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President's Message

Our Very Own Legendary Road

BY NEIL KINKOPF • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG

The Silk Road, the Appian Way, the Champs-Élysées, Broadway, Route 66, el Camino Real. Civilization's legendary roads. But the envy of the world is our own DeKalb Ave. What other street has so inspired songwriters? The reigning and refraining Nobel laureate wondered, "How many roads must a man walk down/ before they call him a man?" The answer is one, and it ain't "blowin' in the wind"; it's right around the corner: DeKalb Ave. Anyone willing to walk down that street is undeniably braver than I am. No doubt a trip along DeKalb Ave. inspired Stephen Sondheim to write, "Say it loud and there's music playing, / Say it soft and it's almost like praying." I know I pray every time I'm on DeKalb Ave.



Archival research shows DeKalb Ave. was pivotal in the first draft of many of the greatest lyrics in the history of the English language. The late, great Leonard Cohen, having survived a drive on DeKalb, was moved to write: "The minor fall, the major lift/ The baffled king traversing DeKalb Ave." "Hallelujah," indeed. The original version of "Born to Run" went, "At night we ride through mansions of glory in suicide lanes." Our favorite boy band originally propositioned, "Why don't we do it in DeKalb?"

DeKalb Ave. is now providing inspiration for that artist collective also known as the City of Atlanta. The City is planning to undertake a major

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New Year's Day Polar Bear Jump

BY INMAN PARK POOL BOARD * INMANPARKPOOL.ORG

Annual Inman Park Polar Bear Jump
Sunday, January 1, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Inman Park Pool (Edgewood Avenue & Delta Place)



The Inman Park Pool Association invites the neighborhood to the annual Polar Bear Jump on January 1, 2017. It's been a New Year's tradition since Y2K. This year could be the last ... you never know when that computer glitch will catch up to us.

All are welcome even if you are not a member of the pool. Few will take the plunge. For those who do, we have liquid courage and other treats. See you at the pool on January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

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IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2016

BY BEVERLY MILLER • IPNA SECRETARY • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

President Neil Kinkopf called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Police Officers' Reports: **Sgt. Soukoup** and **Officer Jared Watkins** reported a hit-and-run today involving a cyclist at Elizabeth and Edgewood. The victim was seriously hurt but survived. Video evidence will be assigned to an investigator. There was a homicide in the Edgewood bar district. The police have solid leads. They hope to have an update next month on the Barcelona robbery. There are no updates on the Inman Dry Goods robbery. Approved overtime in Zone 6 will allow for more officers on duty, increased patrol hours and a new foot beat.

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the October 2016, IPNA Minutes.

Announcements: **Danny Feig-Sandoval** announced that the IPNA Holiday Party will take place December 9, 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., at The Trolley Barn. **Oreon Mann** announced a book club holiday brunch and book exchange December 11 at 1:30 p.m. Attendees should bring a covered dish and a wrapped book. **Nancy Morrison** announced the next Aging Well session on Taming Technology, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Inman Park United Methodist Church.

Elected Officials' Reports: **Colleen Kiernan**, Policy Director for Councilman Kwanza Hall and **Andre Dickens**, Post 3 Councilman at Large, announced 1) the third annual Scholarship Fair takes place tomorrow at City Hall; 2) stop signs at Lake and Irwin will arrive in two weeks; 3) the BeltLine design is being adjusted to include transit, even in challenging sections

IPNA Officers' Reports:

Chuck Clarke, VP Zoning: 900-904 DeKalb, **Rick Bizot** presenting. The project was deferred at NPU last month after failing to get IPNA support. The developers worked with neighbors on a plan resulting in reduced restaurant space, new restaurant hours of operation and less retail space. **Luke Wilkinson**, Square Feet Studios, explained that each retail

bay will be changed to be a bit smaller than the original plan. Rick explained the parking spaces on site are sufficient for all the businesses and that it is very common in urban design practices to use shared parking. Atlanta's code arguably needs to be updated dramatically as the current model is from the 1970s and is car friendly and not urban-planning friendly. This site is near Marta, the BeltLine and the current parking plans do not anticipate people's potential use of alternate transportation. Immediate neighbors approved with three in favor, one opposed and one abstaining. It was moved, seconded and approved 25-5 to support the immediate neighbors, contingent upon the City's final approval.

Rick also announced upcoming NPU zoning ordinance proposals to allow: 1) outdoor aquatic recreation establishments, subject to a special use permit; 2) private schools as a permitted use; 3) ATV parks only by special permit; 4) recording studios only with special use permits. NPU-N meets Monday, November 28.

President Neil Kinkopf reported those interested in serving on a new Bylaws Committee should contact him. He also reported an increase in the budget of \$3,000 for the upcoming IPNA Holiday Party.

Sara Maffey Duncan, V.P Planning, announced that the report resulting from the Lifelong Inman Park community meeting is coming in February.

Brian Roof, VP Historic Preservation, reported that work continues to correct problems at 754 Lake. The roofline addition is still much higher than approved.

James McManus, VP Communications: no report. **Alex Kronemeyer** requested Advocator submissions by November 20.

David Adams, Treasurer: no report

Beverly Miller, Secretary: no report

Committee Reports: **Danny Feig-Sandoval**, Transportation Committee, announced the scramble light at Austin and Elizabeth is working. Neil reported he

and **Janice Darling** met with **Jay Tribby** and Renew Atlanta and learned that \$350,000 - \$400,000 has been allocated for neighborhood projects.

Old Business: **Cathy Bradshaw** and **Danny Feig-Sandoval** presented the history of the Road Fight. Plans beginning in 1937 called for a toll road to Athens. In 1972, Jimmy Carter stopped that road plan, but after his presidency, he wanted a road through our area to allow access to his library. Andrew Young was elected on a no-road position but later cut a deal with Carter to create Presidential Pkwy, a high-speed expressway with five bridges. Hurt Street would have been the site of an exit ramp. During a ten-year battle, CAUTION (Citizens Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares in Older Neighborhoods) led legal, political and fundraising efforts. Over 3,000 people raised more than \$900,000. In 1985, Road Busters formed as the civil disobedience arm. Over 60 demonstrators were arrested, garnering much media attention. Neighbors took on a former U.S. president, a former ambassador and the DOT. Maynard Jackson, Bill Campbell and John Lewis were committed supporters. In-town neighbors got 64 people elected to local, state and national offices. Zell Miller forced the DOT into 54 hours of mediation for resolution to reach the compromise leading to Freedom Parkway. Freedom Park Conservancy now needs support to reach the full potential of Freedom Park. Emory University Archives has made a commitment to archive all the Road Fight documents. Anyone who has memorabilia should contact Cathy Bradshaw about donating it to Emory for research/education purposes. Donors will still own materials; Emory will house them. Residents suggested exhibiting materials at a pop-up history exhibit first.

New Business: Amir Farokhi announced he will run for Atlanta City Council next November.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. **M**

Other Happenings to Note

Santaland Diaries and Madeline's Christmas at the Horizon Theatre *Through January 1 • Horizon Theatre • horizontheatre.com*

An outrageous holiday comedy written by NPR comedy genius David Sedaris, Santaland Diaries stars Crumpet, a rebel without a Clause who recounts the true-life tale of an out-of-work writer's stint as a Macy's Department Store elf. Also, don't miss Madeline's Christmas, a musical play adapted from Ludwig Bemelmans' delightful book. A holiday treat for the whole family!

Holiday Pet Expo

December 17 - 18 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday
Georgia International Convention Center • holidaypetexpo.com

Winter Wonderland is this year's theme at the Atlanta Pet Expo which features vendors, vaccinations, entertainment and adoptions. Free.

New Year's Bubble Bash

December 31 • 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Atlanta Children's Museum
childrensmuseumatlanta.org/calendar/new-years-bubble-bash-2

Count down to 2017 with Atlanta's favorite New Year's party for kids! Join us for a dance party, bubble-wrap fireworks, special guests and some new surprises. This year we will celebrate twice with countdowns at 12 p.m. and p.m.. Both events are sure to sell out, so purchase your tickets early!

Winter Wonderland at the Fernbank Museum – Holidays Around the World!

Through January 8, 2017 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Fernbank Museum
fernbankmuseum.org/explore/special-exhibitions/winter-wonderland

Twinkling with lights, glimmering with color and shining with a variety of cultural objects, more than 30 trees and other displays recognize the diversity of celebrations, holidays, traditions and events from around the world. Included with museum admission.

Atlanta Boat Show

January 12 - 15, 2017 • Check website for hours • Georgia World Congress Center
atlantaboatshow.com

There's something for everyone! In addition to opportunities to purchase boats and gear, there's a Kids' Zone featuring fun activities for young mariners. If you're interested in improving your boating skills, the boater education program offers a line-up of free boating, fishing and sailing seminars every day of the show. Ticketed.

Ice Skating at The Rink at Park Tavern

Through February 20, 2017 • Check website for hours • Piedmont Park
parktavern.com/ice-rink

The Rink is housed in a fully-enclosed heated and air-conditioned tent with all the modern amenities you need for a perfect day on the ice. There's lighting for day & night skating, a heated tent or air conditioned tent (depending on the weather), piped-in music with a mega sound system and rink-side dining. Ice-skating is available "Rain or Shine!" ❄️

IPNA Calendar

**Dec
20**

Festival Committee Meeting
860 Euclid
7:30 p.m.

**Dec
21**

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

**Dec
29**

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

**Jan
01**

Polar Bear Jump

**Jan
17**

Festival Committee Meeting
860 Euclid
7:30 p.m.

**Jan
18**

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

**Jan
26**

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

**Jan
28**

IP Diners' Kick-off Party
860 Euclid
8:00 p.m.

**Jan
31**

Book Club
See page 17
for details.

Pop-up Road Fight Exhibit Seeks Volunteers


By CATHY BRADSHAW • CBRAD999@BELLSOUTH.NET

Hi Neighbors,

Watch for news on social media about a Pop-up Road Fight Exhibit in 2017.

Over 50 panels were created for the 25th Road Fight Anniversary in one of the Olmsted parks saved from damage by an invasive highway. The panels include photos, flyers, documents, letters, maps, newspaper articles and neighborhood newsletters.

A mini-exhibit was held the night of the November IPNA meeting in The Trolley Barn. Because of continuing interest, another exhibit is being planned for 2017. You can learn more about the history of what makes this neighborhood great and how your neighbors stopped construction of the Presidential Parkway, the road that would have included an elevated expressway with five bridges over neighborhood streets, high speed traffic including tractor trailers, access ramps and enough pavement to destroy the connectivity of our intown historic neighborhoods.

A committee is being formed. If you are interested in helping, contact me at cbrad999@bellsouth.net to join the fun! 



A crowd of protestors at a rally against the proposed Presidential Parkway, February 11, 1985. Source: Georgia State University Digital Collection

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

November 2016

Directed Patrol:	418
Drop In:	68
Theft:	2
Injured Person:	1
Parking Complaint:	2
Information for Officer:	1
Susp. Person:	3
Noise Complaint:	1
Bike Patrol hours:	118.5
Foot Beat:	5 (this will increase)

Birth Announcement



Congratulations to Chuck Clarke and Laura Salazar of Hurt Street on the birth of their first grandson Lazlo Anthony Mancuso. He was born on September 21, 2016.



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reconstruction and reengineering project for DeKalb Ave. Right now the City is at the most preliminary planning stage and is seeking public input about what shape the project should take. The first step in that process occurred November 17, the evening after our last IPNA meeting, at a community meeting convened by Renew Atlanta, the City office that is leading the planning effort.

At this stage, the City does not have a plan. The closest Renew Atlanta officials came to presenting a concrete plan was the recognition that the TSPLOST measure that passed at the last election includes funding for a multi-use trail from Inman Park to Rocky Ford Rd. (where it would link with the existing PATH trail). Instead, the purpose of the community meeting was for Renew Atlanta planning officials to hear from individuals regarding their preferences and priorities for DeKalb Ave.

At the meeting on that Thursday, Renew Atlanta officials asked the community to imagine an eraser that could be used to clean the slate on which DeKalb Ave. was drawn. Heedless of the claim made by our favorite boy band that "the long and winding road/that leads to your door/will never disappear," the discussion plunged ahead. Comments focused on prioritizing four transportation modes: car, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit. Among those who spoke on this issue, most emphasized bicycle over car traffic. Nonetheless, there

were those who spoke up for the importance of maintaining an efficient corridor for the thousands of cars that use this route every day (or perhaps more accurately, support was voiced for creating such a corridor). There were also many comments made expressing concerns about safety. On this point, there was a broad consensus in favor of eliminating the infamous "suicide" lane.

The November 17 community meeting represented the beginning of the process of community engagement. Renew Atlanta kept the public comment period open until December 8. IPNA posted notices of the comment period on our website and on social media. If you were unable to submit comments, fear not. There will be many opportunities for involvement as the planning process moves forward. The next step in the process is for Renew Atlanta officials to conduct formal studies of the options and priorities that were raised during the public engagement process.

I urge you to be involved. The redevelopment of DeKalb Ave. will have a tremendous impact on our neighborhood. Maybe you think we need more bike lanes. Maybe you think they are a menace. Maybe, against all odds, you love the reversible lane. Only you can make sure your preferences are considered. Only you can make sure you don't suffer a "DeKalb Ave. freeze out." **M**

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Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue
inmanparkumc.org

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 6 p.m.

Christmas Day Service: Do It Yourself Nativity - Come dressed as one of your favorite characters from the Nativity Story (angel, shepherd, Mary, etc.) or use one of our costumes as we share the Christmas story in song and character. Or just come sing and help us tell the story. 11 a.m.

The Fringe ATL
337 Elizabeth Street
thefringeatl.com

Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. We will not have our regular Sunday service on December 25. Church is located inside the Melrose & McQueen Salon. The service will last one hour and 15 minutes.

St Hilda of Whitby Anglican Catholic Church
414 North Highland Avenue
sthildasacc.org

Christmas Eve
Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m.
Holy Rosary at 9:30 p.m.
Mass at 10:30 p.m.

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New Spirit Church
1083 Austin Avenue
See mynewspirit.org for service times.

St Joseph's Maronite Eastern
502 Seminole Avenue
See sjmcc.org for service times. 



Alison and Jeff Gordon send greetings from the Atacama Desert in northern Chile!

Festival 2017 Planning is Already Underway!

BY PAT WESTRICK • FESTIVAL 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBER • PATWESTRICK@GMAIL.COM

While all the rest of us are thinking about the upcoming holidays, neighbors who are involved in planning for the 2017 Inman Park Festival are up to their eyeballs in all the details that go into making our Festival the best in the city. Next year's Festival is the weekend of April 28, 29 and 30, and promises to be – as always – one of the best perks of living in Inman Park!

Festival meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the IPNA meeting (always the third Wednesday of the month), at the home of the Festival Chairs, Karin & Jacques Mebius, at 860 Euclid Avenue. If you'd like to get involved in the planning process, feel free to come on by and see where your help might come in handy.

It takes a village (or in our case, a neighborhood) to pull off a weekend of food, beer, entertainment, house tours, art shopping, a wacky parade and amazing people watching. Almost 1,000 of your neighbors volunteer for a couple of hours or more during the weekend to make sure it all goes smoothly. Don't be left out! Watch for the announcement of volunteer opportunities in the *Advocator* each month. **M**



Nick Franz on stage with Kevin Gillese, Artistic Director of Dad's Garage

House Tour Spotlight

Every Festival features a wonderful Tour of Homes, and 2017's is pretty spectacular.

Here's the list:

242 Elizabeth Street

210 Elizabeth Street

944 Euclid Avenue

956 Waverly Way

957 Waverly Way

100 Waverly Way

822 Lake Avenue

245 N. Highland, Unit 304

Inman Park United Methodist Church
1015 Edgewood Avenue

Three of these homes have never been on tour, two were last on tour in the early 2000s, one in 1995, and some of you weren't even born when two others were on tour in the 1980s. Watch this spot for more details of what you can expect when these neighbors invite us in to see their homes!



People touring homes for the 1983 Tour of Homes.
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NPU-N Update

BY RICK BIZOT • NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA • NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG

Notes from the November 28, 2016 meeting:

PRESENTATIONS

Freedom Park Conservancy: Steve Cushing reported that the FPC has filled all vacant positions and is gearing up to work on a new Master Plan for Freedom Park. They will approach each adjacent neighborhood for input during the process. He also reported a small improvement project going forward now; picnic tables will be installed at 3 locations: near the Domenge sculpture (near North Ave and Clifton), at the Poncey-Highland playground (near North Ave and Freedom Parkway), and at the Inman Park playground (near Poplar Circle).

SPECIAL EVENTS AND OUTDOOR FESTIVALS

Paideia Field Day: (Candler Park, November 5, 2015); no changes from prior years. CPNO supported the application; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT (BZA)

900/904 DeKalb Ave NE: (V-16-254, Inman Park); seeking a Special Exception to reduce off-street parking from 93 spaces to 51 spaces. Applicant presented revised site plan responding to input from immediate neighbors and IPNA. IPNA supported the application, conditioned on the revised information received by the City on Nov. 23, 2016 and the revised site plan dated Nov. 23, 2016. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support with like conditions.

644 Linwood Ave NE: (V-16-263, Poncey-Highland); seeking a Special Exception to increase the height of a retaining wall in the rear yard from 6 ft. (allowed) to 9 ft. PHNA supported the application, conditioned on all wall materials visible from the park being granite or stone material, and the fence above the wall being 42" maximum height and at least 50% open. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support with like conditions.

452 Ridgewood Rd NE: (V-16-283, Lake Claire); seeking a variance from the zoning regulations to reduce the north side yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet 6 inches to allow a rear addition to a single family dwelling. Pending lot resolution by the Office of Planning. LCN supported the application; NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

CDP LAND USE AMENDMENT (VOTE REQ'D)

1956 DeKalb Ave NE, 1960 DeKalb Ave NE & 266 Oxford Place NE: (CDP-16-39, Lake Claire): An ordinance to amend the Land Use element of the 2011 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to redesignate property located at 1956 DeKalb Avenue from the Low Density Commercial land use designation to the Medium Density Residential land use and 1960 DeKalb Avenue and 266 Oxford Place NE from the Low Density Residential to the Medium Density Residential land use designation and for other purposes (Z-16-56). LCN supported the application; NPU-N Board voted 6-0 to support (electronic vote on 11/19/16 due to unusual meeting schedule in November).

TEXT AMENDMENTS (VOTE REQ'D)

Z-16-066: An Ordinance to amend section 16-019B.003 of the 1982 City of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance to allow outdoor aquatic recreation establishments as a use within the planned development-

NPU-N Members

The citizenry advisory council of this neighborhood planning unit includes representation from the following areas:

Cabbagetown
cabbagetown.com

Candler Park
candlerpark.org

Druid Hills
druidhills.org

Inman Park
inmanpark.org

Lake Claire
lakeclaire.org

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ponceyhighland.org

Reynoldstown
reynoldstown.net

L5P Community Center
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littlefivepoints.net

mixed use (PD-MU) zoning districts, subject to approval of a special use permit, and for other reasons. NPU-N Board voted 6-0 (with 1 abstaining) to support.

Z-16-067: A proposed ordinance to permit Private Schools in districts zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) by Special Use Permit. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

Z-16-068: A proposed ordinance to define ATV parks; allow ATV parks in districts zoned C-2, I-1 and I-2 by Special Use Permit; and to require that ATV parks be located on a minimum of 10 acres of land at a distance of no less than 500 feet from any residential districts. NPU-N Board voted 4-0 (with 3 abstaining) to oppose.

Z-16-069: An Ordinance to amend the 1982 City of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance, as amended, by amending the text of the ordinance, including individual zoning district regulations and definitions, so as to hereafter require a special use permit for music recording studios; and for other purposes. NPU-N Board voted 5-1 (with 1 abstaining) to oppose.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

16-O-1605: An Ordinance by Community Development/Human Resources Committee amending Atlanta Code of Ordinances Section 110-3 to revise certain fees related to amenities and programs offered by the Department of Parks and Recreation, and for other purposes. NPU-N Board voted 5-0 (with 2 abstaining) to support.

NEW BUSINESS:

NPU-N 2017 Officer Nominations: Chris Jenko, Chair; Catherine Woodling, Vice Chair; John Dirga, Secretary; Amy Stout, APAB representative. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support.

NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November and December 2016 meeting dates will be Mon., Nov. 28 and Thurs., Dec. 29, 2016. 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, December 29, 2016. M

Inman Diners' Club 2017 Reservations

BY KARIN MEBIUS • KARINMEBIUS@GMAIL.COM

Inman Diners' sign-up for 2017 is open. Please make your reservations at karinmebius@gmail.com now! I will need your name(s), street address and phone number. Also, please let me know if you have any food allergies or if you follow a specific diet (vegetarian, vegan).

For those who are new to the Inman Diners' supper club, after you sign up you will be invited to the kick-off party at our house.

At the kick-off party you will find out who is in your 2017 Diners' group and then you will attend five dinners with that group over the course of the year—approximately once every two months. I will suggest some dates but you as a group make your own decisions and dates can be changed at any time as needed.


Each of your groups' five hosts/hostesses will be the all-powerful Ruler of the Menu for the night, and everybody must choose one dish to bring. That means less work and more fun for everybody!

You have to live in Inman Park, and you must to commit to show up at each dinner, dish in hand.

Other than that, there are no requirements. This is not about cooking skills, large dining rooms, blind dates, or anything else. This is about having fun, getting to know each other and being able to walk home after some good eating and drinking with your neighbors.

This year the kick-off party will be on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. at 860 Euclid.

Again, email me at karinmebius@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there! 



The Advocate staff took a moment to celebrate another year of hard work!

Another Tree Planting?

BY JIM ABBOT • ABBOT.JIM@GMAIL.COM

Yep, that's right. Tree Watch will soon be planting more trees in Inman Park. The date is Saturday, January 21, 2017.

Here's your chance to get trees for your yard and/or planting strip. Read on!

No doubt some of you are wondering why we need more trees. You see young trees along our streets, and you may remember me telling you that Inman Park is approaching 1,000 new trees since 2000.

Trust me, though. We do need more trees, especially in our yards. A recent study in Portland found that a single shade tree increased a homeowner's property value by an average \$7,130, not to mention the additional value realized by neighbors — \$12,828 altogether. Street trees in Portland added \$8,870, on average, to a house's sale price.

Then there's this: only 31% of Inman Park is tree canopy, compared to Candler Park's 39%, Virginia-Highland's 43%, Druid Hills' 48%, and Lake Claire's 60%. Moreover, our planting area is restricted: almost half of our neighborhood is buildings, pavement, and other non-vegetative forms of land cover.

So here's the take-away. Your neighborhood, your city, and future generations need you to consider planting a shade tree in your front yard. This is so important that the city has set aside funds to provide you with up to three (3) shade trees for your front yard, at absolutely



Overcup oak planted by Tree Watch at the home of Judy Clements on Elizabeth Street.

no cost to you. They're free, and so is the consultation with a Trees Atlanta arborist as well as the planting itself.

All you have to do is say, "Yes, Jim, I'd love it if you'd tell me whether I have room in my yard for a shade tree. I do love my grass, and it's nice to have flowers blooming for a while in the spring, but I'm willing to give up a little of that for something this important."

In sum, here's what "Yes, Jim!" will get you: free consultation, free shade tree(s), free planting, higher property value, lower temperatures, lower energy costs, cleaner air and water, sound buffering, and more wildlife habitat.

Inman Parkers, what on earth are you waiting for? 

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Transportation Committee Updates

Inman Park Traffic Update

By DANNY FEIG-SANDOVAL • TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR • TRANSPORTATION@INMANPARK.ORG

Last year, Commissioner Mendoza and his Public Works team asked us to provide our top six priorities from the KLENH (Krog, Lake, Elizabeth, N. Highland) study. Our committee has put a lot of energy into getting these projects funded and moving so we can begin working on the next priority projects.

Last week, Neil Kinkopf and Janice Darling met with Jay Tribby and Regan Hammond, Renew Atlanta project manager, to discuss these projects listed below. This was the first meeting to lay out funding and confirm priorities. We anticipate \$350,000 - \$400,000 of Renew money to fund our priority transportation projects. This is separate from the T-SPLOST and any impact fee money that could potentially become available.

1 Elizabeth and Lake—we are excited to have a scramble light with crossing signals and crosswalks installed. This is a giant improvement. We are still working on getting the city to approve the final crosswalk and get the signals reconciled to a full scramble, but we are most of the way there!

2 Elizabeth and Highland—another improvement with crosswalks installed at all 4 corners. We were thrilled to see this completed, although the city has now paved over one of the crosswalks so we are working on getting that repainted.

3 North Highland and Samson—our discussions with Public Works resulted in moving this intersection into the O4W plans, and we don't believe this is a priority for us at this time.

4 North Highland corridor—Renew will work on studies to determine options for crossing at Inman Quarter and Inman Park Village. These crossings are high priorities for our neighborhood.

5 Lake and Krog—we have a short-term fix being installed now. You should be seeing an all way stop at this intersection right away. We have longer-term plans to turn this zone into more of an integrated plaza concept and we are partnering with planning, public works, developers, and BeltLine representatives to make sure we work together to focus on the design and funding needed.

6 We also asked the Renew team to add the Edgewood and Euclid intersection to the priority list. This is even more important with the recent hit-and-run of a bicyclist. It is a dangerous intersection and deserves immediate attention.

7 And finally, while the city is planning to resurface Edgewood in 2017, we asked them to look at the bike lane situation as part of this project. We suggested more visible bike lanes with separation from cars to slow things down.

We also continue to be actively involved in the Moreland Avenue corridor project which includes a plan to make the section from DeKalb Avenue to Mansfield Avenue in Little 5 Points more pedestrian friendly. We are working on this with a coalition of groups including Little 5 Points Community Improvement District, Candler Park Neighborhood Assoc., and the Little 5 Points Business Association. We are hoping to have plans finalized and ready for construction by 2019.

Another project we will be involved with is the Renew Atlanta funded DeKalb Ave. redesign project.

*This article was written in late November and since then, many of the above projects have been completed! Get out for a walk to check out the work!



DeKalb Avenue in 1974. Source: Georgia State University Digital Collection



Keep your eyes on DeKalb Avenue

By SUSANNA CAPELOUTO • NEIGHBOR • SCAPELOUTO@GMAIL.COM

DeKalb Avenue, the road with the reversible lane also referred to as “suicide lane” and Inman Park resident’s path to downtown and Decatur, is getting a major overhaul over the next few years.

The plan is to transform it into what urban planners call a “complete street,” one that will accommodate every mode of transportation from skateboards and bikes to pedestrians and cars. It’s also a concept that will slow down traffic and make the road safer for everyone, city officials say.

Money for the project comes from the bond referendum passed last year and the TSPLOST recently approved by Atlanta voters. DeKalb Avenue is one of 15 thoroughfares in Atlanta getting such an overhaul.

According to the Renew Atlanta website, the project includes milling and repaving, sidewalks, removal of the reversible lane and bicycle “facilities.”

It’s budgeted at \$4,775,429 with construction scheduled to begin in November 2017.

Hundreds of people who live in one of the 11 neighborhoods bordering DeKalb Avenue packed a church in the Old Fourth Ward on November 17 for the first DeKalb Avenue “Renew Atlanta - Complete Streets” public meeting. City planning commissioner Tim Keene told the crowd that DeKalb Avenue


is a “very complex corridor” and instead of proposing changes engineers and planners usually come up with, he urged the crowd to image erasing the entire corridor and revise it with an unlimited budget.

And imagine they did. “How about an elevated walkway for people and bikes?” came one suggestion.

City officials say 10,000 - 15,000 cars use the road each day. It’s the way to work for most of them and they hope for a smoother commute.

Bike riders are looking for more bike lanes and everyone was concerned about the reversible lane that changes direction, depending on the time of day.

Whatever happens to the road will impact Inman Park. “We are locked in and it’s one of our few escape routes,” said Danny Feig-Sandoval, who attended the meeting. As an avid bike rider he would like to see a better bike infrastructure on the road.

The city is still taking input, so if you want to present your design idea for DeKalb Avenue, you can fill out a comment card at <http://renewatlantabond.com/meetings>. 



A heat map of accidents on DeKalb Avenue was presented at the November 17 public meeting



Neighbors provided input and ideas for the DeKalb Avenue Complete Streets Program

Bocce Ball Tournament was a Success

BY ERIC GOLDBERG • CATERPILLAR CUP ORGANIZER • ERICGOLD@MINDSPRING.COM


Thanks neighbors for coming out to Saturday's first annual Caterpillar Cup, the neighborhood-wide bocce ball tournament in Springvale Park. We had a great turnout and everyone had fun!

Congratulations to the tournament winning team, Inman Ballers -- Frank Schultz (Austin Avenue) and Gus Glaw (Waverly Way).

Some interesting storylines included one half of "Team General Grolsch," Andre de Winter, blaming his playing partner, Neil Kinkopf, for losing their quarterfinal match. "If it wasn't for Neil....." said Andre. Neil responded similarly about Andre.

Team "Belichick Yourself," Chris Coffee (Austin) and Dan Kurzius (Sinclair) wore matching team t-shirts emblazoned with their team name.

There were several nice comeback wins initiated by "Team Walker," Mr. and Mrs. Walker of DeGress, who came back to win twice down match point and facing big deficits. They brought their reindeer-dressed infant for support.

An investigation is under way regarding Sara and Marcus Wittich's Inman Park residency. At stake: whether to recognize their hard earned runner up finish. Seriously, Sara and Marcus added lots of life to the tourney. Great team name as well, "Bi-Polar Rollers." 



Team "Belichick Yourself," Chris Coffee (Austin) and Dan Kurzius (Sinclair) wore matching team t-shirts emblazoned with their team name. Photo by Eric Goldberg



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Feb 28	<i>Diana Glad, 960 Edgewood Ave., "My Beloved World"</i> by Sonia Sotomayor
Mar 28	<i>Frank Koch, 941 Austin Ave., "Jaguar's Children"</i> by John Vaillant
Apr	No book. Volunteer for Festival!
May 30	<i>Oreon Mann, 44 Krog St., #306, "A Man Called Ove"</i> by Fredrik Backman
June 27	<i>Jan Keith, 889 Edgewood Ave., "The Last Painting of Sara de Vos"</i> by Dominic Smith
July 25	<i>Paula Mason, 1046 Washita, "The Life We Bury"</i> by Allen Eskens
Aug 29	<i>Carolyn Beeker & Shirley Farrell, 952 Edgewood Ave., "The Lilac Girls"</i> by Martha Hall Kelly
Sept 26	<i>Stephanie Sherman, 936 Austin Ave., "Homegoing"</i> by Yaa Gyasi
Oct 31	<i>Linda Dunham, 12 1st Avenue (Kirkwood) "The Book That Matters Most"</i> by Ann Hood
Nov	No book. Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 10	<i>Sandy Dunlap, 933 Faith Ave., (Glenwood Park)</i> Holiday Party Brunch



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IPNA Holiday Party 2016



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Ellen and James McManus, IPNA VP of Communications



Kathy and Marshall Busko of Austin



Neil Kinkopf, President of IPNA

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IPNA Holiday Party 2016



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Lacey and Thom of Lake with Chip and Helena of Cleburne



A group of first-time IPNA Holiday Partygoers joined in the fun this year

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Agenda

December 21, 2016

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Police Officers' Report
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Planning
 - C. Zoning
 - D. Historic Preservation
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Communications
 - G. Treasurer
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

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



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

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

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

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

Websites

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InmanParkFestival.org
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IP Security Patrol: 404-414-7802
L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

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www.little5points.com

Want to be a part of next month's *Advocator*?

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