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President's Message

## Welcome to Festival

By Cristy Lenz • President@inmanpark.org

This month I turn over my column space to Kila Posey, our tireless Festival Chair. Under Kila's incredible leadership, the committee has pulled together one thousand moving parts to bring our wonderful Inman Park Festival to life once again. Please join me in thanking Kila and all the hard-working festival committee members--the party literally could not happen without them.

The festival committee has been hard at work since last August preparing for the most anticipated weekend in April. Every year we welcome over 900 volunteers and tens of thousands of festival goers to the streets of Inman Park. After taking a two-year hiatus due to global COVID-19 pandemic we welcomed the city back to our jewel of a neighborhood for our 50th Inman Park Festival. We quickly discovered that we were a little rusty, but with backlog of pent-up demand we were able to put on a spectacular weekend, and we were gifted perfect weather. I am crossing my fingers for a similar weather forecast this year.

Festival offers an abundance of excitement for all ages through food, entertainment, music, dance, street vendors selling goods, and of course the parade for all the smiling faces that line the streets. My family has lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years and the Tour of Homes has always been my favorite activity of festival weekend. To see these early 20th century homes renovated and restored to their former glory is truly a site to behold. A huge thank you to the Tour of Homes volunteers, who have graciously agreed to share what most would consider to be their most sacred and sacrosanct of spaces, their homes.

As I reflect on the eight months of preparation leading up to this week-end, I marvel at the sheer amount of man (and woman) hours that are necessary to pull off one of the best neighborhood festivals in the city. As the 2023 Festival Chair it has been my goal to ensure that our community continues to grow, nurture and foster lifelong civic volunteers. Rolling up my sleeves with my fellow committee members working toward a common goal has been very rewarding and satisfying. Inman Park has always been a vanguard in terms of civic and urban planning. And in that same tradition of being on the forefront and breaking barriers, I am proud to serve as the festival's first African



American chair since its inception 51 years ago. My observation from the vantage point of festival chair has been a validation of the saying: "Diversity is one of our greatest strengths." Diversity in thoughts and ideas, diversity in viewpoints and yes, diversity of the people making the decisions in the room where it happens. This has always been one of our greatest strengths. This is true for our neighborhood, our city and our nation. So welcome to the 51st Inman Park Festival. Welcome Everyone. Happy Festival!!!!

Kila Posey  
2023 Festival Chair

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**Manga African Dance Summer Camp**

LOCATION: Our Shifalo Cafe  
DAYS: April 3rd-7th  
*Head over to [www.mangadance.org/services](http://www.mangadance.org/services) to find out more and sign up!!*

**Gateway Performance Productions  
"Outdoor Art Installation"**

LOCATION: 1083 Austin Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307  
DAYS: April 16th, 2pm-5pm  
*"This is an unveiling of a large-scale totemic art installation that celebrates each phase of the moon-new full and old-as the face of woman."*

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

LOCATION: Our Shifalo Cafe  
DAY/TIME: April 20th, 10:00am-3:30pm  
*Head over to [www.redcross.org/give-blood.html](http://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html) to schedule your next donation!!*

**Emory University's Community Health Night**

LOCATION: Our Shifalo Cafe  
DAY/TIME: April 27th, 4:00pm-8:00pm  
*Emory University Hope Clinic has partnered with "Someone Cares" to provide FREE walk-up sexual health and COVID-19 testing for our community*

**Inman Park Festival Parking**

LOCATION: 1083 Austin Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307  
DAY/TIME: April 28th-29th

**Little 5 Points Community Center OPEN HOUSE**

LOCATION: 1083 Austin Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307  
DAY/TIME: May 3rd, 6pm-8pm

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](mailto:Little5pcc@gmail.com)



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# 2023 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  
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## Apr 25

Shirley Brown  
876 Inman Village Pkwy  
Unit 512  
"The Magnificent Lives of  
Marjorie Post"  
By Allison Pataki

## May 30

Linda Dunham  
12 1st Ave.  
(Kirkwood)  
"Horse"  
By Geraldine Brooks

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

Please contact Jan Keith ([janetbkeith@gmail.com](mailto: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!



### 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](http://www.inmanpark.org/lifelonginmanpark)  
Contact Jackie Lawrence (404-272-0024)



**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**

### 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](mailto:moira.keller@comcast.net)



**Hospitality Committee**



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](mailto: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!

### 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](mailto:junoble@yahoo.com) to join.**

**Caterpillar Ball 2023**  
**Thursday, April 27**  
**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Inman Park Parents: the beloved Caterpillar Ball will be held as usual in the play area of the Inman Park Cooperative Preschool (760 Edgewood Ave.) There will be food, drinks, treats, face painters, games, and hayrides!

They are looking for volunteers to help with set-up beforehand, clean-up afterwards, and to run games for the children during the party. These are great jobs for tweens and teens who have outgrown the Caterpillar Ball. They get their very own Festival volunteer t-shirt (if they don't already have one,) and these shifts even earn volunteer hours for high school students.

The link to sign up can be found here:  
<https://www.eventeny.com/events/volunteer/application/?id=2721>

**Flags Out, Inman Park!**

Atlanta United is back and charging full steam ahead.

Pick up your FREE Inman Park x ATL UTD garden flag ahead of the festival to show out for Atlanta United. First 50 people to stop by also get a new garden stake!

- What: Atlanta United Flag Giveaway
- Date: Wednesday, April 26th
- Time: Stop by anytime between 4:30pm-7:30pm
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**IPNA  
Calendar**

**Apr 19**

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

**Apr 25**

Book Club  
See page 4  
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**Apr 27**

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

**Apr 28  
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Inman Park  
Festival!!!

**May 17**

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

**May 25**

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

**May 30**

Book Club  
See page 4  
for details



# A Little Grand Road Trip

By Lynn Curtis Koehnemann • lkoehnemann@gmail.com

In 1958 I returned from a family trip through Southwest Georgia and told my third-grade teacher I had been to the Grand Canyon. Of course, this was not the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. It was Providence Canyon - near Lumpkin and only thirty miles south of Columbus. In fairness, Providence Canyon is an awe-inspiring landscape. Some of the "canyons" are hundreds of feet wide and 150 feet deep.

Postcards from the 1950s label it "the Little Grand Canyon" and describe it as one of Georgia's seven natural wonders. Promoters proclaimed Providence Canyon "the highlight of a trip to or from Florida". Providence Canyon is the name people know, but it is more accurate to call it a series of ravines. Tallulah George, sixty miles north of Athens, Georgia, is a true canyon with soaring quartzite walls. The Tallulah River has carved it for millions of years.

Providence Canyon is frequently mentioned as one of the natural wonders of Georgia. But unlike an actual canyon, it was created in a matter of decades as a result of clearing forested land for cotton farming. Uncontrolled erosion resulted in the loss of the top layer of heavy clay soil. The now-exposed sand and sediments underneath are highly erodible. Since the 1950s, the ravines have continued to widen. There are now sixteen of them.



Clay particles are tiny and mix with water readily. Water running downhill will carry the clay particles as long as the water is in motion. Cultivation practices to manage hillside erosion are very effective, but farmers in the early 1800s treated farmland as expendable. Cropland might be cultivated without care or amendments until it was exhausted. The land would then be abandoned. Furrows might be plowed straight up and down hills and become gullies after heavy rain. Erosion control practices such as terracing or contouring were not widely adopted in Georgia until the 1930s - more than a lifetime after this "canyon" had formed.

Two stages of erosion occur in Providence Canyon. In the first stage, surface water percolates through the top layer of dense iron-rich clay and enters the loosely consolidated sands and sediments underneath. If the sand reaches an impermeable layer of kaolin, water then moves laterally to the canyon wall. This weakens the sediment and causes it to slump.

Providence Canyon's walls offer the best way to view a soil profile. The top layer is dense iron-rich clay. Beneath that are unconsolidated sands and sediments. Dozens of different colors represent various elements present in the sand and clay. Tan, yellow, orange, and red appear with various degrees of oxidization. Purple is attributed to manganese. These canyons showcase several geologic layers within the Coastal Plain sediments typical of southern Georgia. Rich with fossil marine life, the deposits recall the ancient complex of coastal landforms that existed there 50 to 65 million years ago.

For some good views of Providence Canyon State Park have a look at this video from the Georgia Tourism Office. <https://youtu.be/pEHpRlX8cRA>

## Mary Lin Foundation

By Jeannie Beckett • hyejeongyoo@gmail.com

It was the perfect spring evening for Mary Lin Education Foundation's annual High Donor Party. This year's hosts with the most were the ever-gracious couple Peter Kruskamp and Stephanie Schumacher. Over 90 donors attended an evening of merriment and appreciation of our beloved neighborhood school. Head Chair Claire Oates and Principal Sharyn Briscoe highlighted some of the many grants issued to Mary Lin Elementary with the generously donated funds. Principal Briscoe acknowledged the rezoning of Inman Park but, as always, made the heartfelt reminder: "Once a (Mary Lin) Rocket, always a Rocket!" The dynamic duo then shared their vision of outdoor improvements they hope to raise capital for next year.

The decadent food was catered by our very own local companies Gotta Have It (GHI) Catering and King of Pops. Music was provided by Peter and Alyssa Olson, as well as Parker Smith and George Kotler-Wallace from Guitar Shed.

The Foundation wants to thank all of the generous donors, the wonderful hosts Stephanie and Peter Kruskamp, Principal Briscoe and the hardworking PTA Board. The Foundation especially wants to thank all of members of this year's Board of Trustees: Claire Oates, Amanda Rhein, Emily Newton, Kelly Downs, Lynn Eaton, Kristy Perez, Shari Golla, Matthew Cherry, Stacey Burton White and Jeannie Beckett.

Would you like to join our team? The Board will have FIVE open positions next year and are looking for parents for 2023-2024. Direct message our Facebook group or email [clairecarothers@gmail.com](mailto:clairecarothers@gmail.com).



On Friday, April 28, 2023 from 8:00pm to midnight, Butterfly Ball will kick-off our Festival, and all IPNA members are invited. Remember to renew your membership if it has lapsed ([www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org)) so you'll receive an email invite in late March with instructions for purchasing tickets. Each current IPNA member may purchase 2 tickets; 4 total per household, please.

We're bringing back the Tiki Party theme from the Didn't Happen 2020 Festival, so get ready for an Inman Park Luau! Your \$75 ticket gets you access to two open bars serving complimentary beverages and a fantastic buffet + desserts catered by Bold American Catering. Don't forget to check in at the table on the east (Elizabeth) side of the tent when you arrive, to get your wristband and a lei. Then get ready to dance the night away with the Old 4th Ward Boogie Band!

So dust off out your butterfly gear AND your tropical shirts and grass skirts and we'll see you under the Main Tent on Euclid!



# Inman Park Festival Street Closing and Impacts

Please pay close attention to the street closing and remove your cars from the streets prior to the closing in order to avoid being towed.

Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday:

The following streets/areas will close on Friday, April 28th at 7:00 a.m. and reopen on Sunday, April 30th at 10:00 p.m. Cars must be off the street in this area by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, April 28th or they will be towed:

Euclid Avenue from Elizabeth Street going west to Waverly Way (where it crosses Springvale Park)  
Waverly Way at two areas Popular Circle/ Euclid Ave to the bend in the road (near the Freedom stage) and then again From Euclid Avenue to Edgewood Avenue  
Delta Place along the East side of Delta Park

Waverly Way from Freedom Park bend to Euclid Avenue and from Edgewood to Dekalb (See No Parking)

Elizabeth Street from Lake to Waverly Way and Edgewood to Dekalb  
Hurt Street from Waverly to Euclid and Edgewood to Dekalb  
Druid Circle from Euclid to Dixie  
Spruce Street from Edgewood to Dekalb (see no parking and parade impact)  
Waddell (see no parking and parade impact)

No Parking Zones Saturday and Sunday:

The following resident only access streets will have No Parking Zones on Saturday, April 29th from 3:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 30th, 7:00 p.m.:

Waverly Way No Parking on the Springvale Park side of the street.  
Waddell No parking on the east side of the street (Spruce side)

Spruce No Parking on the east side of the street from Euclid to the driveway of the townhouses/ IP pool.

Parade Closing Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The following will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, April 29th

Please note: it is illegal to drive a golf cart on public streets open to traffic. Festival security will stop any golf cart with an unlicensed driver or anyone driving under the influence.

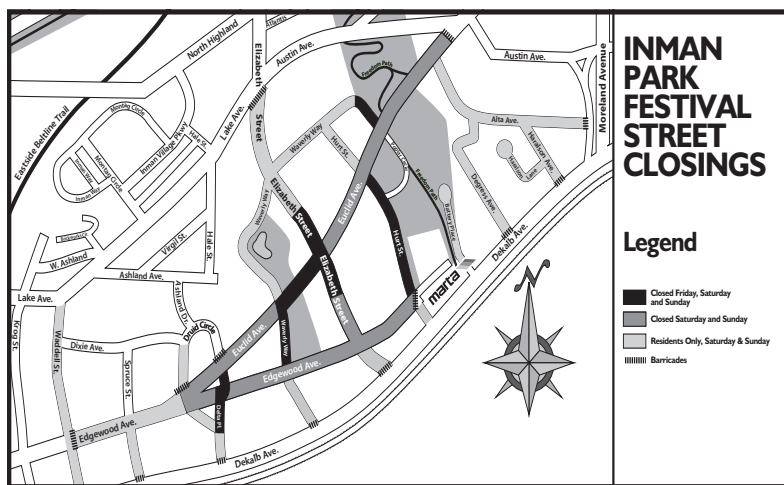
**FESTIVAL GOLF CART POLICIES AND RULES**  
For safety and insurance purposes, the policies and rules established in 2019 regarding Festival Golf Carts remain in effect. See details below:

1. Only official Festival staff carts will be allowed inside the Festival footprint. These carts will all be marked with signs in front and in back for easy recognition.
2. Staff or volunteers in Festival carts should not transport Festival attendees unless there is an emergency of some kind.
3. Festival golf carts will not be checked-out to anyone under 18 years of age or to anyone without a valid driver's license.
4. If you choose to decorate your cart, make sure that the Festival signs on front and back of the cart are clearly visible to the officers and staff. If not, you will be stopped. Please do not use tape or any attachments that will leave residue or marks on the carts.

5. Personally rented carts will not be allowed in the footprint of the Festival during Festival hours. Taking a cart to Butterfly Ball or to Theater Night is fine as it is after Festival hours. If you rent a personal cart and LIVE within the Festival footprint, you will not be allowed to enter or leave your property with your cart during Festival hours. Park it outside of the footprint (if you want to use it during Festival hours) or on your property if you won't be using it.

6. Traffic laws will be enforced by our officers. This means that the driver of a cart, whether Festival staff or not, within the footprint or not, must have a valid driver's license and must not be intoxicated or driving in a dangerous manner. Our officers will stop drivers who, in their discretion, may not be complying with the law.

Please direct any questions to the Chair of the Festival Committee at [inmanparkfestival.org](http://inmanparkfestival.org).



to Edgewood Avenue  
Elizabeth Street from to 144/145 Elizabeth Street to 176/177 Elizabeth Street  
Hurt Street From Euclid Avenue to Poplar Circle

Closed Saturday and Sunday :

In addition to the above closures, starting Saturday, April 29th at 3:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 30th at 10:00 p.m. the following streets will close:

Euclid Avenue from Austin to Edgewood  
Edgewood Avenue from Hurt Street to Druid Circle (west side closest to Spruce)  
Elizabeth Street from Euclid to Edgewood  
Hurt Street from Euclid to Edgewood

Important note: The street closings above are the main festival footprint. Cars must be off the street in these areas by 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29th or they will be towed. If you need access to your car Saturday, please relocate it outside the closed areas.

Resident Only Access Saturday and Sunday: The following streets are closed with resident only access starting Saturday, April 29th at 3:00 a.m. to Sunday April 30th at 7:00 p.m. Note: You may be asked to provide ID to enter these streets with a car:

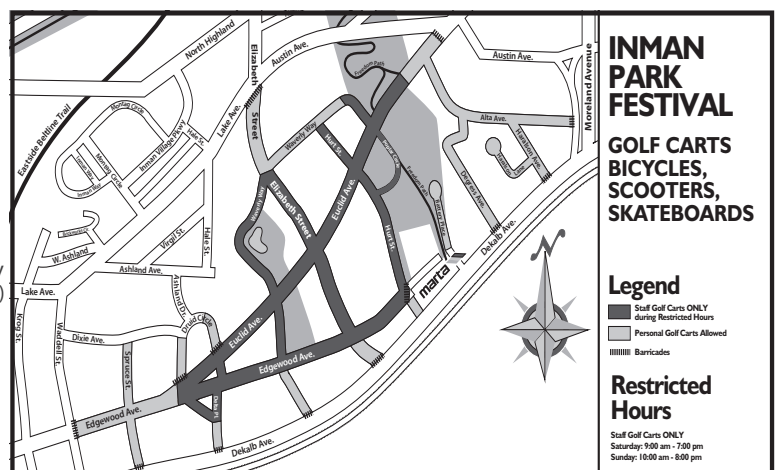
Alta Avenue  
Haralson Ave  
Haralson Lane  
Degress Avenue  
Battery Place

from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Edgewood from Krog to Wadell  
Waddell Street  
Spruce from Edgewood to Dekalb

One Way Street Saturday and Sunday

The street below will run one way on Saturday, April 29th from 3:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 30th, 10:00 p.m.  
Krog one way from Lake Avenue toward Edgewood

Transportation Inside the Festival Footprint – Personal Golf Carts, Skateboards, Scooters, and Bicycles  
Personal Golf carts, skateboards, scooters and bicycles are not allowed in the Inman Park Festival footprint during Festival hours. Personal golf carts will be allowed on Friday night (April 28nd) for Butterfly Ball and Saturday night (April 29rd) after 7 pm for Theater Night.



# Kitty Dare



**ALFRESCO SEASON IS NEAR**

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# IP Fest Parade Grand Marshalls: Gretchen and Bruce Maclachlan!

By Karen Heim • ipfestivalparade@gmail.com

Gretchen and Bruce Maclachlan stumbled upon Inman Park in 1972 while on house/job search. Butterfly banners flying from magnificently decayed mansions caught their eye. A short conversation with an early “gentrifier” explained the meaning of the Butterfly. “This is us” and “we can do this” were immediate thoughts for both of them.

In January 1973, the Maclachlans closed on their house at 226 Elizabeth Street. By March, with two-year-old daughter Jessica and Persian cat Alistair in tow, they moved from their apartment on Manhattan’s Upper West Side into their new home. It was divided into seven rental units, still partially occupied. Inman Park Festival No. 2 took them completely by surprise when it arrived with a crash and a bang on the last Saturday in April. At that moment, they realized “Inman Park is not a normal neighborhood.”

Gretchen worked first as a staffer at Southern Regional Council and then embarked on a long career teaching and doing research at Clark Atlanta University. Full appreciation of the irreplaceable contributions to our nation from people

of color, full inclusion of African American citizens in American life, and racial justice were and still are her lifelong passions. Bruce worked as a Honda motorcycle salesman, real estate salesperson, Atlanta Public School teacher, and is now a responsible Inman Park apartment owner, renovator and landlord. Jessica attended Atlanta public schools, graduated magna cum laude from Colby College and is now Owner/Principal Broker of Salt Water Real Estate in Hilo, HI. All three have been volunteers for Inman Park over the years. Gretchen has the distinction of being the first woman to serve as President of IPNA. Bruce gained some notoriety after being arrested as a Road Buster protester in Shadyside Park in 1985. Alistair the Cat is properly interred in the backyard at 226 Elizabeth Street.

Fifty years later, Gretchen and Bruce are still here. Their mantra: “You have to love the process.” The neighborhood “loves their process” and with a “crash and bang,” honor them as Inman Park Festival Parade Grand Marshals on the last Saturday in April 2023.

## This is not an article about volunteering...

...it's about putting yourself out there. About being extra in the 'hood. About showing off to your neighbors and the rest of the world just how talented and ingeniously inventive you are! C’mon, you celebrities and celebrity look-alikes, you leaf blower brigade wannabes, you reality

showboats, you jokers, queens, and beer generals...bring it...get the attention you deserve. 100 percent. It’s on Sat., April 29th; parade application due by April 22nd.

CASH PRIZES of \$500/1st, \$300/2nd and \$100/3rd.  
For details and an application, check out [inmanparkfestival.org/events/parade](http://inmanparkfestival.org/events/parade).

## Doggo the Month: Lily



What is an English Labrador thinking about?  
Food.



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# Springvale Park Update: Mardi Gras Volunteer Days

By Beau Weidman • g.weidman@comcast.net>

Thanks so much to all the volunteers who lived up Springvale Park during the Mardi Gras Days. Children got in on the planting. shrubs were mulched, pinestraw islands replenished, brush was cleared and trash was removed throughout SVP.



Spring is blooming at Springvale. The P.J.M. and Olga M. purple rhododendrons blossomed in March. They were early indicators of springtime. Shrubs and bulb plants that reliably bloomed during past festivals should be on track to blossom this festival. Newly planted Bluebell Hyacinths should flower in April. They'll be closely followed by the evergreen, Piedmont and Austrinum azaleas. Festival is a wonderful and colorful time in SVP but let's work to make it a year-round gem.

There are ongoing opportunities for volunteering in the park by joining the Waverly Waterers. You don't have to live in the Wave Condo or be a Waverly resident to join this group. Heat and drought come with the rest of Atlanta's environment and they can kill vulnerable shrubs. Just bring a gallon milk jug to fill from the pond and sign up for an area. You can also join SVP maintenance visits. Email me if you are interested. Otherwise, see you during the Oktoberfest Volunteer Days.

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## Festival: A Time for Dance

By Carolyn Stine McLaughlin • csmclaughlin@gmail.com

There are two outstanding events that are dance-centric during our beloved Festival; Butterfly Ball and the Inman Park Dance Festival. The first I will definitely attend because each year it affords me the opportunity to relive the clubbin' days of my youth, but this article is about the latter. For the 21st time, the Inman Park Dance Festival will present dance companies in the only free-admission program in

the Southeast that presents both classical ballet and modern dance, and which pays its performers. This may not sound unique, but I assure you it is.



This year's performance will be in The Trolley Barn on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 pm. The companies will perform the same high-quality and family friendly program each day. For 2023 there will be five organizations presenting work: Ballethnic,

Full Radius Dance, The Georgia Ballet, ImmerseATL and Movement Arts Atlanta. Ballethnic will bring to the stage a new duet which is entitled Quiet Storm. The piece is by 2021 Guggenheim Fellow, Christopher Huggins. It deals with the contrasts of dark and light and perseverance through the fragility of life. Full Radius will perform two works for the festival: an excerpt from Peter, Alice & Dorothy and You Were Once Wild Here. The excerpt is from the company's full-length evening which explores physical disabilities in classic children's literature. The second work is FRD's commission for A Time with Isadora and uses the work of modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan and the visual art of Abraham Walkowitz as its basis. The Georgia Ballet will bring their outstanding ballet technical skill to the program by performing the Act III Pas de Deux from Coppélia. This

choreography by Maris Petipa from the late 1800s will be performed by two of the company's emerging artists and celebrates the wedding of the main characters.

More emerging artists will join the program with a piece performed by ImmerseATL. This organization is a training and mentoring program for young contemporary artists. This company will present a collaborative work created by well-known Atlanta artists Ann Bracewell Crowder, Sarah Hillmer and George Staib. The show will have a group of offerings from Movement Arts Atlanta which are a part of A Time with Isadora, the year-long project we have been working on which integrates historic dance works, new choreography, visual art, photography and filmmaking. The project's historic dance works, Narcissus (1904) by Isadora Duncan and a suite of dances from José Limón's Dances for Isadora (1971) will be performed, as will Beauty Through Mattus, my piece created for the project. The dance festival will be the final performance of the historic works as part of the project, as their licensure will come to an end. We will also have on display the visual artworks that are connected to the project.



So, after we get to dance together at Butterfly Ball, I hope that you will make the time in your busy Festival schedule to spend some more time with me in the Trolley Barn experiencing some of the beauty, artistry and skill that the Atlanta dance community has to offer.

# IPNA Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2023

Inman Park Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes 03/15/2023  
7:30 pm Trolley Barn and Zoom  
Attendees  
- Virtual: 38 on Zoom  
- In Person: total 34 (27 residents, 7 board members)  
Welcome/Introduction of newcomers  
3 new members:  
- Colleen from Waverly, May 2000  
- Jacob Hunter, opened the Daily  
- Cindy Stone, bought in December 2022  
Police officers' report  
City of Atlanta Police  
- Car break ins on DeKalb Ave lead this area in crime  
- Catalytic converter stolen  
- Car thefts are on the rise. The defects in the Kias and Hyundais make them especially vulnerable to theft.  
Inman Park Security Patrol  
- Patrol truck is back in commission. Residents can expect to see more of it.  
- A new officer has been hired, and officer hours have increased.

Minutes of last meeting  
No opposition to minutes from last month's meeting.  
Announcements  
Porch Party-March Party Friday, March 31 at Bruce and Gretchen's. 226 Elizabeth Street. Bring a dish and join.  
Butterfly Award -Nominations  
GSU PhD Student (Joy) announces thesis project on Lizzie Chapel Working on dissertation that examines neighborhood churches across Atlanta  
Seeking people to interview for Lizzie Chapel stories and/or about living in Inman Park  
Fetch Pets announces their pet walking/sitting business  
Inman Park Festival Volunteers are needed. 36% of volunteer slots are waiting to be filled.  
Electrical poles have been going up for the Festival.  
Festival merchandise will be available for pre-sale at the next meeting.  
Renew your IPNA membership

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Deadline for reservations is March 31, 2023.

Mail your payment by check, payable to "Friends of Inman Park", to:  
Marie Wooldridge, 1082 Austin Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307  
Please email iptheatreight@gmail.com with any questions.



Unable to attend? Donations in any amount are welcome.

# IPNA Meeting Minutes (con't from page 11)

so that you can purchase your Butterfly Ball tickets, available starting April 1st.

- Anna K's Open House  
Located on 772 Edgewood, kitty corner from Bocca Lupa.  
Grand Opening Event on Saturday from 10:30AM - 1PM. Local vendors, coffee, donuts, candles, ceramics, and art.
- The Daily - Opened on Monday, March 13.  
Jacob Hunter, the owner, lives in the neighborhood, and is excited to open his second location in Inman.  
Their ethos: support local, women, minority owned businesses.  
Is donating coffee vouchers for the Tour of Homes.
- IPNA: asks that Jacob help manage trucks that sometimes block the view on DeKalb for the safety of cars and foot traffic. Jacob has asked his vendors to be mindful, and asks that if anyone sees any issues, to please let him know.
- Mental Well-Being for the Creative Mind
  - Launching on March 30th, Collen will be offering seminars and 1:1 coaching for Mental Well Being for the Creative mind
  - Focuses on Time Management, where she has seen the most stress for creatives
  - For more information, see this month's Advocate
- Cut Through Waverly to the Park
  - The residents are looking to deter theft and will be installing cameras Elected officials' reports
  - Jonathan Harris, Community Engagement Manager and liaison for Commissioner Natalie Hall and IPNA
  - Here to help communicate community needs to Commissioner Hall
  - Senior Beltline Tour will occur at March 24. This includes a guided tour and bus ride through the Beltline.
  - Contact at: 404-612-8259 office 404-822-9165 mobile  
Jonathan.harris@fultoncountyga.gov
- IPNA Officers' Reports President
  - Nominating Committee -Call for nominations to IPNA Board
  - VP Safety, Treasurer, and Historic Preservation positions will be open next year
  - If you are interested, please email our Nominating Committee
- Historic Preservation
  - Villa de Grip Update -Vote on lawsuit to protect Historic

Preservation Guidelines

- UDC Board had supported the compability rule, but the UDC voted against it
- Historic Preservation Committee and the IPNA Board had voted for the lawsuit against the city and the UDC
- Regina Brewer, led the effort to get Inman to be a Historic District
- Villa de Grip has been under works for the past 5 years
- Overall, it has been collaborative process and the design is well liked
- Per the UDC, the two new buildings - the multi-family building and the office building - are not subject to the compatibility rule, but Inman Park Historic Preservation Committee feels otherwise.
- The office building is designed to be 36 ft tall, 12 feet taller than the compatibility guidelines.
- Because Commission voted against our compatibility rule, if we do not file a lawsuit now, we are setting precedent for other construction to violate our compatibility guidelines.
- The property will be regraded to create an underground parking deck. This will cause the building to appear taller than 36 ft.
- Q: Are there alternatives to an expensive lawsuit? A: There is none, per the ordinance.
- Adam: the wording in the ordinance is ambiguous and leaves room for interpretation. Where there is ambiguity, the city will favor the applicant. There is nothing to stop the applicant from applying for a variance. 10 years ago, something similar happened with a cell tower in Little Five, and they spent \$20K to no avail. Would like to see the money spent on the community.
- Q: Why hasn't the City law department weighed in? A: City law department was contacted but not forthcoming with any information.
- Matt: Similar to Adam, has researched the ordinance and found ambiguities. Believes that the block should be zoned similar to its neighbors on the Beltline. Would like to support density.
- Sally Dorn: Believes that the ordinance is clear. It took a long time to get historic zoning, and need to protect it. Today the law says that there should be compatibility. And its time to put money where our mouths are.
- Deb: Is there a legal line in the budget? A: No. It was removed

from the budget in 2022. It will be added back in September. Q: Is there a risk that the applicant will sue us? A: No, we are suing the City.

- Cathy: Did not add a second story to her home to comply with Sub-Area 1. Does not see a reason to not support what we had as a precedent for 20 years.
- Diana; Supports the preservation and maintenance of everything historic. Is a certified mediator for the City of Georgia and will volunteer her services at no cost. Was any mediation or arbitration considered? A: Not an option for the city, but is one for the applicant. Prior to the Matt Adam's decision, the designs were not an issue.
- Helen: Counts on the IPNA to protect the value of our properties. Feels like businesses are creeping into the neighborhood.
- Bob: If we don't sue in this situation, what happens? A: If precedence occurs, we cannot file a lawsuit.
- A suit has already been filed and the board has voted to spend \$5K for part of the fee. The board is asking for another \$5K tonight just to pay for filing the lawsuit.
- Jeff: Was just involved in raising \$30K for the neighborhood. It took a lot of work, money, and time. Believes that this money can be applied to better things in the neighborhood.
- Member: It's not just the height. It's traffic, congestion, and blocking the Beltline and Freedom Trail entrance.
- Bobbi: Believes that we should protect the boundaries.
- Mario: Lives across the street from Villa de Grip. Reluctantly wants to uphold the compatibility rules.
- Vy: Can the applicant still apply for a variance after the lawsuit? A: Yes. But unlikely to be passed.
- Bob: it is not a Villa de Grip issue, it's to use the legal system to our benefit.
- If we already spent the \$5K, if the votes tonight are not approved, the lawsuit goes on no matter what. But our ability to move forward will be impacted.
- Dana Armor: the developer. One sticking issue: the 35 or 36 ft office building. Has been an owner in Inman since 2009. Has been served and will be defending himself in this lawsuit. Will be spending upwards of \$50K on his end fighting. Has followed

due process - has worked with the neighborhood, has done everything they could to work with the neighborhood to reach resolution. UDC voted in favor. Would like to put his money back in the neighborhood, would rather donate to the neighborhood rather than fight this lawsuit.

Vote:

- Motion made to support lawsuit with \$25K and seconded. Motion carries.
- Votes in favor: 82
- Votes opposed: 20
- Votes abstained: 2

Zoning

- Application for a liquor license from Scott Kerns proposing to open The Baxter, where Cold Brew once was. Will be similar to Hampton and Hudson's, a neighborhood bar.
- Motion to approve. Motion carries.
- Votes in favor: 45
- Votes against: 2

Planning

- Beltline Rail Committee Update
  - 2 weeks ago had a meeting with 20 committee members
  - Focusing on generating a list of design parameter
- Lake Ave Sidewalk Improvements Update
  - Have a contractor, working on permitting, will be working on neighbor buy-in starting after festival
- Treasurer
  - No updates
- Communications
  - No updates
- Public Safety
  - City holds Neighborhood Watch Training session that APD Crime Prevention will be hosting
  - Saturday March 25 from 9-1PM, lunch provided. Register by March 22 at <https://www.atlantapd.org/about-apd/2023-neighborhood-watch-training>
- Secretary
  - Volunteer Fair was great. Thanks to all the committee members who showed up, and even greater thanks to the volunteers who signed up.

NPU Report

- The Baxter- Liquor license Vote
- Committee Reports
- Festival
- Transportation
- Freedom Park Conservancy
- Springvale Park Cmte
- Education
- Filing
- Old business/New business
- Adjourn



# The Inman Park Festival Needs You!

**Who:** You and all your neighbors!

**What:** Sign up for a volunteer shift (or three!) - more info. below

**When:** April 28th - 30th

**Where:** Our neighborhood

**Why:** Festival is volunteer driven and all proceeds benefit the Inman Park Neighborhood Association. These funds go towards neighborhood improvements to parks, sidewalks, local schools and nonprofits.

## *About volunteer shifts:*

- ✂ Each shift is 2 hours
- ✂ There are various options: trash, Tour of Homes, beer sales, water, cleanup before and after, booth check-in, etc.
- ✂ You get a free Inman Park Volunteer t-shirt! And the pride of helping your community! We will also provide you with a butterfly decal that indicates you volunteered.
- ✂ A free beer for adults during Festival
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For more information, go to [tinyurl.com/InmanParkVolunteer](https://tinyurl.com/InmanParkVolunteer)

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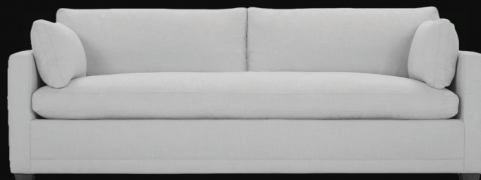
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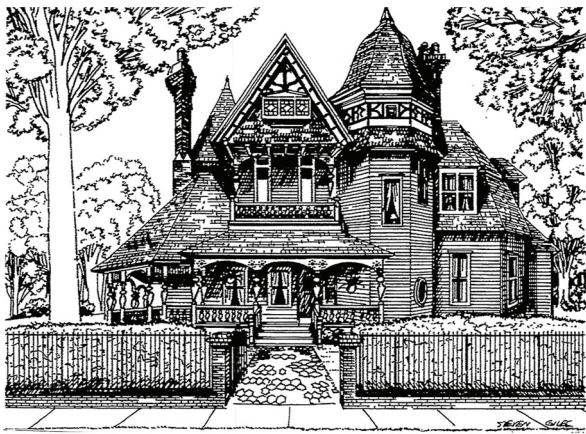


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