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## President's Message

### Krog Market and Stoveworks Additions Getting Underway

By Amy Higgins • President@inmanpark.org

Over the next several weeks, you will likely notice construction staging starting along the western edge of the neighborhood. There are two new buildings planned for the Krog Street corridor. One is a new 3 story retail and office building at the corner of Krog Street and Lake Avenue (a.k.a. the gravel parking lot), the other is a parking deck with 4 levels of office space facing Krog between the Krog Street Market and the new "Emerson at Krog" townhomes at Krog and Edgewood.

Both of these projects were presented to the neighborhood in 2018-2019. During that time, our historic preservation committee met several times with the developer, Asana Partners, to craft the design of each building. Thanks to the receptiveness of the development team and the persistence of our committee members, we can look forward to buildings that will fit well into the aesthetics of our historic neighborhood. I want to express my thanks in particular to Beverly Miller and Sara Wittich for shepherding the design process through to a successful conclusion.

If you'd like to review the plans, please visit the IPNA website: [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org). You'll need to log in and then scroll through the Quick Links tabs on the right to "Historic Preservation – Project Plans." There you will find floor plans and renderings of the new buildings. You can also find more information in the online newsletter, Urbanize Atlanta, <https://urbanize.city/atlanta/post/krog-street-market-restaurants-beltline-bars>. If you aren't familiar with Urbanize Atlanta, you may want to visit their site. I find it to be a helpful resource for construction and real estate development news around the city.



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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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## Jun 29

***"The Hena Artist"***  
by Alka Joshi

## Jul 27

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

### 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!).

In July we'll meet outside around Paula  
Mason's pool and in August we'll picnic  
outside at The Water Tower Park.

All dates and book selections remain the same.

Happy Reading!

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

Sarah Drago and Stefan Talman and  
daughter Poppy to Euclid Ave.

Molly Malone and Jonathan "Red" Cowles  
and their sons Camden and Connor to  
Edgewood Ave.

Bonnie and Grant Highlander, Elizabeth  
St

Elaine and Ryan Moore, Euclid Ave

Chelsea and Connor Hewitt, Inman Mews

Georgia-Rae Jones and Jeff Shuttleworth,  
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Condolences to the Pollet family on  
Hurt St. on the death of Robert on  
April 27 after a long illness.

Condolences to Caroline Nash on the  
loss of her son, Nic.

## Neighbor to Neighbor

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

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

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



# Gardener's Corner/Corner a Gardener

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

In which Yr. Editrix corners a gardener and asks a few dumb questions. This month's Cornered Gardener is Pamela Jackson of Druid Circle!

Yr. Editrix: Did you find yourself in your yard more during the pandemic?

Pamela Jackson: I was in my garden all the time, it was the only outlet I had. I enjoyed being out here every day. My garden is probably looking better because of it. I didn't change too much--I tried to enhance what I had, I weeded more. I'm not a very disciplined gardener, and usually when something volunteers in my yard, I let it volunteer because I figure it's going to be happy. A shade garden is a challenge so if anything voluntarily comes, I let it stay. But during the pandemic I tried to be more disciplined.



YE: Tell me about the hemlock.

PJ: Our hemlock is a Canadian Hemlock and it had a sibling on the property but the sibling died some years ago. I know that it's a relatively rare tree in the neighborhood because somebody from Trees Atlanta came by and told us that, so we try to take good care of it.

YE: I see you are a proficient container gardener! Do you move any of these in?

PJ: Yes my husband moves them in and out, in and out. I tried to have some pity on him this year and put some new things in to withstand the winter and he won't have to bring them in because those pots are heavy. I planted that vine that looks like a variegated fatsia, it's something related to fatsia, but not really a fatsia, and that is supposed to withstand the cold. There are only a couple of annuals in each of the pots now. All of this should be able to stay outside now. At least 10 or 12 times a season he's taking them in and out and some of them are really heavy!

YE: Tell me about the azalea cluster! Were these here when you bought the house?

PJ: These azaleas came with us. All of this until two years ago was all azaleas because they just crept up and up until they took over. We took this portion out and transplanted them over to the other side to create an annual bed on the other side.

YE: What's your favorite part of the garden right now?

PJ: Of course this is the best time of the year because everything is blooming and in the beginning of the season you walk up every day to see what's peeping out. I just love the resilience of plants and how they just keep coming back year after year, even when conditions have been hard and you think maybe they are not going to make it. It just gives me hope.

## IPNA Calendar

Jun 16

**IPNA Meeting**

Zoom  
7:30 p.m.

Jun 29

**Book Club**

See page 4  
for details

Jun 24

**NPU-N Meeting**

Zoom  
7:30 p.m.

Jul 4

**Fourth of July  
Party!**

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Jul 21

**IPNA Meeting**

Zoom  
7:30 p.m.

Jul 29

**NPU-N Meeting**

Zoom  
7:00 p.m.



## 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](mailto:pdurand@bellsouth.net) to join.

# Speak for the Trees: Leaf Blowers

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com

The subject of leaf blowers excites strong feelings. Some people hate them with a passion. Others view complaints



about noise from leaf blowers as meddling, and they resent being made to feel guilty for simply wanting a well-groomed yard.

A disclaimer: I myself own a leaf blower. A couple or three times a month, I use it to clean off my front porch, sidewalk, driveway, and

patio. The blower enables me to do in a few minutes what it would take an hour or more to do with a broom, and I can easily finish the job on one battery charge.

There's another reason that I'm hardly in a position to take a hard line: I want you to plant trees, and if that means you must use a leaf blower, I'll take that deal!

Is there any middle ground? I have a couple of thoughts. First, speaking for myself, I go a little crazy at the unpredictability of that whining noise, which can seem to go on and on. Second, when it comes to noise and pollution, gas-powered blowers are clearly worse than electric (though some of the newer gas-powered machines are quieter).

For these reasons, I am proposing that we consider voluntarily limiting our use of a gas-powered leaf blower to certain times of the day. On the Tree Watch website ([inmanparktrees.com](http://inmanparktrees.com)), you will find a petition with details. I encourage you to read the petition and sign it, if you can make that pledge.

As a couple of you have said to me, our country and community face problems bigger than noise from leaf blowers. That said, this is a problem we may be able to solve or at least minimize.

## What is it About Dogs? Freedom Barkway Update

By Olivia Howebrowne • [oliviahowebrowne@gmail.com](mailto:oliviahowebrowne@gmail.com)

On Saturday May 1st, our local dog park, Freedom Barkway, held a small ceremony to celebrate the first phase of improvements to the park. Councilperson Amir Farokhi



presided and talked about how important the park was for him and his dog Roxanne. "We build dog parks not just for dogs but for people". He stressed the value of having a place to meet neighbors and other dog lovers as a way to help foster community. The sun shone and the dogs were

everywhere, jumping on the table with the coffee, muscling in on the photos and generally behaving like a bunch of over stimulated kids. Of course, we humans mistakenly refer to our dogs as our children and impose human values on them all the time. I recently asked a couple of our board members this question:

What is it about dogs?

Sylvia Romeijn, our esteemed chair responded with:

"Dogs are your buddies no matter what. Get you through joyful and sad times, always happy to see you and always think you're the best! They get you out of the door to meet new people and are just one of the best family members to have!"

William Voyles who has been our finance person on the board for years said:

"To me it's the strength of connection they make with humans. They become part of us - a little piece of our soul"

Our new board member Stacey Guith replied with:

"Their companionship and sense of appreciation is priceless. Nothing affects the excitement of their greetings-it's always "I'm SO happy to see you!" Our dog seems

to make us laugh at just the perfect time we could use one."

Plans are still underway to improve the water supply to the park and lighting. We



are currently running a small campaign to raise money for trees. Our goal is to plant 10 trees. We have raised enough money for 4. If you would like to contribute to your local dog park, please go to [Freedombarkway.com](http://Freedombarkway.com). We are also on facebook and Instagram.

# Inman Park Graduates 2021 -- Congratulations!!!

Compiled by Jan Keith

Lily Baldwin  
Waddell Street  
Oglethorpe University  
B.S. in Biopsychology

Benjamin Bizot  
Alta Avenue  
Graduated from The George Washington University, Magna Cum Laude  
Applied to Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

Nicolas Bizot  
Alta Avenue  
Grady/Midtown H.S.  
Will attend University of Georgia

Tomas Bockman  
Degress Avenue  
Grady/Midtown H.S.  
Columbus State University

Carolyn Capelouto  
Sinclair Avenue

Graduated from The George Washington University  
B.S. in Public Health

Lucia Fernandez  
Colquitt Avenue  
Grady/Midtown H.S.  
Will attend Rice University

Logan Jones  
Elizabeth Street  
Grady/Midtown H.S.  
Will attend Purdue University

Yves Kinangwa  
Euclid Avenue  
Graduated from The Candler School of Theology  
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Ainsley McCaa  
Waverly Way  
Grady/Midtown H.S.  
Will attend Dickinson College

Will McEntee  
Waverly Way  
Woodward Academy  
Will attend University of Colorado, Bolder

Vinson Martin  
Elizabeth Street  
Paideia  
Will attend Harvard University

Max Rafferty  
Elizabeth Street  
Graduated from Georgia Tech  
Moving to NYC to work for Accenture

Rylan Ritter  
Edgewood Avenue  
Woodward Academy  
Will attend University of Colorado, Bolder

## Lifelong Inman Park Session

By Nancy Morrison • Nmorrison1214@gmail

Please join the 24th Lifelong Inman Park Information Session

Our guest resource expert will be Michelle Allen, LCSW, C-ASWCM. She will be talking to us about her role as a Geriatric Care Manager at Aging Life Care of Atlanta. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 2013 and meeting the requirements for NASW's Advanced Social Work Case Manager certification, she has had a vast experience in working with older adults and their families. If you have friends you think may be interested in learning about how professionals like Michelle can be of help, please invite them to join in our zoom meeting June 24th at 2:00. (email for link) Any questions let me know. Looking forward to sharing this valuable information.

Doggo  
the  
Month:  
  
Ziggy



Just a big hunk of cuteness.

## Applause from the Dance Festival

By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin

I am thankful for the many people who helped make the 19th Inman Park Dance Festival an enjoyable part of this year's Inman Park Tour of Gardens. This year's dance festival had two performing companies, Full Radius Dance and ImmerseATL. It was Full Radius' first time performing live since early 2020 and ImmerseATL's 2020-2021 season final performance.

The first thank you goes to the Tour committee for choosing to have dance be a part of the event this year. In a lean year, supporting working artists is commendable. As a note, the Inman Park Dance Festival is one of only two dance festivals in the Atlanta area that pays its performers to participate. Second, I would like to thank our neighbors at Lizzie Chapel Flats for allowing Full Radius to dance on their front steps. The dancers looked beautiful between those columns!

Third, thank you to the Inman Park Pool Association for giving the dancers a place to dress and rest between shows at the pool house. I even got to have a picnic lunch poolside with the Full Radius dancers and director who I had not seen for a year. Next, I would like to give a shout out to two fantastic neighbors, Morgan Shallcross for helping me clean up Delta Park and Diane Floyd for helping me safely direct the audience from Lizzie Chapel to Delta Park. Lastly, a thank you goes a bit further-a-field, thank you to both Full Radius Dance and Terminus Ballet Theater for lending sound systems.



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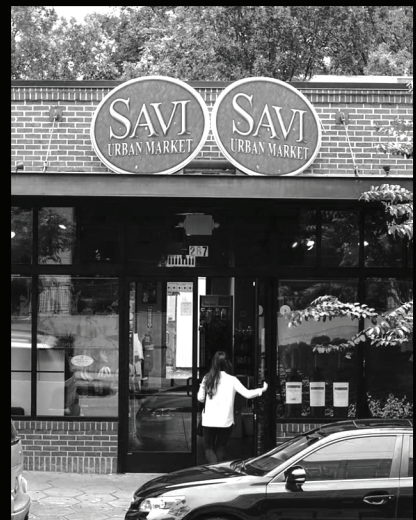


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# In Appreciation of a Cottage Garden

By Lynn Curtis Koehnemann • lkoehnemann@gmail.com



Dave and his buddy peeping over the picket fence of his childhood home.

788 Lake Avenue, owned by Dave Pierce and Matty Brooks, is a striking example of a cottage garden. Beautifully designed and assembled, this garden transforms as the seasons change. The inspiration for the garden is the garden from Dave's New Jersey childhood: a picture-perfect garden defined by a picket fence with street-facing Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia hirta*). (See photo.)

Should we recreate the nostalgic gardens of our grandparents or be forward-thinking in the way we garden? Why not do both! A cottage garden embraces nostalgia, but is also intrinsically sustainable. By using perennial plants and eschewing a lawn, a gardener can avoid both the cost and negatives of a turf lawn: pesticide, fungicide, chemical fertilizer and noisy engines. When installing a perennial garden, there could be more upfront costs for plants, but lower costs for labor, chemicals, and equipment. And there's no mowing! Keeping a typical lawn uses a lot of water; and the runoff of fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides enters our groundwater and surface water bodies.

788 Lake Avenue, constructed in 1907, had been occupied by the same family for over 70 years prior to Dave and Matty's purchase in 2018. The house had suffered a 40-year decline that necessitated major reconstruction. The charming original structure, painstakingly restored, is the cottage garden's central feature with the front yard made into a more intimate space with a trellis, fountains and paths constructed of local materials. Cottage gardens tend to be small, artfully informal, and accented with shrubs, flowers, herbs, vegetables and vines, and hardy native plants.

Dave began the garden by sketching a plan for the hardscape: fence, paths, and ornamental features. Here at 788 Lake we see a white picket fence, brick, river rock and mulch, antique fountains and ancient iron gates sourced locally and from online auctions. The fence is set back two feet from the sidewalk to allow plantings in front of the fence for a more inviting street presence. In front of the fence are Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida* "Goldsturm"), allium, rosemary, daffodils, and Euphorbia "Diamond Frost" with "Cloud 10" climbing roses along the fence (one of Dave's favorites). The enchanting wrought iron arched trellis entwined with a New Dawn climbing rose was moved in whole from its previous location: Dave dug it up (trellis and all), put it in his truck, and quickly replanted it.

Inside the fence the rusty iron bird bath is surrounded by a fragrant Burkwood Viburnum, flowerless Lamb's ear "Helen von Stein", coreopsis, catmint and an unusually rich, dark-colored lavender. Also inside the fence, the tiered iron fountain is anchored by gardenia "Hardy Daisy", irises, dwarf fountain grass, and orange double daylilies. Hot pepper plants along the east side discourage terrestrial visitors such as squirrels and chipmunks from bothering the nearby tomato plants and herbs.

No lawn here but along the brick walkway there are several succulents, such as stonecrop, and ornamental grasses, including Prairie Fire Panicum - a distinctly red form of switchgrass. Springtime's blue-green foliage turns red by summer and yellow in the fall and winter. The Prairie Fire's dense root system makes it drought tolerant. When it does rain, the paths are lined with Rain Lilies (*Zephyranthes*) which flourish with crocus-like white blooms a few days after a good soaking.

At the west edge is a high border of plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds: Joe Pye weed (small and large varieties), bee balm (*Monarda*), and a remarkable black and blue salvia favored by hummingbirds. Mixed in are some of Dave's childhood favorites such as Purple Coneflower,

iris, garden Phlox (appropriately named "David"), Russian sage, and Shasta daisies, along with new "southern" favorites such as Fatsia, tea olives, dwarf oak leaf and limelight hydrangeas. Many of the perennials can be either cut back to encourage a second bloom or left to go to seed for enjoyment by Inman Park's feathered residents.

Gardeners love to share cuttings, pups, bulbs, corms, rhizomes, seeds and sprouts from their garden. If you choose to recreate a childhood memory, how better than to ask your family and friends for starts of a favorite daylily, iris, or groundcover? Many of these are easy to divide and easy to plant. The double orange daylilies at 788 Lake came from divisions from Dave's childhood neighbors 20 years ago. Hydrangea and gardenia can be passed along through rooted cuttings, as can flowering vines.

Dave was surprised that the garden came together so quickly; it does have the appearance of a garden that has been there for years, even though it was installed only last March and April. In this case, the soil had a long rest under the previous owner; very little was planted - enhancing its fertility. Dave mulches only once a year to deter weeds and preserve soil moisture.

Some parting advice from Dave, "Don't get discouraged if a plant doesn't do well. Plants sometimes die, or it might be happier in a different spot."





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Thank YOU Inman Park! The Inman Park Tour of Gardens 2021 was quite a success!! We SOLD OUT of Tour tickets, we had great support from our sponsors, the artists on porches were very pleased with their sales, the musicians played and dancers danced to appreciative crowds, and our auction raised funds for neighborhood improvements! And starting it all was the Caterpillar Parade, where over 100 kids got to dress up and celebrate the beginning of Spring!

In a year of turmoil, loss, and uncertainty, this neighborhood pulled together to create a safe, fun event for ourselves and our community. It was most definitely a neighborhood-wide endeavor made possible by the hard work and dedication of a group of folks who took the challenge head-on.

A great big huge THANK YOU!!!!!!

- to the Festival Committee for all your energy, time, ideas, flexibility, and dedication  
- to all our neighbors who welcomed us into their gardens and onto their porches  
- to the dancers and musicians who entertained us  
- to the artists who shared their creations with us  
- to the sponsors who supported us and  
- to the volunteers who helped keep us safe and organized

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# IPNA Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2021

President Amy Higgins called the IPNA meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

[Note: between 7:31 and 8:51, the number of participants varied, beginning with 31 people at the start of the meeting, and with a high of around 50 people logged on at 7:56]

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers

Whitney and Ken Wicks (Colquitt); Alecia Scaramelli (Austin)

Police officers' report – Sgt Moody reported that for the current 28 day period (as compared to the previous 28 day period), crime has increased slightly (10%). They are beefing up patrols in the Edgewood district. When asked about the ongoing problem of cars racing and/or laying drag, he highlighted the new state-level legislation that allows authorities to suspend licenses of drag racers for up to a year and impose penalties up to \$5000. The legislation also creates a new offense called “reckless stunt driving” that allows police to seize and impound cars.

Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved

Announcements

Barbara Leach (Chair of Beautification Committee) reported that the new “Welcome to Inman Park” signs will be installed before the end of May. She needs volunteers to help install. If interested (and especially if you have a post hole digger) please contact Barbara at [leachbarbara@bellsouth.net](mailto:leachbarbara@bellsouth.net)

Carol Mitchell announced that the 4th of July Party will happen this year, at the Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community. Regina Brewer has volunteered to buy and bring the chicken and Julie Noble will bring activities for the youngest children. Kids can bring their tricycles or scooters to play in the L5PAC parking lot. Food will be kept in the air-conditioned Café (where we vote) and neighbors can bring chairs to sit in outside. Vaccinations for attendees are encouraged. As always, please bring a covered dish to share; this year is BYOB.

Joseph Drolet, IPNA Tax Reform Committee reminded membership that, as tax assessments come in this month, you have 45 days to appeal. <https://ipna.memberclicks.net/2019-inman-park-property-tax-information>

Elected officials' reports – Jay Tribby and Amir Farokhi were at the Poncey-Highland meeting tonight. No other elected officials present.

City of Atlanta Tree Ordinance - Jim Abbot (Inman Park Tree PAD introduction and discussion: President Amy Higgins introduced Clara Totenberg Green from Policing Alternative and Diversion Initiative (PAD), who explained the purpose of this organization and how Inman Park residents can utilize their services by calling 311. This new (as of 2017) approach to community safety and wellness as an alternative to police arrests and incarceration focuses on the intersection of problematic substance abuse, unmet mental health needs and extreme poverty to respond to non-emergency quality of life concerns. As of June, they will cover all city zones (1-6) in Atlanta Mon-Friday 7am – 7pm. Q: What should residents do on the weekends if they have an issue? A: Call 911. Q: What scenarios for usage might apply? A: Someone bothering store patrons, shouting, public urination, using drugs, etc. The Harm Reduction Team will arrive to assess the situation and offer help to the individual. <https://www.atlantapad.org/>

Election of incoming IPNA board members: Amy Higgins gave a brief introduction of the incoming slate (bios can be found in the May Advocate):

President-elect – Cristy Lenz

Secretary – Alex Ganim

Treasurer – Dahshi Marshall

VP of Communications – Melissa Lawrence

VP of Public Safety-Tom Baldwin

VP of Historic Preservation – Sandy Hoke

Motion to approve slate. Seconded. Membership voted unanimously to approve new Board members.

Voting in Festival Co-Chairs: deferred to later meeting.

IPNA officers' reports: President Amy Higgins thanked Alison Gordon for working with Peter Coyne of Oakview Landscape to design a series of French drains for the lawn at Springvale Park to reduce the soggy mess so we can enjoy future concerts in the park without sitting in mud.

VP of Historic Preservation - Sara Wittich introduced permit expeditor Diane Barfield, who lead membership through the proposed changes to 956 Waverly Way. Owner Christine Brouthers is seeking a Type 3 Certificate of Appropriateness; they will be converting this duplex back to a single-family home, removing a screened in porch and including two additions. Most renovations will be interior. In this proposal there is no hardscaping, no fencing and no tree removal. Q: How did immediate neighbors vote? A: Both immediate neighbors and the Historic Preservation Committee gave unanimous approval. Motion to support. Second. Unanimous approval.

VP for Zoning - Regina Brewer presented updates to the city's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), which is reviewed and updated every 3-5 years and is a guide to growth and development in Atlanta. Each NPU (we are N) decides policy in conjunction with their neighborhood associations regarding economic development, transportation, natural and historic resources, commercial activities and use of public spaces. Inman Park's proposed policies:

- Inman Park's Historic District Ordinance is our master plan
- Encourage development along the Beltline that is consistent with the ordinance
- Prohibit the expansion of industrial and commercial uses along Dekalb Avenue
- Prohibit expansion of commercial uses at intersections that are residential.

Inman Park policies:

- Update the areas along the Beltline and along Dekalb Avenue to “low-density mixed-use” or “medium-density mixed-use” designations in the 2021 Beltline Sub-Area 5 Master Plan Update
- Support funding for a feasibility study to upgrade on and off ramps at Austin and Dekalb, Dekalb at Moreland
- Maintain “passive” designation in the section of Freedom Park located in Inman Park

Q: Who owns Freedom Park? A: GDOT owns it and leases it to the City of Atlanta. The lease is for 99 years and began in 1992. Jonathan Miller commented that the NPU-N specific policies are



the legacy of hard work from many neighbors in the past and these updates only serve to tweak, update and improve these policies, not change them. Final documents submitted will go to the City Planning Department. Motion to support current policies. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

VP of Planning – Patrick Pontius introduced Philip Covin, IP Rep for Freedom Park Conservancy, who reported that the Master Plan is still being finalized. There has been a lot of discussion since the last draft, which was 138 pages long; they hope to release a final draft next week which will go back to neighborhoods. Q: Does Inman Park's section of the Park remain passive as requested? A: Yes, it will be stated in the Master Plan that IP's portion is passive.

VP of Public Safety – Kevin Curry – thanked membership for last 2 years and reported that he is happy to turn the position over to Tom Baldwin

Treasurer - Kay Kirsche – absent

VP for Communications - Melissa Miller – also thanked membership for their patience and support (and members in turn thanked Melissa for her speedy website posts)

Secretary - Julie Noble – same as above – Alex Ganim will be a terrific Secretary.

Scott Evans, NPU-N – reported that there is not a lot on the agenda for the next meeting except the Farmstead Act Ordinance, which allows urban gardens to have on-site sales of produce and reduces the required frequency of Special Administration Permit applications from annually to once every three years. The objective of the legislation is to make it easier to sell produce

that is grown on farm sites throughout the city. Urban gardens in residential zoning districts are permitted as an accessory use, but they may be a principal use on an undeveloped lot if they receive an Urban Garden Special Administrative Permit (SAP). In nonresidential zoning districts, urban gardens are allowed as a principal or accessory use without an SAP. At present, urban gardens are not allowed to engage in on-site sales. With this update, on-site sales at urban gardens in residential areas will be allowed through an SAP process. Motion to support. Second. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports – Darcel Stewart reported that Transportation Committee after completing several stated goals (printing "Quiet Your Ride" signs, installing water filled barriers and stop signs on Lake) has 7 new initiatives:

1. Letter to local businesses (mostly restaurants and valet companies) asking them to remind employees to depart quietly after their shifts
  2. More research on noise meters, some of which are automatic and issue tickets to offenders
  3. Make sure Inman Park is allocated resources allotted from APD
  4. Edgewood/Euclid improvement project (Sara Henderson overseeing) starts in summer.
  5. North Highland improvement project starts in fall.
  6. Dekalb Avenue construction starts in August.
  7. Traffic calming at Euclid between Austin/Edgewood is up next; they will be engaging nearby neighbors and asking for ideas.
- Q: Will upcoming projects have the same strategies as on Lake?  
A: Yes, we will use what worked but also solicit new ideas.

Old business/New business – none

President Amy Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Seconded. Approved

## Springvale Park Update

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

Springvale has a rhododendron that is a very unusual one. It may look like a deciduous azalea, but is a true rhododendron. The difference is more of a botanical than landscape matter. Counting pistils and stamens is not for everyone, so it is easiest to say all azaleas are rhododendrons but not all rhododendrons are azaleas, if that makes sense. It is the "Ramapo".



In the low mountains west of New York City a nursery operator created a hybrid shrub. A native was crossed with an exotic from high mountain passes. This resulted in an evergreen with extremely small leaves unlike the leathery long ones we mostly see. Ours was covered with beautiful purple blooms during the weeks before Festival. It can be seen on Euclid Av. along the iron fence. The latest information if

now available on the [www. Springvalepark.org](http://www.Springvalepark.org) website. You can donate via the link.

## Inman Park Fourth of July Party!

Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community will host the Fourth of July Party from 4 - 6 pm, July 4.

Fried chicken will be provided, courtesy of Regina Brewer, and folks are asked to bring sides and desserts to share.

The party will be held in the L5PCAC Cafe and the immediate parking lot.

Kids can bring skateboards and bikes to use in the parking lot if they wish. Parking will be available for attendees in the back parking lot, accessed by Alta Ave.



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# Agenda

June 16, 2021

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

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***Check [inmanpark.org](http://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 June issue of the Advocate, please send your submissions to [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org) before June 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](http://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.

### Websites

[InmanPark.org](http://InmanPark.org)  
[InmanParkFestival.org](http://InmanParkFestival.org)  
[Facebook.com/InmanPark](https://Facebook.com/InmanPark)  
Instagram: @inmanpark

### Report All Crimes: Call 911

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