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President's Message

Giving Thanks for IP Support

By Cristy Lenz • President@inmanpark.org

The Inman Park Wine Stroll with Music and Art was a success! Thanks to everyone who organized and volunteered to make this a truly great experience for neighbors and guests alike. The event raised more than \$45,000 for Springvale Park and the Inman Park Security Patrol.

Springvale Park has been raising money to dredge the pond and make other improvements for a few years. The Springvale Park Committee hopes to have all the money they need to complete the more than 500k project next year.

The Inman Park Security Patrol is the biggest line item expense we have as a neighborhood. We have one of the most established security patrols in the city. We've come a long way from when neighbors would patrol the neighborhood themselves to stop the crime that ran rampant in the neighborhood in the 70's. While we still have crime today, it's far better than where Inman Park used to be. We have a good relationship with Sgt. Tom Soukup, who has helped run the patrol for decades.

A few years ago, we bought a new security patrol vehicle. You've probably seen our security patrol truck driving down your street or in your HOA community. Our IPNA budget lists \$70k we get from all of our Inman Park Security Patrol Members, but the program costs us more than the amount we make from IPNA Security Patrol subscriptions. We have to use money from our operating budget to make up the shortfall of the more than \$110k this program actually costs. That's why it's important that everyone join the patrol and maintain their membership.

As the former VP of Communications, I would occasionally get an email from a neighbor who didn't feel the security patrol was visible enough or doing enough. It's not a 24/7 program. That would be cost prohibitive, and also we wouldn't be able to get enough hours from our off-duty officers to staff the patrol 24/7. But they are in the neighborhood regularly and do make a difference. I like to compare the security patrol to pain medicine. You don't realize how well it was working until you stop taking it. Having the security patrol vehicle make the rounds deters crime, as does having the bicycle officers patrol. Just because you don't see them every time they're scheduled doesn't mean they're not working.



You also get the benefits from the Security Patrol whether or not you're a member. But the fewer members we have, the less coverage we're able to afford. So I encourage everyone to renew their membership when the time comes and to join if you're new to the neighborhood.

If anyone has any questions about the security patrol, you should reach out to Tom Baldwin, our VP of Public Safety at public.safety@inmanpark.org. We no longer have a phone for the patrol officers. We found it wasn't helpful and was causing confusion. If you need police, you should call 9-1-1 for assistance. Our off-duty officers on patrol have radios, and they will hear that a 9-1-1 call from Inman Park came in.

To learn more about crime prevention, you can always come to a meeting as well. We have Atlanta Police Department Zone 6 officials at every IPNA meeting. So please help keep our neighborhood safe by supporting IPSP, and I look forward to seeing you at the IPNA Holiday Party on Dec. 2!

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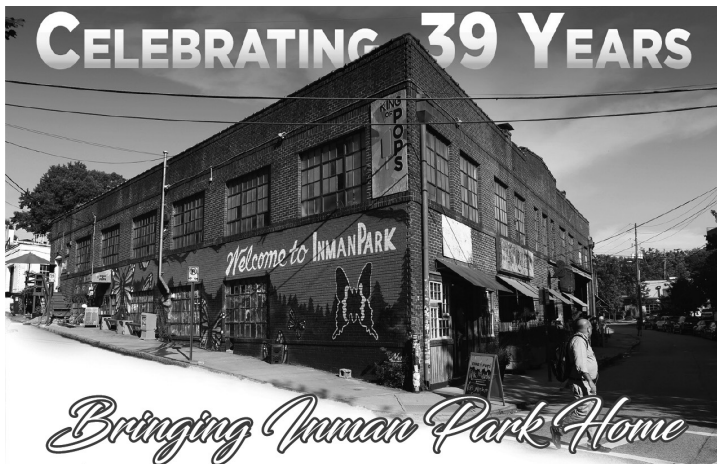
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November 11th - Veterans Day!

Warm wishes on Veterans Day to all the armed forces on behalf of Little 5 Points Community Center. Thank you for keeping our country safe so that we can focus on our jobs.

Center for Puppetry Arts (tentative)

LOCATION: Our Shifalo Cafe

DAY/TIME: November 19th, 12:00pm-10:00pm

• The Center for Puppetry Arts' mission is to inspire imagination, education and community through the global art of puppetry.

American Red Cross is looking for Donors

Head over to www.redcross.org/give-blood.html to get scheduled for the next Blood Drive here at Little 5 Points Community Center on Dec. 15th

For more information about events or to schedule your next event at the Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community, contact us 404-522-2926 or Little5pcc@gmail.com



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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!

Nov 29

Jan Keith
889 Edgewood Ave.,
"In Every Mirror She's
Black"
by Lola Akinmade
Akerstrom
Terri Jones
824 Lake Ave
Holiday Brunch & Book
Exchange

Dec 11

NOTE: You MUST be fully vaccinated and boosted to attend face-to-face book club events

Please contact Jan Keith (janetbkeith@gmail.com) with any questions.

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



Inman Park Parents!

Want to stay in the know about current APS (and other parenthood-based) news? Join the Inman Park Parent Google Group to hear the latest. Email junoble@yahoo.com 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)

2023 Inman Park Book Club Selections

January 31, Jan Keith, 889 Edgewood Ave., "The Pursuit of the Atlanta Child Killer" by Joseph Drolet

February 28, Cathy Jamison, 805B Edgewood Ave., "The Empire of Pain" by Patrick Radden Keefe

March 28, Susan Pins and Allen Stephens, 850 Piedmont Ave., Unit 2607 (Midtown), "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick

April 25, Shirley Brown, 876 Inman Village Parkway, Unit 512, "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki

May 30, Linda Dunham, 12 1st Ave. (Kirkwood), "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks

June 27, Santosh Nayak, 228 Montag Circle, "The World Played Chess" by Robert Dugoni

July 25, Ellen Creekmore, 1031 Euclid Ave., "The Latecomer" by Jean Hanff Korelitz

August 29, Paula Mason, 1046 Washita Ave., "A Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving

September 26, Patty McGuigan Robinson, 814 Virgil St., "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson

October 24, Stephanie Sherman, 936 Austin Ave., "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult

November 28, Diana Glad, 960 Edgewood Ave., "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson

December TBD, John Floyd, 116 Elizabeth St., Holiday Brunch and Book Exchange

Bonus Reads: "The Palace Papers"; "Lessons in Chemistry"; Any Banned Book; "My Personal History"; "Path of Lightning"; "Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty" (Anderson Cooper); "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"; "River of Gods"; "Jacqueline in Paris"; Any Stacey Abrams romance novel writing as Selena Montgomery

Congratulations to Ashley and Cody Mayer, Edgewood Ave., on the birth of their son Leddy on October 16. He was 9 pounds 6 ounces and 22 inches long.

Inman Park Neighborhood Association is looking to recruit a Secretary for the Board!

Our wonderful Secretary, Alex Ganim, will be leaving the neighborhood and thus stepping down. If you're interested in filling this role in the neighborhood association, please get in touch with President Cristy Lenz! This is a great role and it's a lot of fun to serve on the Board.

Thank you for your service, Alex! We will miss you!

Dogs in City of Atlanta parks MUST be on leash. This includes all of Freedom Park in Inman Park.

It is the law: Section 34-205 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances



New to the 'hood? If you just purchased in Inman Park and would like a Welcome Packet delivered, please email us at Hospitality@inmanpark.org

Do you have personal news or a life event to share with the neighborhood? We would love to hear about it and recognize you in the Advocate!

IP Caregiver Support Group

If you're concerned about someone with memory loss — a family member, friend, or neighbor — please consider attending the Inman Park Caregiver Support Group. We focus on the challenges of caring for someone with cognitive decline. This free group meets every third Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30 at the Inman Park United Methodist Church. Please contact Moira Keller LCSW if you have questions, 404-290-1630 or moira.keller@comcast.net

IPNA Calendar

Nov 16

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn/Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Nov 29

Book Club
See page 4
for details

Dec 2

IPNA Holiday Party!
Trolley Barn
6:00 pm

Dec 11

Book Club
Holiday Brunch
See page 4
for details

Dec 21

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn/Zoom
7:30 p.m.

Dec 29

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



- Household repair
- Carpentry
- Light electrical and plumbing
- Room painting
- Deck repair
- Furniture assembly
- Washer/dryer install
- Furniture repair
- Fence mending,
- Tub caulking
- ...and most of the things on your to-do list.

If you want to keep it simple & local, I'm your guy.
Text me at 404.433.4187 and we'll knock out your list in no time!

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IP Bocce Championship

By Morgan Shallcross • moshallcross@gmail.com

The biggest sporting event of the year has occurred! Georgia beating up poor



trucks up and down Euclid and Waverly, the grandstands set up by the playground and the throngs of fans wearing the teams colors and trash talking each other. And if you did see all that, then you need to check your meds or what kind of mushrooms are on your pizza because none of that happened. Well, there was some trash talking!

What did happen was the largest crowd to ever witness a Bocce Ball Match in Inman Park enjoyed a beautiful day, saw some good Bocce and had lots of fun.

Vanderbilt? Tech winning its 2nd game? The Falcons winning their 3rd? The Braves being eliminated by the World Series bound Phillies (hurts just to write that!)?

No! The Inman Park Bocce Ball League held the Semi Finals and Championship Final Game on Sunday in Springvale Park. You probably saw the media

In the opening Semi Final match Chewbocce (Ivor Longo and Alan Arnold) squared off against Bocce Madness (Zach Davidson and Thomas Cotton). While Bocce Madness touted an impressive 2nd Place Showing in The Atlanta Bocce League, they may have handicapped themselves attending a wedding in Savannah and driving back right before the

match. Chewbocce, having not attended a wedding 200 miles away, was steady and focused for the win in a rollover 21-12.

The follow up Semi Final match paired former IPBBL Champions The Druid Dregs (Morgan Shallcross and Trent Chastain) against the former Grand Poo Baah of IPBBL Dazed and Confused (Marcus Wittach and John White). Tension was high amongst the overflow crowd as The Dregs took a slow but steady lead only 7-0 after 5 rounds. A lead that could easily be erased in two lighting rounds in this incredibly slow game. The Dregs drip, drip, drip strategy prevailed even though Dazed and Confused battled back to make it close 21-15.

That brought the excitement to a crescendo! Would the tension of the just completed match take all that The Dregs had? Was the layoff from the first match to the Final enough for rigor mortis to set in to Chewbocce?

The Dregs jumped out to a quick lead 4-0, but stalled as Chewbocce warmed up and came back 4-3 after 5 rounds. With each round

The Dregs tried to pull away but Chewbocce would not allow it. After 11 rounds, it was nail-biting close 9-6 for the Dregs and after 13 rounds only 11-7. The huge crowd almost noticed. Then it happened in the 14th round. Explosively, The Dregs dropped a three point round on Chewbocce and followed it with a 4 point round in the 15th and in a flash it was 18-7. Staggered, stunned, surely in disbelief, Chewbocce, don't call them Shirley, tried to rally but it was too much to overcome and The Druid Dregs claimed their second Championship!

When you see any of the fine contestants in the neighborhood, please congratulate them and look for the Champions in our own Inman Park Parade during Festival next spring. Joining them will be 2021 Champions Amazeballs - Frank Schultz and Gus Glaw - who could not be in last year's Parade due to the damn Covid!

If you would like to be in next year's league, please contact Morgan Shallcross or Jaime Kirsche personally or send a note to ipbocceball@gmail.com

Pumpkin Party in Springvale Park!

By Alison Gordon • alisonggordon@gmail.com



We kicked off the first annual Pumpkin Carving Party in Springvale Park last weekend. It was a great way to get together, carve pumpkins, and cut down on the goopy mess at home. Congrats to Hannalore Freeman for best painted pumpkin, Joanne Bleavins for best carved, and Gloria Stone with the overall best pumpkin; therefore crowned the Pumpkin Queen of 2022!



Freedom Barkway: Volunteer Spotlights

By Olivia Pedersen • oliviaepedersen@gmail.com

Meet Adam Hodge,
Treasurer of Freedom
Barkway (and waste bag
replacer)

During the official opening of the dog park last month I had the pleasure of meeting Adam Hodge with his dog Lucky. I took this opportunity to ask him a few questions about his involvement with the dog park. He is a regular volunteer and Treasurer

their antics."

Have you made friends?

"Yes, there are usually lots of people to chat with. It's fun running into the same folks and dogs day in and day out, and building those natural connections.

Lucky's playtime in the dog park obligates me to sit and enjoy it with no other distractions. I try to keep my cell phone

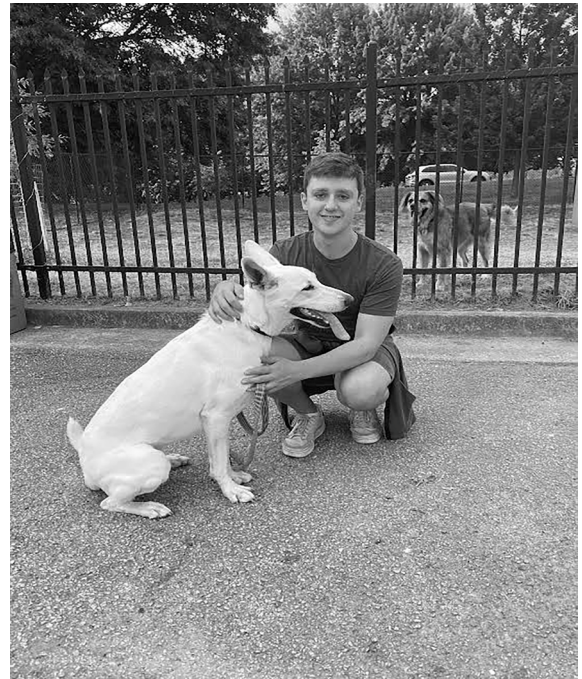
Meet Matt Earl,
Secretary of the board
of Freedom Barkway

Matt adopted his dog Olympia from LifeLine and says he hasn't looked back since. He has worked steadily with other board members over the past several months to coordinate with groups and local businesses in the city, not only to raise awareness, but also to make small improvements

"Olympia has transformed my life. She gives me a sense of responsibility and is a steadfast companion. We have seen a lot together. She is a part of my family - my pack, if you will"

What do you see as your role on the board?

"More recently we have been talking with Fuqua developers who are



of the board, lives close by and feels strongly about community spirit. So I asked him a couple of questions about that:

What helps in terms of trying to build community in the dog park?

"The dog park is a special space because you have a shared experience and status with the other dog owners. So it's easier to connect, and the pups are themselves natural social lubricants anyway! It is a great way to get them to exercise in a truly communal space. We humans benefit from that, and the joy of watching

in my pocket. The open landscape provides a nice reprieve from the clutter of urban living, especially after staring at a computer screen all day!"

How does Lucky transform your life?

"He fills my life with joy. My wife and I love seeing him progress like a member of my family - particularly the not peeing in the house part of that progress. The responsibility of being a caretaker makes me a better person!"

in the park that contribute authentically to the dog and dog owner experience.

Does this park offer community to you and why?

"We spend hours every day at the dog park and have met wonderful people and their animals. I believe it is a unique place for community bonding. It is the perfect opportunity for people to gather around one shared idea - dogs complete them and are an essential part of their lives."

What is it about Olympia that has changed your life?

planning an enormous development right beside the park. Our aim is to preserve the uniqueness of the park and hold them accountable to making sure that we can enjoy it as much as we do now. We have been coordinating with groups and local businesses in the city to make improvements in the park, both ergonomic and topographical, to ensure it is both authentic to the dog experience and environmentally workable. We look forward to partnering with Fuqua on this journey."

Kitty Dare

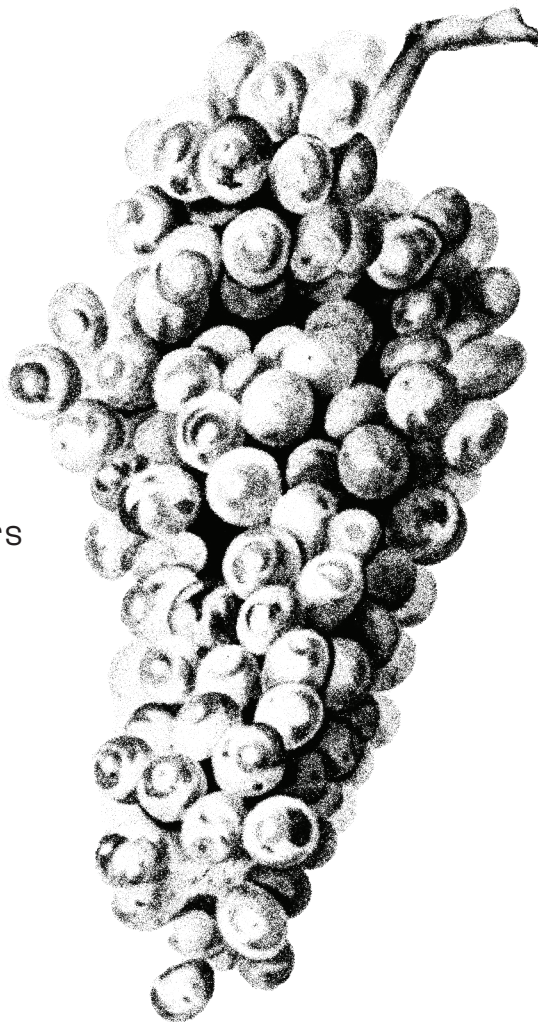
HOLIDAY HOURS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

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the friends and neighbors
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NOVEMBER 24TH

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Thanksgiving day

DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH, 26TH

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holidays

Announcing Upcoming Trolley Barn Executive Director: Julie Noble

By Beverly Miller, Trolley Barn Chair • beverly.miller@yahoo.com

The Board of Directors of the Atlanta and Edgewood Street Railway Company, aka The Trolley Barn, is very excited to present Julie Noble as our incoming Executive Director. The



Trolley Barn was built in 1889 to serve as an office and maintenance facility for the electric streetcars that ran from Five Points to Inman Park. In the 1970s, the Atlanta and Edgewood Street and Railway Company worked with the City of Atlanta to

restore the Barn and then in 2016 purchased the Barn from the City. Now our beloved Trolley Barn is the site for monthly IPNA meetings and also hosts other civic groups, concerts, and special events.

She has such an amazing track record of tireless service for IPNA and APS that we think Julie needs no introduction, but here goes...

Julie lives in Inman Park with her husband Eric Anderson and children Jo and Jack. They started on Waddell Street in 2003. They were married in the Inman Park Church and held their rehearsal dinner at the Trolley Barn! They have ended up on Alta Avenue, thus covering the neighborhood's west to east spread. With a career background in fundraising, Julie has spent the last several years volunteering for our local public schools, serving on the PTA, LSC, GoTeam and Foundation of Mary Lin Elementary and the Midtown High School Foundation Board, and has also volunteered extensively for IPNA, serving on the IPNA Hospitality Committee, the Inman Park Neighborhood Association Board, Festival Committee and

IPNA Education Committee. She is looking forward to continuing the good work of previous Trolley Barn Executive Director Lisa Milko and to working closely with the Board to make our Barn a continued and sustainable "historic treasure in the heart of the city" and important community resource.



Our board looks forward to working with Julie! Please join us in welcoming her. We also want to offer our most heartfelt thanks to outgoing Executive Director Lisa Milko.

Doggo the Month: Turbo



Likes: eating worms, perching on shoulders like a parrot
Dislikes: cold weather, holding still for >3 seconds



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The Enigma of the Cypress

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As autumn tinges the trees in Inman Park, our southern cypress trees turn a bright copper color. Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) and pond cypress (*Taxodium ascendens*) trees belong to a small group of trees with cones and needles, like many evergreen trees, but also shed their needlelike leaves in the winter.

These trees, also known as swamp cypresses, are able to thrive in standing water and are capable of surviving hurricane-strength

Cypress swamps help prevent floods by diverting stormwater, and they filter pollution out of the flowing water. These systems also provide habitat for a wide variety of songbirds and other animals. Rare birds thrive in the swamps. Great blue herons (*Ardea herodias*) use the cypress trees standing at the pond's edge in Inman Park Village for nesting. The birds build nests at the very tops of the cypress trees.



Bald cypresses are the oldest trees east of the Mississippi. One bald cypress in North Carolina is more than 2600 years old. When young, the trees have a conical shape. As they age, swamp cypress trees have large branches forming a high, broad canopy.

William Bartram, trekking along the Savannah River in 1775, observed old-

winds. The three bald cypresses in Springvale Park are planted in a group at the southeast edge of the pond. The cypress knees adjacent to these trees are up to ten inches tall. (See the photo of bald cypress knees in Springvale Park.) The knees grow taller when the parent tree grows in or near water and can be more than six feet tall in old-growth forests. While the purpose of the knees is uncertain, one likely function is to buttress and support the trees growing in submerged land. Wetland cypresses in flooded sites are more likely to be buttressed and kneed than the same type of tree grown on upland sites.

growth cypress trees: "That part of the trunk, which is subject to be underwater, and four or five feet higher up, is greatly enlarged, by prodigious buttresses, or pilasters, which, in full grown trees, project out on every side, to such a distance, that several men might easily hide themselves in the hollows between..... from these roots grow woody cones, called cypress knees, four, five, and six feet high as the buttresses already mentioned. From this place the tree, as it were, takes another beginning, forming a grand strait column eighty or ninety feet high, when it divides every way around into an extensive flat

horizontal top, like an umbrella, where eagles have their secure nests, and cranes and storks their temporary resting places"

John Muir, trekking along the Savannah River in 1867, also encountered gigantic old-growth cypress trees: "Here, too, I found an impenetrable cypress swamp. This remarkable tree, called cypress, is a *taxodium*, grows large and high, and is remarkable for its flat crown. The whole forest seems almost level on the top as if each tree had grown up against a ceiling."

Our Southern Cypress forests have been cleared and harvested for centuries. The earliest removals were done by colonists clearing land for rice growing in Charleston. Large-scale industrial logging started in the 1890s when lumber companies brought railroads to cypress swamps. This is how cypress trees were taken from the north and west portions of the Okefenokee Swamp. By the mid-1920s, the cypress forests were heavily lumbered, and commercial logging slowed down.

In 1937 the government established the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The swamp provides habitat for threatened and endangered species, such as red-cockaded woodpeckers, wood storks, indigo snakes, and a wide variety of other wildlife species. Today, the refuge is more than 400,000 acres.

Harvesting cypress trees to shred for mulch can threaten sensitive habitats. Mulch companies sometimes mislabel and sell mulch harvested from sensitive habitats using unsustainable practices. There are, however, excellent alternatives to cypress mulch.

Inman Park United Methodist Church Holiday Event!

"Jesus & The Beatles" will be playing Sunday, December 4th at 5 pm and Saturday, December 10th at 7 pm at Inman Park UMC, 1015 Edgewood Ave. in Inman Park.

The show is free and features an original script weaving the story of Jesus' birth w/ 15 Beatles songs, performed by a live band of IPUMC members. Donations for the Stewart Center - a nonprofit that supports strong communities in southwest Atlanta - are encouraged.

Springvale Park Watering and Survivors

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net

Shortly after the year 2000, a large scale planting effort placed shrubs in SVP. There was no way to bring them water and they all died, except for the 'seven survivors' which are the current tall landmark shrubs.

Let's not repeat that mistake now that it is about 20 years later. We have planted over 70 shrubs. Almost all are native to Georgia and once established can survive our heat and drought. Those planted in 2019 are already fine. It is a safe practice to give shrubs second year watering after planting. Some landscape enthusiasts recommend a third year of watering or even additionally during droughts. Were it not for the

efforts of the Waverly Way Waterers we could have suffered a significant number of deaths during this dry period. We are always going to endure these sometimes adverse conditions. That is what makes the environment of Georgia truly Georgia.

Hopefully, a temporary and low cost sprinkler arrangement can cover the period until the Master Plan is implemented. It can be installed before Festival, removed so as to not impede the celebration, then be reinstalled during May. This should be a solution we can easily implement.

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IPNA Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by President Cristy Lenz. Approximately 18 people attended in-person and about 22 attended online.

Welcome/Introduction of newcomers – none.

Police officers' report

Sgt Haslam – mentioned crime in neighborhood is primarily motor vehicle theft. Encouraged clean car campaign, especially in the bar/restaurant corridor. Encouraged ConnectAtlanta.org campaign to indicate willingness to share home security camera footage if/when a crime may have been committed.

- Q: Recent rash of car break-ins did not seem motivated by stealing something. A: Sometimes it is, and sometimes not.
- Q: What are the efforts on the prevention on some of these crimes? A: For prevention, we are trying to keep Zone 6 team out on details to catch people in the act to deter crimes. The beat officers provide focused support in this area.
- Q: Car jacking at gunpoint around 240 North Highland – officers investigating. Can you provide more information? A: Active investigation, cannot share additional details at this time.

Sgt Wolfe on IPNA security patrol and on the robbery unit. 240 North Highland case – vehicle was

recovered with key and everything. They were able to use GPS tracking on the vehicle and phone was in the car.

- Q: Can you share any more information on how it happened? A: Any advice for neighborhood? We know it was four guys at 6am, but what were the circumstances and are there any behaviors to avoid? A: The victim walked off the beltline to a car. We are seeing a lot of car thefts and people going after backpacks, satchels, bags left in car.

Minutes of last meeting – moved, minutes approved unanimously.

Announcements

Porch Party October 28th – Last porch party of the year, Diana Glad and Sara & Conner Henderson at 952 and 960 Edgewood Ave NE. Come at 7:30p and bring dish to share and what you'd like to drink and come meet your neighbors.

Elected officials' reports – none in attendance

IPNA officers' reports

President
Irwin Street Closing: John Saxton, Mobility Planning Assistant Director
Atlanta DOT & Shaun Green, Atlanta Beltline Rail Engineer.

- Streetcar East meeting follow-up – there will be a temporary 1 week closure of Irwin street during

a time already scheduled for utility work, in order to conduct a traffic study. John will forward an online survey to IPNA to distribute to get feedback from neighborhood about this closure. Construction is not starting on this project until 2024/2025, and the project will be in design phase for the near future (~2 years). For design details and engagement opportunities, please see: StreetcarEast.com. The planned routes of the streetcar connection to Beltline East are viewable on the website.

Nov 7-13th are the dates of the temporary Irwin street closure, which will impact one block between Krog and Auburn/Sampson.

- Alternate routes recommended in presentation on the website, and include Edgewood and Dekalb Ave. Survey will also be linked to the website, sent out through IPNA comms, and also posted on the Beltline (look out for a QR code on signs on the Beltline).

- Q: Will it be closed 24/7 that closure week? A: Yes, for the whole week. Detour routes will be studied. If the impacts are broad, they want to know where the bottlenecks will be and more fully understand impacts.

- Q: Question about future plans of the Streetcar and Beltline rail: If the Streetcar and Beltline rail are integrated with traffic (like the streetcar), it will never be on a schedule. Is the plan for the Beltline

rail to eventually be self-contained without the integration with the streetcar, and therefore not subject to traffic integration? A: By design, the streetcar will be integrated into the Beltline rail. There will not be a special self-contained rail for Beltline. Closing the Irwin Street block would be the highest impact block to close to traffic to avoid some of the operational challenges. On Auburn they are frequently seeing illegal parking disrupting street car schedules rather than traffic. Trying to crackdown on this.

- Comment from Shaun: There are design challenges in Northwest section of the Beltline, because there is no abandon rail line to work with. The value of starting this project with the Beltline East section is for a proof of concept in the highest density area. Currently they are focused on trackwork, while concurrent efforts underway with west side and south side. City has 50-ish miles of streetcar plans with draft routes sketched. Downtown they have an existing vehicle facility area to store more vehicles, have more in operation, and they don't want to use any open land "dirt" for vehicle maintenance. Beltline prefers to use existing facilities and space for maintenance and storage and use open land for more social use and programs.

- Q: Question about "Dirt" and use of land – are there already properties that are "lost" that can be used?

Contaminated? A: Losing "dirt" is a term meaning to lose tax digest properties.

- Q: Putting aside the traffic study for the streetcar, what was the closure going to look like for the utility work? A: Utility work closure is planned for 3-4 days during working hours. The 1 week closure was scheduled at this time to minimize disruptions to the neighborhood while getting more data.

Wine Stroll – the event is sold out! There are 2 volunteer spaces for clean up if anyone wants them, reach out to Sally Dorn.

IPNA Board transitions:

- Thomas Powell nominated to represent IPNA at LSPA, replacing Chirs Curley.
- Windall Keith for Beautification
- Janice Darling staying on as Transportation VP – decided to stay on longer!
- Alex Ganim leaving Secretary Dec – please volunteer or nominate!
- Looking for a new NPU rep – Scott Evans rolling off

VP of Zoning

Liquor license for BarTaco - includes live music permit. All staff is TIPS trained, no history of underage sales since they opened in 2015. Dante is new agent; all other permit details remain the same.

- Q: Is this for Barcelona and BarTaco?

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A: No – Barcelona agent is different then the one Dante is replacing.
 • Motion on floor to approve change of agent. 18 in favor (in room), 15 online. 1 abstain. No 0 vote. Motion supported.
 Wrecking Bar - Changing agent. The current owner's #2 is moving away, he is taking over the agent title. Been in the owner role for a long time. 18 in favor (in room), 18 online, no abstain, no against. Motion supported.

VP of Historic Preservation
 145 Elizabeth Candler Mansion – Type 2.
 Approved by city, nothing to do, just if you see activity.

Villa de Grip Update – work underway for over 5 years now. UDC staff decided compatibility rule did not apply to new construction. Clearly stated that it did. We hired a planning firm to do an analysis, sent to UDC staff. UDC dug in and disagreed. Amir is helping to resolve this issue and will bring together a neighborhood rep, city lawyers, and UDC. This is a major issue, brings enforcement of other ordinances into question if this moved forward. It makes a difference on height of buildings planned for this site, and many other design specifics.

VP of Planning
 Lake Ave Sidewalks – IPNA committed to sidewalk project on Lake Ave, but this project has stalled out. Design and scope map are complete. We are talking to contractors now and getting bids. Matt will report back in Nov/Dec meeting after we receive the bids.

Gordon Park – Neighborhood parcel of land by Ashland Ave. First round of invasive removal was completed, and we'll soon do

another round of invasive plant removal. Matt is meeting with the city on next steps. There is not an immediate plans for the space, but hope to come back to IPNA in December with some initial ideas. A committee on Gordon Park is now active to plan/design – please reach out if interested! planning@inmanpark.org

Another new committee has formed to discuss impacts of the Irwin Street closure. If interested talking about beltline impacts, Irwin closure, etc. please reach out. The early conversations were part of the transportation committee, now involving Planning. Email planning@inmanpark.org if you would like to join the conversation.

Treasurer
 2023-2024 Budget Vote –
 • No changes in revenue. Total revenue \$346,642.
 • Historic Code and LCI (Livable Centers Initiatives) completion work is included in the budget
 • LSPAlliance – wasn't previously included, added back.
 • Q: Are we continuing to budget for babysitting for IPNA meetings? A: It is in budget, and we will keep for now.
 • Q: Legal fees included? A: not explicitly, but we will pull money if needed for these activities.
 • Q: Why is Memberclicks still in budget? I thought we are planning to use a new website? A: We are getting away from using Memberclicks, but this is the line item for website support. We will use this budgeted amount to support the new system.
 Motion made to support the 2023-2024 budget as written. 15 in favor in the room,

0 opposed, 1 abstain in room. 15 in favor online, zero opposed and zero a abstentions online.

Communications
 Website update: We are working to divest website from Memberclicks and starting to move it over to YourMembership (new system). Will have training session and roll out plan so everyone knows how to use it. It should be an easier and more efficient system.

Public Safety
 Thank you to those with recent generous donations – want to specifically recognize Karen Gockel (film), Ward Bradshaw (from Compass Realty).

Secretary
 IPNA Holiday Party will be held from 7-11 pm on Friday December 2nd. We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone.

NPU Report

Committee Reports
 Festival

Transportation
 • Elizabeth St. light update
 • Edgewood/Euclid paving update

Freedom Park Conservancy
 Master Plan Update: the city has slowed down the process, and they haven't brought the plan back to NPU. There is a lot of new temporary art, exciting things taking place. Let Sally know if there are any specific issues in the park.
 • Q: Do you have more information about

the fencing at North Highland? A: Several years ago city wanted to install international & museum quality art. Will have a sculpture by Spanish artist, Juame Plensa, installed in this location. They fenced off for preparation and site work for the sculpture. Required some trees be taken down, and we didn't know about that detail when they shared the plans initially.

Springvale Park Cmte
 Park Pride Grant Letter
 Beau Weidman has been leading the planting program for years. Expressed appreciation for the Waverly Waterers who kept up with watering the old fashion way to keep the legacy shrubs and new shrubs alive. There will be more (low cost) planting in the near future. March and April will call for volunteers.

• Q: Any status on the downed large trees in the south side of Springvale Park? A: Not the best outcome, a city arborist came out but didn't have much information. We may have to shift around some things in the park plan, and we have a master mason working with us. Trees will be removed, and city already got a major portions of them removed.

Education

Filming

Old business/New business Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, approved unanimously.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:42p.



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Agenda

November 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

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Check inmanpark.org the day of the meeting for any agenda updates

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