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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Lisa Burnette*

This is my first President's report and, at first, I was stymied about what to say. But the exchanges made at the last IPNA meeting got me thinking about all the changes in our neighborhood in the somewhat short time I've been here. If I had been leaving Inman Park in 1995, rather than moving in, and returned today, parts of our community would be unrecognizable. While the heart of Elizabeth Street may still look almost the same as it did at the turn of the (last) century, Lake, Highland, Krog, Dekalb and many other areas have changed dramatically.

The abandoned industrial plants, empty parking lots, scrap metal heaps, and kudzu infested DOT land are now a combination of cool lofts, affordable condominiums, enormous new houses, interesting and convenient businesses, world-class restaurants and everything in between.

Just yesterday, I was running several errands and halfway through my tasks I realized that I was doing ALL of it in Inman Park: FedExing some business documents, buying coffee, window shopping for shoes, picking up my tax returns, then taking my daughter to the pool. How great not to get in my car and get on the highway to accomplish these things. And, at the end of the day, I can sit on my front

porch with my neighbors sharing a glass of wine and watching our kids ride their bikes up and down the tree-lined street.

Those who we think of now as Inman Park "old-timers" started out thirty oddyears ago as rebellious urban adventurers, using their blood and sweat to transform a forgotten relic of a neighborhood into our vibrant intown community. Many protested, blocked construction equipment, and "fought the law" to prevent this beautiful place from becoming yet another Atlanta highway. (See 'Archives' on Pg. 11.)

Growth and change can be painful, but also positive. The way we continue to maintain that unique Inman Park-ness we cherish so much is by respecting each other, sharing ideas and opinions in a positive and neighborly manner, looking out for each other, and when we need to, rolling up our sleeves and doing some hard work.

It's like our Butterfly symbol, with its face to the past, and another face to the future. When I look at it, I also imagine a face looking straight out, at the present. We are all of those things all at once, and we value what it means each in our own way. I hope I can work with all of you over the next year to make the present of Inman Park a meaningful, productive, cooperative, and fun period of time in our history.

## FESTIVAL COMMITTEE TAKING THE SUMMER OFF

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval, Festival Chair*

The Inman Park Festival Committee will take a much needed summer vacation, but will return to work sometime in September. This gives all of you plenty of time to think about how you might get involved in planning next year's Festival! If you have any interest in working with the planning committee, please contact me and we will find a place for you to tie in. Contact by phone at 404-791-8497, or e-mail at:

[danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com)

At the time of this writing, we are still awaiting numbers from various sources so next month we should have a final tally of how we did this year. Once again, congratulations to the whole neighborhood for putting on a great Festival and thanks to all our volunteers for all your hard work.

## 2008 FRIENDS OF FESTIVAL

*By Betty Ridderhoff, Editor*

We sincerely regret that due to transferring back and forth through cyberspace, five of our dear Friends of Festival were not listed in the May issue of the *Advocator*.

We would like to extend our sincere apology to **Nan Rigby**, Chair of the Friends of Festival Committee, who had included the names of all these friends in her article, and to the following sponsors who gave us their great support for Festival 2008:

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Please let them know how much we appreciate their generosity when you frequent their place of business or use their services.

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## **MINUTES OF THE MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 IPNA MEETING**

*By Ellen McManus, Secretary*

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS**

**Anda Olsen** welcomed everyone to the meeting and showed off her new glasses. She asked for newcomers to introduce themselves. The following people did: **Kierson Sanders** on Sinclair, **Lauren Lang** on Edgewood, **Joe Rossi** from Delta Place, **Molly Hill** in Inman Mews, **Patty Murphy** from Inman Mews, **Diana Glad** on Edgewood, **Jane Smith** on Sinclair, and **Colin** from Kirkwood, who came to check us out. Anda pointed out the agenda in the *Advocator* and encouraged newcomers to join IPNA. She asked for those who have reached out. There was a good show of hands.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

A motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Adam Stillman** announced for **Schell Scott** that they have broken ground on her new home on Sinclair. Come by on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, have a drink, and sit on neighboring porches.
2. **Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party is at the home of **Karen Goeckel** and **Bill Goodman** at 1104 Colquitt. Bring a drink and dish to share. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Richard Westrick** announced the second "almost annual" Tree Talk at the Trolley Barn will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Master Arborist **Chris Hastings** will be speaking on drought resistant plants. The talk starts at 7:00 p.m.; it is free with Q&A afterwards. (see pg. 15 of this month's [May] *Advocator*)
4. **Penney Balmes** announced there will be a Community Garden starting at 777 Edgewood. She leased the property until December. Shares are available for purchase. There will be Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday workdays at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at 753 Edgewood. Harvest should be by August. It will be similar to a CSA where you get a box of food every week from what is grown. She also announced there will be a Teahouse clothing swap on June 5<sup>th</sup>, and an herbal summer series for kids on Tues/ Thurs. See her later for details.
5. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced we had a very successful Festival and asked everyone to please sign up for next year. He said there is still a lot of merchandise available.
6. **Anda Olsen** announced this month's book club. The book is *Thirteen Moons* by **Thomas Frazier**. The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Sarah Kirk** at 61 Waddell St. Bring a covered dish.

*Note: Police Officers' Reports and Elected Officials' Reports occurred later in the meeting when those individuals arrived.*

## IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

**PRESIDENT: Anda Olsen**

### ***Election of new Board Members.***

Anda announced you must be an IPNA member in good standing for at least 15 days to vote. She clarified in order to vote on NPU-N issues you do not have to be an IPNA member (just a resident), but for officers and budget items you must be an IPNA member. She also noted membership will get you invitations to Butterfly Ball and the Holiday Party.

Anda announced the following proposed slate of officers for: President, **Lisa Burnette**; Secretary, **Stephanie McCaa**; V.P. of Planning, **Bill Goodman**; Co-Treasurers, **Megan and Trevor Wilson**. Re-turning Board members are: V.P. of Public Safety, **Bill Hagan**; V.P. of Zoning, **Drew Evans**; and V.P. of Historic Preservation, **Chuck Clarke**. Anda recommended adoption of this slate and asked for a motion. The motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous in support of the proposed slate of officers.

**PLANNING: V.P. Patrick Bradshaw**

Nothing to report this month.

**ZONING: Jonathan Miller** spoke for V.P. **Drew Evans**

1. Vote to reaffirm NPU-N By-Laws – voting will actually be next month. This is a good thing because we get to keep our representative voting which means only **Jonathan** has to go to the meeting, not all of us.
2. NPU-N Update:
  - A. As mentioned in a post on the Yahoo group by **Rick Bizot** [*Ed. Note: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008*], the Governor has signed a bill to expand preservation tax credits.
  - B. 299 Moreland – former Laundromat next to paint store. They have withdrawn their application for a liquor license, and might be leaving. They previously obtained a special exception for parking and Jonathan will keep an eye on it. He will send a letter if there is any sign of a different use that would indicate the special exception has been abandoned.
  - C. Gunby St – NPU-N voted to support application in favor of abandonment. Jonathan will draft a letter to the Public Works and Planning Departments pointing out that by abandoning Gunby they are creating a nonconforming block face for the expected future development of the adjacent properties (e.g. 670 Dekalb Ave.).
  - D. Proposed ordinances: Jonathan mentioned there are several proposed ordinances to raise the fees for a number of the Department of Planning activities. The proposals to charge fees for Certificates of Appropriateness from the UDC (Urban Design Commission) and to raise the fee for (while reducing the duration of) residential parking permits is of particular interest to Inman Park. See him later for more information.
  - E. Next month Jonathan will be coming to IPNA to ask for a donation. He is part of a group that wants to put together a poster showing all of the historic districts in the city. He will write an article for next month's *Advocator* (See article on Pg. 15 in the June *Advocator*.)
  - F. The NPU-N meeting will be next Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

## POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

**Major Propes** was here from Zone 6. She talked about how large the zone is. It straddles Fulton and Dekalb counties and extends from I-85 at Cheshire Bridge to the drive-in on Moreland, from Cabbagetown to East Lake. She said the burglaries are up. The latest scam is the perps will park in a driveway and knock on the door. If no one answers they break in. If someone is home they ask for a fake name. She told everyone to be a nosy neighbor and watch for strange cars in your neighbors' driveways. She said APD recently caught someone who is part of the group that is stealing flat screen TVs using a vehicle stolen in January. Auto larceny continues to be a problem in our neighborhood. Of the eight in this area last week, three were cars of local residents who should have known better. Thieves stole cell phones, cash, iPods, laptops, and GPS units. Please tell your visitors not to leave anything in their cars. She announced starting on June 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a citizens' police academy for seniors. It will meet Tuesday mornings at Brandon Towers in East Atlanta. Check on the APS website for more information.

There was a question about businesses in L5P operating without licenses, permits, zoning violations, etc. One example was Tribe, operating as a bar and restaurant. They received multiple citations, including noise violations. **Lou Arcangeli** asked if we can appear in court to support an arrest. **Anda Olsen** asked how we can keep track of court dates. The Major did not have a recommendation. Someone asked how loud is too loud? **Jay Tribby** said there are decibel levels allowed until 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. at night. Jay invited anyone to call his office, and he will direct them to the section of the Municode which addresses noise. Someone asked if a decimeter is required. Major Propes said a decimeter is not required if an officer can hear from 200 feet from the property line in the daytime and 50 feet at nighttime. There was much discussion about what is too loud and about city living and allowing creative pursuits vs. being considerate to neighbors and following the City code which addresses levels of noise. Anda pointed out we don't want to squash creativity, but there are some instances where business owners fail to respond to polite civilized requests.

**Penney Balmes**, from the Teahouse, stood and presented her case for a special events space. She talked about her recent experiences with APD and citations she has received. There was more discussion.

**Danny Feig-Sandoval** suggested any business or organization, etc. that is interested in working in the neighborhood should take the opportunity to sit down with the new Board and discuss how they can best integrate into the neighborhood.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION: V.P. Chuck Clarke**

1. 347 Sinclair Avenue – This should have been on the agenda and was accidentally omitted. Anda presented it as an agenda amendment. Chuck said six immediate neighbors attended a meeting and all were in support of a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness. Architect **Adam Stillman** presented for the owners, **Jane and Bradley Smith**. The house is located in the block between Carmel and Wa-shita. They want to convert it from a duplex to single-family home. The changes include a 14' rear addition, removal of aluminum siding, removal of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor roof, and off the alley construction of a two-car garage with an apartment above. No increase in height or width

is proposed. Jonathan asked about the rear-yard setback. There are two contributing garages on the block. One is 30' and the other is 0' off the alley. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the immediate neighbors decision.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: V.P. Bill Hagan**

1. Bill announced Inman Park Village agreed to pay \$2,500 per month to the Security Patrol. The car will often be parked over there between shifts. He reminded everyone that the shifts vary daily. If you have an emergency, call 911 first; however, you can also call the patrol car. The phone number for the patrol car is 404-844-1004. Unless you are a gold member, you can get one courtesy call and then you might be asked to pay a fee.
2. **Anda Olsen** commended **Cynthia Knapp** for her Off-the-Wall graffiti-removal efforts and called everyone's attention to the anti-graffiti zone map in the May Advocator on Page 13.

Leslie was not present.

**TREASURER: Leslie Ward**

1. Recurring Budget Expenses – **Anda Olsen** asked for a motion to approve these expenses. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.
2. Mid-year budget report – this will be the first task for our new co-treasurers.

**SECRETARY: Ellen McManus**

New directories will be out soon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Danny Feig-Sandival**, Traffic – City is still looking at our traffic calming plans. He will be calling **Jay Tribby** for assistance to get things moving.
2. **Jonathan Miller** and **Dennis Mobley** are co-chairs of a new ad hoc Information Technology Committee. They met in April and will meet again next week.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**Jay Tribby**, from **Kwanza Hall's** office apologized for not having more to report on City finances. He said the Mayor presented a budget on May 1<sup>st</sup> to the City Council without prior consultation or information flow from the Mayor. The Council has been trying to absorb all of the information and play catch-up. Kwanza wants everyone to know the council is committed to making sure the public safety budget is left intact. There was a lot of discussion about budget gap and how it happened, questions about revenue generation, and Jay talked about how the City budget works, how the City recently switched from cash to accrual, and how there are now more CPAs in the financial department. He gave Kwanza's email: khall@atlantaga.gov and phone number: 404-330-6038. The biggest issue is the projected \$140 million revenue deficit.

**Jonathan Miller** asked about the ordinances he had discussed earlier. Is that kind of business still moving forward, and, does the NPU need to vote on 18 ordinances this month? Jay said to vote on the ones that you feel strongly about and let Kwanza know why you are not voting on the others. Jay asked everyone to send e-mails expressing opinions, feedback, etc.

**Al Caproni** said once discussions are finished, someone needs to address structural issues that caused the City to be in this situation; Jay agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

No new business or old business.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Anda Olsen** handed over the presidency to **Lisa Burnette**. Lisa adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

## Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

*By Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation*

Please note: If you wish to do any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior or site of a home or building in the Inman Park Historic District, you must contact AUDC to begin their review/approval process. Once a project is submitted to AUDC, please contact me (at [historic.preservation@inmanpark.org](mailto:historic.preservation@inmanpark.org)) so that neighborhood meeting(s) can be set up. Thanks!

<b>UPCOMING AUDC DEAD- LINES</b>	<b>HEARING DATE</b>	<b>APPLICATIONS DUE</b>	
		<b>Type II</b>	<b>Type III/IV</b>
	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	June 16 <sup>th</sup>
	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 30 <sup>th</sup>
	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	July 21 <sup>st</sup>

**Recent AUDC Actions on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (CoAs):**

- **836 Euclid Ave** – *approved with conditions*- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-042) to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling with a detached garage.
- **507 N. Highland Ave** – *deferred*- Applications for Type III Certificates of Appropriateness (HD-08-110) for a variance to allow a reduction of the rear yard setback from 44 ft. (required) to 10 ft. (proposed); and (HD-08-111) to allow the construction of site improvements, addition and other renovations.
- **88 Druid Circle** – *approved with conditions*- Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-140) to allow revisions to plans.
- **347 Sinclair Ave** – *approved with conditions*- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-156) to allow the construction of a two-car garage with above living space, a rear addition and other renovations.

**Applications Scheduled for This Month:**

- None.

**Applications Expected But Not Yet Scheduled (as of press deadline):**

- None.

<b>AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION</b>			
Website:	<a href="http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx">http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx</a>		
Address:	Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3400 Atlanta, Georgia 30335-0331		
Phone:	404-330-6200	Fax:	404-658-6734

<b>2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR</b>
The Book Club meets on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish
<b>JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup></b>
<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> by <b>Khaled Hosseini</b> Hosted by <b>Jan Keith</b> 889 Edgewood Ave.
<b>JULY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>
<i>Animal, Vegetable, Mineral</i> by <b>Barbara Kingsolver</b> Hosted by <b>Ruth Caproni</b> 1065 Washita Ave.
<b>AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup></b>

*The Summer We Got Saved* by **Pat Cunningham Devoto**  
Hosted by **Oreon Mann**  
877 Edgewood Ave.

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*The Zoo Keeper's Wife* by **Diane Ackerman**  
Hosted by **Charlotte Steeh**  
1303 Iverson in Candler Park

**OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

*People of the Book* by **Geraldine Brooks**  
Hosted by **Cathy Jamison**  
805-B Edgewood Ave.

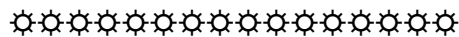
**NOVEMBER**

No Book  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**DECEMBER**

**Holiday Party**  
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**For Information: 404-688-7330**



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June Porch Party

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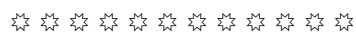
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Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M.

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## INMAN PARK FESTIVAL TOUR OF HOMES

By Pat Westrick

It's not too early to begin thinking about next year's house tour. (Well, at least it isn't for us.)

**Tour dates are:**

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Jan and I think it's time to showcase the homes in the Northeast area of the neighborhood – Euclid, Sinclair, Seminole, Colquitt, Washita, Carmel, and North Highland. So we're asking for your help in finding houses our Festival guests would love to see – or for you to volunteer your own house.

Feedback has told us our tour goes like a mix of house styles and personal styles, as well as a manageable number of homes to tour. And, although we are featuring the homes on the East side of Inman Park, others that are centrally located in the Festival area are certainly eligible, too.

Don't know if your house is a good candidate? Call or e-mail us:

**Jan Keith:** 404-688-7330, or E-mail: kingkeith@mindspring.com

**Pat Westrick,** 404-523-4801, or E-mail: patwestrick@realtor.com.

One of us will be happy to talk to you about what's involved and take a look at your house if you'd like.

Tour houses don't have to be completely renovated – an "in progress" house is always interesting to our guests.

Don't be shy! It's a great way to get that *l-o-o-o-o-n-g* list of projects done!

## From *The Advocate* Archives

By Pat Westrick

For those neighbors who are unfamiliar with how and why Freedom Park was created, here's the super-condensed version:

In the 1960s, the Georgia Department of Transportation began plans for two new expressways in the city. One would connect I-20 with I-285 and was to be designated I-485 (later to be Georgia 400.) The other would extend the Stone Mountain Freeway – apparently then planned as a Toll Road – to the Downtown Connector. (The interchange where those two expressways were to cross is now the location of the Carter Center. Our very own potential Spaghetti Junction!)

The DOT began exercising its power of eminent domain and buying property along the route. From The Old Fourth Ward to Candler Park and from Inman Park through Poncey Highlands and as far north as Morningside, homes were bought and demolished in preparation for the construction of the highways. More acquisitions and demolitions were planned in Druid Hills, Decatur, Buckhead and beyond.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the expressway: where once there had only been run-down neighborhoods on their way to being full-fledged slums, filled with old houses nobody wanted and people nobody cared about, a new spirit was just taking hold. A new generation began to discover these neighborhoods and the charm of the old houses and the solace of community and the power of taking action together. And after a long, l-o-n-g time, and God knows how much money, and a gazillion hours of volunteer work (all stories for another day,) the highways were stopped and a settlement was reached, which included a park where once there would have been thousands and thousands (and more thousands!) of automobiles.

This article, from *Hot Rats!*, precursor to our beloved *Advocate*, was written for the June, 1972, edition. It details the early stages of the battle when it was just beginning to dawn on those new Inman Park residents that maybe, just maybe, the road could be stopped.

### TOLLWAY FIGHT CONTINUES; TO

#### SPEND OR NOT TO SPEND?

At the next regular monthly meeting, IPR [ed. note: IPR was Inman Park Restoration, now IPNA] members will grapple with the issue of whether to earmark part of the organizational treasury to join the Atlanta Coalition on the Transportation Crisis fight against the proposed Atlanta transportation plan.

At a special called meeting last Friday, members met to hear Coalition representative **Mike Lane** of the Druid Hills community discuss his legal committee's efforts to secure representation to file suit against the plan, based on the 1946 Voorhees study. A vote on whether to earmark \$1,000 of IPR money was tabled because the required 31 member quorum was not present.

Impact of the proposed highway system, a familiar bugaboo to most IP residents, was once again stressed by IP Coalition representative **Charlie Helms**, who described the toll booth locations and elevations of proposed FO-56, IP's own neighborhood freeway. From his description, the tollway will look something like this:



towering a mighty 80 feet over Hurt Street, raining clouds of air pollution on the newly painted IP homes of 1980.

*The Coalition, an inter-neighborhood organization of representatives of Druid Hills, Inman Park, BOND* [ed. note: BOND was the Bass Organization for Neighborhood Development], Morningside-Lenox Park, Roswell Wieuca, the Georgia Conservancy and SAVE, seeks \$50,000 to cover legal fees and expenses in fighting the plan. In filing suit against the entire urban transportation plan, including all street

widenings, toll roads and expressways, the group hopes to force a re-study of the plan in light of MARTA, and avoid a divide and conquer strategy by highway officialdom, in which one neighborhood is appeased at the expense of another.

In an HR! exclusive, Lane revealed that at press time, the Coalition had just received promises of substantial contributions from Northside Atlantans. He also said the Coalition's legal committee expected to make a recommendation within the week as to a choice of legal representa

tion. Three prospects are being considered.

Lane also explained that the \$50,000 needed for the case would include services other than legal fees, such as studies of air and noise pollution, architecture and social impact.

He said that in filing the suit, exact strategy and legal bases would be decided by the firm, but that, generally, the suit would rest on damage caused by destruction of low income housing and subsequent inability to meet relocation laws, environmental damage and the impact of MARTA.

## **ANNUAL VOTE ON BY-LAWS FOR NPU-N**

*By Jonathan R. Miller, IPNA's Representative to NPU-N*

### **Annual NPU-N By-laws Vote - IPNA Wed. June 18, 2008 – 6:30 PM to end of IPNA meeting Inman Park United Methodist Church**

**(NOTE: NPU-N By-laws can be found at [http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/NPU-N/NPU-N\\_Bylaws.2007v2.pdf](http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/NPU-N/NPU-N_Bylaws.2007v2.pdf).)**

Has it really been a year since we last voted on NPU-N's By-laws? Yep. Last year we modified the By-laws to allow the annual reaffirmation vote to occur at the meetings of the ten constituent organizations instead of on a miscellaneous Saturday in June. This is our first year testing this process, which was redesigned so that more people would vote each year. It did not seem reasonable that the less than 10 people each year who bothered to vote (including the poll watchers!) should decide for the entire NPU-N.

The process should be painless, primarily because the question this year is simple: Should we continue to be a representative of NPU? What that means is that the representatives of each of the ten constituent organizations are the voting members, not those who are able to attend the meeting as in most of the other NPUs. It has worked well for us and our neighbors for years, so I hope you will vote to reaffirm.

This is how it will go. I will be at the Inman Park United Methodist Church start

ing at 6:30 P.M.. You will be asked to sign

in and vote on a secret ballot on which there will be two choices – approve or reject. I will have copies of the By-laws with me, but if you want to read them ahead of time, I will continue the voting in the background of the meeting to catch people as they come in until the end of the meeting.

If you miss this opportunity, there will be a second opportunity to vote at NPU-N's June meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, starting at 6:00 P.M. in the Little Five Points Community Center.

## **NPU-N UPDATE – JUNE 2008**

*By Jonathan R. Miller, IPNA's Representative to NPU-N*

This should be an interesting month with the discussions of the City's budget going on. Meanwhile, the City has intro-duced a number of ordinances designed to charge more for services. Below you will find a number of new entries of ordinances that have been introduced. Many propose adding or increasing fees for things we like to do here in Inman Park, like renovate our

houses. Take a look at the list to see which might affect your next project. Pay particular attention to the proposal to add fees for applications to the Urban Design Commission, which have always been without charge. Note also that building permit fees are proposed to increase. And, for those who live on streets where residential parking permits are required, note the proposal

to raise fees and decrease the duration of a permit from two years to one. (For a City that has had to lay off people, doubling the amount of work seems a bit strange to me.) Hold onto your hats. **And** your wallets.

I hope you will vote to re-affirm NPU-N's By-laws so I can continue to represent you. Please see my other article at the top of this page.

<b>ORDINANCE NO. (ZRB NO.)</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COMM. *</b>	<b>STATUS (AS OF JUNE 1, 2008)</b>
06-O-0017 (Z-05-104)	Define and regulate Infill Residential Development	ZN	<i>No longer on agenda(?)</i>
06-O-1908	Revise fees for licensing Taxis and other Vehicles-For-Hire	PS	<i>No longer on agenda(?)</i>
06-O-2697 (Z-06-144)	Affordable Housing ordinance	ZN	Held in Committee
07-O-0078	Allow License Review Board to not meet in December	PS	Revised by C.C. in Jan 2007; held in committee; sent back to NPUs
07-O-0611 (Z-07-52)	Limit the height of retaining walls	ZN	Pending before ZRB
07-O-0621 (Z-07-54)	Create Code Section 16-28.023(a) titled Transfer of Development Rights in the Belt-Line Planning Area	ZN	Pending before ZRB (may have to be re-written)
07-O-1087	Water and Wastewater City Service Credit Card, On-line Payment, Electronic Check User Convenience Fee {\$4.50 per use}	FE	Held in Committee for comment from Finance Dep't
07-O-1521	Outdoor dining areas regulations	UT	Held in committee
07-O-1522	Revise dog restraint requirements	PS	Held 7/31/07 at the request of the author for further review
07-O-1795	Regulate the transportation of hazardous materials through the City	PS	Held in Committee
07-O-1946	Amend 2008 Atlanta Strategic Action Plan (ASAP) to incorporate comments	CD	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 21 Apr.; APPROVED by Mayor on 28 Apr.</i>
07-O-2418	Establish procedures for the permitting and regulations of Valet Parking Services	TR	Held in committee (public hearing-1/30/08; work sessions held)
08-O-0196 (Z-08-010)	Regulations re: appearance of public decks	ZN	Pending before ZRB
08-O-0498	<i>Rescind residential parking permit requirement for northern part of Seminole</i>	TR	<i>Adopted by C.C. on 21 Apr.; APPROVED by Mayor on 28 Apr.</i>
08-O-0744	<i>Set water rates and add \$4.50 fee for convenience payments</i>	UT	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held)</i>
08-O-0870	<i>2009 Budget</i>	FE	<i>Held in committee</i>
08-O-0871	<i>Increase fees for installation by the City of sidewalks</i>	UT	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held)</i>
08-O-0872	<i>Increase fees and require annual renewal for residential parking permits</i>	TR	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held)</i>
08-O-0873	<i>Establish fees for use of City parks</i>	CD	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held; 2d hearing on 12 June)</i>
08-O-0874	<i>Add fees for subdivisions and replatting lots</i>	CD	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held; 2d hearing on 12 June)</i>
08-O-0875	<i>Raise building permit fees</i>	CD	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held; 2d hearing on 12 June)</i>
08-O-0876	<i>Increase fees for maps and planning documents</i>	CD	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held; 2d hearing on 12 June)</i>
08-O-0877	<i>Increase/add fees for use of city parks and recreation centers</i>	CD	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held; 2d hearing on 12 June)</i>
08-O-0880	<i>Increase permit fees for contractors installing water/sewer lines and meters</i>	UT	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held)</i>
08-O-0881	<i>Reinstate regulations and increase fees for permits to block streets/sidewalks during construction activities</i>	UT	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held)</i>
08-O-0883	<i>Increase permit fees for contractors installing sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbs and gutters</i>	UT	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held)</i>
08-O-1001	<i>Establish fees for UDC applications</i>	CD	<i>Held in committee (public hearing held; 2d hearing on 12 June)</i>

\* City Council Committee code:

CC=Committee on Council;  
 CD=Community Development/Human Resources;  
 FE=Finance/Executive;  
 PS=Public Safety & Legal;

TR=Transportation;  
 UT=Utilities;  
 ZN=Zoning  
*italics indicates newly-listed or revised since last month*

**BE SURE TO SEE JONATHAN MILLER AT THE IPNA MEETING TO VOTE ON THE NPU-N BY-LAWS:**

**Annual NPU-N By-laws Vote - IPNA**

**Wed. June 18, 2008 – 6:30 PM to end of IPNA meeting**

**Inman Park United Methodist Church**

(NOTE: NPU-N By-laws can be found at [http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/NPU-N/NPU-N\\_Bylaws.2007v2.pdf](http://www.inmanpark.org/doc/NPU-N/NPU-N_Bylaws.2007v2.pdf).)

***JOIN US TO WELCOME REV. LESLEE SAMUELSON  
TO INMAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

*By Diane Floyd*

Inman Park Methodist Church is getting a new minister on **June 29<sup>th</sup>** and we are **VERY EXCITED!** We hope you will join us that day for **worship at 11:00 A.M. at the Church, and for an ice cream social at 116 Elizabeth Street at 2:00 P.M.**

Rev. Samuelson is coming to us from Atlanta First United Methodist Church, in downtown Atlanta, where she has been the Associate Pastor since July 2006. In her time at Atlanta First, she led their Thursday worship service, created and directed their Compassion in Action mission ministries, worked with their children and older adult ministries, and was involved with their renovation project. She hopes to continue all these activities at Inman Park.

Prior to serving at Atlanta First, Rev. Samuelson was the Associate Pastor at Haygood Memorial UMC, in Morningside, from 2002 to 2006. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art from Georgia State University and a Masters of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Rev. Samuelson is a widow residing in Decatur with her son, Luke, 15, who just finished his freshman year in high school.

We will also say goodbye to Rev. **Danny Alexander** who will move on to Smith's Chapel in Pine Mountain, Georgia. We appreciate his efforts at Inman Park and wish him well in his new appointment. Rev. Alexander's final sermon in Inman Park will be on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Join Us For An  
*Ice Cream Social*  
To Meet the New Pastor of the  
Inman Park United Methodist Church,  
*Rev. Leslee Samuelson*  
Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
116 Elizabeth Street**

## POSTER DESIGN CONTEST FOR ATLANTA'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS

By Jonathan R. Miller,  
IPNA's Representative to NPU-N

I represent our neighborhood in an ad hoc group of representatives of Atlanta's Landmark, Historic and Conservation Districts that meets about once a month to compare notes about the issues we face and ideas that have worked. Approximately once a quarter we meet with the Executive Director of the Urban Design Commission (UDC) to give and receive feedback on how things are going.

Over the last several years we have tried to coordinate efforts with respect to getting a dedicated inspector, educating people as to the value of our districts, and trying to improve the penalty schedule for those who will not follow the rules.

We have named our organization the "Districts Group". *All right*, it is not an exciting name, but what do you expect from a group that meets in a government cafeteria at 8:00 A.M.

If you are still with me, the purpose of this article is to ask IPNA for a contribution. The Districts Group has proposed to sponsor a contest for students at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) to create a poster that celebrates Atlanta's historic districts. This idea has grown out of the education initiative that has been part of the mission of the Districts Group from its inception.

At last month's meeting we saw an example from New Orleans which was very cool, but also set the bar fairly high. So, I wish to ask for a \$200 contribution from IPNA towards this contest. We hope neighborhoods in some of the other Districts will also contribute a small amount to make the prize significant enough to bring out the best work in these up and coming artists.

Thanks in advance for your support.

## INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR MAY, 2008

By Kris Dwyer

The most amazing thing happened ... Inman Park received an incredible thank-you note...keep reading!

Dear Inman Park,

We're just sitting here at our fencing operation with our new inventory. And, man, we ust gotta send out a big "thanks" to Inman Park for all the merchandise you left in your cars for us. We got brand new laptops, cameras, I-Pods, GPS units, cash, way-cool luggage, clothes, bags and more. We're figuring all you contributors spent about \$20,000 for this month's stuff and we'll get maybe a whole grand of cash for it. That means you're cool with losing almost \$250,000 worth of stuff in a year! You're definitely our go-to guys when we need stuff...and you're so faithful, helping us out month after month! So keep leaving that hot stuff right there in your cars so we can slide by, crash in, and be on our way. Hey, sorry about all the busted windows, but you're insured, right? In fact, isn't a busted-out window turning into a status symbol by now? While we're chattin', I'll just go ahead and request more GPS units and I-Pods. Heck, anything that plugs in is good for us, but cash is always king, so leave that loose change in your car, too. Actually, we'll take anything; just leave it and we'll take it off your hands. Hey, man, thanks again. You're the best. See you...no...not "see you" next month...just "rip you off" next month!

Feeling the love,  
Your local criminals

Well, now, if you sense some sarcasm, you're only half right. The other half is that this continuing situation is maddening. We had 29 incidents of crime and 22 of them were car break-ins! I can only conclude that the people leaving stuff in their cars are not reading the *Advocator*. So, if you're reading this, I challenge you to tear this page out, walk down your street until you see a merchandise-loaded car and put this article on the windshield!

Car break-ins are just a variation on the "broken window/graffiti" philosophy of community safety. If we keep stuff in our cars, we'll have car break-ins. If we tolerate the "petty" crime of car break-ins, we invite the more serious crimes. We have to make our neighborhood a less profitable place for criminals!

So, here is a summary of May's criminal activity in our neighborhood. If you are thinking of moving to Inman Park and are reading this report, don't despair...we are an active and pro-active neighborhood and it is a wonderful place to live. We take our safety seriously and work in partnership with neighbors and the police to keep our neighborhood safe.

If you already live here, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
4/20	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Inman Village	Another smashed car window, shoes, gate opener stolen.
4/21	Overnight	Larceny	800 Lake	Lawn mower stolen, recovered.
4/26	Unknown	Auto Theft	400 Seminole	Jeep Cherokee stolen.
5/4	Overnight	Theft from Auto	400 Sinclair	Another smashed car window, laptop and backpack stolen.
5/4	Overnight	Larceny	Waddell St	Bike stolen from locked back porch.
5/5	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Euclid	Another smashed car window, spare change stolen.
5/6	Unknown	Attempted theft from auto	900 Austin	Car unlocked, nothing stolen.
5/8	7:30 a.m.	Theft from Auto	900 Euclid	Two car windows smashed, GPS, Sirius radio stolen.
5/9	Unknown	Attempted theft from auto	1000 Alta	Another smashed car window, nothing stolen.
5/10	10:00 p.m. - Midnight	Theft from Auto	200 Hurt	Another smashed car window, GPS and digital camera stolen.
5/10	Midnight	Theft from Auto	1200 Euclid	Another smashed car window, GPS stolen..

5/10	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Euclid	Another smashed car window, GPS, digital camera, speed detector, iPod, etc. stolen.
5/10	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Elizabeth St	Another smashed car window, cell phone ear piece, bath robe stolen.
5/13	5:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	Inman Village	Landscaping equipment stolen from contractor, 2 perps drove off in a Ford F150.
5/13	Overnight	Theft from auto	900 Euclid	Smashed car window, not sure if anything was stolen.
5/14	Overnight	Theft from auto	1000 Edgewood	Another smashed car window, \$4 in loose change stolen.
5/14	7:00 p.m.-Midnight	Auto Theft	400 Seminole	Jeep Cherokee stolen.
5/14	Daytime	Theft from Auto	500 Seminole	Another smashed car window, cell phone stolen.
	5/15	Burglary	1200 DeKalb	This incident was just over the line between Inman and Candler, but we're all really neighbors. Brick thrown through front door, perps used sheets to carry items, lots of electronics and more stolen. Two suspects hung around and asked what happened.
5/15	1:00 p.m.	Attempted Assault	MARTA station area	Victim left MARTA on foot, Blue SUV called to him, then fired 3-4 shots and sped off. Victim shot and was treated at Grady. (Crime Report: Continued on Page .)
5/16	Unknown	Theft from Auto	Colquitt & Sinclair	Another smashed car window, iPod stolen.
5/17	3:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	600 Edgewood	Another smashed car window, Wallet, cash, suitcase, clothes, laptop and charger, case, iPod stolen.
5/18	Unknown	Theft from auto	200 Degrass	Unlocked car, iPod stolen.
5/18	Unknown	Theft from auto	1000 Alta	Another car break-in, perp used screwdriver on door handle, paperwork stolen.
5/20	8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Elizabeth	Another two smashed windows, iPod stolen.
5/21	9:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	100 Battery Place	Another smashed car window, GPS stolen.
5/21	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Theft from auto	1100 Austin	Another smashed car window, victim found the criminal in the car, criminal fled with stolen GPS.
5/22	9-11 a.m.	Burglary	700 Lake	Unsecured door, CD player, DVD player, duffle bag stolen.
5/22	7-10 p.m.	Theft from Auto	900 DeKalb	Another smashed window, GPS stolen.

To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group or the inmanpark.org mailing list:  
-To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.  
-To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to: [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org) and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

## WRFG 89.3 FM IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY BLOCK PARTY TO LAUNCH ITS 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*By Joanie Baptist*

WRFG 89.3 FM, Atlanta's oldest community radio station, is celebrating 35 years of continuous broadcasting. Since 1973, WRFG has been a trusted, progressive, non-commercial media outlet for the diversity of people, ideas, and cultural expressions that exist throughout metropolitan Atlanta.

To mark its 35 years of service, WRFG is hosting a series of celebrations throughout the year, beginning with a fun-filled **BirthDay Block Party** on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. From 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., the grounds of the Little Five Points Community Center at 1083 Austin Avenue NE will be filled with music, dance, food, jugglers, face-painters, poetry, children's activities and vendors of all kinds. It's a free, family-friendly event, so come join the party and wish WRFG a happy 35<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Other activities commemorating the 35 years of WRFG's broadcasting include: Seeptember 27<sup>th</sup>:

A Family and Friends Reunion

October 11<sup>th</sup>:

Three events named in honor of **Ebon Dooley**, one of WRFG's first and longest volunteers. (Ebon passed away in 2006):

1. The Ebon Dooley Media Justice Panel,
2. The Ebon Dooley Book Fair, and
3. The Ebon Dooley Poetry Fest.

WRFG, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, provides a voice for those who traditionally have been denied access to the broadcast media, and offers the involvement of a broad cross-section of the community to guarantee that access.

The station is opposed to those forces that dehumanize and oppress people, especially economic exploitation, racism, sexism, ableism, militarism, anti-immigrant chauvinism, and sexual orientation discrimination. It supports alternatives that uplift human dignity and give people more control over their lives.

For more information on any of WRFG's upcoming anniversary celebrations, or to find out how you can become a sponsor or vendor, please contact Joan Baptist at 404-523-3471.

## **PRIZE-WINNING PROJECT FOCUSES ON DUNWOODY NATURE CENTER**

*By Muriel Knope*

A project focused on Dunwoody Nature Center took first place at the Georgia Conservancy's 2008 Youth Environmental Symposium, held at Zoo Atlanta's Action Resource Center on Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Environmental Symposium, now in its tenth year, is a statewide contest designed to promote environmental awareness among Georgia students in grades 6 through 12.

The Dunwoody-based team of **Cory Feig-Sandoval**, 13, **Molly Huntington**, 15, and **Jonathan Knope**, 15, conducted an energy audit of Dunwoody Nature Center and then produced a short movie to describe what a new, energy-efficient green building in Dunwoody Park might be like. The team was one of ten finalists invited to present to an audience of 200 students, as well as ten judges from the environmental field. Each group of finalists presented a project addressing a local environmental issue, along with action plans they designed and implemented to address the issue.

Georgia Conservancy awards cash prizes to be used for science or media center materials for participating schools or to further the project that has been presented. Cory, Molly, and Jonathan's first place prize of \$2,000 will go to Dunwoody Nature Center.

The team initially undertook the study of Dunwoody Nature Center as part of the FIRST-LEGO League Power Puzzle Challenge, an international robotics competition that included both a robotics and a research challenge. After studying the buildings in Dunwoody Park, the team presented their audit findings and their vision for a new building to the Dunwoody Nature Center Board of Directors' Facilities Task Force and to the DeKalb County Citizens Advisory Board to the Parks and Recreation Department.

The three students hope that their movie will help spark interest in a LEED-certified, home-size building in Dunwoody Park. This model green building would teach the community how to conserve energy and move toward renewable energy sources. The building would also reflect and support Dunwoody Nature Center's mission of environmental education. The movie will be shown on the nature center's web site: [www.dunwoodynature.org](http://www.dunwoodynature.org).

## **EXCITING AUTHORS COMING TO THE CARTER LIBRARY**

*By Tony Clark*

Don't Miss these Readings and Book Signings

Anyone interested in history and current events won't want to miss the authors coming to the Carter Presidential Library in June.

On Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, former White House aide and Republican speechwriter Kasey Pipes will describe *Ike's Final Battle: The Road to Little Rock and the Challenge of Equality*. In this free 7:00 p.m. lecture, Pipes brings an insiders perspective to the Eisenhower presidency during the age of desegregation.

The following Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., the focus will shift to Tibet with two expert authors on the Dalai Lama. Thomas Laird, author of *The Story of Tibet* and Robert Thurman, author of *Why the Dalai Lama Matters* will talk about their differing views of the future of Tibet and the modern role of the Dalai Lama.

Following the free discussion, both authors will sign copies of their books.

For more about these and other upcoming author lectures, visit our website at: [www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov](http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov) or please call 404-865-7100.

## **MIDSUMMER MUSIC FEST FEATURING BLUES TRAVELER ALL-DAY FESTIVAL IN UNIQUE VENUE, CANDLER PARK!**

*By Molly Parrish*

790 The Zone announces Midsummer Music Fest Featuring Blues Traveler, Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, located in Candler Park. The all-day festival will be a surge of performances by numerous live bands including Drivin' n' Cryin', Swami, and headliner Blues Traveler, and plenty of cold drinks.

790 The Zone will make a \$5,000 donation to the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, to be used to enhance the green benefits, sidewalks, park experience, and overall neighborhood environment.

The Midsummer Music Fest celebrates 790 The Zone's 11-year anniversary, making it the longest-running sports station in Georgia. 790 The Zone has provided Atlanta's sports fans with complete coverage of Atlanta athletics and entertainment during the past 11 years.

Gates open at 2:00 p.m. Live music from 2:30-7:00 p.m.: Drivin' n' Cryin' 7:30-8:30 p.m., and headliner Blues Traveler 9:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.790thezone.com](http://www.790thezone.com) and/or <http://www.ticketalternative.com>

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### Fulton Board Proposes 2008 Millage Rates

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners has proposed 2008 millage rates equal to the 2007 rates. Because the Board is not proposing a full millage rate rollback, it will hold three public hearings in accordance with state law.

The proposed General Fund millage rate is 10.281. The proposed South Fulton Tax District millage rate is 5.659. For more than 85 percent of residential property owners, tax bills in 2008 will remain the same or decrease, compared to 2007.

**Although the proposed 2008 millage rate is expected to generate additional revenue due to growth and reassessment, the rate is 23% lower than the County's millage rate in 2000. Fulton County has led the metro Atlanta area in millage rate rollbacks for the past decade.**

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a "rollback" millage rate must be computed that would produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

**The public is invited to public hearings to be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 10 a.m.**

Fulton County residents may attend the meetings in person at the Government Center Assembly Hall, 141 Pryor Street, Atlanta, and via video conference from the North Fulton Government Service Center Auditorium, 7741 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, and the South Fulton Government Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, TO APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 ☎ ☎ ☎

325 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
39612	Sat.	FLAG DAY	
39613	Sun.	FATHER'S DAY	
39616	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
39619	Sat.	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	
39623	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	889 Edgewood Ave. 404-688-7330
39625	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	1131 Austin Ave. 404-523-4801
39629	Tues. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
39632	Fri.	FOURTH OF JULY	

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### TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR

DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
39608	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801
39636	Monthly meeting: Call Richard Westrick for details.	404-523-4801



# INMAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION & SECURITY PATROL MEMBERSHIP

MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009, TO APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

See reverse side for an application to become a member of IPNA and/or Inman Park Security Patrol

Please check here if you would like to have your name indicated in the Membership Directory as a member of the Security Patrol.

## IPNA MEMBERSHIP

[www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org)

### IPNA MEMBERSHIP FEE:

Each Adult (18 years and over) . . . . . \$ 5.00  
Each Senior Citizen (age 65+) . . . . . \$ 1.00  
Businesses, corporations, institutions, or agencies  
(Depending on size of the business.) . . . . . \$10.00

### MEETINGS:

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in discussions at meetings held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the:

Inman Park United Methodist Church  
1015 Edgewood Avenue, N.E.  
(Between Hurt St. & Elizabeth St.)

### VOTING ON:

1. IPNA issues: Voting is restricted to Inman Park resident members in good standing.
2. NPU issues: All member and non-member residents may vote.

### MEMBERSHIP DUE:

Both your IPNA Membership and Security Patrol Membership are due from May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. You may pay both fees with one check. To do this, please complete BOTH sections on the form on the reverse side, then add the fees together and write one check.

### APPLICATIONS ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK MAY BE:

1. MAILED TO OR DROPPED OFF AT:  
IPNA  
167 ELIZABETH ST., N.E.  
ATLANTA, GA 30307-2557
2. TURNED IN AT IPNA MEETINGS. (DUE TO THE CONFUSION AT THE MEETINGS, #1 ABOVE IS PREFERRED.)

<b>**ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN YOUR HOUSE.</b>

## SECURITY MEMBERSHIP

[security.patrol@inmanpark.org](mailto:security.patrol@inmanpark.org)

We all benefit from having off-duty Atlanta Police officers as our security patrol officers. In fact, their mere presence helps to deter crime. While on duty, they have confronted many potential criminals and have actually arrested a number of perpetrators,

Please pay your Security Patrol membership fees by April 30<sup>th</sup>. We're hoping enough old and new members will come forward to permit an increase in coverage this year. We really need to have higher participation than in previous years.

Thank you for doing your part in making Inman Park a safer neighborhood!! And, tell a neighbor.....

For more information, please visit:  
[www.inmanpark.org/SecurityPatrol.htm](http://www.inmanpark.org/SecurityPatrol.htm)

### RESIDENT MEMBERS:

Will receive a yard sign signifying their membership in the Security Plan and will be listed in the Membership Directory.

### BUSINESS MEMBERS:

Will receive a certificate to display so resident members know of their participation in the Security Plan.

**NOTE:** The main distinguishing aspect between the Bronze, Silver, and Gold level membership is access to the patrol officer.

### BRONZE LEVEL: \$200

1. The Inman Park Patrol car is staffed with uniformed off-duty Atlanta Police officers. Your membership fee will help us expand the services, patrol hours, and give us the ability to track patrol routes via a GPS unit.
2. Increase volunteer Court Watch and interaction with City officials, with a goal being to ensure that criminals acting, and arrested, in our neighborhood are punished to the full extent of the law.
3. Membership fees will help pay for supplies for Graffiti Removal ("Off the Wall") and Traffic Calming Committees (all volunteers).
4. Fees will help pay for the cost of easier methods for payment of Security Plan membership fees. This will possibly be some form of e-commerce such as the ability to pay via credit card when submitting your applications at: [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org).

### SILVER LEVEL \$250 (includes all the Bronze level features plus):

1. Vacation patrol – by notifying the patrol of your vacation plans, the officers would take special note of any suspicious activity at a member's residence or business.
2. Assistance from the patrol if a member is unable to drive or needs an escort from street to residence.

### GOLD LEVEL \$300 (includes all the Bronze and Silver Level features plus):

1. Gold Members will have access to a cell phone number to reach the patrolling officer in case of emergency.
2. We also are considering the possibility for this number to be one of the numbers called when a security monitoring company receives an alarm from a member's residence or business. This could greatly reduce response time to crime incidents that trigger an alarm.