect some native persimmons; they drop to the ground when ripe. Tasting a beechnut for the first time (for me) this fall would be super interesting. While I am an unabashed urban forager, I know that most people are not as eager as myself to collect and eat food from the sidewalk or a parking lot.

Inman Park has remarkable historic trees which were planted by Joel Hurt and others. Many of the trees are native species providing nectar, seeds, nuts, fruits, berries, foliage, pollen, and insects - consumed by a variety of wildlife. Before 1864 the land in Inman Park was a farm belonging to Joel Hurt's cousin Elizabeth Hurt Jones. Her residence most likely had fruit trees and pecans planted close to the house as well as an arbor for scuppernong or muscadine grapes located in a sunny spot. Many of the homes built here after 1890 likely were planted with some fruit and nut trees as well. The non-native pear, peach, pomegranate, fig, and quince would have been common. Today we also see native pecans, plums, various blueberries, mulberries, serviceberries, and others.

Inman Village on Lake Avenue, where I live, has many examples of the tree species identified as most overplanted: crape myrtle. An inventory of the tree canopy in Midtown Atlanta found that crape myrtles were 17% of the tree population. Most plant-eating insects depend on the plants with which they have co-evolved; A tree originating 7000 miles away, such as crape myrtle, is not a good substitute. Crape myrtles have relatively little value as wildlife

habitat here in the South, while our native wild cherry, for example, supports 390 moths and butterflies. So if we replace our beautiful native oaks, hickories, cherries, crabapples, and beeches with non-native ornamental trees, we also eliminate food for wildlife. Fortunately, a lot of these native trees are now being planted here in Inman Park.

Please contact me if you have trees to add to the inventory.

Some native edible plants for your consideration:

Edible Native Fruits:

Eastern Persimmon
Pawpaw

Muscadine Grape
American Plum (tart)
Black Cherry

Maypop or Purple Passionflower
Blackhaw Viburnum

Edible Native Nuts:

Chinquapin (*Castanea pumila*)
American Hazelnut
Pecan

Shagbark Hickory
Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)
Eastern Black Walnut

Edible Native Berries:

Highbush Blueberry
Virginia Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)
Sawtooth Blackberry
Southern Dewberry
Red Mulberry
Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)

source: www.wildflower.org

Atlanta Firefly Project

By Kelly Ridenhour • info@atlantafireflyproject.org

Hello Inman Park Neighbors! I am reaching out from the Odum School of Ecology. I am a graduate student (MS Conservation Ecology candidate) and an Atlanta resident. I am reaching out to NPIs and neighborhood organizations to seek your help! The Atlanta Firefly Project, the first of its kind, has put out a call for volunteers to participate in a community science opportunity in Atlanta this summer!

The project is the Atlanta Firefly Project, a community science initiative that assists researchers in studying firefly conservation in Atlanta. I think this might be of interest to those in Inman Park Neighborhood and I would love to have reports from there! I have yet to have any reports from the neighborhood and I would appreciate anything you can do to get the word out! Please feel forward to forward this to any appropriate parties, but I would be grateful if you can help share this volunteer opportunity on your networks such as social channels, forward the email to your staff, add to it your newsletter, and/or share it with friends, family, and neighbors. Also following @Atlantafireflyproject on Instagram is helpful! Any word that can be spread about this project will greatly contribute to its success. Below is a description of the project and included at the bottom of the email is some social copy drafted, along with a photo for your use, in case that's helpful. Let me know if you need any more information from me!



This project is part of the data collection initiative at the Odum School of Ecology and anyone can help, right from their own home. Whether at an apartment, townhome, detached home, or wherever you call home, everyone's observations are valuable! If you do not see any fireflies, the information is just as valuable to us as if you do see fireflies. Firefly species worldwide face threats such as habitat loss, artificial light at night, pesticide application, overcollection, water pollution, and climate change. This project's data will help us understand the threat of habitat loss, artificial light at night, and land management practices on our common Eastern Firefly known as the Big Dipper (*Photinus pyralis*). By getting involved in this project, your observations will directly influence firefly conservation research and you will have the option to attend a follow-up with a talk where we will present you the outcome of the work. Our goal is to provide individuals with the information needed to make informed decisions about the land we live on. This is a unique project with the hopes that many will contribute!

Head to atlantafireflyproject.org for more information about this project and to access all the training information and data submission form. Now you can also monitor at a Park near you! To monitor a park please email us at info@atlantafireflyproject.org with the park name and we will send you further instructions!

Upcoming Events

Trees Atlanta Tree Tours:

Registration for neighborhood July and August Tree Tours is now open! Go to <https://www.treesatlanta.org/get-involved/events/> to find more information and sign up.

- July 17 History and Changes of the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum
- July 17 Grant Park
- July 21 Connecting people with nature to live longer and better lives
- July 21 Sunset Tour
- July 24 Westside Trail

Private tours are available. Email education@treesatlanta.org for more information.

Little Five Points Center for Arts and Community Center events:

- July 15 COVID-19 Vaccines 10:30am to 4:30pm
- July 16 Blood Drive 10am to 3pm
- July 17 Tucci Recycling Event 10am to 3pm
- July 22 Emory Community Health Night - Free COVID19 and STD Testing 3pm to 7pm
- July 23 COVID-19 Vaccines 10:30am to 4:30pm

For more information about events or to schedule your next event at the Little Five Points Center for Arts and Community, contact us 404-522-2926 or Little5pcc@gmail.com.

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the
Month:

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Official pup of L5P Community Center

IPNA Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2021

President Amy Higgins called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Participants varied over course of meeting, peak attendance between 45-50 people.

Immediate amendments to agenda: (First and second motions to support & unanimous approval)

- 1) Remove agenda item- 342 Copenhill rezoning application.
- 2) Move liquor license applications to beginning of meeting to accommodate businesses.

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers: None.

Police officers' report:

- Sgt. Moody reported the number of burglaries, aggravated assaults, auto thefts have increased. New approach will assign separate, specialized teams dedicated to different types of crime to improve response. High numbers of street racing incident recorded, but overall racing incidents have decreased; 19 arrests have been made related to street racing. For questions, please contact Nmoody@atlanta.ga.gov.
- Sgt. Tom Soukup introduced new patrol staff: Sgt. Roach who will increase key coverage on Friday nights. Some residents have expressed concerns that the IPNA patrol has not been visible but be assured hours have not been cut (recently increased from 4 hour to 5 hour shifts). Residents should only report street racing to 911 if they see it, call lines can be unnecessarily inundated when people report based on sound alone. For questions or concerns, contact Tom Baldwin (public.safety@inmanpark.org).

Minutes of last meeting: (First and second motions to support & unanimous approval)

Announcements:

- Ballroom dancing will soon be offered in Inman Park! Scheduling next month at LSPCC to gauge neighborhood's interest. Will be hosted in the LSPCC café space. If interested, reach out to Amy (ahigginsaia@gmail.com) to relay back to Santosh Nayak.

Elected officials' Report:

- Jay Tribby reported city hall will be closed on Friday, in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday. Essential collection services should not be impacted but residents can call 311 if any issues, and let Jay & Amir know so they can keep up with latest (arfarouki@atlanta.ga.gov & jctribby@atlanta.ga.gov). Newly hired staff (Officer Russel Stanio) will assist with quality of life issues, which can be escalated to Lt. Ablan as necessary (mablan@atlanta.ga.gov). Residents requested to call any reports into 311. Officer Stanio to be invited to future IPNA meeting.
- Question about irregular pickup of trash and solid waste, he called 311 and still seemed delayed or missed. Jay explained if pick-ups cannot be completed during the week, they will be delayed to weekend. Jay encouraged residents to send him and email or text if pick up not made by Saturday afternoon (jctribby@atlanta.ga.gov or 404-406-5296).

IPNA officers' reports

President Amy Higgins:

- Update about the Atlanta Streetcar East project to extend line of streetcar to run along the beltline with terminus at PCM. Plans were presented at public meeting and can be viewed: Streetcar East Extension Virtual Project Update - YouTube <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9X7XDkc9GE>>. Requesting public input via survey, closing June 30 <<https://tinyurl.com/StreetcarEast>>. Impact to neighborhood could include closing car traffic along Irwin.
- Budget allocation vote for the Hospitality Committee for Inman Park historical books for welcome baskets. Request for \$1341.04 be allocated to sustain need for next 3 years, funding from the \$4486.62 raised during the Home for the Holidays event (first and second motions to support & unanimous approval).
- Motion made to reimburse Julie \$100 for what she spent on the Education Committee survey. Will need to go on published agenda

– tabled for July.

VP of Historic Preservation:

- 309 North Highland – Type 3 COA - presentation and vote (First and second motions to support & unanimous approval)
 - o Cooper Pierce (architect) presented proposed renovations of 309 North Highland. Will remove corrugated metal, install canopy system, wood, trellis, street trees and furniture strip, level lower patio. Allows ADA accessibility, and double decker porch on the backside to create exterior spaces for each tenant.
 - o Immediate neighbors meeting Monday – 11 people attended and voted unanimously to support.

• Krog @ Edgewood historic structure demolition update

- o 716 Edgewood Ave – Contractor thought 3 walls were beyond restoration and demolished them, and with quick action the Urban Design Commission (UDC) secured a stop work order. Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) met with contractor on plan to use salvaged bricks to rebuild and restore the historic structure. Ian Michael Rogers attended onsite meetings and will continue to work with builder, APC and UDC on approved plan.

VP of Zoning:

- Amore e Amore liquor license application under new management - will require a vote (First and second motions to support & unanimous approval)
 - o Previously Il Localino, under a new management team but same restaurant, food, hours and staff. Immediate neighbors meeting approved application unanimously.
 - Inman Perk liquor license application under change of agent – will require a vote (First and second motions to support & unanimous approval)
 - o Carl Tyler (owner) wants to create different environment, cocktails, beer, wine, patio set up with outdoor service. Hours same during week, on weekend, would like to extend on Fri and Sat until midnight. Inman Perk had full liquor license under previous owner that lapsed.
 - o Question about live or recorded music at night, and owner informed no amplified music is allowed.

VP of Planning:

- Freedom Park Master Plan Update (MPU)- update and vote on amendments (First and second motions to support. Vote resulted in 30 in support, 6 in opposition to motion on the amendments. Motion passed. Amy will be placing cover letter with amendments to communicate the correct tone to Freedom Park Conservancy and to provide constructive criticism to strengthen the plan moving forward)
 - o Neighbors have until June 28th to provide feedback to Freedom Park Conservancy planning document before it goes to city council. Vote on amendments proposed to be include as IPNA feedback to the document.
 - o Phil Covin and Stephanie Wolfgang provided overview of the planning document, including key components, guideposts, and goals of the document. Details can be found here: Freedom Park Master Plan - Freedom Park Conservancy <<https://freedompark.org/freedom-park-master-plan>>
 - o 6 amendments have been drafted, several concerns and context provided:
 - Tribute to John Lewis (#2 project): Neighbors would like to include language to keep donor bricks, plaques and sculpture together.
 - Implementation of west wing pavilion in MARTA parking lot (#7 project): Neighbors have several concerns to document in amendments to be refined at future feedback sessions.
 - Moreland Ave pedestrian crossing and bridge by intersection with the park (#5 Project): Neighbors would like to see street level safety improvements first and have ample opportunity to provide input into the design and development.

- o Neil Kinkopf read letter from a group of neighbors highlighting concerns and issues with the Master Plan prioritized projects, approach to seeking

and implementing neighborhood input, and requiring neighborhood input and approval in final plan. Request included additional feasibility studies, establishing committee to work with the board on implementation, partner with city to improve safety for Moreland intersection, establish a more engaged and transparent process for budget review and approval, and planting of more trees.

o Amy Higgins read letter written by Jim Abbott, who regrets MPU is becoming so decisive, and loves how it prioritizes neighborhoods, nature, art into an aspirational plan.

o Spirited exchange between meeting participants to question, discuss, and highlight areas of concern, and provide clarification on the MPU. All questions and concerns were not able to be resolved during the meeting, but participants reached a mutual understanding of the objective and importance of including amendments from IPNA and commitment to being fully engaged in the MPU planning and implementation moving forward.

o Final IPNA Amendments to Freedom Park Master Plan up for a vote:

A. The Thornton Dial "Bridge" sculpture as well as the bricks and plaques commemorating John Lewis and CAUTION must stay together in perpetuity. The Freedom Park Conservancy Board is to collaborate with representatives from CAUTION on the design and implementation of any projects associated with commemorating the history of the park and the road fight.

B. The Freedom Park Conservancy Board is to collaborate with each neighborhood association on the design, prioritization, fundraising, and implementation of projects that have been proposed in within their

neighborhood boundaries.

C. The planting and preservation of large, canopy trees within the park is to be a priority.

D. The development of a maintenance plan for existing and proposed park land and amenities is to be a priority.

E. Intersection improvements within the park to increase safety for all modes of transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, micro-mobility, and car) are to be a priority.

F. Design and implementation of at-grade safety improvements for the Moreland Avenue and John Lewis Freedom Parkway intersection are to commence as soon as possible. They should not be delayed while the necessary feasibility study of the proposed pedestrian/bike bridge is being conducted. The required feasibility study of a pedestrian/bike bridge over Moreland Ave must include a study of the relocation of transmission and distribution lines, an explanation of compliance with ADA regulations, and a study of the impact on the adjacent neighbors.

Security: None.

Treasurer: None.

Communications: None.

Secretary: None.

NPU Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Old business/New business: None.

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn at 9:57 p.m, which was seconded & approved.

Springvale Park Update

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

Springvale is home to an azalea with a parentage that is well traveled. From colonial times, the English and other Europeans were very interested in the azaleas and rhododendrons of Georgia and many types of them are native to this part of what is now the US. Massive number of the shrubs were transplanted to gardens across the Atlantic. In northern Europe they were bred to show the beautiful characteristics we buy today. These hybrids were brought back across the Atlantic for sale in America. Landscapers in the southern

states feel they may have lost their resistance to our heat and drought. The series 'Exeter' includes our 'Canon'. Its blooms graced Garden Tour 2021. Some good old people from coastal Georgia



may put this creation in the Florida Flame group. The special nature of it is that alongside the flowers streaked with red, orange and yellow, it may sport individual flowers of those colors. It can be seen near the iron fence along Euclid. It is unclear whether it will receive enough water to withstand the droughts of Georgia which are sure to come. Most blooms occur during pre-festival, festival or post-festival periods. The only one to bloom in June is the viscosum azalea. Users of the bocce court were treated to look up to these blooms this June. Maybe in August two more types will flower. City departments are now in the process of signing off on plans to keep the lawn high and dry. Be sure to visit www.springvalepark.org to donate and catch up on the latest information.



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