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President's Message

Show Your Love for Festival

By Cristy Lenz • President@inmanpark.org

I'm so excited for our 50th Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes! I know, I know, it's only February, but April is just two months away. Festival is my favorite weekend of the year. You don't live in Inman Park if you aren't volunteering at festival. It takes over 700 volunteer shifts to run festival. We need everyone to pitch in and help out. Plus, it's fun! It's a great way to meet neighbors and feel a part of your community. Being part of festival is the ultimate Inman Park experience. Plus, you get a free volunteer t-shirt! What's not to love?

By volunteering you join over 60 festival committee chairs and members who have been working on planning festival since September. It's a huge effort that includes filling out the permit, getting all the rentals we need, securing the temporary power polls, and selecting and organizing art and food vendors, beer trucks, and the parade. It takes each one of us to pull off the best festival in Atlanta.

Have your party and volunteer too! We know people like to have parties, and we want to stop by your party and have a drink with you. Both partying and volunteering can happen. Shifts are in two-hour increments. I like to house-sit on Friday and help with festival clean-up Sunday evening. Help your neighbors out by sitting on someone's lovely front porch for two hours. Drive a golf cart to pick up trash or deliver water to vendors. So many people dedicate their time to planning and organizing this event. Help your neighbors out with a few two-hour shifts over the weekend.

Festival Committee is still looking for a Committee Leader to plan pre-neighborhood cleanup the weekend before festival and post-festival clean up on Sunday from 6-10pm. If you would like to volunteer for this important job, reach out to Jane Bradshaw at jcb5858@yahoo.com.

Signing up as a volunteer should be easier this year. We're using a new software program by Eventny. We are moving a lot of things online this year. We'll have both digital maps and printed maps for the Tour of Homes. For the first time ever, we're also taking credit cards at our beer carts. We're fancy!

Plus we're going to have some specific festival events to celebrate our 50th!!! I love reading the articles each month about what those first few years in Inman Park were like following our first festival. Thanks to Jan Keith and Pat Westrick for penning the articles.

All of the funds generated during Inman Park Festival go towards improvements in the neighborhood like lights in Freedom Park, new sidewalks, ongoing beautification efforts and so much more. So please volunteer at our 50th festival!

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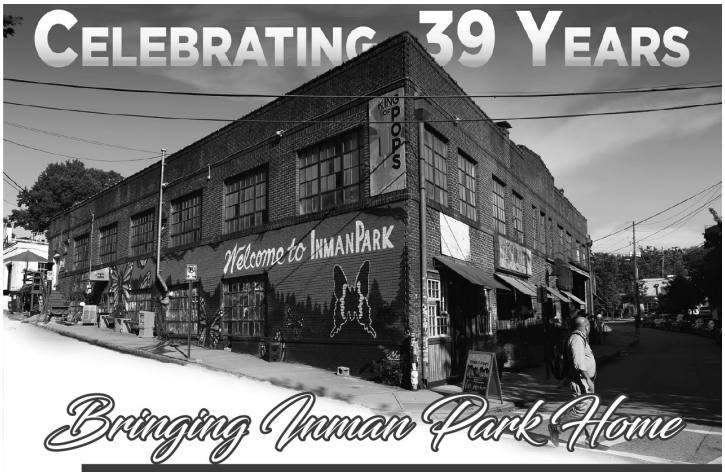

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American Red Cross Blood Drive x 2
LOCATION: Our Shifalo Cafe
DAY/TIME: Wednesday, February 16th - 10am to 3pm
Thursday, March 3rd - 10am to 3pm

Drive-Thru Covid Testing by Embry Health
LOCATION: Our Parking lot
DAY/TIME: Starting Monday, February 14th
Testing will run Mondays-Fridays 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 7am to 1pm until further notice

Across the Board Chess Alliance's Classes for Beginners and Tournament Players.
LOCATION: Our Shifalo Cafe
DAY/TIME: Saturdays - February 12th, 19th & 26th
- *Advanced Class: 9-10am*
- *Beginner Class: 11:30am-12:30pm*
- *Intermediate Class: 10:15am-11:15am*

Through the Rapid's Chess Tournament
LOCATION: Our Shifalo Cafe
DAY/TIME: Tuesday, February 22nd, 6-9pm

* **Class descriptions, Tournament Information and online registration: acrosstheboardchess.com**

Masks will be required at all events and upon arrival at the testing site. Please contact us with any questions.

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2022 Inman Park Book Club

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

Most book selections are available at our neighborhood bookstore:
A Cappella Books
208 Haralson Ave, Inman Park
10% Discount! Shop local!

Feb 22 — "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn

Mar 29 — "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill" by Robert Dugoni

NOTE: IP Bookclub will meet on Zoom rather than in-person while COVID transmission rates remain high.

Please contact Jan Keith (janetbkeith@gmail.com) for link if needed

Want to fly a flag for Festival?

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

Intown BUSINESS CENTER

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.

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 Jackie Lawrence (404-272-0024)

Congratulations to the Lawrence family and a big Virgil Street welcome to Baby Jacob!

Welcome Logan Scott Henderson, born November 7, 2021, to Sara and Scott Henderson on Edgewood Avenue. He joins a big sister and brother.

Condolences to Anne Bucey and family on Waverly Way on the passing of her father Brad Currey.

Join the IP wordle group! Search on Facebook or email alisonggordon@gmail.com

Advertise in the Advocator!

You can advertise in the Inman Park Advocator! Our beloved monthly newspaper has been a fixture of our neighborhood for 50 years.

Each month, the Advocator is mailed directly to over 2000 homes in Inman Park, emailed directly to the Inman Park Google Group and to all IPNA members, and posted on our web site and on Nextdoor to all of our surrounding neighborhoods. Several hundred copies are also distributed to neighborhood businesses. The Advocator provides a great way to advertise to your neighbors.

Did you know we offer complimentary graphic design services? Our designer can also change your ad month-to-month free of charge.

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

Please see our ad rates below. Prices are per month. To keep costs low, the Advocator is printed in black and white, so if you submit your own ad design or your business card, please do so in black and white if possible.

Deadline for submission is the 20th of each month for publication in the following month's Advocator. To take advantage of our free graphic design services, please contact our designer by the 10th of each month.

FULL PAGE $300 / $175 non-profit

HALF PAGE $150 / $87.50 non-profit

QUARTER PAGE $90 / $52.50 non-profit

BUSINESS CARD: Just upload your business card, and we will make it into a 1/8-page ad and run it for a $45/month!

IPNA Volunteer Fair & Trolley Museum Debut
Sunday, March 6, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Trolley Barn (indoor/outdoor event)

Curious how you can get involved in the Inman Park Neighborhood Association?

Come for a drink and learn about opportunities with specific neighborhood committees and fun Inman Park Festival volunteer slots.

Also come to view the neighborhood debut of the new Trolley Museum, established in collaboration with Kennesaw State and located downstairs at the Trolley Barn.

IPNA Calendar

Feb 16 — ***IPNA Meeting***
Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Feb 22 — ***Book Club***
See page 4 for details

Feb 24 — ***NPU-N Meeting***
L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Mar 06 — ***IPNA Volunteer Fair***
Trolley Barn
4 - 6 p.m.

Mar 16 — ***IPNA Meeting***
Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Mar 24 — ***NPU-N Meeting***
L5P Community Center
7:00 p.m.

Mar 29 — ***Book Club***
See page 4 for details

Parade Yourself on April 23!

Show your neighbors and the rest of the world just how clever and creative you are! Bring your best self onto the Parade "runway!" Show everyone your je ne sais quoi! Since it's our 50th Anniversary, get out all your goldenness or last decade's (century's) float/golf cart/strutters' decorations and do it up! C'mon, you celebrity look-a-likes, you reality showboats, you Cabbage Patch kids, you clowns, sheriffs and beer generals...bring your freshness to the Parade...you know you want to...go ahead...do it...promenade your "bad" selves and enter the Parade. THERE ARE CASH PRIZES! The Parade is Sat., April 23rd; applications are due by April 9th. Application and details at inmanparkfestival.org/events/parade.

Are You Now or Have You Ever Been a Butterfly?

Calling all past Festival Parade Butterflies! If you have ever been a Butterfly who led the Parade, the Inman Park Festival Parade Committee requests you flutter with us in this year's 50th Anniversary Butterfly Kaleidoscope in the Parade on Sat., April 23rd. We want all of you if possible. Relive your past glory and spread your wings! If you are unable to walk the route, we'll accommodate you. And Butterfly fans, please send me names of past Butterflies, contact info and Parade year(s) if known (though not necessary). Questions? Please ask Karen Heim at (404) 725-3710 or ipfestivalparade@gmail.com for more details.

Festival, Schmestival

By Karen Heim, Parade Chairperson • ipfestivalparade@gmail.com

Sometime at the beginning of Festival planning for 2020, Festival Co-chair Samantha Bailey asked the Festival Committee to share our Festival experiences to encourage people to get involved.

The opportunities that Festival presents are unlimited! My intro to the neighborhood and to Festival came via Sandy Hoke in October 1992. My was-band (pronounced former husband) Curt Wilson and I were moving into 952 Euclid. We had just driven up from Florida. As we unloaded the U-Haul, Sandy stopped and invited us to the next IPNA meeting. We went, learned about Festival, and signed on as volunteers. Danny Feig-Sandoval roped us into taking over "Street Party" and pretty much told us we had to "make it or break it." Turns out most people preferred listening for free from their porches rather than paying the entrance fee. Good-bye Street Party; hello Theatre Night!

After that, I chaired Publicity/Marketing for a year. The best publicity Festival got was when the AJC reported that a "Freaknik" protest was planned in front of Bill Campbell's house, our resident mayor on Waverly Way. The piece appeared "below the fold" on the front page and to my great delight, it highlighted the dates and times of Festival.

I went on to chair Butterfly Ball for a few years, taking over from Melissa Miller. She instilled in me the challenge of making Butterfly Ball a break-even event. One money saver was keeping the cost of decorations to under $10 per table. She recruited neighbors to make centerpieces (i.e., sponge painted terra cotta pots), enticing us with wine and ruthlessness to make the 50+ we needed. I learned her economy lesson well. My enduring contribution to Butterfly Ball was asking then-new restaurateur Kevin Rathbun to loan us fancy tablecloths we still use (unlike the plastic backed paper ones previously used that once caught fire). Kevin, thank you as always, and per our chat on the Beltline in early March 2020 (pre-Coronavirus), yes, you really must join us at Butterfly Ball!

Something else I love about Festival is roping in neighbors as volunteers and being in awe of their moxie. Bill Dorn has lived in Inman Park for decades and contributed many, many things, but he usually skateboards under the radar. Four years ago I wrangled him into being a Parade Marshal on the corner of Euclid and Hurt. He is awesome at it and is perfect for that corner! Another classic moment was the year the rental company setting up the big tent on Euclid discovered the edges of the tent fell short of the curbs to which they were supposed to reach. After much head scratching and simple geometry, they realized the tent poles they brought were 12 inches too long and the

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correct ones could only be delivered from Kennesaw. This being at 4 pm on Friday! Enter moxie men Randy Bailey and Bill McMurry to the rescue with a Sawzall, a pack of blades and the perseverance to cut down all eight steel poles to make the tent fit the street just right.

And now to my current Festival gig, the Parade. Festival 2011 chair Nick Franz asked me to take over after Holly Mull suddenly passed away in October 2010. Holly had organized the Parade since its inception 40 years prior, and most of the plans were in her head. I was humbled by the outpouring of support I received to pull the Parade together—neighbors telling me how they usually helped, the crew who does Line-Up, people who provided their convertibles for VIPs, and many more.

I love doing the Parade. In the weeks and months prior, it is my privilege to connect people with each other, making bridges—matching a teen beauty queen with a convertible from which to wave (more classy than her dad's pick-up truck); putting a Rollergirl with a broken ankle in a hot rod; locating a neighbor's driveway close by so the Big Mask Project ladies don't have to haul their giant creations from the MARTA station. Someone who has helped with the Parade for decades observed me during Line-Up and said I display a range of emotions: I laugh, I cry, I hug, I scold, I cajole, I heckle. I do whatever it takes to step off the Parade promptly at 2 pm. I get crazy, loud and bossy, but I gotta do what I gotta do! Most of the time, it goes by in a blur, but there are certain cherished moments, like when Congressman John Lewis participated.. He always did if he was in town. In the past, Mr. Lewis had been the cause of big gaps in the Parade. Who could put blame on him? People wanted to give him their love, and he obliged by stopping and shaking their hands. The main Parade challenge is always avoiding big gaps. So before the Parade, I made a point to remind him: "John, you have to stay in the vehicle." "Yes, ma'am." "I mean it, John." "Yes, ma'am." Yet even with his very own designated volunteer Parade Marshal escort, he'd still get out of the vehicle. But that was OK. At least he waited until he turned the corner onto Euclid for the home stretch….Speaking of "the vehicle," lovely Leslie Kipling provided her 1964 Ford Falcon convertible for him. He liked having an American made ride. Leslie lost her battle with breast cancer two months before the 2019 Parade; her children Zoë and Zac proudly chauffeured Mr. Lewis in their mom's stead for his last Inman Park Parade.

I'll end this by sharing another high point of Festival—Clean-Up at 6 pm on Sunday. Everyone is exhausted and exhilarated, but there's nothing like riding with my buddy MF Ward Bradshaw in the back of his pick-up truck, picking up tables and chairs and signs and whatever else needs to be gathered up. It gives you such a sense of accomplishment to see the neighborhood on Monday morning and from the looks of it, be incredulously astonished that just the day before, there were thousands of people enjoying themselves here!

1972 Was the Beginning

By Catherine Bradshaw • cbrad999@bellsouth.net

My first Festival was in 1972, the first year of the Inman Park Festival. At the time, I had no idea we would have a second, much less a 50th Spring Festival. It has been an amazing journey.

I was "in charge" of beverages on Sat, with a drink cart on Edgewood Ave across from the Trolley Barn, newly painted by neighborhood volunteers, but with no floor inside and the entire building in need of extreme maintenance. The "festival" committee thought we would be lucky if 300 people attended. We asked for 300 servings of Coke products from Coca Cola. Imagine our shock and surprise when more than 3,000 people showed up. It was a warm, sunny day and Atlantans were eager to be outside, attending the first festival in the entire city.

When we ran out of drinks, Sam Shouse, owner of 770 Dixie Ave and I drove to Arlan's grocery store on Ponce de Leon (now the Home Depot parking lot) and bought every soft drink in the store. And every bag of ice. We sold every ounce of beverages that sunny, beautiful day in April 1972.

The idea of having a festival was to bring attention to our neglected, run down, dilapidated red-lined neighborhood. New homeowners could not get insurance or take out loans to purchase or renovate homes. Houses were cheap, but money was needed to buy paint, sheetrock, flooring, plumbing and appliances. It seemed the perfect reasons to have a party.

On Friday night, a Candlelight Party was held at Robert Griggs' Queen Anne Victorian mansion at 866 Euclid Ave. A candlelight event meant that cracks in plaster, stained or missing plaster on walls, even missing windows and doors would not be as noticeable. In a stroke of boldness, invitations were sent to the mayor, city council members (still Aldermen at that point), insurance agents, bankers, loan officers, etc.; anyone who might contribute to the growing restoration movement in Inman Park. At the beginning of the evening, I passed out boxed dinners from a tent at

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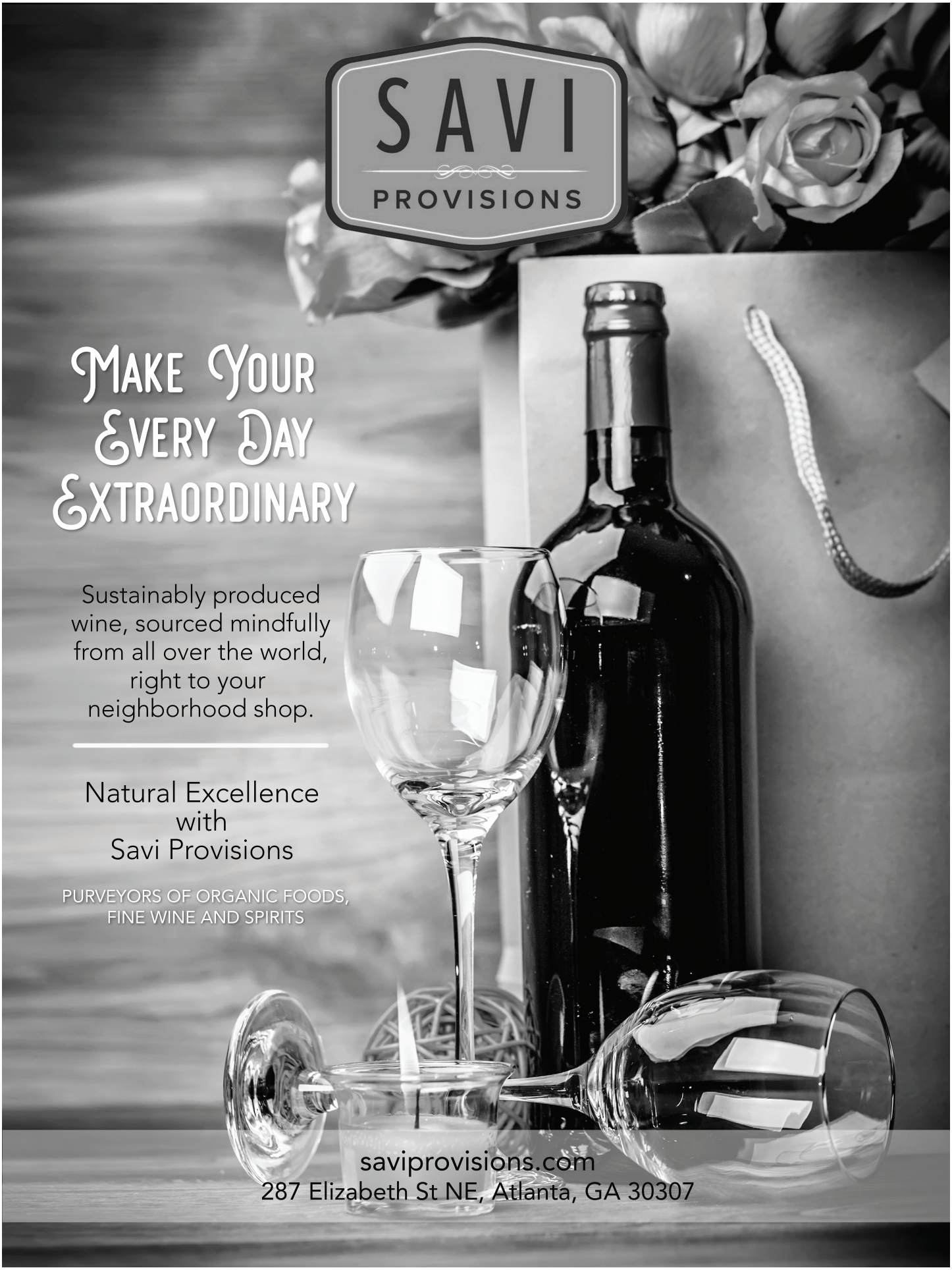
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Finding Wildflowers

By Lynn Curtis Koehnemann • lkoehnemann@gmail.com

In the 1950s and 1960s, my grandmother was one of the Church ladies who volunteered to supply flowers for the pulpit each Sunday. She used flowers from her own assiduously tended garden. However, if her assigned day occurred in the fall of the year, she would turn to wildflowers for her arrangements. These striking arrangements combined tall purple spikes of Liatris with long-lasting stems of Blackeyed Susan, fluffy goldenrod, and branched stems of aster. Any beautiful thing she encountered in the nearby fields and woodland borders might be incorporated, including broomsedge.

Sixty years ago it was fairly easy to find generous patches of wildflowers growing along a country road or adjacent land. Those places seem to have vanished. Today we see those same wildflowers growing in people's gardens, edging the lawn with a wild border or replacing the lawn entirely. (OK, I don't see that enough, but I am thrilled when I do!) You might have seen wildflowers growing in a powerline utility easement. In fact, these ecotones are increasingly rare, much to the detriment of wildlife. In nature, succession will give these plant communities a place; In an urban environment, succession vegetation is suppressed. And non-native plant species commonly exploit disturbances more successfully than native plants.

We can make a place for native plants to thrive by removing invasive, exotic plants such as autumn olive, bamboo, Chinese privet, English ivy, mimosa, and nandina. These aggressive nonnatives not only outcompete native plants, but they are not desirable food for wildlife. Because our native plants evolved in this specific environment, they require less maintenance than nonnative plants once they are established.

When William Bartram traveled through the Piedmont region of Georgia from 1775 to 1776, the landscape was a mosaic of grasslands, savannas, open woodlands, forests and wetlands. Fires, caused by both human activity and lightning, had modified the land for thousands of years. The first plants to move into the newly bare ground after a wildfire are wildflowers (Some people might say weeds.). Bartram identified dozens of flowering plants while traversing Georgia and these perennial wildflowers are perfect for today's pollinator garden. On that trip, Bartram wrote, "(I) Passed this day over expansive savannas, charmingly decorated with late autumnal flowers, as Helianthus, Rudbeckia, Silphium, Solidago, Helenium, Serratula, Cacalia, After, Lillium Martagon, Gentiana caerulia, Chironia, Gentiana saponaria, Asclepias coccinea, Hypericum, Rhexea pulcherima &c.." (Bartram's Travels, page 222, Published 1791)

Here are a few of the wildflower types Bartram documented in the Georgia Piedmont in his travels in 1775 and 1776.

Large-flowered Coreopsis / Coreopsis grandiflora
A perennial, this is a tough garden plant tolerant of intense heat and dry sites. From mid-June to October, it produces daisy-like yellow flower heads, 2 to 3 inches across on long terminal stalks. Propagated by seed, cuttings, or division. The rhizomes can be divided in spring.

Coreopsis tinctoria—Callopsis elegans of gardens.

Carolina Larkspur / Delphinium carolinianum
Perennial, propagated by seed. Bluish-purple flowers appear from April to June. Plants are two feet tall and are drought tolerant once established. Preferred by bees.

Delphinium formosum.

Goldenrod / Genus Solidago Goldenrod provides one of the last big color shows of late summer and fall. These perennials plants have showy flowers that attract pollinators like bees, wasps, butterflies and birds. Of the 10 Goldenrod species native to the Southeast UGA Extension suggests Blue-stemmed Goldenrod, Gray Goldenrod, Licorice Goldenrod, Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod and Showy Goldenrod as most worthy of garden culture. Perennials propagated by seed, cuttings or division.

Aster spp. aster Asters produce daisy-like blooms at the end of summer into early fall. Asters prefer full sun. Historically common in Georgia meadows and prairies, Asters are seen less frequently today due to habitat destruction and wildfire suppression. As the natural succession from meadow to woodland occurs where aster grows, it thrives until shaded out by woody plants. Of the several species of asters native to the Southeast, UGA Extension prefers Eastern Silvery Aster, Calico Aster, New England Aster and Late Purple Aster for landscape culture. Perennials propagated by seed, cuttings or division.

Aster Herveyi.

Rudbeckia spp. Always a cheery yellow, Rudbeckia flowers are commonly called Black-eyed Susans. Growing one to three feet tall, Rudbeckia makes an excellent cut flower and complements any of the tall native grasses and common prairie wildflowers. Deadheading is necessary in high visibility areas to maintain a good appearance and to prevent self-seeding if that is a concern. This plant is preferred for cottage gardens, perennial borders or wildlife habitats.

Rudbeckia laciniata.

For more information, download "Native Plants of Georgia" https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/B%20987-3_4.PDF

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the corner of Waverly Way and Euclid Ave, next to Springvale Park. Then, I was a 'greeter' at Griggs' home. Robert is referred to as the "Father of Inman Park", because of his efforts to convince friends to move to Inman Park to restore the neglected, multi-unit homes in the once fashionable neighborhood.

On Saturday, a parade was held down Edgewood Ave to Little Five Points. Robert Griggs, the mastermind of Festival, was the parade leader, along with the first Festival Chair Rod Eaton, Pam Giltner (Pam Eaton later that year) and Marydith Chase. They carried a banner announcing the Inman Park Festival. Each wore a red and white striped carnival jacket with flat-topped straw hats. The parade stopped at a small stage on Edgewood across from the Trolley Barn for a few speeches and welcoming words. As I remember, Holly Mull, co-owner of 185 Elizabeth St and City employee, organized the parade, as she did until her unexpected death due to a stroke in 2010. The parade included two Keystone cops, engaging the crowd lining the street in their funny, slapstick antics; Fred Bradshaw (homeowner of 210 Elizabeth Street) was riding a unicycle; Bo Bradshaw (Fred's brother and new homeowner of 206 Hurt St) was pushing a huge Earth ball; a few neighbors were dressed in "Victorian" garb; and a high school band or two were enlisted to march in the parade. I think a small group of neighborhood children also participated. I was selling drinks and did not have time to pay much attention to all going on around me.

There was also an Artists' Market, but compared to the Artists' Market of subsequent years, it was more like a yard sale. Tables were set up near the Trolley Barn and people sold jewelry, pottery and lots of items culled from the apartments and basements of houses being restored. Popcorn was the only food I remember being sold. I think members of the Inman Park United Methodist Church started selling food for the second festival in 1973.

The first Festival was fun and exciting, and generally thought of as the one and only. Bonnie Dees, one of the organizers and co-owner of 897 Edgewood Ave, had other ideas. Griggs reluctantly agreed, but only if she would be Chair. She agreed and started a trend that has continued for 50 years. Through their initiative, the Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes has grown and grown and grown. It continues to be the ONLY volunteer-run festival in the city, maybe anywhere. It now takes over 900 volunteers to run the festival. Every volunteer is part of a special group of lifelong friends who call Inman Park HOME. Volunteering is the way to get involved and meet neighbors. Even those who move away have a special spot in their hearts for Inman Park. As we say when friends move, "you can take the person OUT of Inman Park, but you can never take Inman Park OUT of the person."

Host an Inman Park Pioneer!

By Sally Dorn • sdorn47@comcast.net

This April we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Inman Park Festival. We are working hard to reach out to the original Inman Park Pioneers* (some are still here in the hood – Cathy and Bo Bradshaw, Don Jordan, Eileen Brown, Marnie McMurry, Susan Bridges, Ann & Jeff Cramer, Bruce and Gretchen MacLachlan, George Veneziale and Fran Burst & Tony Terranella to name a few) and inviting them to come back and see Inman Park now. There are limited available hotel rooms and AirBNBs in or near the neighborhood so we are hoping that some Inman Parkers with a spare guest room might consider being a temporary host to one or two Pioneers. Let me know if you might be willing to participate in this hospitality event. You can charge a fee for your room and I am sure the Pioneer will share lots of great history and stories about Inman Park for free. This is a great opportunity to welcome back old friends or meet new ones.

*We have defined Pioneers as people who lived in Inman Park in the early 1970s (pre1976) and/or volunteered to work on those early Inman Park Festivals.

What the Duck?

Hasn't anyone told these guys it's not spring yet? Over in the pond by Inman Park Village Lofts, there were 12 ducklings born in January, of all things. As of press time, all 12 winter duckies are thriving and getting big and fat, thanks to a great mama and lots of good mealworms and other appropriate baby duck food. Thanks for caring for our precious intown wildlife, IPVL folks!

Tour of Homes Tickets

There are always three pricing options for tour of homes tickets. And it's not too early to make your plans! The best day for neighbors to tour is on Friday, April 22 during the short/preview tour from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Streets are open and the houses are not as crowded. Easy to park if you are driving. Plus, you can visit with homeowners and get design/color tips at the start of our legendary Festival. Your tour ticket is good all three days of Festival. Tour houses are also open 12 noon to 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday of Festival.

$20 Inman Park Neighbor Advance Sale Price

If you live in Inman Park, you can buy discount tickets for $20. This is a thank you from the Festival Committee to the hundreds of neighbor volunteers who make Festival possible (BTW—have you signed up for a volunteer shift yet?). This price is only available at IPNA meetings and from the following neighbors. Cash or checks only (made out to the Inman Park Festival).

- Jan & Windell Keith, 889 Edgewood Ave.
- Pat & Richard Westrick, 835 Ashland Ave.
- Carol & Ben Mitchell, 1107 Austin Ave.
- Karin & Jacques Mebius, 860 Euclid Ave.

$25 General Public Advance Sale Price

The online link will be revealed next month. Online purchases will be redeemed during Festival. There will be a paperless version as well. In addition, five of our wonderful neighborhood businesses will also have advance sale tickets (thank them when you patronize their business!). Again, cash or checks only. No charges. These wonderful businesses include:

- Little 5 Points Pharmacy, 484 Moreland Ave.
- The Collective, 723 Lake Ave.
- VinoTeca, f299 North Highland Ave., Suite T
- Revolution Donuts, 785 Edgewood Ave.
- A Cappella Books, 208 Haralson Ave.

$30 Full Price Tickets During Festival Weekend

Beginning at 12:01 pm on Friday, April 22, ALL tickets are $30. The ticket is good all weekend. It contains a description of each tour home, a map of Festival, the entertainment schedule, and a history of Inman Park.

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IPNA Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2022

President Cristy Lenz called IPNA to order at 7:32pm. Participation varied between 30-45 people over the course of the meeting.

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers
- Anna Kilinski – new resident Edgewood Ave
- Emily Gordon – not new to IP, new to IPNA

Police officers' report – Sgt. Murphy
- Vehicle break-ins are still an issue. Stay in well lit areas, with other people, crimes of opportunity.
- Regina Brewer– all her cars have been broken into recently, but they have very clean cars. Video of car break-ins in Buckhead, spotted same guy in yellow jacket. Spoke with APD Detective and Sgt Soukup informed. Sgt Murphy requested to follow up. Case numbers and contacts can be shared directly with Zmurphy@atlantaga.gov
- Lauren Welsh (Candler)- raised an incident that occurred last night where a man was running at a neighbor with knife. Same description as person who stole money from 9 year old in Candler Park. Any connection or follow-up? Sgt Murphy didn't hear about it, but happy to follow up with case number. Neighbor of victim from last night will follow up and make sure she filed a police report and knows how to follow-up.
- Alison Gordon- Friend found loaded gun on the ground while walking in Freedom Park near Mary Lin. Will follow up with Sgt Murphy with case numbers.
- Sgt. Murphy - New officers assigned to Zone 6, they will be better staffed for responsiveness moving forward.
- Tom: Is aware of Hurt St-Poplar Cir incident and is providing follow up via email. Tom shared description of individual and asked security patrol to give attention to that area and to keep a lookout.
- There were a bunch of car break-ins in Candler Park on Iverson Street last week as well. None of the cars had anything of value in them. ~ 15 cars in a row.
- There was also a rash of car windows smashed, 30+ in Virginia-Highland on Monday night.

Minutes of last meeting – (motion to approve minutes was passed without objection)

Announcements
- Pat Westrick: new Trolley Museum at the Trolley Barn. Inman Park neighbors will be first to view before general public. Committee worked with Kennesaw State to create the Trolley Barn museum. Planning reception and neighborhood gathering. Date and specifics are TBD.
- Porch Party return – TBD, still being cautious with pandemic concerns. When we resume, will likely be strictly on porch only. Update in February.
- Beverly Miller & Carla Jeffries: new Advocator ad prices. 2022 is the 50th year of the Advocator! 2022 is light for scheduled ads, and we are asking for neighborhood support. If you are in Inman Park Business, or if there are businesses you love, encourage and refer them to advertise in the Advocator. There is a designer on staff, can help if you want to say something but aren't sure how to say it. Special prices for shoutouts for things like birthdays and anniversaries. New prices:

2022 Advocator Ad prices

Size	Price	Non-profit discount
Full-page	$300	$175
Half page	$150	$87.50
Quarter Page	$90	$52.50
Business Card	$45	$45

- 50th IPNA festival in 2022! Volunteer shifts opening up on February 1st. More than 8,000 volunteer slots for the weekend. Critical fundraiser for IPNA.
- Redistricting has happened – check your voting location. Not on SOS yet. Call Fulton County voter information to ask if your voting precinct has changed.
- Diners Club Sign-Up & Holiday Market Update (see old/new business section)

Elected officials' reports – N/A

IPNA officers' reports
President
- Security update from Executive Director of L5P Alliance, Lauren Welsh. info@l5pa.com
  - Presented L5P Alliance Public Safety Plan. L5P, preserving free expression, but doesn't mean illegal behavior. Major issues – lighting, individual experiencing homelessness, mental illness, limited APD, quality of life issues. Partners include APD Zone 6, L5P Alliance, Police and Alternatives Diversion Unit 311, Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition. Key goals include: Strengthen relationship between L5PA and APD Zone 6, Operation shield, security camera, reduce qual of life violations – potential for public restrooms, lighting, noise issues. Some issues in past, Tom Baldwin and security patrol have been instrumental in reaching compliance. Needed now: funds for guards and cameras, volunteers. More info on safety plan here: https://l5pa.com/public-safety
  - Request for update on Finley plaza? Bids came in too high 6 months ago. Project has been ongoing for over 5 years. Trying to encourage the city to change their procurement process, this is a public-private-partnership. Midtown/Juniper St had an example that's being worked through. Been dragging on, and city officials have been pressured. Please consider contributing so we can get that security camera in place on Seminole: https://l5pa.com/show-love
- Sally Dorn nominated to represent Inman Park on the Freedom Park Conservancy Board to replace Phillip Corvin (motion to approve, seconded. Poll vote: 23 yes, 2 abstain. Motion passes)
- Melissa Lawrence to step down at VP Communications, and Emily Gordon has been nominated as Communications VP to complete Melissa's term. Communication background, digital and social media, community reports (motion to approve, seconded. Poll vote: 30 yes, 1 abstain. Motion passes)

VP of Historic Preservation
772 Edgewood Ave put on a front porch
- Allyson McCarthy – architect, Anna K is owner. Purchased to operate realty business, would like to increase street presence. Zoned R5 – legal non-conforming office use, will remain an office. Building used to have a porch, would align with neighboring properties. 9ft deep, across front of building. Not taking parking spaces, building one existing stoop. Concrete slab with brick, matching brick front of property. Remove non-conforming sunburst vent, keeping dormer. Stained glass more traditional above vent. Metal fence will replace existing white picket fence. Metal roof justified because location is transitional between industrial and residential. Seamed metal roof is allowable under the historic regs. Historic preservation committee looked at plans, discussed decorative feature and porch – vent fixed up. Only had questions about metal roof, not many other changes. 7 immediate neighbors, 6 voted in favor, 1 abstained. Ramp included for ADA? Not included because she has other locations to meet handicap clients and no handicap bathroom inside. If city pushes back through permitting, they may have to circle back. Urban design commission meeting has yet to schedule. Sandy will send results from this meeting. (Motion to approve, seconded motion. Poll vote: 29 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain. Motion passes.)

1031 Austin Ave to add front porch

- Adam Stillman – Triplex. Originally a two-story porch. Restore front porch across left side. Sister house on 347 Sinclair Ave. Historic Preservation met this plan with enthusiasm. All immediate neighbors voted in favor. Urban Design Commission meeting scheduled for a week from today, and the public can attend. (Motion to approve, seconded motion. Poll vote: 30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passes.)

VP of Zoning
Change of Status (Liquor License): Highland Cigar Bar, 245 N. Highland Avenue NE Suite 140

- Change of status from a restaurant to a bar. City never regulates food vs alcohol sales, but now city cracking down. Terry Bailey (attorney) and Harold Martin (business owner) are presenting to be proactive on this, but everything on the business side will be the same. Restaurant needs to serve over 50% food, open 6 days a week. Bar requirements are much lower, but he is dedicated to keeping business as-is. No live music and dance permits, no change to hours, menu, etc. Immediate neighbors meeting 5 came, couple emailed separately. No one had issues, all voted to support. Beverly Miller- endorsed Harold. Derek Alphran- strongly endorsed Harold. Sally Beverly moved motion. (Motion to approve, seconded motion. Poll vote: 28 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passes.)

VP of Planning - CSX/Hulsey Yards Update – pushed to February update. Waiting for Mayoral administration to be in place to start engaging.

Treasurer- no updates

Communications- Buy more advocator ads

Public Safety – no updates

Secretary - Volunteer Fair for late February/early March, likely a Sunday afternoon. Hope to have this event mostly outdoors or with plenty ventilation. Festival volunteer slots are most critical, and there will be an opportunity for online sign-ups.

NPU Report - February Publix Marathon and Half Marathon Closures up Edgewood Ave, February 26-27.

Committee Reports
Transportation

- Janice Darling: North Highland corridor is inching forward. Requested two new stop signs. One at Sinclair and Seminole (by preschool) and one at Edgewood and Spruce. Temporary solution until we can get beacons up. Do we need a small study for a new sign, to document traffic problem so we know what we are solving? More information needed. Edgewood and Spruce – redesigned, recent big accident. This whole area nearby Euclid and Druid Circle is being redesigned, plan should be on IPNA website. Teeing off the turn, stop signs and crosswalk.

Old business/New business

- Phase 3 of Inman Park lighting. Supply chain delays. Should be imminent.
- Karin Mebius: Christmas market in Dec – big success, fun. Made $4,500. Inman Diners Club – starting. COVID vaccine requirement (2x required, booster is preferred). Hesitant to do kickoff inside, moved it to Trolley Barn to be an indoor/outdoor event. Feb 5th at 4pm.

Motion made to adjourn meeting, which was seconded and approved without opposition at 8:55pm.

Springvale Park Update: Volunteers Days

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

Are you ready for some more fun in Springvale? The Presidents Day - Mardi Gras volunteer Saturdays are about to stage. Act I is on Feb. 19 and Act II will be Feb 26.

Gather at the park bench near the children's sandbox in North Springvale Park. Come at 9:00 and stay till noon. Bring rakes, shovels and clippers. We will mulch and do general cleanup.

If seniors or light duty people would like to bring coffee for a few volunteers that would be a nice new experience. Maybe special items to cover the period before Festival can be identified.
Watch the very steep hillsides and just have a good time. See you there.

If you are a new homeowner in 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!

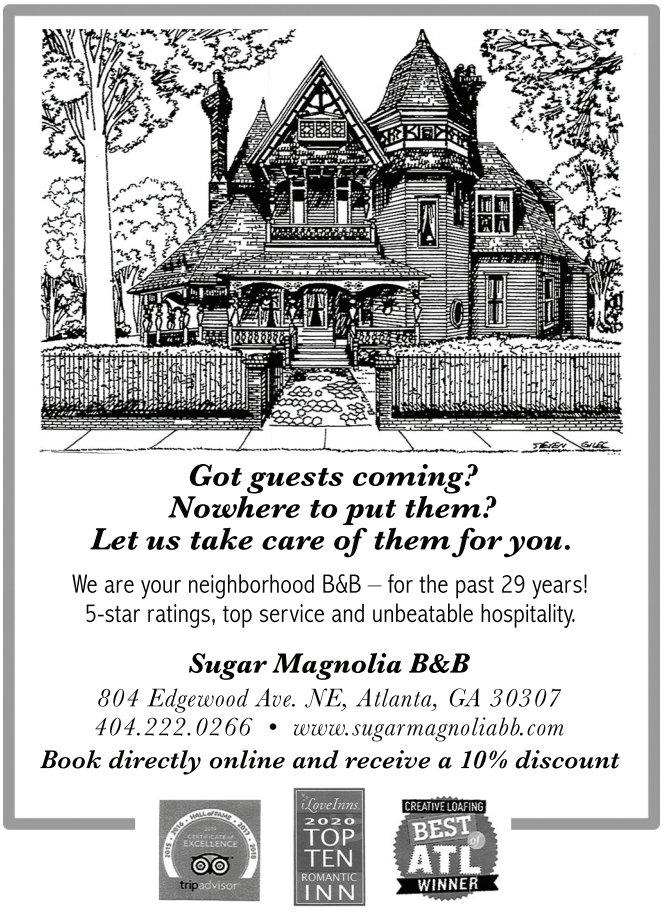
Acknowledging Past IP Festival Chairpeople

The 50th Inman Park Festival is less than three months away!!!! April 22-24 will see a magical transformation of our Small Town Downtown into our version of Brigadoon.

The Festival committee is recognizing those Pioneers who paved the way and set the stage for what you see today. Notice special badges/buttons that the Pioneers will be wearing. Some may be riding on the special float in the parade. We've also tried to connect with all the prior Festival Chairs and anyone else who played a pivotal role in our metamorphosis.

Attached is a list of some of our special rock stars. Take a moment to thank any that you see. And please take a moment to reach out to anyone you might know and ask them to return to Brigadoon, if only for a weekend....

1972	Rod Eaton
1973	Bonnie Dees
1974	Pam Eaton
1975	Eileen Rhea Brown (Segrest)
1976	Marydith Chase, Alecia Dyer, & Bill McMurry
1977 & 1978	Joe Webb
1979 & 1980	Bob Bodimer
1981	Bill McMurry
1982, 1983 & 1984	Steve Blades
1985	Diane Floyd
1986	Richard Westrick
1987	Jerry Thomas
1988	Ann King
1989	Susan Chase
1990	Pam White
1991	Bill McMurry
1992	Steve Hays
1993 & 1994	John Floyd
1995 & 1996	Connie Weatherby & Bob Bodimer
1997	Pat & Richard Westrick
1998 & 1999	Melissa & Rick Gore
2000 & 2001	Joanie & Wayne Mitchell
2002 & 2003	Susan Crawley & John Floyd
2004 & 2005	Linda Dunham & Alexandra Coffman
2006 & 2007	Lisa Burnette & Ruth Caproni
2008 & 2009	Danny Feig-Sandoval
2010 & 2011	Nick Franz
2012 & 2013	Melissa Miller & Thom Abelew
2014 & 2015	Christel Sundin & Rob Craig
2016 & 2017	Karin & Jacques Mebius
2018 & 2019	Robbie Whyte-Pierce & Cooper Pierce
2020 & 2021	Samantha Bailey & Jane Bradshaw Burnette
2022	Jane Bradshaw Burnette



Agenda

February 16, 2022

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 Advocator?

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

Websites

InmanPark.org
InmanParkFestival.org
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