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## President's Message

### Are You Privy to Our History?

BY BEVERLY MILLER • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG

Eugene Bales was born in his house at 863 Lake Avenue in 1937 and has lived there ever since. I recently had the great pleasure of sitting down with him to get his unique perspective on Inman Park. An amazingly accomplished individual, Eugene enjoyed a career in the Atlanta Public Schools as both a teacher and administrator and even received two Fulbrights along the way. As a longtime Inman Park resident, he has witnessed a great deal of change during his 81 years. Indeed, over time, his corner of the world has seen both positive and negative transformations.



The Creek and Cherokee Nations, forced out in 1825 and 1839 respectively, were the last in a series of native people who had lived here since ancient times. In 1864, this area, then forest and farmland, was totally devastated by the Battle of Atlanta. Eugene's house was built not long afterwards in 1882, seven years before Inman Park began development as Atlanta's first planned suburb. There was a barn next door to the house and a privy that was located in what is now the middle of Hale Street. At that time the site was surrounded by 137 acres of mostly vacant land.

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GREAT FOR BOTH LITTLE AND BIG KIDS AND THOSE YOUNG-AT-HEART

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# Inman Park Halloween Kick-Off Parade

**WHO:**  
**INMAN PARK KIDS, of all ages!**

**WHAT:**  
**Face painting, balloon  
animals, and parade**

**WHEN:**  
**Wednesday,  
October 31, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**WHERE:**  
**Poplar Circle (Hurt and Euclid)**

*Get in the Spooky Spirit. Wear creative Halloween garb. Prepare for old-fashioned fun to start your Halloween.*

*Neighbors are asked to handout Halloween treats along the Parade Route from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*Parade Route: Start at Poplar Circle. West on Euclid to Hurt Street, Right on Hurt, left on Waverly Way, left on Elizabeth, Left on Euclid and back to Poplar Circle.*



## 2018 Inman Park Book Club

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

**Oct  
30**

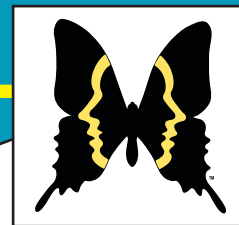
***“The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane”***  
by Lisa See  
Patty McGuigan-Robinson,  
814 Virgil St.

**Nov  
27**

***“Flight Path”***  
by Hannah Palmer  
Patty Durand,  
379 Sinclair Ave.

### Inman Park Security Patrol Activity September 2018

Directed Patrols / Drop Ins:.....	246
Alarm .....	1
Suspicious Person:.....	6



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## **Porch Party** **October 26 • 7:30 p.m.**

**Hosted by Patty McGuigan  
and Michael Robinson’s  
at 814 Virgil Street NE**

All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage to enjoy.



Your porch wants to host a party!  
Call Pat or Richard Westrick to get on the  
schedule. 404-523-4801

# Other Happenings to Note

## Woodland Spirits

Now through November 11 • Fernbank Museum • <http://fernbankmuseum.org/explore>  
Woodland Spirits evokes mystery, adventure and uncertainty during the Halloween season. Be prepared to encounter ghostly visitors in the shadows, up in the trees, deep in the vistas, and waiting in plain sight. Although mostly undisturbed throughout history, these woods feature clues and remnants from those who've come before us. Perhaps their spirits never left. Woodland Spirits features a variety of ghostly figures imagined by Fernbank and transformed by Laura Lewis, an Atlanta artist who specializes in sculpture, painting and outdoor installations.

## Posture + Pain Relief Workshop

October 18 • 7 p.m. • Wondershop • 1392 McLendon • [atcenterstudio.com](http://atcenterstudio.com)  
Do you have poor posture? Does your neck or back hurt? This free Alexander Technique workshop focuses on posture and mechanics to ease recurring aches and pains. You'll learn skills for relaxation and pain relief. One study found back pain reduced by 85% - with longer lasting results than other forms of pain management. Space is limited so RSVP to [morgan@atcenterstudio.com](mailto:morgan@atcenterstudio.com). More info: [www.atcenterstudio.com](http://www.atcenterstudio.com).

## Trees Atlanta Speaker Series: The Importance of Native Plants in Urban Landscapes

October 25, 7:00 pm • 112 Krog Street, Suite 7  
<https://treesatlanta.org/event/speaker-series-the-importance-of-native-plants-in-urban-landscapes/>  
This talk describes how planting and conserving native plants within our city is one key step that can help stem these urban effects, and make Atlanta more sustainable and connected to nature.

## Great Pumpkin Carving Contest

October 25, 7:00 – 8:00 pm • Atlanta Botanical Garden  
<https://atlantabg.org/visit/events/great-pumpkin-carving-contest>  
Cheer on the slicing and dicing as contestants carve the most impressive gourd. Local chefs and designers square off and put their pumpkin-carving prowess to the test during Fest-of-Ale. The participants have 25 minutes to carve an award-winning masterpiece out of a giant pumpkin and audience applause declares the winner.


## Dia de Muertos en Mexico

October 30, 5:00-8:00 pm • Rialto Center for the Arts • <https://calendar.gsu.edu/rialto>  
This fun family friendly event will be full of authentic food, dancing and great music! This celebration is the Opening Reception for the Rialto's photographic exhibition of the Day of the Dead celebration in Mexico. This event is free and open to the public!

## Chomp & Stomp!

November 3, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm • Cabbagetown • <http://www.chompandstomp.com/>  
The annual Chomp & Stomp Chili Cook-off and Bluegrass Festival is upon us once again! Sometimes it's cold out, sometimes it's hot, but there's always chili and music and a fantastic time to be had by all. There is a great artists market too. I feel like Chomp & Stomp officially signals the end of the fall festival season and after that it's off to the races for the holidays. Come on down to Cabbagetown and sample some chili!

## LeVar Burton Reads LIVE!

November 14, 7:00 pm • Variety Playhouse  
<http://www.variety-playhouse.com/event/levar-burton-reads-live/>  
LeVar Burton's popular podcast, LeVar Burton Reads, is coming live to Atlanta! In every episode he invites you to take a break from your daily life, and dive into a great story. LeVar's narration blends with gorgeous soundscapes to bring stories by Neil Gaiman, Haruki Murakami, Octavia Butler, Ray Bradbury and more to life. Come see and hear him in person at Variety Playhouse. 

# IPNA Calendar

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

Oct  
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**Little 5 Points  
Halloween  
Festival and Parade**  
See page 7 for details.

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**Tree Walk**  
3 p.m.  
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Oct  
24

**Aging Well Information  
Session**  
9:30 a.m.  
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**NPU-N Meeting**  
L5P Community Center  
7:00 p.m.

Oct  
26

**Porch Party**  
7:30 p.m.  
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**Book Club**  
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**Trick or  
Treating Kick-Off**  
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Nov  
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**Aging Well Information  
Session**  
9:30 a.m.  
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Nov  
14

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

# President's Message

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Among the many changes the home itself has undergone, one striking example can be seen in its orientation. The builder lived in the new house along with his wife, who was disabled and spent most of her time in the front bedroom. When he began to construct more houses along Lake Avenue and wanted his wife to be able to watch him as he worked, he rotated the entire house, re-positioning the bedroom window to face up the street. Eugene points out that such a realignment was easier then since there was no indoor plumbing or electricity to consider. Indoor plumbing was added in 1912, and electricity around 1920. Eugene's mother, who was born in 1919, moved into the house in 1927 when she was eight years old.


During his lifetime, Eugene has seen drastic changes in transportation. Throughout his childhood, he and his family mainly got around by walking and taking the streetcar. His dad walked just over two miles to his job as an HVAC technician at Pullman Yards. The Pullman Car Company was an early adopter of the new technology of air conditioning, and his dad kept the systems in the cars running. Eugene walked to school. He first attended Moreland Elementary at 1083 Austin Avenue, now the Little Five Points Community Center. He went from there to Bass High School, now Bass Lofts, at 1080 Euclid. He often rode the streetcar downtown to shop at Rich's and other retailers. His family later bought a car, but gas was scarce during World War II, so they still usually walked or took the streetcar.

Although his dad was an early HVAC technician, Eugene's house did not have central air conditioning until the 1970s, and to this day he laments the isolation that resulted. Before air conditioning, windows and doors stood open day and night in the warmer months, and people sat on their porches after dinner. Neighbors would stroll by and would always speak. People stayed in closer and more frequent contact. Even total strangers spoke to one another along the sidewalks, a custom that Eugene sadly finds less common now. People also kept closer tabs on each other. Eugene recalls walking as a child down a street five blocks away and hearing a woman call out to him from her porch that she would notify his mother if he misbehaved.

His home's immediate surroundings have been altered drastically during Eugene's lifetime. When he was a child, he and his brother and sister played in the woods just across Lake Avenue. In the 1950s, Montag Brothers Paper Company, later acquired by Mead Paper, cleared the land and built a home office and distribution center there. This was only one negative development during an era of steep decline. The lovely Victorian homes in Inman Park were divided up into many small apartments. No longer maintained, they began to fall to ruin.

The building at 884 Lake Avenue that now houses Small Carpenters at Large was a store at the time, with its upstairs rooms rented by the night. Eugene would often step outside in the morning to find people sitting on his front wall, leaving behind their broken bottles for him to clean up. He was always understanding and spoke kindly to them but finally remarked one day that the bottles were a problem. He never found another bottle there. However, his house was broken into three times during this period of neighborhood unrest.

Eugene is thankful for the resurgence that Inman Park has experienced since the 1970s. In 2001, the sale of the 21-acre paper company site led to development of what is now Inman Park Village. Eugene now enjoys walking to nearby restaurants and seeing lots more people out with their children and dogs. He says that even during the difficult times, he couldn't find a better place to live. We are lucky that he stayed.

Like Eugene, we all value our past while knowing that the future will bring changes. Our butterfly logo symbolizes the importance of past and future, with its two-sided Janus face looking both backward and forward. To better honor our past, the IPNA archives are now being housed at Emory University, and our Lifelong Inman Park Committee is undertaking an important oral history project to preserve memories of our longtime residents. To that end, Eugene has just donated a recording of an interview with his mother. To plan for our future, our VP for Planning, Rick Bizot, is chairing the IPNA Master Plan Committee. See his article in this issue of the *Advocator* to learn about the benefits of master planning. We have a rich past. What will the future bring? Get involved with IPNA and be a force for positive change! 

## SAVE THE DATE

### Fall Used Book Sale

**Saturday, November 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Library at 980 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta**

*Mark your calendars now for the Fall used book sale sponsored by the Friends of Ponce Library to be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Library at 980 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, 30306. Come support the library while taking the opportunity to pick up some really great titles at bargain prices. Choose from a variety of hardback and paperback books in all genres including fiction, non-fiction, biographies, history, science fiction, home and gardening, children's, and young adult. While you're at the sale, why not join the Friends of Ponce Library or renew your membership for a \$10 yearly fee. All membership and sale funds are used to purchase books and supplies for the branch as well as support children's and community programs hosted at the library.*



## Festival Golf Carts A Thing Of The Past?

After a few unfortunate incidents involving golf carts during our incredibly successful 2018 Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes, the Festival Committee is reviewing its policies and procedures regarding these handy transportation assists and getting some professional advice about the best approach to take for Festival 2019 and beyond.

Keep watching The Advocate for Festival information! We'll keep you updated on the latest developments, and will try to have more information about golf cart rules and everything else Festival-related in the November edition.



## 2018 IPNA Directory - Thank You

By CAROL MITCHELL • CAROL@THE-MITCHELLS.ORG


There were many, many people who helped make the 2018 directory possible. Thank you all! Hopefully this is a fairly complete list. Anyone I missed, please forgive my awful memory - your work was no less valuable. Jan Keith and I worked together to make the directory happen. Without Jan, the directory would have been impossible.

Special thanks also to:

Ben Mitchell, Alex Kronemeyer, Jane Bradshaw, Christy Lenz, Thom Abelew, Marge Hays, Yvonne Merkel, Windell Keith, Sandy Hoke and probably others - it was a long process.

Thanks also to the two IPNA Presidents who gave the ok to create a new print directory and made it possible: Neil Kinkopf and Beverly Miller.

We intend to print a new directory next year, but the process should be both less painful and less time consuming, but we should also be able to produce it at a lower cost, since we'll have a digital copy to use, and not have to type all the information pages over again. We've all learned a lot about how to work with memberclicks, so that should help, as we'll have a shorter learning curve next time. Please forgive the mistakes made. I provided a corrections sheet with the directory for those factual mistakes that could affect access to people you might need. Please check your online listing if you find that your listing is incorrect or missing, and make your changes there first. Then please send them to me, and I'll keep a file of things to check next year.

Thanks also to those who have already offered to help with next year's directory. I have your names and will contact you! 



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

The L5P Halloween Festival & Parade supports our local businesses by raising funds for the Little 5 Points Business Association.

Tag your parade pics on Facebook and Instagram: [@L5PHalloween!](#)



# Out of The Darkness Walk

BY SALLY DORN • NEIGHBOR • SDORN47@COMCAST.NET

On Sunday November 4th, several thousand people will gather in Piedmont Park to walk in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of The Darkness Walk. The Walk helps raise awareness of suicide and funds to support programs for suicide prevention. In addition, it also gives survivors of suicide an opportunity to honor the memories of their lost loved ones and to recognize they are not alone.

We walk to honor the memory of my daughter, Michelle Ferguson Priestly who was a long-time Inman Park resident. Michelle moved to Inman Park in 1978 when she was 9. At the time of her death in 2001, Michelle was an Inman Park resident, a single mother of Nicholas (IPCP alum who was 2 at the time), a city of Atlanta cop (she had been on medical leave for six weeks recovering from serious injuries sustained in an on-duty incident with a suspect), and a part time GSU Law student. I don't think anyone realized the extent to which her work-related injuries had affected her mental state.

This year Michelle would have celebrated her 49th birthday. I am hoping to have 49 people on Team Michelle Ferguson Priestly to honor that milestone. In the past, many neighbors have joined us, including Jane Bradshaw Burnette, Cathy Bradshaw, Susan Thompson, Bill Dorn, Janet Sowers, Bobbie Paul, Eileen Brown, Marilyn and Meghan Grist, Susan Thompson and others. Won't you consider walking with us?

Over 44,000 people in the US die each year from suicide. AFSP has set a goal of reducing the annual suicide rate 20% by 2025. Could you help us meet that goal?

For more information, go to [bit.ly/2HIISc3](http://bit.ly/2HIISc3) or contact me at [sdorn47@comcast.net](mailto:sdorn47@comcast.net). 



## Welcome New Neighbors

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and Dan Kuebrich**  
*Euclid Avenue*

**Sue and Ted Johnson**  
*Inman Lane*

## Lifelong Inman Park Presents

Aging Well Fall Information Sessions  
Legal and Financial Issues Explained


### **Legal Issues – October 24**

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Inman Park Church  
Albert Caproni  
Attorney at Law, Cohen & Caproni, LLC

### **Financial Issues – November 7**

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Inman Park Church  
Kris Dwyer, CFP, CDFA  
Senior Advisor, LongView wealth Management

These sessions are free and open to the public.

*Lifelong Inman Park is dedicated to creating a lifelong community for all ages by incorporating the needs of older residents into all aspects of community planning, development, and living. Contact [lifelong@inmanpark.org](mailto:lifelong@inmanpark.org) to join the committee!* 



# In Remembrance of Oreon Mann

COMPILED BY NEIGHBOR SUBMISSIONS.

Oreon Mann, our long-time neighbor and friend, passed away in August. We will honor him with a Tree Tour of Inman Park on Sunday, October 21, 2018. 3:00 p.m. Please meet on the porch of Jim Abbot & Jeanne LaSala's home, 946 Waverly Way NE. The tour will be led by Greg Levine, co-executive director of Trees Atlanta, and Jim. Refreshments at Jeanne & Jim's home after the tour.



Here's a picture of Oreon (center) with his beloved father, Earl Mann, who went from selling peanuts as a boy at Spiller Field (later Ponce de Leon Ballpark) to president and owner of the Atlanta Crackers. Notice that smile, in both pictures — it was Oreon's trademark.

This month the *Advocator* is publishing two short stories of Oreon's impact on the neighborhood.

"We have established that the tree planting at which Oreon planted the live oak at 180 Waverly Way took place early in 1985 (February or March). Gretchen found a copy of the *Advocator* for April 1985 in which the workday is described—my column called "Hurt Dirt." We sometimes called the IPR Beautification Committee the "Hurt Planters," in honor of Joel Hurt and the Hurt Plantation, which this land was called at the time of the Civil War—the brothers Augustus Hurt and Troup Hurt. We sometimes had pretensions of being a garden club, not just a beautification committee. Couldn't make up our minds.



While I was still chair of the IPR Beautification Committee I co-organized a tree planting workday with a neighbor named Bill Todd. Bill had some sort of work connection with Emory University which he used to gain access to a wholesale nursery somewhere on the Georgia coast that specialized in coastal plain evergreen oaks. Bill was a fan of those trees and wanted them planted on the streets of Inman Park. Bill arranged the purchase of 30 of those trees if I remember correctly, and together we mapped out 30 appropriate planting spots on our streets.

One of those spots was across the street from the north end of Springvale Park between 170 and 180 WW. There was a massive maple tree, slowly dying, in that spot. We were in touch with the city arborist who approved the removal of that maple tree by the city, and that was supposed to happen before our workday.

At the workday we planted 29 live oak trees in their designated spaces, but when we came to number 30 we found that the maple tree was still there. We didn't want to plant an oak tree beneath a maple tree, obviously, and we

had a sort of cultural or ethical norm that forbid the planting of IPR trees on private land. Moreover I, the committee chair, happened to be the owner of 180 WW. Oreon was undeterred by that norm, however. While the rest of us were standing around scratching our heads Oreon grabbed a shovel in one hand and the tree in its container in the other and proceeded to plant the tree in the front yard of 180 WW. The tree thrived, we have taken good care of it, pruning it on several occasions when that was indicated, and the tree today is a really magnificent young live oak tree.

Gretchen and I still own that property. I remember Oreon often when I look at the tree, so to me it will always be the Oreon Mann Memorial Tree." - Bruce Maclachlan

"I met Oreon after my family and I moved to Inman Park in 2000. It was immediately obvious to me that he loved the outdoors. He was an avid paddler and a canoeing instructor, for example, and as our own group's ambitions and activities ramped up, he plunged right in. In those years, Oreon never missed a single Tree Watch event, whether it was a planting, a guided tree walk, or a maintenance project. He always wanted to be in the mix, and he was always eager to help, to work hard, to get the job done. Inspired by his experiences with Tree Watch, Oreon went on to participate in many activities with Trees Atlanta, including certification as a Tree Keeper.

One year at a tree planting, I assigned Oreon and Amy Higgins the job of planting a katsura tree in the Poplar Circle section of Freedom Park. The tree was a mess — just horribly root bound. Oreon and Amy hacked and tore and unwound it, working and working to give it a chance to live. For a while, it seemed that the tree wouldn't make it. It struggled. It limped along. Half of it died. But as long as it put out leaves, we were determined to see what might happen. This is what happened:

In one sense, I didn't have the privilege of meeting Oreon when he was at his best. In another sense, I really did. Because Oreon was probably one of the best examples any of us has ever encountered of someone who did not let bad luck get in the way of living his life fully, and for Oreon, living life fully meant being part of something worthwhile.

We will miss him." - Jim Abbott **M**

# Volunteers Needed to Hug Trees

BY JIM ABBOT • ABBOT.JIM@GMAIL.COM


We have opportunities for you to get involved, plant trees, and show some love for the amazing canopy we have here in Inman Park!



**Sunday, October 21, 2018 3:00 PM**

Meet on the porch of 946 Waverly Way, home of Jim Abbot and Jeanne LaSala, for a guided tree walk in memory of Oreon Mann. Oreon planted and cared for trees in Inman Park for several decades. He ultimately became co-chair of the Tree Watch committee, was a TreeKeeper for Trees Atlanta, and always loved these tours of Inman Park's wonderful trees.

**Saturday, January 19, 2019 9:00 AM**

Mark your calendars for yet another of our annual Inman Park tree plantings. We will be planting trees all over the neighborhood. Is your yard and/or sidewalk planting crying out for a new tree or trees? Email me right now to set up a site visit by me and our friends at Trees Atlanta. We'll take a look at your property and discuss what you have in mind. 

# With Sympathy to the Family

**Former Druid Circle neighbor Jim Kourkoulis passed away on September 11.**

Our loss of Jim is not only personal to Jim's family, to me, and my family, but Jim's death is a loss to the many, many people throughout the Atlanta area and elsewhere. Jim was a great person and a grand personality who was generally smiling, kind, friendly, generous, and outgoing to all people and dogs. He loved people and work and he had been a contribution to Atlanta since the early 1970's when he and Jane moved to Inman Park and undertook the massive task of restoring a large Victorian house on Druid Circle. That house remains today as an excellent example of good taste and fine workmanship. He then proceeded to rehabilitate apartment buildings in the neighborhood and made significant contributions to the quality of rental housing. Upon entering the restaurant business, he created several good eateries culminating with the Peachtree Hills landmark loved by persons and dogs alike as the Tree House. I am honored to have been able to call Jim my friend. He is sorely missed and will be for long to come.

Written by Gale Mull

# Another Successful BeltLine Wine Stroll

BY AMY HIGGINS • AHIGGINSIAIA@GMAIL.COM

The BeltLine Wine Stroll Committee (Eric Goldberg, Jenny Cohen, Neel Gupta, Allison O'Neill, Charlie Henn, Jan Keith, Sara and Marcus Wittich, and Amy Higgins) would like to send a big thank you to all our venues, sponsors, and volunteers for another successful Stroll. This year we netted just under \$40,000 for the Inman Park Security Patrol and continuing improvements in Springvale Park!

Our generous sponsors this year were:

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We'd also like to give a shout out to The Marching Abominables for their fun and unique entertainment during the event. We are looking forward to another fun Stroll in 2019. If you'd like to join the committee and help plan next year's event, please contact me at ahigginsiaia@gmail.com. 



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# Education Update: Grady Cluster

BY ANNSLEY KLEHR • LAKE CLAIRE EDUCATION CHAIR

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## APS 2019-2020 School Start Date

Confusion abounds as I am trying to tell my son he has a summer birthday and yet school has already started and it's almost considered fall . . . well, almost. The temperatures have still been in the 90s! And then of course I tell him when school is over that it is summer break and yet it's still spring. He seems quite confused, but the confusion might soon be over.

If you had been wishing for the school year to start just a bit later, the crystal ball has been read and your wish may be granted. The Atlanta School Board has tentatively approved the academic calendars for the next three years, making the start date the second Monday in August. The 2019-2020 school year will begin on August 12th and end on May 22nd. Yes, you read it correctly! That means two more weeks of summer!

This year we started on August 1st and will end on May 24th.

Just think, in 7 months from now you can look forward to your 10 weeks of summer vacation! Thanks APS!

## Inman Middle School Grants Recess

Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Inman's relatively new principal, said in an email to a parent, "I found in my 20 years of lunch supervision that middle and high school students only need 18-20 minutes of lunch. The other 10 minutes are times when students get into mischief." Therefore, he decided to carve 10 minutes out of the middle schoolers' lunch for recess. He implemented something similar to this when he was a principal in Indiana. His goal is to eventually expand this lunch/recess period to a total of 35 minutes.

According to Dr. Maxwell, connection teachers are noting how much easier it is to monitor lunch, and classroom teachers have been pleasantly surprised with a higher level of engagement in class after lunch. The only downside is the 8th graders wish these changes had started 2 years ago!

## Howard Middle School Construction On Track

The David T. Howard School, in 2020 will become the new Inman Middle School, but Inman's name will not carry over. This historically named building was named after David T. Howard, former slave, civic activist, and philanthropist. Born into slavery in 1849, he eventually rose in ranks to become an undertaker with his own mortuary business, becoming one of the city's first black millionaires. Though he gave to many African-American institutions in Atlanta, David T. Howard School was one of his final contributions. Donated in 1923 as an elementary school and later a high school, it remained open until its closing in 1976. The Howard School educated several well-known African-Americans: Martin Luther King, Jr., Maynard Jackson, Vernon Jordan, Herman J. Russell, Eldrin Bell, and Walt Frazier.

According to the David T. Howard National Alumni Association, Inc., Howard



was a testament to the high scholarship of the student body, the dedication of the faculty and the recognition of adherence to those standards established by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges which bestowed accreditation upon David T. Howard High School.

Located on the corner of Randolph Street and John Wesley Dobbs Avenue in the Old Fourth Ward, Howard School is on track and projected to be completed by August 2020. It is a building with stories of the past and holds great promise for the Grady Cluster Future.

The renovation could not be finished sooner as Inman is bursting at the seams and beyond. In case you have not had the lovely drive-by opportunity on Virginia Avenue, the whole field is consumed by trailers and milling students. Inman has a capacity of 875 students but has currently enrolled over 1,000. This \$52 million 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

(SPLOST) project will house up to 1,375 students with 25 students per classroom. The current building is getting an addition and updates to allow space for students in the continual boom of the Grady Cluster.

When Howard opened its doors in 1923, it took the place of three grammar schools, two of which opened in 1866 for children of freed slaves. Today it will house 6th-8th grade children from a variety of backgrounds, socio-economic groups, races, and cultures. Its rich past and colorful future will pave the way for many educational opportunities to come.

## Which schools are part of the Grady Cluster?

### High School

Grady High School

### Middle School

Inman Middle School

### Elementary Schools

Centennial Place Elementary

Hope-Hill Elementary

Mary Lin Elementary

Morningside Elementary

Springdale Park Elementary

# Education Update

## continued

### Mary Lin Elementary Enrichment Opportunities

Back to school night at Mary Lin Elementary School was on Thursday, September the 10th. This is was a night where teachers presented the curriculum and upcoming trips to those caregivers and parents inside their children's classroom. Principal Sharyn Briscoe highlighted some key features and enrichment activities that Mary Lin offers which help foster the Grady Cluster's signature theme, College and Career Readiness. Briscoe also pointed out that all opportunities below are part of intentional planning and school-based autonomy due to the fact that our cluster is (and has been for several years), a Charter System (different from a Charter School):

- 1 Spanish is offered in grades K-2 once per week for 45 minutes. This exposure model allows the students to have continuous instruction in a foreign language for three years. Many of our pre-K feeder schools also offer Spanish, so this is also a continuation. Note, this class is meant for exposure and students will not receive a letter grade.
- 2 Band and orchestra are offered for students in grades 4 and 5 twice per week for 45 minutes. Students who chose not to participate in instrumental music will have chorus twice per week for 45 minutes.

3 Students in grades K-4 receive Technology instruction once per week for 45 minutes. The focus is on keyboarding, Google classroom, and some coding. Fifth grade students receive technology support during their ELA/writing block once per week. Note, this class is enrichment and students will not receive a letter grade.

4 The GATE model for gifted-identified students has changed, most significantly for 5th grade. There was a meeting for all GATE parents before the Curriculum Night and there will be follow up meetings per grade level that will be announced by the end of next week.

5 All classes will participate in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) that includes daily class meetings and one hour of lessons using the Second Step curriculum provided by Atlanta Public Schools.

*Annsley Klehr is the Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair and the Mary Lin Representative to the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS).*

# On the Streets Where We Live

BY MARGE HAYS • HURT STREET • HAYS\_207@BELLSOUTH.NET

Continuing from last month's article, let's talk about Elizabeth Street, Euclid Avenue and Lake Avenue!



## ELIZABETH STREET

Mary Elizabeth Hurt Jones (1824-1882) owned Joel Hurt cottage which originally faced Edgewood Avenue. Her 1st cousin was the father of Joel Hurt. In 1889 the street name was Elizabeth Avenue; it changed to Elizabeth Street in the early 1900s.

## EUCLID AVENUE

Formerly known as Turnpike Rd and Atlanta & Stone Mountain Pike Rd, Euclid may have been named after Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Joel "Hurt likened the new Edgewood Avenue to Drexel Avenue in Chicago and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland."

## LAKE AVENUE

Lake Avenue runs from the BeltLine to traffic light intersection at Elizabeth Street. "This road was the Turnpike Road, presently known as Lake Avenue and Austin Avenue." Formerly named Atlanta to Decatur Turnpike Road, Decatur Turnpike, Forrest Ave and Forrest Street. In 1897 the name of Turnpike Road (or Decatur Pike Road or Pike Road) changed to Lake Avenue. A small lake near the intersection of Colquitt Ave & Highland Ave "was probably the origin of the name Lake Avenue, which was originally applied to Sinclair Avenue." This was part of Hale Investment Company's development which was west of Hale Street. **M**

# Emory University donates \$5,000 to IPNA

BY BEVERLY MILLER • PRESIDENT@IPNA.ORG

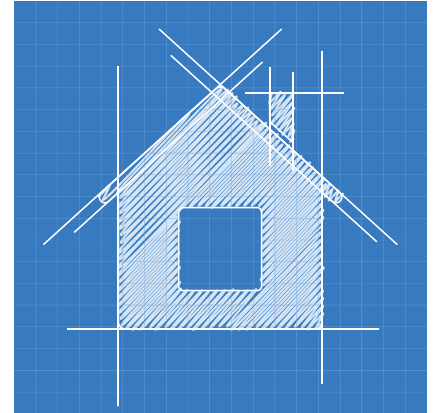
Emory University is donating \$5,000 to IPNA as part of their agreement to house our archives. The IPNA Board has voted to contribute half of this amount to the Trolley Barn, the longtime repository of our archives before they left for Emory on October 2. The Trolley Barn Board has in turn kindly agreed to provide a safe place there for the additional items which of course will accumulate. IPNA will make periodic transfers of items to Emory, and our archivist, Teresa Burk, will continue to work with Emory and to curate the new additions. Many thanks to Teresa and her committee and to all who have worked to donate items and to maintain the IPNA archives. **M**

# Master Plan Committee Update

BY RICK BIZOT • IPNA, VP FOR PLANNING  
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*Why do we need a Master Plan? Don't we already have one?*

Over the past 20 years, Inman Park has undertaken several planning efforts for a portion of the neighborhood or on a limited topic. These include the Inman Park Historic District regulations, the Mead Property redevelopment (Inman Park Village), a 2003 Traffic Calming plan, the Inman Quarter redevelopment, the KLENH (Krog-Lake-Elizabeth-North Highland)



Transportation Study, and the Lifelong Inman Park plan. Meanwhile, the roads and areas on our periphery have been the subject of study, including the Moreland Corridor LCI (2005, 2013 and 2018 editions), the DeKalb Avenue corridor study, and neighborhood master plans for Candler Park, Poncey-Highland, Virginia-Highland, Old Fourth Ward, and Reynoldstown.

Despite its rich history of planning activity, however, Inman Park does not have a Neighborhood Master Plan. So while some aspects and some areas of the neighborhood have benefited from planning efforts, others have not.

An IPNA Master Plan Committee was formed this past summer from a conviction that Inman Park needs to create a neighborhood-wide Master Plan. We want to build on our past planning efforts, update and supplement the current plans, garner community support, and eventually have the plans be adopted by the City. The volunteers on the committee, 20 strong, have been meeting to identify key issues and potential processes. Even at this early stage, it is clear that we will need to engage a planning professional to guide the entire neighborhood through the process and to produce the master plan. We expect to begin this process within the coming year, and due to the timing of IPNA's fiscal year, we are requesting that \$50,000 be dedicated to the master plan in the 2018-2019 budget.

Master plans serve as a roadmap for the future of a community. The roadmap should consider local issues, incorporate community knowledge, identify neighborhood priorities, and provide a flexible framework for community growth and improvement while maintaining the unique character of Inman Park. In Atlanta, a City-adopted neighborhood master plan gives the community a stronger voice in local planning and funding decisions, and it helps a neighborhood to be more proactive in its growth and evolution. The best communities are those that can adapt over time – like our beloved Inman Park that has transformed time and time again since its inception over 125 years ago.

*We are always welcoming new people to join this group. To join this committee and receive an invitation to the next meeting, email [planning@inmanpark.org](mailto:planning@inmanpark.org). **M***

# Grady Cluster Principals Discuss Achievements, Challenges, and Teamwork

BY ELLEN MAYER • COUNCIL OF INTOWN NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS (CINS) CO-PRESIDENT • DOZIER.MAYER@GMAIL.COM

On September 5, the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) hosted its annual Principals' Forum at Inman Middle School. The Principals' Forum gives parents of current and prospective Grady Cluster students and other community members a chance to hear directly from the principals about trends, achievements, challenges, and how they work collaboratively to provide high-quality public education for the more than 6,000 students who attend Grady High School, Inman Middle School, and the cluster's four traditional elementary schools\* and two K-8 academies\*\*.

In terms of academic achievement, the Grady Cluster continues to excel. The principals were pleased with the early results on their students' Georgia Milestones performance last year, though detailed information will not be available until October. On Nov. 7, CINS will host a follow-up event, "The State of the Grady Cluster," where cluster demographics, test scores and other facts and figures will be explored in depth. For details and registration, visit [www.cinsatlanta.org](http://www.cinsatlanta.org).

Grady High School administrators reported that they had seen a marked uptick in students taking advantage of the school's Advanced Placement (AP) courses, with almost half of the 1,355 students currently enrolled in one or more AP courses. In 2007, only 189 Grady students took AP tests for college credit; last year, there were 619.

While parents were curious about academics, what seemed to resonate with many was the way the principals described how they work as a team. They laughed about weekend and evening group texts and said one of their shared goals has been to continue to grow the percentage of students who stay in the cluster from kindergarten through 12th grade. In some cluster neighborhoods, families have often sent their children to public elementary schools, only to then transfer them to private schools for middle and high school. Going into this school year, 83 percent of Inman sixth graders came from the four cluster elementary schools, and 75 percent of Grady freshmen came the cluster. These numbers reflect steady increases over time, though

Grady principal Betsy Bockman noted that the percentage for Inman sixth graders had hovered around 75 percent in recent years, so 83 percent is big jump.

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In that same vein, the elementary school principals reported that they were building community across their schools by creating opportunities for students to interact before middle school. This year the elementary schools will take field trips together to the High Museum of Art, and cluster music teachers have created a Grady Cluster Music Club where elementary students will perform together and get an early introduction to marching band.

The principals agreed that transportation continues to be a particular challenge across the cluster and throughout Atlanta Public Schools (APS). Nationwide, there is a shortage of bus drivers, and the rate of turnover is high. APS is further handicapped by frequent mechanical problems among its aging buses.

While less of a problem for elementary schools, which have smaller enrollment numbers and higher percentages of students who walk or carpool, late buses continue to be a tremendous problem for Inman and Grady. When students arrive late, they miss instructional time; and when first period classes are repeatedly interrupted by late arrivals, the entire class is affected. The principals noted that APS has instituted hiring bonuses to attract more bus drivers, and they are hopeful that bus-tracking apps currently being tested will help students, parents, and school administrators be better prepared when things do go wrong.

To watch a video of the Principals' Forum, please visit [www.cinsatlanta.org](http://www.cinsatlanta.org).

\* Hope-Hill, Mary Lin, Morningside and Springdale Park

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# Recap of the Archives Send-off

BY ADVOCATOR STAFF

In years past our neighborhood archives were spread around many neighbors homes until they were consolidated in the Trolley Barn. The archives includes many interesting documents such as past issues of the *Advocator* including “Hot Rats,” the first Tour of Homes map from the first Festival in 1972, and “Restoration Recipes” from the kitchens of Inman Park residents. Emory University will now house the archives for us in a climate-controlled environment. Neighbors gathered on September 30th at the Trolley Barn to display and enjoy all the artifacts, documents, and images that we have stored over the years. **M**



A group of neighbors gathered to send off our Inman Park documents for safekeeping at Emory University. Photo by Betsy McPherson.



Beverly Miller - Inman Park Neighborhood Association President, Randy Gue - Rose Library Curator at Emory, and Teresa Burk - Inman Park Neighborhood Association Archives Committee Chair. Photo by Betsy McPherson.



An *Advocator* from 1979 was on display at the archives send-off. Photo by Betsy McPherson.



Guests look over Inman Park documents that will now be housed at Emory University. Photo by Betsy McPherson.



# Proposed IPNA 2019 Budget

		<i><b>FY19 Budget</b></i>				
<i><b>REVENUE</b></i>	<b>IPNA Security Memberships - Individuals</b>			Planning	NPU-N Mtg Space Contribution	100
	Checks	5,500			Lifelong Inman Park	1,700
	Moolah	75,000			Visioning for Hulsey Yards-Consultative Fee	10,000
	<b>IPNA Security Memberships - Business</b>				Inman Park Master Plan	50,000
	Inman Park Cooperative Preschool	300			Archives	2,500
	Wrecking Bar	300			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>64,300</b>
	Seed and Feed	300		Beautification	Beautification Maintenance	25,000
	Trolley Barn	300			Springvale Maintenance - General	5,000
	Inman Park Animal Association	300			Springvale Maintenance - Special Allocation	45,000
	Jennie's Cleaners	300			Homeowner Sidewalk Subsidies - 2019	115,000
	<b>IPNA Security Memberships - Multifamily</b>				Grant - Tree Watch	1,000
	IPV Master Association	30,000			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>191,000</b>
	Inman Walk Homeowners Association	2,672		Executive	General Board Expenses	7,500
	Inman Motor Works Condominiums	1,000			Bank Fees/Charges	100
	Garland at Inman Park Condo Association	600			CPA - Audit / Tax Prep. Expenses	5,000
	Iron Workers Lofts	950			Insurance - E&O for Officers	5,000
	Inman Mews Townhomes	2,070			Trademark	60
	Brickworks Condominium Association	2,000			Corp Registration	50
	Inman Park Townhomes on Dixie	1,450			Legal	20,000
	Interest	50			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37,710</b>
	Festival	210,000		Social	Inventories: IPNA Flags / Banners / Stickers	500
	Atlanta Beltline Wine Stroll - From Friends of I.P.	13,500			Holiday Party	22,500
	Emory Archive Contribution	2,500			4th of July Party	500
IPNA Flags & Banners	1,000			Porch Parties	50	
Film Industry - Donations	1,000			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>23,550</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		351,092	Grants	Little 5 Mini Precinct	5,000	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				Little 5 Points Alliance	5,000	
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	Signs/Stickers	1,750		Freedom Park Conservancy	10,000	
	Graffiti Removal	500		Art on the Beltline	1,000	
	Officer Appreciation	3,000		Ponce de Leon Library	500	
	<b>Patrol Car</b>			MLK Library	500	
	Repairs	9,000		Board Discretionary Grants	15,000	
	Fuel	2,000		<b>Education</b>		
	Insurance / Registration	4,000		Grady High School	12,000	
	Telephone	2,320		Inman Middle School	5,000	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>157,570</b>		Mary Lin Elementary School	5,000	
Communications	Advocator	650		Hope Hill Elementary School	5,000	
	Fees & Services: Moolah / Quickbooks / Memberclicks	9,500		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>71,500</b>	
	Hospitality	1,000		TOTAL	\$559,280	
	Directory	1,000				
	Advertising/Promotions	1,000				
	Historic Preservation	500				
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,650</b>				

# Agenda

October 17, 2018

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m • Babysitting Available

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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Police Officers' Reports
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
  - A. President
  - B. Planning
  - C. Zoning
  - D. Historic Preservation
    - i. 410 Sinclair Ave - renovations and rear addition
    - ii. 516 N Highland Ave - new house on vacant lot
  - E. Public Safety
  - F. Communications
  - G. Treasurer
  - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

*Check [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org) the day of the meeting for any agenda updates.*



## Good to Know

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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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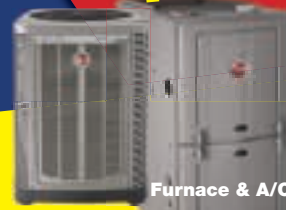
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