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President's Message

It All Starts Here

BY DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



By “here” I mean feeling safe in your own neighborhood. The most basic measure of quality of life is feeling you can safely be in your home, or walking on your street, or my street, without

feeling that your money, let alone your life, could be taken from you at a moment's notice. And right now, the day after over a hundred Inman Parkers came to the Trolley Barn for March's monthly IPNA meeting, it seems that our quality of life is under assault.

As Matthew McConaughey might say in his Lincoln commercial, the challenge is finding the right balance. On one hand, the recent murders at Little 5 Points and at the, ahem, BeltLine Kroger have us **all** shaken up. When taken with a car stolen on DeKalb Avenue by a marauding group of juveniles, and a break-in at the home of a pregnant mother while she is home, it is tempting to give into the fight-or-flight instinct. On the other hand, I reviewed the minutes from February's IPNA meeting, attended by far fewer neighbors. Our Zone 6 commander was represented by his lieutenant, and not a single person had a question or comment to take back to the Major.

The experts will tell us that incidence of crime ebbs and flows. They will also acknowledge that the raw number of crimes is one thing, and the perception and fear of crime is quite something else.

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Bringing Back a Festival Tradition

What	Pre-Festival Neighborhood Clean Up
When	Saturday, April 18 • 8:30 a.m.
Where	Meet at 1037 Euclid Ave (free donuts and coffee)
We'll Have	Leaf and litter bags
You Bring	Gloves, rakes, shovels, and such
Why	To help our Festival footprint shine

Festival is Inman Park's time to shine! So, after a few years absence, we are bringing back the tradition of a pre-Festival neighborhood clean-up to ensure our streetscape looks as inviting as possible for our Festival weekend celebration.

While most neighbors take the opportunity to spruce up their yards in the weeks leading up to Festival, it takes a group effort to cover the public areas of the Festival footprint. We'll focus primarily on picking up leaves and litter on these streets: **Elizabeth Street** (between Lake/Austin and Dekalb); **Edgewood Avenue** (between Spruce and Hurt); **Hurt Street** (between Edgewood and Euclid); and **Euclid Avenue** (between Edgewood and Austin). If we have enough volunteers and time, we'll expand our efforts to include Austin Avenue, Alta Avenue and Degrass Avenue on the Tour of Homes route.

We'll begin the morning at 1037 Euclid Ave. with coffee and doughnuts and then break out into teams to cover the target areas.

Please join us as we bring back this Festival tradition. The more people who participate, the faster the work will go, so consider getting your family or neighbors together to volunteer as a team. Email csundin@printpack.com to volunteer to participate in the clean-up. While you are welcome to show up the morning of, confirming your participation in advance will help us plan clean-up teams and ensure we have adequate supplies, coffee, and water for volunteers.

Festival Countdown Begins

Find out the line-up of events and how you can get involved!

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What's Happening

See upcoming activities in and around Inman Park in the weeks ahead.

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Public Safety Committee

What proactive steps are we taking to reduce crime?

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2015

BY JANET BERRY • SECRETARY • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Dennis Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Dennis requested a motion to add a one hour public safety discussion to the agenda along with a Liquor License Application for Bill Streck. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Newcomers:

Newcomers were welcomed.

Minutes:

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve last month's minutes.

Announcements:

Meeting announcements included (see details in the Advocate): Oreon Mann, **Inman Park Book Club**; Pat Westrick, **Porch Party**; Nancy Morrison, **Lifelong Communities** lecture series; Ben Mitchell, sale of **Tour of Home tickets**, \$12 at the back table for IPNA members; Christel Sundin, permits are in place for **Festival**, volunteer website is InmanParkFestival.org, clean up date April 18; Jane Smith, **Mary Lin 5K Rocket Run**, Sunday of Festival, fundraising goal of \$15K will be matched by an Inman Park neighbor if the goal is achieved. Please run, donate, sponsor a runner and volunteer. Cathy Bradshaw requested books for 8th grade and younger be donated to Judy Clements' **Ghana Library Project**, now over 1700 libraries strong, contact her at cbradshaw999@bellsouth.net.

Public Safety, IPSP, and Police Officer Reports:

Dennis began by imploring all neighbors new and old to join IPNA and IPSP. **Zone 6 Commander Timothy Peek** began by saying he has had meeting after meeting since the double murders in Little 5 Points (L5P) and the murder at the Beltline Kroger, starting with Atlanta's Chief of Police. He stated that he was here to "look into the eyes and faces of those affected... This is my city-my pride, this is my job-I am angry... It is my job is to hold people accountable and I appreciate coming before you today and being held accountable." Major Peek reported the Kroger murder was a break-in that escalated with confrontation. The L5P murder motives remain unclear; the flow

of the investigation is proceeding and they are finding more leads. Major Peek met with L5P Business Owners and identified the need for more lighting, more cameras and more foliage clearing. Every available resource is being reassigned to solve these cases. Other comments, concerns and recommendations included: The Kroger crime was a break-in that escalated to a murder after confrontation. This illustrates why under no circumstances should citizens approach a crime in progress. Instead, move to a safe place and call 911. Break-ins appear to be fencing operations of organized enterprises, using perpetrators under the age of 18 by design. Undercover and plainclothes police are routinely used in Inman Park in combination with patrol cars, so some "thugs" walking around IP are your protectors! The number of guns stolen from car break-ins is astounding, so clean out your cars and advocate the Clean Car Campaign to your friends. Always call 911 first; key verbiage includes: crime in progress, randomly walking near cars or homes, trying doors, suspicious person with description. If you see suspicious people, call 911, supervisors are paid to prioritize calls, police are not politicians, do not hesitate, if wrong police, will politely apologize. Major Peek said that the right criminals are being caught; through plea bargains many return immediately to the streets and openly mock officers. He works with the Police Foundation, which meets with judges, courts, parole officers, schools and others to address the larger issue of crime. Major Peek listened to concerns of nonresponsive requests for an officer, and asked that he be contacted with dates/times of calls, names and phone numbers called, etc. Contact him with all comments or concerns at tpeek@atlantaga.gov. Neighbors voiced personal incidents of crimes, their experiences, and their concerns. Major Peek made himself available for sidebar conversations throughout the remainder of the meeting and after the meeting along with all other officers attending. **IPSP commander Sgt. Soukup** stated that apart from the L5P murders, trends are unchanged. Most crime is during the day and patrols are being adjusted. IPSP carries radios

listening to 911 calls, they respond to those calls, therefore call 911 first. Tony and Dennis stated it would cost 400K/year or 33K per month for 24/7 IPSP coverage.

Investigator Jared Watkins was also in attendance. Officers were applauded.

Keith Lamar, Zone 6 Prosecutor, reported our new Court Watch organizer is Danielle Simpson. His frustration is with repeat offenders. Court Watch is an opportunity to be heard by judges, to put a face on the effects of crime. He urges our involvement and is willing to walk with police and fire officers through our streets. Banned criminals from our neighborhoods have returned, victims alone are notified of their release. Parole officers are to be notified of their return through police officers.

Officer Reports:

Dennis Mobley, President: Dennis addressed the recent murders stating, "it is a (blank) war out there." He stated we have no immediate fixes, particularly for L5P's challenges. Dennis has met with Scott Ball, CID staff for L5P. "He is as concerned as we are." Both feel the very survival of L5P is at stake. Dennis implored every neighbor again to join IPSP, of which now only 38% of Inman Park neighbors are members. Also, Dennis requested neighbors to join the IPSP Public Safety Committee, once 20 members and now only 2. Dennis met with Matt Nelson, and with his counsel came to realize that IPSP is a crutch in some ways, IPNA needs real involvement. He suggested a genuine Neighborhood Watch program with block captains that not only observe and report, but also see the legal process through to completion. "We are Inman Park and we can do this... we have faced down many challenges in the past and we can face this down too. There is no try, there is only do."

Molly McLamb, V.P. Historic Preservation:

Nothing to report.

Barbara Leach, Treasurer

Cash Balances February, 2015
Operating Accounts..... 184,267
CD's 48,780
Total 233,044

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Other Happenings to Note

Grand Concourse

Friday, March 27 through Sunday, April 26 • Horizon Theatre • horizontheatre.com

The startling, compassionate off-broadway hit, *Grand Concourse*, is about a devoted manager of a church soup kitchen for the down-and-out that takes on a new volunteer. Visit website for tickets.

Inman Park Tree Mulching

Saturday, April 18 • 9 a.m. – Noon • Contacts: Oreon Mann, Jim Abbott

Join the Inman Park Tree Watch Committee and Trees Atlanta to mulch and prune trees before Festival. Ages 12 and up are welcome, but volunteers under 16 must be with a parent or guardian. Tools and instruction provided, but please bring your own gloves and water. Meet at the mulch pile in Poplar Circle (on Euclid Avenue). Email oreonmann@yahoo.com or abbot.jim@gmail.com for more info.

Root City Market Spring Pop-Up

Saturday, April 18 • 9 a.m. • Stove Works • rootcitymarket.com

This quarterly pop-up market that turns the spotlight on makers who are proudly crafting in the South brings 40+ vendors, live music and a chance to explore your creative side to its Spring event to 112 Krog Street. Free.

Apprentice Company – One Act Plays

Tuesday April 21 • 7 p.m. • Horizon Theatre • horizontheatre.org

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7th Annual Rocket Run 5K & Rocket Blast 1 Mile

Sunday, April 26 • 9 a.m. • Register at rocketrun.org

Hosted by the Mary Lin Education Foundation, these events for kids and adults of all ages raise funds for the new Mary Lin Elementary playground. The course winds through Inman Park and O4W before Festival opens. More info on page 17.

Atlanta BeltLine/Atlanta Streetcar System Plan Update

Monday, April 27 • 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Trees Atlanta: 225 Chester SE • beltline.org

Plans are being finalized for the city-wide Beltline and Streetcar System. Come hear what's new. This meeting is also being held on April 23 at the Kipp Strive Academy at the same time.

Atlanta BeltLine Jamboree

Saturday, May 16 • 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Washington Park • beltline.org

Support the Atlanta BeltLine that runs through our neighborhood at the First Annual Atlanta BeltLine Jamboree, a fundraiser that will highlight Atlanta's creative and playful energy. Enjoy live music, great food, games, and entertainment. Free.

Check out these weekly events nearby:

Mondays: Euro Board Game night at Cameli's in Little 5 Points, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Tuesdays: Free Yoga in the Meadow at Old Fourth Ward Skate Park, 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Team Trivia night at The Albert, 8 p.m.

Thursdays: Free Outdoor Yoga, SE corner of Hurt and Euclid, 6:45 p.m.

Fridays: Free Walking Tour by Trees Atlanta, Meet on Beltline behind Parish, 10 a.m.

Saturdays: Freedom Parkway Farmers' Market at the Carter Center, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 

IPNA Calendar

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

Apr
18

Neighborhood Clean-up
see cover for details

Inman Park Tree Watch Mulching
see details at left

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

Apr
24
thru
26

44th Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes
see pages 12-19 for details

May
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Inman Park Pool Opening Day

May
20

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

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Last Day of School for APS students

May
25

Memorial Day holiday

May
26

Book Club
Hosted by Patty McGuigan Robinson
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So how can we, Inman Park, help reduce the incidence of actual crimes, *and* help ourselves to feel safer going forward? I submit that it is a long list involving lots of hard work, frustration, and perseverance, but that **overcoming such obstacles is the very spirit of Inman Park.**

Everyone's views will vary, but let me use the "bully pulpit" of this column to provide my version of how we overcome our fear.

First, I believe we must build on the wonderful Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP), now under the leadership of Sgt. Tom Soukup, after many years of superb direction from Major Brent Schierbaum, who had to bow out due to his most recent promotion. As we speak, Sgt. Soukup is revisiting which hours of the day and night our patrol is deployed, to account for the latest trends in terms of when bad people try to do bad things in Inman Park. And "build on" also means increasing the financial support available to pay for patrol hours. If your apartment complex, condo or homeowner's association, business, or household is not yet a member, please join.

Second, we as citizens and neighbors need to step forward. The simplest way is to **call 911** whenever you see something out of sorts. While avoiding simple racial profiling, we do know what looks normal on our street or in our building or garage and what does not. Be Ye Not Afraid and call 911, as this helps the police know what's going on out there, real-time.

IPNA's Public Safety Committee, led by Tony Neu, is taking steps to address recent concerns and organize neighbor activity. You can read more about these steps and how you can play a role on page 9 of this issue. Both IPNA and CPNO (Candler Park Neighborhood Organization) neighbor groups are engaged with the L5P CID (Community Information District), the APD and city leaders to affect positive change in the L5P district.

So please step forward. Take charge of your and your neighbor's safety. And all the while, live the Inman Park Life in spite of, or because of, these challenges to our quality of life. There *will* be another Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes. And it's **THIS MONTH!**

There *will* be Book Club and Porch Party and all of those things that make us feel safer together. So step forward, on all fronts, and life in Inman Park will continue to improve.

See you at Festival! **M**

Welcome New Neighbors

Alice Fabi, North Highland Ave

Alex Ganim and Chris Gummo, Alta Ave

Arand and Hannah Jillella, Colquitt Ave



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Step Up to Keep the Little 5 Points Mini-Precinct Open

By RICHARD B. SHAPIRO, D.D.S.

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Now beginning its 17th year of existence, the Atlanta Police Mini-Precinct in Little 5 Points continues to be a cornerstone in our community's approach to reduce crime. Since it opened, the increased presence and visibility of Atlanta Police Officers that the Mini-Precinct brings to our community has made a significant difference in the conduct of those hanging out in L5P and the surrounding community.

But we need your help to keep it open.

The Mini-Precinct is a public/private partnership between the City of Atlanta and the community. The officers, equipment, supplies, computers, electronics, and video communication gear are funded by the Police Department. Rent, repairs, utilities and other operating costs come from the community, such as, contributions from the L5P Business Association and its members, grants from the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, grants from the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization, and contributions from individual households.

Your financial support is particularly important this year to keep this valuable and truly vital facility open. Please send your personal contribution now (matching or increasing your last year's contribution, or sending \$50 or more, is suggested). It's the right thing to do for your community, your neighbors and yourself. Send a check including your name, address and phone number to: L5PBA Mini-Precinct Fund, PO Box 5733, Atlanta, GA 31107. **M**

CLEAN CAR CHECKLIST

Car break-ins are a nuisance and can be very costly. Help cut down on these crimes of opportunity by keeping your car clean.

Every time you leave your car:

- 🔒 Lock all windows and doors
- 🔒 Remove all valuables, especially electronics
- 🔒 Remove from sight all electronic cords and power sources
- 🔒 Remove all bags, boxes and briefcases - even if they don't contain valuables (criminals think otherwise)
- 🔒 Put any loose change out of sight
- 🔒 Do not leave a firearm in your vehicle

Be sure to advise Inman Park visitors of the advantages of a clean car. And remember to move any items from your car to your trunk before arriving at your destination. Lastly, if you are a victim of crime, call 911 to report it.

Your Inman Park Security Patrol

Over the past year on these pages, we've introduced you to members of the IPSP individually and this month, we're recapping that series by presenting them all here. As you see them out and about in Inman Park, we hope you'll say hello and make them feel welcome! **M**



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IPSP Coord



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Public Safety Update

BY TONY NEU • VP PUBLIC SAFETY • PUBLIC.SAFETY@INMANPARK.ORG

Given the renewed focus on public safety and cause for concern created by the more serious recent criminal activity in and around Inman Park, the Public Safety committee is mobilizing new volunteers and taking actionable steps to address neighbors' concerns.

First, we have **increased Security Patrol hours** by adding eight hours to weekend patrols. We routinely adjust the IPSP schedule in response to crime trends in the neighborhood and will continue to do so. This increase in patrol hours was financed through prior IPSP fundraising including the Wine Stroll. In order to sustain this expanded coverage, however, we need to grow IPSP membership beyond the 38% of residents who currently belong. If you have not yet joined, please consider doing so, and if you are already a member, please encourage your neighbors to support the patrol as well.

Second, **several Public Safety working groups** that reflect key areas of concern and interest in further promoting neighborhood safety have recently been formed and are described below. If you would like to become more directly involved in ensuring a safer Inman Park, please consider lending your time and talents to one of these committees:

Judicial *Work with prosecutors and the City of Atlanta's Court Watch program to promote more aggressive sentencing for crimes in Inman Park, especially for repeat offenders.*

Block/Zone Captains *Leverage aspects of Neighborhood Watch and engage citizens to help promote safety and deter crime at the street/block level.*

Beautification *Collaborate with existing IPNA Graffiti and Beautification committees, but with a focus on increased lighting in public areas and strategic placement of security cameras.*

Fundraising *Create and execute fundraising events or programs for the IPSP in order to support expanded patrol hours*

Communications *Collaborate with IPNA Communications committee to develop and implement a cohesive communications plan to promote neighbor-led public safety initiatives and increase visibility of IPSP.*

Regarding communications, I encourage you to join **Nextdoor.com**, a private social network that supports communication between neighbors about everything from crime and safety and general announcements to a classified section and vendor recommendations (e.g. home repairs, etc.). Simply visit <https://inmanpark.nextdoor.com> to join for free. Although not an official organ of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, we along with several City of Atlanta agencies monitor and use this platform to disseminate information about suspicious and criminal activity in Inman Park as well as initiatives that neighbors can get involved in.

Public Safety committee member **Chris Coffee** is heading up volunteer coordination, so please contact Chris (cncoffee@outlook.com or 404-729-6662) to become involved with any of these working groups.

In addition to Chris, I'd also like to recognize Public Safety committee members **Scott Evans**, **Allison O'Neill**, and **Thom Abelew** for their exceptional energy and support.

Recent events make it clear that we can't take our safety for granted, particularly living so close to a large metropolitan city. I am hopeful, however, that any fear and anxiety caused by these recent events can be channeled into positive efforts to preserve and improve the quality of life we are so fortunate to enjoy in Inman Park. **M**

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – Mar. 1-28, 2015

Directed Patrols.....	1,127	Information for Officer	6
Business Drop-Ins.....	146	Wanted Person.....	1
Alarm Calls	1	Narcotics	1
Suspicious Person	6	Parking Complaints.....	1
Suspicious Vehicle	3	Noise Complaints.....	2
Residential Alarm.....	1	Community Meetings.....	1
Theft from Vehicle	1	Member Contacts.....	5

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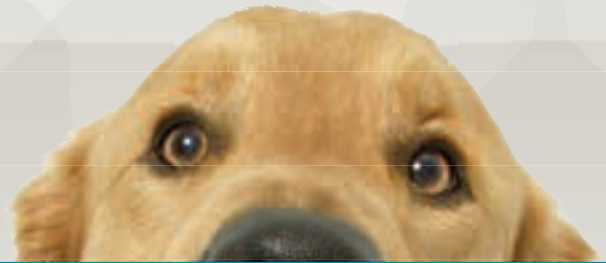
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Tour the Trolley Barn During Festival

By STEVE HAYS • CHAIRMAN, AESRC
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The Trolley Barn is one of the many wonderful structures that will be on tour during the Inman Park Festival. We invite you to stop by and take a tour of this historic site. No ticket is needed to tour The Barn. The main hall features a unique mesquite hardwood floor and a stained glass celestial window and lovely gardens surround the patio. Be sure to go upstairs to the mezzanine area and look at the series of pictures made during the renovation of The Barn.

During the Tour of Homes, we will be selling Love Our Barn t-shirts and coffee mugs at The Barn. Please consider buying a t-shirt or mug as the proceeds will go toward purchase of The Barn. We will also accept donations. Checks should be made payable to The Trolley Barn, and donations are fully tax-deductible.

As you probably know, the City of Atlanta is in the process of transferring The Trolley Barn to InvestAtlanta in preparation for its sale. We are awaiting information about the next step in the purchase process.

We look forward to seeing you at Festival! 🐾

In Loving Memory

We mourn the loss of life during recent incidents in L5P and at the BeltLine Kroger

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of Inman Park

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Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

By MOLLY McLAMB • VP HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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Please note: If you wish to perform any construction work (beyond routine maintenance) on the exterior of a site, home, or building in the Inman Park Historic District, you must contact the AUDC to begin their review/approval process. Please contact me at the email address above as early in the project as possible to schedule meetings and be placed on the monthly IPNA meeting agenda, or for any questions related to the historic regulations or approval process.

	Application Deadline	AUDC Hearing Date
Upcoming Application Deadlines	April 21	May 13
	May 5	May 27
	May 19	June 10

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

March 11, 2015

766 Dixie Avenue -- Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-020) for alterations and an addition. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / BeltLine

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions
Commission Voted: Approved with conditions

111 Waddell St. – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-021) for alterations and an addition. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / BeltLine

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions
Commission Voted: Approved with conditions

206 Elizabeth St. – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-022) for a partial demolition, alterations, and site work. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / BeltLine

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions
Commission Voted: Approved with conditions

1021 Euclid Ave. – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-026) for a secondstory dormer addition. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / BeltLine

Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions
Commission Voted: Approved with revised conditions

Please see the IPNA Agenda for applications scheduled for this month's IPNA meeting.

AUDC Contact Information:

Website: www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx

Address: 55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 3350
Atlanta GA 30335-0331

Phone: (404) 330-6145

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Countdown to Festival 2015

BY CHRISTEL SUNDIN & ROB CRAIG • FESTIVAL CO-CHAIRS • CSUNDIN@PRINTPACK.COM




Rob Craig & Christel Sundin

The 2015 Inman Park Festival is almost here after about seven months of planning and we hope you are already among the 900 or so volunteers it takes to make Festival happen. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer, we certainly hope you will! Whether you're new to Inman Park or have lived here for years, volunteering is not only a great way to contribute to the success of Festival, it gives you an opportunity to meet other Inman Park neighbors and you'll even have some fun, too!

Parking remains at a premium in Inman Park, and that's never truer than during Festival weekend. Please encourage your Festival guests to walk, bike or take MARTA to Festival this year. The BeltLine provides terrific access to the neighborhood and we also have added a third bike valet station (see map on page 13).

All of your Festival favorites are back this year, including: an exceptional Tour of Homes, more than 450 exhibitors, craft beer trucks for our beer lovers, exciting new music on three stages, great food options and, of course, the best parade in Atlanta will roll through our streets on Saturday afternoon.

And this year, as mentioned on the cover, we're bringing back the pre-Festival neighborhood clean-up. On Saturday, April 18, join us and your neighbors to help clean-up the main streets of Festival. We'll be focused on picking up leaves and trash along these streets to ensure we showcase the best of Inman Park for our Festival guests. We also have coordinated with the City of Atlanta to pick up leaf bags and run the street sweeper after our morning clean-up is complete. And for those who want it, we'll have free coffee and doughnuts to jump-start the morning.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter (@InmanParkFest) and Facebook (Inman Park Festival) to keep up with everything leading up to and during Festival weekend. Here's to a successful 2015 Festival weekend! 

Pitch In to Clean Up

Saturday, April 18

8:30 AM

1037 Euclid Ave.

Help us renew a Festival tradition – gather with neighbors for a pre-Festival clean up! We'll spruce up the Festival footprint by picking up leaves and litter in the public spaces. Free donuts and coffee from the Festival Committee will kick off the morning and the City of Atlanta is supporting the effort with yard waste pick up and street sweeping in the afternoon.

See front cover for more details.












WE NEED YOU

to be a Festival 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 VolunteerSpot to sign up today! <http://vols.pt/5WUsPh>

2015 Festival Map

-  Information, Festival Posters, T-Shirts & Tour of Homes Tickets
-  Restrooms
-  ATM
-  Bike Valet Station
-  Kids' Village
-  Food
-  Beer
-  First Aid / Security
-  Music / Entertainment
-  Tour of Homes
-  Trolley Barn

-  Arts & Crafts Market Booth Numbers
-  Street Market Booth Numbers
-  Shuttle Route
-  Parade Route (2 pm Saturday)

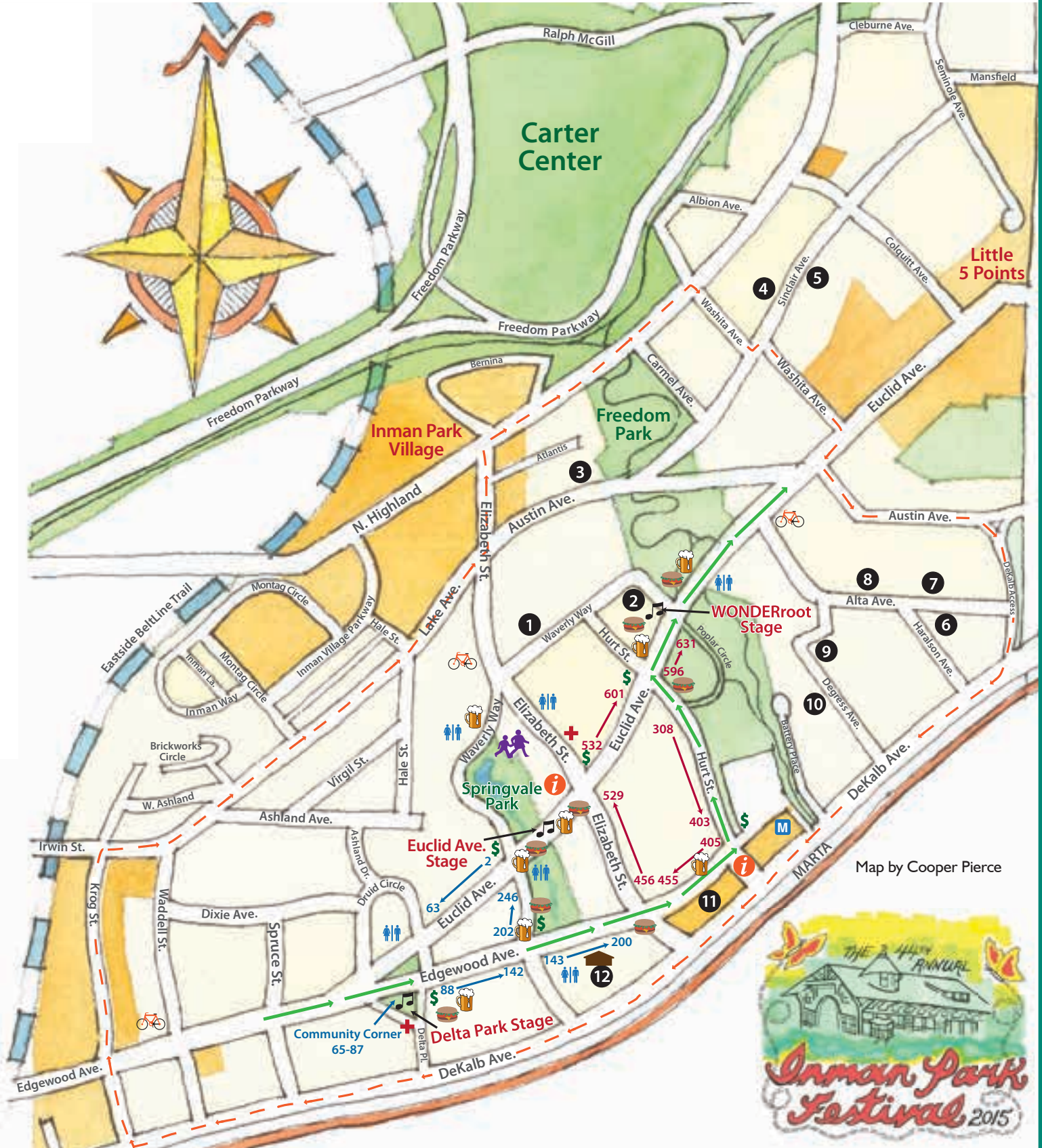
Arts & Crafts Market
(fine art, original work)
Vendors are primarily located on the west side of Festival.

Street Market
(antiques & handcrafted wares)
Vendors are primarily located on the east side of Festival.

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Festival Entertainment

Parade • Saturday • 2pm

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The don't-miss event of Festival weekend, the Inman Park Festival Parade features such favorites as the Precision Attaché Case Drill Team and Seed & Feed Marching Abominables, along with the famed Trash Monarch. Grab your spot early to enjoy one of the city's funkiest and most eclectic parades. **See map for parade route. Parade occurs rain or shine. Free.**

Live Music

Saturday & Sunday • Schedule Below

Enjoy a variety of entertainment at the three music stages located within the Festival footprint. **See map for stage locations. Music schedules subject to change. Free.**

Kids' Village

Saturday & Sunday • 12 – 6 pm

Need a place for the little ones to burn off some energy? Head to the Kids' Village where they'll enjoy a variety of activities, most of which are complimentary. Food and drink are also available for purchase here. **Springvale Park. Free.**

Dance Festival

Saturday & Sunday • 4 pm

The Inman Park Dance Festival presents seven representatives of Atlanta's thriving dance community. The line-up includes historic selections and premier works by Agnes Scott College, Atlanta Baroque Dance, Ballethnic, Callanwolde Dance Ensemble, DENSE, Full Radius Dance, Metropolitan Ballet Theater and Moving in the Spirit. **Trolley Barn. Free.**

	Music • Saturday, April 25 th	Music • Sunday, April 26 th
Delta Park Stage	11:45 am - 12:45 pm Book of Colors <i>Psychedelic, soulful, multi-instrumentalists</i> 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Mr. Blue Sky – Indie pop trio 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm PARADE 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Myles Brown Band – Funk-rock 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm 10 Degrees Off <i>Blues, swing, rock & good-time tunes</i> 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Blair Crimmins and the Hookers <i>Ragtime, Dixieland, updated</i> 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm Brian Ashley Jones <i>Soulful singer, guitarist, songwriter & band</i>	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Flat Rock Swing <i>Americana/country-swing</i> 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm Black Lion <i>Reggae</i> 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Larkin Poe <i>American roots rock</i> 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Sweet Claudette <i>Americana/Motown/Countryish songbirds</i> 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Michelle Malone <i>Rock diva</i>
Euclid Avenue Stage	11:45 am - 12:45 pm Georgia Tech Glee Club <i>A capella chorale</i> 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Cooper Tisdale <i>Jazz fusion guitar virtuoso</i> 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm PARADE 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Bonaventure “Quartet” <i>Gypsy swing, a la Django Reinhardt</i> 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm Georgia Soul Council <i>Soul/funk, including horns</i>	11:45 am - 12:45 pm Rocket 88's – Classic rock and blues covers 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm The Back Yardbirds <i>British blues invasion covers</i> 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Rain Men <i>British pop invasion covers</i> 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Webb Wilder <i>Twangy rock/surf guitar rockabilly</i> 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm Ike Stubblefield <i>Motown legend & Hammond B3 virtuoso</i>
WONDERroot Stage	11:45 am - 12:45 pm TBA 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Diamond Thief <i>Youthful and energetic punk rock</i> 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm PARADE 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm A Moment Electric – Psychedelic rock & roll 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm R. Garcia – Soaring melodies, throwback electronica & fuzz-guitars 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm New Tree <i>Melodic atmospheric rock & skillful vocals</i>	11:45 am - 12:45 pm TBA 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Woven In <i>Dark, twangy rock and goth-like vocals</i> 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Momcat <i>Smart, self-described “garage rock”</i> 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Man Up, Yancey <i>Thoughtful and understated lullabies</i> 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm Plague of Pilgrims <i>Guitar-driven indie rock w/dynamic melodies</i>

The 44th Annual Inman Park Spring Festival & Tour of Homes

**Saturday
April 25th**

Artists & Street Market 11 am – 6 pm
 Tour of Homes 12 pm – 6 pm
 Entertainment
 Music Stages 11:45 am – 7:45 pm
 Kids' Village 12 pm – 6 pm
 Parade 2 pm
 Dance Festival 4 pm

**Sunday
April 26th**

Artists & Street Market 11 am – 6 pm
 Tour of Homes 12 pm – 6 pm
 Entertainment
 Music Stages 11:45 am – 6:30 pm
 Kids' Village 12 pm – 6 pm
 Dance Festival 4 pm

Free Shuttle Bus

Runs continuously on the Festival perimeter. See map for shuttle bus route. Simply flag it down and hop on!

No Pets Allowed

By City of Atlanta ordinance, pets are not allowed in the Festival footprint.

Exhibitors

Saturday & Sunday • 11 am – 6 pm

Arts & Crafts Market

Located primarily on the west side of Festival, the juried Arts & Crafts Market features more than 150 fine artists showcasing their original work across a variety of media, including sculpture, painting, and photography.

Street Market

Located primarily on the east side of Festival, the Street Market includes more than 250 booths of antiques and handcrafted wares, featuring unique items ranging from jewelry and pottery, to garden accessories and handmade soap!

Community Corner

You'll find your favorite non-profit organization in the Community Corner, located on Edgewood Avenue near the Delta Park Stage.

Tour of Homes

Friday (Preview) • 12-4 pm
Saturday & Sunday • 12-6 pm
Tickets \$20

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Welcome to Inman Park and our 44th Spring Festival. While the Festival is a fantastic blend of original art and crafts, live music, food and fun, the Tour of Homes is where it all began. In 1971, the Tour of Homes was created to bring attention to Intown neighborhoods and the beautiful historic homes that a few brave pioneers dared to restore. Many of the homes were chopped up into apartments or left empty for vagrants and vandalism. The rebirth of Inman Park has been an incredible labor of love combined with commitment, and sweat equity. The Inman Park you see today is the result of that commitment and we hope you appreciate its beauty and grace.

A ticket is required for the tour and may be purchased at the sales tents (see map).

Tour of Homes

Thank you to all of the neighbors who so graciously agreed to open their homes for Festival weekend:

- 1 Tia & Albert Landau**
926 Waverly Way, Unit B
- 2 Heather & Merritt Lancaster**
987 Waverly Way
- 3 Jessye Archer & Vicki Berry**
958 Austin Avenue
- 4 Thea & Al Quillian**
394 Sinclair Avenue
- 5 Veronica & Brian Roof**
401 Sinclair Avenue
- 6 Julie Noble & Eric Anderson**
1135 Alta Avenue
- 7 Susan Mitchell Crawley & John Dabney Murrill**
1134 Alta Avenue
- 8 Karen & Ken Taber**
1094 Alta Avenue
- 9 Karin & Steve Stern**
227 Degrass Avenue
- 10 Lisa & Rick Yates**
216 Degrass Avenue
- 11 Inman Park United Methodist Church**
1015 Edgewood Avenue
- 12 The Trolley Barn**
963 Edgewood Avenue



Festival Focus

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Music Stages

By YVONNE MERKEL • ADVOCATOR STAFF
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We checked in with **Steve Ellison**, Music Committee Chair, to learn more about the music of Festival and here's what he had to say. *Edited for space.*

Advocator: How long have you been booking Festival music acts?

Steve: This is my 11th year, and before that I set up the sound systems for a few years.

A: What's your connection to the music of Festival?

S: Music is a real passion of mine. I enjoy being able to support Atlanta's music scene and the many talented artists here. And even though by day I'm a visual communication design professional and architectural consultant, in my off hours I'm a musician in the band *10 degrees Off*. And yes, we've been fortunate to play for Festival audiences for several years.

A: What are your criteria for booking a Festival act?

S: First, I try to offer entertainment from a variety of genres. Second, I focus on higher-energy acts that complement the ambiance of Festival, which is why there are few singer/songwriter solo or duo acts (though if we were ever to add a fourth stage...). Third, an act has to be family-friendly for our audience, and affordable as well. I work to stretch our \$15k budget by limiting the number of out-of-town groups since local groups have lower travel costs and really welcome the local exposure since they spend so much of their time on the road touring.



Steve Ellison has called the shots on the bands at Festival for the past decade.

A: Are there any fan favorites you bring back each year?

S: I try really hard to develop a fresh lineup for each Festival, but we do have some groups that can boast multiple appearances. This year, jazz fusion guitar virtuoso *Cooper Tisdale*, ragtime fusion group *Blair Crimmins and the Hookers*, and rockabilly artist *Webb Wilder* are all back from last year. Gypsy-style jazz group *Bonaventure Quartet* returns after several years and rock diva *Michelle Malone* joins us for a third time.

A: Can you tell us a little about the WonderRoot Stage?

S: WonderRoot is an Atlanta-based nonprofit that empowers artists to engage in their communities through arts-based service work and several years ago, about half the performers on the Popular Circle stage were WonderRoot performers. They were received so well that they now sponsor that stage. It's been a great partnership, and that stage has developed quite a following, as their performers lend a youthful energy and imagination to our musical offerings.

A: What are some of this year's most anticipated performances?

S: Oh, that's so hard! But if I have to... On Saturday, don't miss *Blair Crimmins and the Hookers*, *Brian Ashley Jones*, the *Bonaventure Quartet* and *Georgia Soul Council*. And it's "Classic Rock Sunday" on the Euclid Avenue Stage with the *Rocket 88's*, *The Back Yardbirds* and *The Rain Men*, while it's "Ladies Afternoon" over on the Delta Park Stage, featuring *Larkin Poe*, *Sweet Claudette* and *Michelle Malone*. **M**

Dance Festival Entertains and Educates

By CAROLYN STINE McLAUGHLIN • CSMCLAUGHLIN@GMAIL.COM

Did you ever wonder where ballet came from? This art form is really quite absurd when you take a look at it. Why do they walk like ducks and what are they doing with their arms, circles!? It just is not natural. And then there is modern dance. Is it all suffering? Why are they on the floor!? Get up and cheer up for goodness sake.

You can find out the answers to these questions at this year's Dance Festival, spanning 300 years of dance history! The Atlanta Baroque Dance will perform historic works from the 17th century—when ballet was just beginning. Agnes Scot College will present a historic reconstruction by Doris Humphrey, a founder of modern dance in America. Ballethnic will return with their unique blending of classical ballet and African dance forms. Callanwolde Dance Ensemble, Moving in the Spirit and Metropolitan Ballet Theater will represent the next generation of dancers. DENSE will perform thoughtful modern movement. And last, but certainly not least, Full Radius Dance returns with modern dance of the highest quality that defines the genre of physical integrated dance. **M**

Dance Festival
Sat 4/25 & Sun 4/26
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7th Annual Rocket Run Blasts Off on April 26

BY JANE SMITH • MARY LIN FOUNDATION • JANE@APPRAISALSMITH.COM

The 7th Annual Rocket Run 5K and Rocket Blast 1-mile will raise funds to build a new playground at Mary Lin Elementary after the old one was demolished for the school's classroom addition. And this year, a generous Inman Park family has pledged to match every Rocket Run donation up to \$15,000 – putting us that much closer to our new playground (visit linplayground.com for playground details)!



The Rocket Run 5K begins at 9:00 a.m. and winds through Inman Park and Old Fourth Ward before the Inman Park Festival opens. But the 1-mile Rocket Blast at 9:45 a.m. quickly steals the show with the enthusiasm of many local children running their first footrace.

Visit rocketrun.org to register. Mary Lin students run the Rocket Blast for free, and all student runners who create an online race page and get a donation of any size receive a race t-shirt. For all other runners, registration includes a race t-shirt and is \$30 for adults (\$20 for kids) for the Rocket Run 5K, and \$20 for the 1-mile Rocket Blast. Not a runner? You can still support Mary Lin by pledging funds to your favorite runner or making a general donation. **M**

Inman Park Precision Attaché Drill Team

BY RICHARD WESTRICK • RICHARD.WESTRICK@GMAIL.COM

Once a year, when the azaleas begin to bloom, the rebuds begin to fade, and the pollen turns the air to a horrid, clogging greenish hue, people around the neighborhood begin searching in their closets, pulling forth their best dark blue suits and their shiniest attaché cases. Why? Because they have awakened in the middle of the night, cold chills running down their spines, with the realization that **FESTIVAL PARADE IS NEAR!** That wonderful event, that magical time when they can be their most serious, their most focused, their most precise – when their moves in the middle of the street can be the most dynamically awesome!

Would YOU like to have the magic happen to you? Would YOU like to join with us in the Parade? You can, you know. Just put on your suit, grab your attaché, snatch your umbrella, and meet us at the corner of Spruce Street and Edgewood Avenue at precisely 1:35 p.m. (ish) and we'll shake hands, finish our beers, and practice for at least five minutes. Experience is not needed or required – enthusiasm is!! **THE DRILL TEAM WALKS AGAIN!** **M**



Festival Focus

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Inman Park Festival Parade

By PAT WESTRICK • FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
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Wild, Wacky, Wonderful...all adjectives that spring to mind when describing the Inman Park Festival Parade, which launches around 2pm on the Saturday of Festival weekend. I say "around" 2pm, because, well, there is nothing particularly precise about this parade – except the Precision Attaché Drill Team, of course – much to the dismay of its organizers: Karen Heim for the last few years, and the late Holly Mull for many previous years, who have been trying to herd these cats.

Every Festival Parade brings fun surprises. Along with the mainstays – the Monarch Butterfly (who leads the parade in black tights, leotards and huge wings), the Marching Abominable, the Grand Marshall, the Drill Team, and the Trash Monarch on the street sweeper (who traditionally brings up the rear) -- there are always the folks who just sort of show up: Gnomes, Chinese Dragons, Pirate Ships, the Digging Dykes of Decatur, Bridesmaids, even, legend has it, a streaker one year in the '80s.

The bands are always a big hit, although somewhat hard to corral. There was the notable year when the school bus drivers decided to park on Spruce Street (bad idea) and Karen had to stop traffic on DeKalb Avenue so they could back up and park in the lane that had been reserved for them. And it was the lack of bands one year that was the genesis of the Attaché Drill Team, who started out carrying boom boxes (Google it) playing marching music to try to lend some parade-like authenticity. They were billed as the Radio Marching Band, and that idea was quickly dropped in favor of its current business suits, briefcases, Wall Street Journals and umbrellas.

And while the Grand Marshall is usually someone notable in the community, occasionally a celebrity or two will wander into the parade's ranks. Bill & Hillary were here for a few years, and Kate and Wills made a surprise appearance, too.

Where else can one find huge puppets, risqué floats, dog walkers, tractor-pulled hay rides, horses, unicyclists, jugglers, juggling unicyclists, skaters, the occasional rock band (Southern Culture on the Skids were famously asked to join the parade during one of their sets at the Star Bar—of course they agreed, what rock band wouldn't?!) beauty queens, and convertibles? There's no telling what fun the Inman Park Festival Parade will bring.

So grab your sunscreen and your hat, claim your viewing spot early, and be prepared to cheer until you're hoarse. The parade is about to start! **M**

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STREET CLOSINGS FESTIVAL 2015

It's that time of the year again. Festival will be here on April 24th, 25th, and 26th.

The following streets will be closed 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 24th until Sunday, April 26th, at 11:00 p.m. This is for the convenience of the tents and food vendors:

- ***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 to Edgewood
- Elizabeth Street** from Euclid to Edgewood
- Waverly Street** from Euclid to Edgewood

*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.

The following streets will close Saturday, April 25th, at 5:00 a.m. until Sunday, April 26th, at 7:00 p.m.:

- Euclid Avenue** between Alta 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.
- Degress Avenue** between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way.
- Harrison Avenue** between DeKalb Avenue and Alta Avenue Way.
- Battery Place** at DeKalb Avenue.

For the parade, Saturday, April 25th:

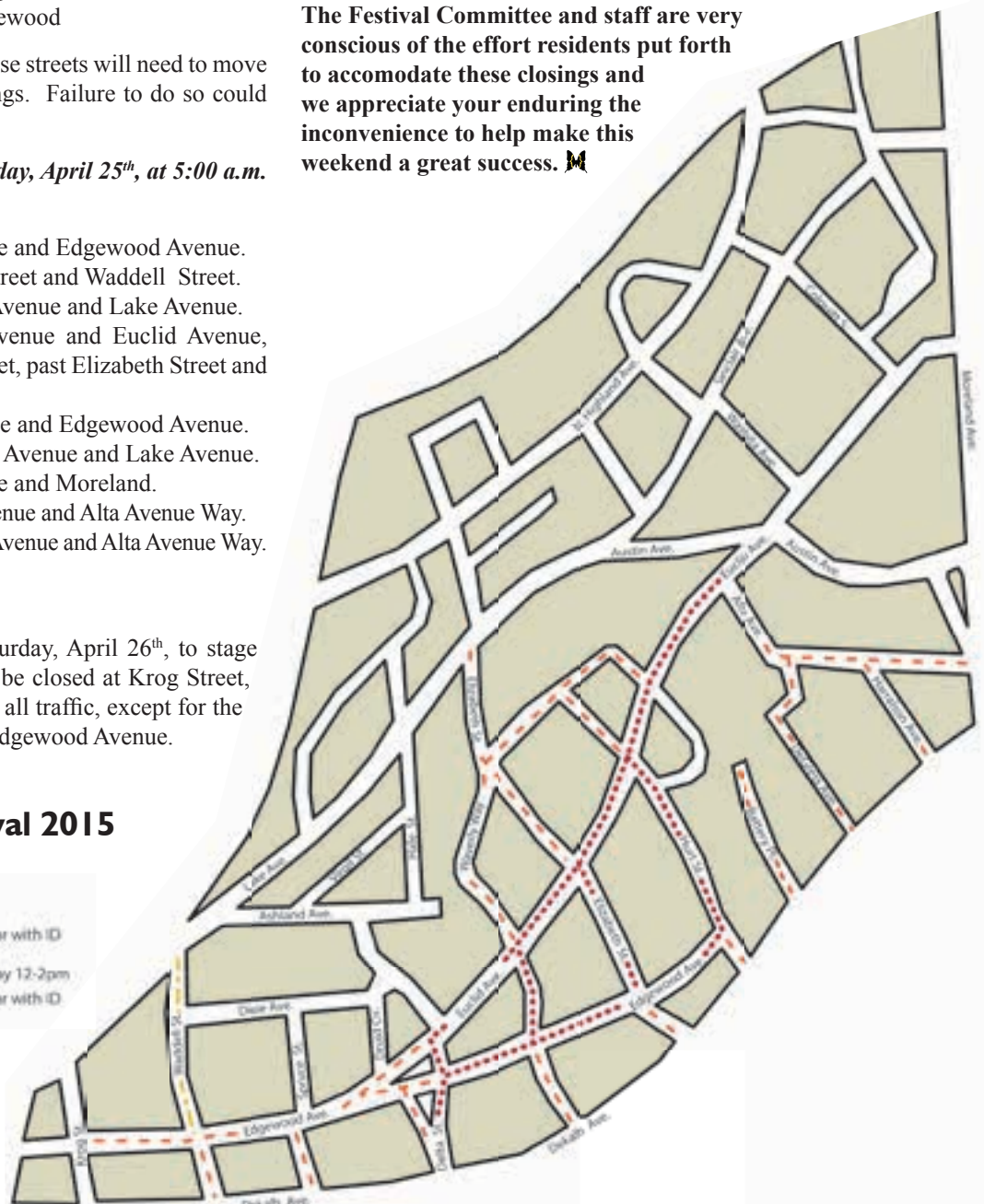
From 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26th, to stage the Parade, Edgewood Avenue will be closed at Krog Street, and Waddell Street will be closed to all traffic, except for the Shuttle Bus, from Lake Avenue to Edgewood Avenue.

Streets that are indicated on the map as “INACCESSIBLE” are limited access and only residents with ID/or proof of residency can enter. However, streets marked “CLOSED” (streets with vendors) on the map will be closed to all traffic during all of Saturday and Sunday (until 7:00 p.m.).

If you have a car on one of the streets with tents or food vendors, **PLEASE RELOCATE YOUR VEHICLE OFF OF THESE STREETS PRIOR TO FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. OR YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE TOWED.**

If you have a car on one of the “CLOSED” streets and will need the vehicle during Festival hours, please relocate your vehicle off of these streets prior to Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

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. **M**



Inman Park Festival 2015

- - - - - **Closed** — No Resident Access
- - - - - **Inaccessible** — Resident Access by car with ID
- - - - - **Closed** — No Resident Access Saturday 12-2pm
- - - - - **Inaccessible** — Resident Access by car with ID

February Porch Party

Ann and Jeff Cramer opened their home on Austin Avenue for the Inman Park Porch Party on February 27. These photos of that fun evening were taken by Noah Kronemeyer.

We invite you to celebrate the biggest porch party of the year – Inman Park Festival – this month, and we'll resume the regular Porch Party schedule in May. **M**



Collins Gross, David Guy, Elaine Hudson, Amy Phuong, City Commissioner, and Kerry Stacks



Hosts Ann and Jeff Cramer



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IPNA Education Committee News

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It's hard to believe, but the end of the APS school year is on the horizon! The last day for our Grady Cluster Schools (the Atlanta Public Schools that Inman Park neighbors are zoned to attend) is May 22, 2015. These schools are Mary Lin Elementary (www.marylinelementary.com), Inman Middle School (www.inmanmiddleschool.org), and Grady High School (www.atlanta.k12.ga.us). Registration for the 2015-2016 school year wraps up in early April in most cases, but if you have missed registering, or will be newly enrolled, please visit the websites for the individual schools for further information, or check www.atlanta.k12.ga.us, which is the APS website. There is much information relating to our specific Grady Cluster (and all of Atlanta Public Schools) listed there. It is quite user-friendly with many links to help you learn about APS news, opportunities, and meetings. There are also many links to help you find out about transportation, budget, and school lunches.

Currently in the Quick Links section of the Atlanta Public Schools website, you will find several options to be engaged with your school system by reading information and taking surveys. Check it out! Mary Lin also has a Facebook page (Mary Lin ES Parents) that contains much useful information. It is a closed group, however, so if you are not a parent, it may be difficult to join.

The committee also wants to share details of the IPNA Education Committee's contributions to our neighborhood schools. These contributions help underscore our community's commitment to the Grady Cluster:

\$2,000	Mary Lin Elementary Foundation (for the playground)
\$500	Mary Lin Elementary PTA (for the Mary Lin Media Center)
\$1,000	Inman Middle School PTA
\$1,000	Inman Middle School Foundation
\$2,000	Grady High School Career Center
\$1,500	Grady High School Media Center

The Education Committee and our neighborhood schools are all very grateful for IPNA's support of these important initiatives. **M**

How to be a Bee, Bird and Bat Considerate Neighborhood

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The National Wildlife Federation recently crowned Atlanta the third best city in the country for wildlife friendliness, just behind Austin and Portland. Inman Park certainly contributed to this distinction, mostly because we have so many wild and crazy neighbors. Among them are several bird lovers, beekeepers, and bat protectors who would like you to consider wildlife friendliness as you work on your landscape this spring.

Wild Inman Park will thank you. 🐝



Beekeeper Richard Taylor checks his beehive across from Krog Street Market.
Photo Credit: Lou Arcangeli

For the Bees:

- Spray no pesticides, but if you must, do it at dusk when no bees will be out.
- Keep pesticides off of anything that flowers as bees could carry it into their hives.
- Limit mosquito treatments of your yard and only do it in the morning and evening when fewer bees are out.
- Don't fret the dandelions; they're a treat to bees.
- And remember, if you see a bee don't panic, stay calm and rest assured that any life-loving bee won't sting. Teach your kids the difference between a bee and yellow jacket.

For the Birds:

- Plant native plants that birds would expect to find here rather than exotic or invasive species.
- Keep that bird bath clean and full of water during the hot summer.

For the Bats:

- Consider adding a bat house. Bats will eat your mosquitoes!
- Bat houses do best at least 15 feet off the ground and attached to a building.
- Make sure the house gets lots of sun and that you have water nearby.

Birth Announcement

Congrats to Adam and Kelly Krolkowski on the arrival of their new baby, Brynn Louise

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2015

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Revenues and Expenses

IPSP Income	
Individual HO Dues	7,730
HOA Dues	2,500
Total	10,230

IPSP Expenses

Patrol Hours	9,860
Auto Expenses	2,375
IPSP Total	12,235
Net Cost	(2,005)

Other Income

IPNA Membership Dues	840
Total	840

Other Expense

Beautification	1,650
Misc. Other Budgeted	70
Net Loss	-2,885

In accordance with the By-Laws, Barbara reported that the Board will seek formal approval to authorize a one-time grant to The Trolley Barn of up to \$35,000. Final approval will be sought at the April meeting.

Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning:

Michaela introduced **Rick Bizot**, IP's NPU-N representative, who provided notification of proposed amendments to the operating bylaws of NPU-N. Changes are published in the *Advocator*, and a vote will take place in April.

Tonya Marlatt, V.P. Zoning:

Tonya reported that three Immediate Neighbors met with three IQ tenants requesting Liquor Licenses. All three neighbors unanimously recommended approval. License applicants included: **Bread & Butterfly** owner Billy Allin (also owner of Cakes & Ale,) **Inman Quarter Beer Market** owner Brandon Stout (also owner of Stout Brothers,) and **Hampton & Hudson** owner Billie Streck (also owner of The Grain.) A prior Immediate Neighbors Meeting was held for Cigar Bar's new owner AJ Johnson. Five neighbors attending unanimously approved the change of ownership of the Bar's Liquor License. Motions were made, seconded and unanimously carried to support all Immediate Neighbors' recommendation for support. Adam Stillman presented plans for **197 Hale Street's** addition of a garage for parking a motorcycle, two bicycles and tools. The addition is too small for cars. Design requires Administrative Approval only, the percentage of lot coverage for R5 is 55%, and the request of variance is for 58%. Rain run-off will not be affected. An Immediate Neighbors Meeting was held, 8 neighbors attended: 1 neighbor voted in favor, 3 against, 4 abstained. Reason for denial of support was "emotional precedent." Dennis Mobley stated that "arguing against a variance because it is a variance is a nonstarter... variances are designed to cope with situations that do not meet the letter of codes." No Immediate Neighbors were in attendance. He reluctantly asked for a motion to support the variance, and

acknowledged his reluctance was because of the necessity to take issue with the vote of the immediate neighbors. A motion to support the variance was made, seconded, and was carried unanimously.

Yvonne Merkel, V.P. Communications: **Yvonne** announced the decision to hire MemberClicks for redesign of IPNA's website and associated membership management capabilities. Implementation of the new software is hoped for in June.

Janet Berry, Secretary: **Janet** reminded everyone to renew their membership now.

Committee Reports: Transportation Committee Chair

Danny Feig Sandoval has met with Inman Quarter, as they are now signing a valet parking contract. Signs regulating parking on the west side of Elizabeth Street will be placed after paving is completed. A complaint that valets are parking cars on public streets was noted. DeKalb Avenue's redesign will depend on yesterday's bond approval. Moreland Avenue's redesign will not be funded for 2-3 years. Dixie Avenue and Waddell Street are seeking Resident Parking permits.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned 9:25 p.m. M

Book Club Calendar

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm to discuss the featured selection. Please bring a covered dish to share and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions.

May
26

Motherland
by Maria Hummel
hosted by Patty McGuigan
Robinson at 814 Virgil St.

*We will not meet in April – enjoy
Inman Park Festival!*

Inman Park Neighborhood Association and Inman Park Security Patrol

2015-2016 Membership Enrollment/ Renewal

Join or renew online
today at inmanpark.org

You must be an IPNA resident member in good standing for at least 15 days prior to a meeting in order to vote on IPNA issues at the meetings. All IPNA members and non-member residents may vote on NPU issues at IPNA meetings. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in discussions at IPNA monthly meetings.

IPNA meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at The Trolley Barn (963 Edgewood Ave NE).



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It's easy to join or renew online at inmanpark.org, but if you prefer to pay offline, complete this form and mail it, along with payment, to 245 N. Highland Ave., Suite 230-401, Atlanta, GA 30307. If needed, additional forms are available online or from the IPNA secretary.

- I want to join IPNA
- I want to renew my IPNA membership
- My information has not changed
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- Include me in the IPNA Directory YES NO

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ADDRESS: _____

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NO. OF DOGS: _____ NO. OF CATS: _____ OTHER PETS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

IPNA Membership

Membership term runs May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016. Dues are \$10 per individual over 18 in each household.

Make your check payable to IPNA.

Please check one category:

- Resident: \$10 per person 18 yrs. or older.

No. of eligible residents in household x \$10

- Business: \$10

- Non-resident member: \$10

- New to the Neighborhood First Year Free

Check total

Inman Park Security Patrol Membership

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NPU-N Update

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Notes from the March 26, 2015 meeting:

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

Alexander J. Johnson (Highland Cigar Company, 245 N. Highland Ave NE, Inman Park) Change of ownership request for alcohol license at existing location.

Brandon E. King (The Inman Quarter Beer Market, 280 Elizabeth St NE, Suite I, Inman Park) New Business request for alcohol license at new location.

William J. Streck, Jr. (Hampton & Hudson Restaurant, 299 N. Highland Ave NE, Suite L, Inman Park) New Business request for alcohol license at new location.

The three applicants above have met with IPNA and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the applications.

William Bailey Allin, Jr. (Bread & Butterfly Restaurant, 299 N. Highland Ave NE, Inman Park) New Business request for alcohol license at new location. Applicant deferred at start of meeting at applicant request (did not appear).

ZONING REVIEW BOARD:

1099 North Ave NE (Z-14-061, Poncey Highlands): to rezone the property from R4 to MRC-3. Application deferred unanimously; applicant not ready and not present.

369 Connecticut Ave NE (U-14-036, Lake Claire); seeking a Special Use Permit to operate a church. Application deferred at the beginning of the meeting; applicant and LCN discussing what the appropriate application should be.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

2078 Palifox Dr NE (V-15-035, Lake Claire); seeking a variance to reduce the average front yard setback from 33.25' to 27' and to reduce the required north side yard setback from 7' to 2.5' to allow for a second story addition to an existing single family dwelling. Applicant has met with LCN and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

197 Hale St NE (V-15-037, Inman Park); seeking a variance from the zoning regulation to increase the maximum lot coverage from 55% to 58.1% to construct a storage building. Applicant has met with IPNA and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

377 Glendale Ave NE (V-15-040, Candler Park); seeking a variance from zoning regulation to reduce the north side yard required setback from 7' to 4'. Applicant also seeks to increase the maximum lot coverage from 50% to 55% to allow for an addition to a single family dwelling. Applicant has met with CPNO and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

789 Ponce De Leon Ave NE (V-15-041, Poncey Highland); seeking a special exception to reduce the required on-site parking spaces from 81 spaces to 53 spaces to allow conversion of retail space to a restaurant, lobby bar and rooftop lounge. Applicant has met with PHNA, which voted to take no position and write a letter encouraging the City and developer to work together to find a better solution to the sewer line conflict. NPU-N Board voted 7-1 (with 1 abstaining) to support the application and also write a similar letter.

478 Ridgewood Rd NE (V-15-043, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the half-depth front yard setback from 17.6' to 8' to allow construction of a single family house. Applicant has met with LCN and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION:

345 Gordon Ave NE (SD-15-002, Lake Claire); Applicant seeks to subdivide into two lots. Applicant has met with LCN and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND OUTDOOR FESTIVALS:

Candler Park Music & Food Festival (Candler Park), May 29-30, 2015. Applicant received support from CPNO. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

Candler Park Fall Fest and 5K (Candler Park), October 3-4, 2015. Applicant received support from CPNO. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

Cork Puller's Beer, Wine & Spirits Tour (Candler Park), August 29, 2015. Applicant has not yet met with CPNO. NPU-N Board voted 8-0 (with 1 abstaining) to defer the application to allow the applicant to meet with the neighborhood.

OTHER MATTERS:

Notification of Intent to Amend NPU-N By-Laws: There are two proposed changes to the By-Laws from Randy Pimsler.

1. Change all references to "Little Five Points Community Center" to "Little Five Points Center for Arts and Community;" and
2. In the "NPU-N Monthly Meeting Presentation Policy" section under paragraph 3, change to:
3. The Chairperson shall state the following guidelines at the beginning of each NPU-N Meeting. There shall be 10 minutes, or other time allotment as adopted by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each NPU-N Meeting, for each of the following:
 - a) for applicant to present application. Unused time may be reserved for rebuttal.
 - b) for neighborhood input/questions regarding application.
 - c) for Executive Board to ask questions of applicant.
 - d) unused time from "a" above, if any, may be used for rebuttal by the Applicant.
 - e) Comments and discussion, if any, from the NPU-N Executive Board."

The Current text reads: "The Chairperson shall state the following guidelines at the beginning of each NPU-N meeting.

- a. 10 minutes for applicant to present application. Unused time may be reserved for rebuttal.
- b. 10 minutes for neighborhood input/questions regarding application.
- c. 10 minutes for Executive Board to ask questions of applicant.
- d. Unused time from "a" above, if any, may be used for rebuttal by the Applicant.
- e. Comments, if any, from the NPU-N Executive Board."

Notification of the proposed amendments will be made at the scheduled March meetings of NPU-N organizations. At the regularly scheduled April meeting, a vote shall be taken on the proposed amendments.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, and the December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2015. M

Agenda

April 15, 2015 Meeting

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
The Trolley Barn • 963 Edgewood Ave NE

- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 1. IPNA Nominating Committee
 - B. Historic Preservation
 - C. Treasurer
 1. Vote on IPNA Contribution to Trolley Barn
 - D. Planning
 1. NPU-N Report
 - E. Zoning
 - F. Public Safety
 - G. Communications
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn



Good to Know

IPNA Membership: Open to everyone, including non-residents. Membership year is May 1-April 30 though you are welcome & encouraged to join or renew at anytime. First year is free. Membership has its rewards: allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details) and is your invitation to the Holiday Party & other events. Pay online or send a check to the address on the front page. Online applications are available.

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.

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May *Advocator* Deadline: April 20

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the May issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to advocator@inmanpark.org on or before April 20.

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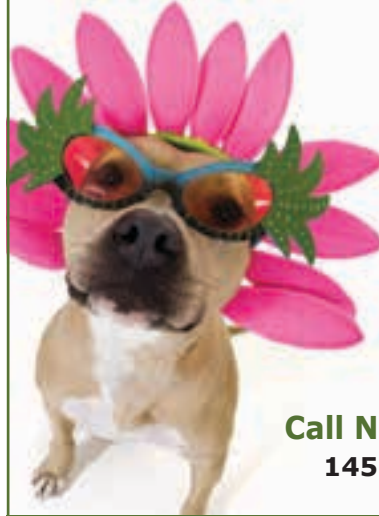
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This month, we will be at the Inman Park Tour of Homes and the Mary Lin Foundation Rocket Run 5k. Come by and see us so we can discuss how our team can help you prepare for your next home purchase or sale.

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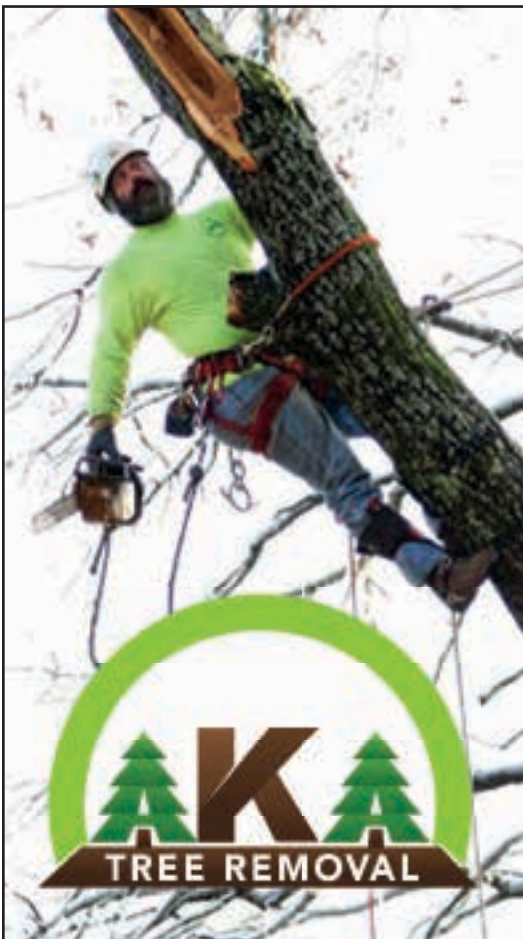


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