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## Humans of Inman Park

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### Jamie Allen

Jamie Allen, resident of Inman Park since 2006, refers to his home as “Tom Clancy” because of its flat-top haircut (roof), square head and jaw (general house shape), aviator sunglasses (windows), with the door serving as the nose forming the house’s character features. This “code name” is used to describe the headquarters of Squirrel Census, Allen’s science-inspired project that has most asking, “what is it?”

“This is my favorite question,” said Allen, “because it lets me know that we’re making people think a little bit. At its heart, the Squirrel Census is exactly that — a community science project. We count Eastern gray squirrels and present our findings to the public in the form of pretty reports and fun events.”

In 2012, Allen and his team performed their first Inman Park Squirrel Census, counting all the squirrels in the neighborhood. In 2015, they recounted.

“We estimated in the second count that 928 squirrels live in Inman Park — a healthy and steady population. We use a wildlife counting methodology to arrive at our numbers; it’s rigorous and scientific. We have also counted other parks and areas, and later this year we’re planning a trip to New York City. We will count all the squirrels in Central Park, then present our findings to the city and its citizens,” said Allen.

Allen describes the project as “storytelling.” Telling a story through all forms of media including print, the web (squirrelcensus.com), video, social media, live presentation, etc.

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Lucy Rice is the *Advocator* intern for the 2017-2018 School Year. She has contributed behind the scenes, without the reader knowing, since August. She has participated in editing articles, designing the layout, and doing final proofing. As her Capstone project for her *Advocator* internship, I challenged her to do something



meaningful for the community. That’s when her idea for “Humans of Inman Park” was born! She attended the December 2018 IPNA meeting at the Trolley Barn to ask for volunteers to be interviewed for her project. Over 40 people signed up, giving her the difficult task of choosing just a few to be featured. Interviews took place in January and this is her final publication. Congrats to Lucy for contributing to the *Advocator* and being an important part of our staff this year. The next internship will begin in August 2018 and requests from rising high school juniors and seniors to be considered for the position can be sent to [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org).

Lucy Rice is a senior at Grady High School. She is editor-in-chief of Grady’s arts and culture magazine, *Nexus*. Lucy loves Inman Park and its community. Lucy plans to attend Wake Forest University in the fall to study journalism.

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# In Memoriam

**Fairies Pickett**

*Of Waverly Way*

No one ever dies when there are people who remember them.

## 2018 Inman Park Book Club

Meets @ 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of most months.  
Most book selections are available at our neighborhood bookstore, A Capella, 208 Haralson Ave. in Inman Park.  
Shop local!

**Mar  
27**

*Born a Crime*  
by Trevor Noah  
Stephanie Sherman, 936 Austin Avenue

**April**

*No book club in April!  
Volunteer for Festival instead!*



*the next*

## Porch Party

**March 30 • 7:30 p.m.**

**At the home of  
Ashley & Brett Lauter,  
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and your favorite beverage to enjoy.

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**February 2018**

Directed Patrol: .....	405
Drop Ins: .....	44
Susp. Person: .....	4
Alarm: .....	1
Drugs: .....	1
Burglar in residence: .....	1 (was not a burglar)

## Other Happenings to Note

### ***"Freaky Friday" at the Horizon Theatre***

March 9 – April 22 • Horizon Theatre • [horizontheatre.com](http://horizontheatre.com)

When an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again before mom's big wedding. Freaky Friday, a new musical based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the two hit Disney movies, is a hilarious and heartfelt update of an American classic in which a mother and daughter really see what it takes to be a family when they experience each other's lives first-hand for just one freaky Friday. Ticketed.

### ***History's Witnesses: Trees of Midtown***

March 23 • 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. • Meet at 713 Peachtree Street NW • [treesatlanta.org](http://treesatlanta.org)

Join Trees Atlanta during your lunch break for a mile-long walking tour and learn about Midtown's legacy in trees. The tour will start at the Midtown MARTA station and end at the North Avenue MARTA station. Tour will be held rain or shine. Free but a \$5 donation is suggested. E-mail [dave@treesatlanta.org](mailto:dave@treesatlanta.org) for questions.

### ***Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt***

March 31 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • Callanwolde Fine Arts Center • [callanwolde.org](http://callanwolde.org)

Eggstravaganza features candy eggs to find (including three golden "prize" eggs), and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. There are four hunts depending on the age of the child. There are also baked goods for sale, a "cake walk", face painting, carnival games, and spring-themed arts and crafts for kids. Bring your basket and your camera for a fun family day. Buy tickets online. \$5

### ***Bacon Fest 2018! Annual Fundraiser for Dad's Garage***

March 31 • 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Dad's Garage, 569 Ezzard St. • [baconfestatl.com](http://baconfestatl.com)

Atlanta's outrageously savory annual event, BaconFest, is set to return in 2018 to our home at 569 Ezzard Street, just off of Edgewood Avenue in the Old Fourth Ward. We urge bacon-lovers to keep that date open and their attention locked on Dad's as the innovative, comedic crew will be revealing juicy details in the coming weeks about the 2017 meaty extravaganza. Ticketed.

### ***Atlanta Film Festival***

April 13 – April 22 • Times and venues vary • [atlantafilmfestival.com](http://atlantafilmfestival.com)

The Atlanta Film Festival is a membership-based 501(c)(3) arts non-profit with a mission to lead the community in creative and cultural discovery through the moving image. Atlanta Film Festival (ATLFF) is the area's preeminent celebration of cinema. One of only two dozen Academy Award-qualifying events in the country, the Atlanta Film Festival showcases over 150 films annually to more than 27,000 attendees across a ten day event each spring. Ticketed.

### ***Oakland Cemetery Spring Plant Sale***

April 14 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • Oakland Cemetery • [oaklandcemetery.com](http://oaklandcemetery.com)

Come down to Oakland Cemetery's Beaumont Allen Greenhouse and pick from a wide range of blooms, heirloom specimens, and unique plants during the Spring Plant Sale. All proceeds from the Spring Plant Sale benefit Historic Oakland Foundation's gardens team. Cash, check, and credit card accepted.

### ***Inman Park Festival***

April 27 - 29 • [inmanparkfestival.org](http://inmanparkfestival.org)

During the last full weekend in April each year, Inman Park proudly presents Atlanta's best festival, according to the Creative Loafing Best of Atlanta 2017 Awards! The 2018 Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes takes place on Saturday, April 28 & Sunday, April 29 with a Tour of Homes preview on Friday, April 27. You can get involved by applying for your group to march in the parade, volunteering your time, or purchasing tickets to the Tour of Homes. It is a not-for-profit festival so you can be sure that you are also helping the neighborhood at the same time you enjoy the best weekend of the year!

## IPNA Calendar

Mar  
21

**IPNA Meeting**  
Trolley Barn  
7:30 p.m.

Mar  
22

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

Mar  
27

**Book Club**  
See page 4 for details

Mar  
30

**Porch Party**  
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April  
18

**IPNA Meeting**  
Trolley Barn  
7:30 p.m.

April  
22

**Butterfly and  
Flower Stroll**  
A Family Event  
Springvale Park  
4:00 p.m.

April  
26

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

April  
27-29

**Inman Park Festival**

May  
1

**Opening Day**  
Inman Park Pool

# Humans of Inman Park

## continued

“We blur the lines between fact and fiction. For instance, we sell t-shirts featuring anthropomorphic squirrels, and when the team appears in a public setting, we sometimes play caricatures of ourselves. This entertains some people, and it confuses others. They ask, “Wait, is this real?” Yes, it is real. Some people say we are like a Wes Anderson movie that has come to life, which I like. But it should also be noted that we are the ones writing the story as it unfolds in real time. We are the authors of our destiny, in other words,” Allen said.



Allen’s relationship with the neighborhood has grown stronger because of his project. Through the years of counting squirrels around Inman Park, he has attracted attention from neighbors curious of his mission.

“When we performed our first Census, in 2012, no one in the neighborhood had any idea what we were doing. When curious people asked, and we told them, they didn’t really believe us. One of our volunteers was stopped five separate times and questioned by Atlanta Police and Inman Park Security Patrol. I think they just couldn’t understand why someone would want to count squirrels. In 2015, when we performed our second Census, word had gotten out, and residents were constantly stopping volunteers and saying hello. Sometimes they let us into their backyards, told us squirrel stories, and offered us drinks. Local businesses have also been very generous in their support,” Allen said.

In 2016, the first Squirrel Ball was held at the Trolley Barn.

Neighbors gathered to support Allen and his team for his unusual, yet extraordinary project. Allen is grateful for the support he has received from the Inman Park neighborhood.

“It has been rewarding for us to experience this support, to say the least — and it’s a reminder that this is a community project designed, in part, to get people involved in their neighborhood. It seems to be working! We’re extremely grateful to all the people who have stepped up to help us acknowledge the Eastern gray squirrel. And yet, we have a lot more work to do. The story continues ...”

### Ken and Karen Taber

Ken and Karen Taber, both part of the Peachtree Roller and Travel club at the time, were roller skating one April night in 1987 when they discovered the neighborhood of Inman Park.



*Karen and Ken Taber take on a home renovation in Inman Park*



“It was the night before the Inman Park Festival and they were setting up. I thought it was kind of neat, but I didn’t think much about it. I looked over and Karen’s eyes just lit up,” said Ken Taber.

In search of a new home, the Tabers decided to look at houses in



their recent discovery, Inman Park. When showed a bungalow built in 1905 representative of the Arts and Craft movement, they saw more than a home, but a project.

“Our realtor, when showing us the house, basically called it a mess. We were told it would be a huge renovation, and it was,” said Karen.

The Tabers have transformed the house completely from gutting the entire kitchen to knocking down walls. The process took many years, taking on new projects within the home one by one.

“The kitchen came first. We got tired of washing our dishes in a bathtub pretty fast,” said Ken.

Although the house has made a complete transformation since 1920, Karen shares a story of an unexpected visitor who stumbled across the home from memory.

“One day we got a knock on the door and it was a woman who said she had previously lived in the home. She told us a story about how the house used to have glass door knobs that as a child she just loved. She said she thought they were diamonds,” Karen explained. “All of a sudden,” Ken got up and brought a box from the shed. He had saved the knobs. We all lost it. We were all sobbing.”

The Tabers keep the stories of the house alive by logging everything they know about the house in a thick book. The book also holds many pictures of their memories within the house such as Ken tearing down walls and Karen hammering nails.

Over the last 30 years, the Tabers have seen the neighborhood experience many changes; some good, some not so great.

“We’ve lost a lot of local restaurants. Restaurants with character. Before Flying Biscuit, it was the Atomic Cafe, a neighborhood hangout owned by a blind man named Scott. The waitress was really surly. A place like that couldn’t survive today,” said Ken. “It’s losing its diversity. It used to be affordable,” Karen added.

The value of the home has steadily increased as Inman Park has become more well known and desirable. The Tabers never expected their property value to appreciate so much.

“When we bought our house, we thought we’d never recoup our expenses or even break even. Now a little bungalow like ours is going for a million dollars,” said Ken.

The couple finds humor in outsiders coming into the neighborhood post-gentrification.

“It’s always funny hearing people at Krog Street say “I didn’t know there were neighborhoods downtown,” said Karen.

### **Vicki Rafferty**

Vicki Rafferty has spent the last ten years in Inman Park, exploring the area by foot. The accessibility that the neighborhood provides makes this action a simple choice.

“Living in Inman Park has made it much easier to get around. Along with all of the businesses in Inman Park that I walk to, the BeltLine has made it very easy to travel out of our neighborhood. It’s a quick trip to Ponce City Market, Trader Joe’s, Inman



*Vicki pictured with husband Shawn Rafferty.*

and Grady. I travel a lot by foot or bike, so living here is very convenient,” said Rafferty.

Rafferty received her teaching degree at Michigan State, not far from her hometown, Beaverton. When moving to Atlanta, Rafferty knew she wanted to be involved in education in some way, leading her to a profession as a substitute teacher at Mary Lin Elementary School.

“Working at Mary Lin Elementary regularly as a substitute teacher in the past has strengthened my views of the school. Our family always loved the Mary Lin community as our kids were attending. Once I began subbing there on a regular basis I was able to see and experience much more of the staff than when our kids were attending,” said Rafferty.

Rafferty’s biggest reward working at Mary Lin was the community that came along with it.

“There are many outstanding folks working at Mary Lin - teachers, administration, and support staff that work so hard every day to make Mary Lin the wonderful school it is. The staff at Mary Lin, along with the parents and students, is a very caring bunch as a whole,” said Rafferty.

Out of all the benefits of Inman Park, living in a historic home has caused challenges. Built in 1908, the foursquare-designed home with little renovations is filled with surprises.

“We’re always discovering something - newspapers stuffed in the chimney from the 1960’s to help keep the drafts out, faulty wiring with lights hooked into the smoke alarm, dryer vents venting into the walls. The list goes on and on.”

Stumbling across complications within a century-old home is worth it to Rafferty, who cherishes her unified community more than anything.

“We wouldn’t trade it though. We always have that hope that someday we will actually do that renovation we’ve been planning since purchasing the house,” said Rafferty. **M**



# Festival Focus

## “Get Ready for the Biggest Ball Ever”

### 2018 Butterfly Ball, Dance the Night Away

By THEA M. QUILLIAN • BUTTERFLY BALL CHAIR 2018


2018 Festival planning is underway, and so is the planning for our yearly kick off extravaganza, Butterfly Ball.

Butterfly Ball will be Friday night, April 27th from 8 p.m. to Midnight in the big tent on Euclid Avenue. The tent is located on Euclid overlooking Springdale Park between Elizabeth and Waverly. Tickets are \$65 per person. You will notice a cost increase this year, the first in over five years. The increase will enable you to enjoy more music and entertainment. The band and entertainment will start at 8 p.m. and continue throughout the evening. The price increase also gives you the opportunity to enjoy an open bar.

This year get ready to eat, drink, party with neighbors and most importantly dance. Bogey and The Viceroy will be back to start the live music earlier and play longer. We're not giving them a chance for a break (well maybe a little one). Inman Parkers love to dance and the longer the better.

Bold American Catering will once again be providing us with wonderful dinner choices for everyone, including our beloved vegetarians. As the evening continues we will have delicious desserts for your enjoyment. This year we will have an open bar, yes you heard me right an open bar. We have done away with the pesky drink tickets. The only additional charge will be for bottles of wine. You will only need cash for tipping.

What to wear? Historically the Ball has always been a semi-formal affair. We only do this once a year. Get dressed up, strut your stuff, show your style and flair. Each year is better than the last so go ahead and dress to the nines.

As you know, this event has historically sold out every year and lately within the first week. All IPNA members will soon receive an email invite via the website with instructions about purchasing tickets. You can purchase two (2) tickets per individual or a maximum four (4) per household. Since we are all Inman Park residents with a neighborhood website, I encourage each and every household to sign up at [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org). 

## Volunteer

*Neighbors like you – and about 900 others – are what make Festival happen! Most shifts are only two hours and there are several activities from which to choose. And you even get a cool t-shirt (if you don't already have one) and complimentary beer. Visit the Inman Park Festival page on*

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*<http://signup.com/go/LQ1qm7> *

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If you live in Inman Park, you have the opportunity to buy your own tour tickets for \$15 as a thank you from the Festival Committee to the hundreds of neighborhood volunteers who make Festival possible. This price is only available – cash or check only -- at the March & April IPNA meetings (March 21 and April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Barn) or from select neighbors' residences around the 'hood:

- Jan & Windell Keith at 889 Edgewood Avenue (404-688-7330)
- Pat & Richard Westrick at 835 Ashland Avenue (404-388-6466)
- Carol & Ben Mitchell at 1107 Austin Avenue (404-659-2579)
- Regina Brewer and Joe Castellano - 177 Elizabeth Street (404-273-5486)

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Available from noon on Friday through Sunday afternoon for cash, check, or card at:

- the businesses listed above
- the main IPNA sales booth, where Elizabeth Street meets Euclid Avenue
- the MARTA booth at the intersection of Edgewood and Hurt 





## STREET CLOSINGS FESTIVAL 2018

It's that time of the year again. Festival will be here on April 27th, 28th and 29th, 2018.

*For the convenience of the tents and food vendors, the following streets will be closed, starting on FRIDAY, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. until SUNDAY, April 29th, at 11:00 p.m.*

**Euclid Avenue** from Elizabeth Street west to Waverly Way

**Waverly Way** at Poplar Circle and Euclid Avenue to the bend

**Delta Place** along the East side of Delta Park to Edgewood Avenue

**Hurt Street** from Euclid Avenue to Edgewood Avenue

**Elizabeth Street** from Euclid Avenue to Edgewood Avenue

**Waverly Way** from Euclid Avenue to Edgewood Avenue

\*Residents with vehicles parked on these streets will need to move their vehicles prior to the street closings. Failure to do so could result in the vehicle being towed. If you have a car in your driveway or garage and plan to use it during Festival hours, please relocate your vehicle off of these streets prior to Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

*The following streets will be closed Saturday, April 28th, at 5:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 29th, at 7:00 p.m.:*

**Euclid Avenue** between Austin Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

**Edgewood Avenue** between Hurt Street and Waddell Street

**Elizabeth Street** between DeKalb Avenue and Lake Avenue

**Waverly Way** between DeKalb Avenue and Euclid Avenue, past Euclid Avenue to Elizabeth Street, past Elizabeth Street and back to Euclid Avenue

**Delta Place** between DeKalb Avenue and Edgewood Avenue

**Waddell Street** between Edgewood Avenue and Lake Avenue

**Alta Avenue** between Euclid Avenue and Moreland Avenue

**Degress Avenue** between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue

**Harralson Avenue** between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue

**Battery Place** at DeKalb Avenue

**Krog Street from Lake Avenue** going towards and up to Edgewood will be one-way traffic

*The following streets will be closed for the parade on Saturday, April 28th:*

From 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th, to stage the Parade, Edgewood Avenue will be closed at Krog Street, and Waddell Street will be closed to all traffic, from Lake Avenue to Edgewood Avenue.

Waddell Street will have parking on ONE SIDE ONLY and is marked as "RESIDENTS ONLY." Access will be limited. Because our Festival Bus route is going through Waddell, only residents with ID/or proof of residency can enter and park on Waddell. This will be strictly enforced. Residents are asked to use Ashland and Dixie to access their homes.

**The Festival Committee and staff are very conscious of the effort residents put forth to accommodate these closings and we appreciate your enduring the inconvenience to help make this weekend a great success!**






# Festival Focus

## C'mon Along and Cavalcade in the Parade on April 28

BY KAREN HEIM • PARADE ORGANIZER  
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Not all of us can be on the front page of the Advocate like Neil, being all pithy and punny. But there IS the perfect opportunity to show your neighbors (and the rest of the world!) just how clever and creative you are! Bring your best self onto the Parade "runway" and show everyone your je ne sais quoi! Bring your genius innovation and visionary skills to the Parade... YOU CAN DO IT...promenade your bad selves, show your sass and enter the Parade! The first prize winner will receive \$500. The Parade is Saturday, April 28th; applications are due by April 14th. Details at [inmanparkfestival.org/events/parade](http://inmanparkfestival.org/events/parade). 

## Breakfast is Served!

BY SARAH ADAIR, OFFICE MANAGER • INMAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • 404-522-9322

Come sit back, relax, and let IPUMC serve you! Don't mess up your kitchens, come connect with us over a family-style breakfast before heading out to enjoy the Inman Park Festival!

The fellowship hall will open for hungry guests from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at \$10 per person (\$5 for kids 6 and under) or \$40 for families of 5 or more. Enjoy coffee and breakfast at your neighborhood church! All proceeds go to our SERVE Team. Everyone is welcome!

Festival Sunday, April 29th is Serve Sunday at Inman Park United Methodist Church! We do not have regular services that day but instead raise money for future service projects. 

## Time to Order Festival Cupcakes!

BY SARAH ADAIR, OFFICE MANAGER • INMAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • 404-522-9322

It's time to start preordering cupcakes for the 2018 Inman Park Festival! Inman Park Church's Youth will be baking cupcakes and selling them for \$1 each. Gourmet flavors include Tie-dye Vanilla, Lemon Raspberry, All Things Chocolate, Salted Caramel, and Cookies 'n Creme. To order, please email Cecelia Reilly at [childrenipumc@gmail.com](mailto:childrenipumc@gmail.com) or the church office at [inmanparkumc@gmail.com](mailto:inmanparkumc@gmail.com). Cash, check and payment via our website accepted ([www.inmanparkumc.org/donate-to-ipumc](http://www.inmanparkumc.org/donate-to-ipumc)). 



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## Music Among the Trees: Entertainment at the Inman Park Festival

BY STEVE ELLISON • FESTIVAL MUSIC CHAIR  
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The process of finding and booking performers for Festival starts each year in the summer, when the livin' is easy and so is the listening. (No, not that kind of easy listenin'.....) While we frequently do invite repeat performers (rarely in back-to-back years), we always strive to introduce our visitors to new acts, and vice versa. That process ideally includes lots of seeing and listening to live music, around Atlanta and wherever we may find ourselves.

Much in the same way that Inman Park honors and preserves the history of Atlanta's first "suburb," our Festival respects another legacy, that of Atlanta's musical community. We normally hire most of our artists from within the metro ATL borders, that is to say, locally. This year we feature only three out-of-towners — all "must-see/hear" acts. We hope you will help us welcome to Atlanta The Band Be Easy, a funky soul band from Jacksonville, Velvet Caravan hails from Savannah, featuring "gypsy jazz" a la Django Reinhardt, and Mingo Fishtrap (one of my personal favorites), returning for their second visit to Delta Park and presenting their unique fusion of Louisiana "N'awlens" funk and American R&B and soul. Local headliners this year will include Delta Moon, former neighbors to da 'hood. I think they may have played at the very first Inman Park Festival but these days they tour the world, literally. Ruby Velle and the Soulphonics are much more recent to the scene in the ATL. They consist of some of Atlanta's most skilled purveyors of Soul, R&B and Funk, and we've got 'em for you. Other acts and performers returning after an absence from our stages include Eddie Tigner (beloved Atlanta bluesman and former Ink Spot), Tito Gato (Latin Jazz; bring your dancin' shoes), Soldado, Grant Green, and Yon Rico Scott (late of the Tedeschi-Trucks Band). All totaled, this year 16 of our 29 acts are brand-new to the festival. We hope you will enjoy.

I'm very happy to announce that again this year the Inman Park Festival is supporting the Atlanta Musicians' Emergency Relief Fund (AMERF). We will be asking for donations all weekend long, and funds raised will be held in an escrow account by the Festival, to be deposited into the General Grant Fund of this non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation. The purpose of this Fund should be self-evident. The Festival honchos have come to feel that we have been well-supported by Atlanta's musicians; our locals have historically given us great deals compared with those which they usually command. We offer this idea as a small payback in-kind to them, and we hope that this effort might continue to be an ongoing relationship between the Inman Park Festival and Atlanta's musical community.

Thanks for your continued support! Enjoy the Festival! Please look for AMERF's orange buckets and give generously when they come your way. 

## Come to the Inman Park Dance Festival!

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As we look forward to next month's Festival, I hope you will take the time to put an event that I am very proud of on your Festival schedule. This event is the Inman Park Dance Festival, the only free admission dance festival in the region that presents both ballet and modern dance vocabularies and compensates its performers. Yes, my neighbors, this is what we do: give the public access to great art, make sure that art includes many voices, and compensate artists for their work.


This year's Inman Park Dance Festival will present two performances in the Trolley Barn, one on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and one on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The show is the same for both days and will present the following companies: Atlanta Ballet Center Theatre, Ballethnic, Full Radius Dance, and The Georgia Ballet. Each company brings a unique dance voice to the show.

The Georgia Ballet's, as its name suggests, primary performing vocabulary is classical ballet. The company's repertory includes dances that are several hundred years old and dances that are of this century. This variety of work highlights the talents of the fine artists that perform with this company.

The modern dance vocabulary of physically integrated dance is the forté of Full Radius Dance. In fact, this Atlanta-based company is a recognized national and international leader in this dance form which is modern dance based movement for dancers with and without physical disabilities. Full Radius Dance is celebrated for its distinct style, technique, and artistry. This was recently demonstrated by performances in South Korea, Spain, and New York City and the placement of video footage of its 25th anniversary concert in the Jerome Robbins Dance Division of The New York Public Library.

Ballethnic is also a company with a singular movement voice. This company combines the vocabularies of classical ballet and West African dance. Always highly energetic, the company performs works directly linked to African culture and works that examine African American perspectives.

Atlanta Ballet Center Theatre is the dance festival's look to the future. The company is a pre-professional performing outlet for a group of conservatory students of the Atlanta Ballet Center for Dance Education. These high school aged performers will demonstrate their developing technical and artistic prowess.

The performance lasts for about an hour and includes Q & A with the artists. The dance festival also includes opportunities to volunteer: Friday afternoon for set-up, welcoming the audience on Saturday or Sunday, and clean-up on Sunday. Whether as an audience member or a volunteer, I hope you will make the time to be a part of yet another piece of what makes the Festival and our neighborhood such a singular and awesome place to live. 





# Lifelong Inman Park

## Lifelong Inman Park Information Session Summary

### Homelessness and City of Atlanta's Response

In January of this year, neighbors Karen Taber, CID representative on the Homeless Task Force and Debi Starnes, Board Member for The Gateway Center and the Regional Task Force for the Homeless, presented information about the services and supportive initiatives available to Atlanta's homeless population. Currently the plight of our homeless is both episodic and chronic.

The City of Atlanta and The United Way have invested \$50 million to address the multitude of factors that must be overcome to attack the underlying causes of homelessness and to establish permanent housing options. Strategies include establishing effective service coordination and comprehensive intake centers, and permanent housing options. Atlanta is one of the few cities dedicated to conducting a count of the homeless every two years. Although Atlanta's homeless numbers are in decline, officials estimate that 3,500 men, women and children are currently in need of permanent housing with 700 of those still on the street.

Karen and Debi stressed that while the characteristics of each homeless individual are unique, the primary reason people are homeless is simple – there is not enough affordable and accessible housing. They emphasized that building trust with the homeless is necessary to make them comfortable about engaging with service organizations and this process requires patience and repeated engagement by trained professionals. Neighbors interested in the best way to help the homeless were advised to donate directly to homeless organizations and avoid giving funds directly to individuals. Other suggestions included making rent payments directly to landlords or paying for an Uber or Lyft to the appropriate homeless center. Lifelong Inman Park will be offering another session on homelessness in the coming weeks.

Listed here are some of the key agencies and organizations working collaboratively to tackle homelessness in Atlanta. These groups can provide information and assistance.

### The Regional Task Force On the Homeless

This coalition of 20 organizations is working together to end chronic homelessness and recognizing the need to eliminate barriers and provide support as needed. Partners include Mercy Care, Grady Health Systems, Atlanta HOPE Team 24/7, Veterans Affairs and Gateway Homeless Services.

### The Gateway Center at 275 Pryor Street

This keystone project of the Regional Task Force offers a continuum of care that includes 352 beds for males, eight residential programs and 12 on-site partners. Healthcare is provided through Mercy Care.

### The City of Refuge at 1300 Joseph E. Boone Blvd. (404-874-2241)

This women's center provides services, support, housing, and comprehensive health services (through Mercy Care). The refuge provides 32 hotel-like rooms for women and their children in crisis and 80 beds for single women.

### In-town Collaborative Ministries at 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave NE. (404-590-6956)

This partnership of 16 local Jewish and Christian congregations in the 30307 and 30306 zip codes provides four programs to meet the needs of the homeless and hungry in our community. Additional services include a clothing closet, food pantry, food co-ops, and homeless outreach. The programs reached over 1300 unique individuals in 2017. **M**



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# Agenda

*March 21, 2018*

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available  
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- 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](http://inmanpark.org) the day  
of the meeting for any agenda  
updates.*



## Good to Know

**Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:**  
Available to those who live within, own property within or operate a business within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is free with online registration at [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org). Membership allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details), gives you access to the directory and makes you eligible for special neighborhood events. In addition to being a member of IPNA, you may register for the Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) which staffs off-duty Atlanta Police officers to patrol our neighborhood. There are four levels of commitment starting at \$50 per year.

IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Trolley Barn.

IPSP membership is based upon a rolling annual membership term. Your renewal date is one year from your membership date and again every year after that.

### Websites

[InmanPark.org](http://InmanPark.org)  
[InmanParkFestival.org](http://InmanParkFestival.org)  
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## 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](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org)** on or before March 23.





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#### March 3rd

##### ATLANTA UNITED GAMES

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#### March 17th

##### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Join us at H+H for some St. Patrick's Day fun and lot of specials including \$5 Jameson, \$5 Guinness, & \$5 SweetWater Black & Tans + some Irish Food Specials.

#### March 18th :: COOKBOOK SUNDAY DINNER W/CHEF CYNTHIA GRAUBART

We welcome Chef Cynthia Graubart to H+H. She has released her new cookbook through Southern Living and will be cooking up a 4 course meal with her recipes from the cookbook + speaking about what makes them special! Cookbooks avail for purchase. Tickets available on our website. 40 seats available. \$40 for Family Style Course Meal :: \$50 for Family Style Course Meal + Beverages.

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