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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Lisa Burnette*

It's October, and that means one of my favorite holidays in Inman Park ... Hallo-ween! In a household with a 9-year old, Halloween is a big deal. Well, to be honest, you've probably seen us parents out enjoying ourselves as much as them. I'll admit it, we plan for weeks for our own costumes. And yes, we've been known to seek out adult beverage "treats" from neighbors in addition to candy for our kids.

Let me say now, if I never have before, that we really appreciate all the Inman Parkers who go all out to decorate their houses and themselves to entertain our kids and make Halloween so special and just a little bit scary.

You know what is NOT scary about Halloween? *The streets of Inman Park.* I've noticed each year that more and more parents are bringing their kids to Inman Park because they see it as a safe place to walk the streets and approach the houses on Halloween. I am so glad that we can be a safe haven for our surrounding neighbors. After Katrina, we had a displaced New Orleans family join us on our door-to-door trek. The Mother lamenting that she hadn't dressed up because her husband told her people don't do that outside of New Orleans!

When Keith and I looked at buying our first house in Inman Park before the Olympics, we weren't really familiar with the neighborhood and were a little nervous about it. We drove over here one evening, parked the car and got out to take a walk to see if we felt safe. After a block, we had passed a jogger or two, several people walking dogs and neighbors on porches – it was enough to convince us that it was just fine.

Thirteen years later, the evening streets are filled with even more runners, bikers, dog-walkers, and kids playing. Many thanks for the hard work of our leaders and security efforts over the years to make us feel safe, now more so than ever with our security patrol car and attentive security patrol team. Certainly this is no Mayberry – we do live in downtown Atlanta. But, on the 31<sup>st</sup>, hundreds of kids will hit the dark streets without hesitation and take candy from neighbors, not strangers. *Maybe we are a little bit Mayberry after all!*

## 2009 FESTIVAL MEETING

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval*

We had our first Inman Park Festival planning meeting for the 2009 Festival and had a great turnout with a lot of enthusiasm for another great Festival. Please attend the meetings, or contact me if you have any interest in the planning process for Festival.

Our "Friends of Festival" chair, **Nan Rigby**, has passed the torch after several years of great work in pulling in small business sponsors. **Carrington oore** has graciously accepted the role of Chair of this committee. She will be looking for small business sponsors for Festival, so if you know of anyone interested in being a sponsor on a smaller scale or would like to help her in coordinating this committee, please contact her at carringtonmoore@gmail.com.

The Home Tour Committee is working hard as we speak to bring us another great tour. To make suggestions, please contact: **Pat Westrick** at patwestrick@realtor.com or **Jan Keith** at kingkeith@mindspring.com Please join us in creating another great Inman Park Festival. To get involved or share your thoughts on Festival, call me at 404-791-8497 or e-mail me at: danny@smallcarpenters.com

## TAXES 101

Did you get your property tax bill?

Do you have any idea where those numbers came from?

Our own **Nick Franz** will be at the October IPNA meeting for a "Tax 101" presentation. Come learn about how your property taxes are computed.

Where else are you going to get free advice from a CPA?

## SUBMISSION OF INVOICES & CHECKS

*By Megan Wilson*

IPNA's year end, October 31, 2008, is quickly approaching. If you have collected any checks for IPNA or have invoices that need to be paid or reimbursed by IPNA, please send them to me A.S.A.P. It is very important to our budget process to have all money deposited and bills paid by the end of our fiscal year.

E-mail is best: wilson.meganleigh@gmail.com. Thanks!

## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 IPNA MEETING

*By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary*

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

**Lisa Burnette** asked for newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Josh** and **Ellie Morris** on Sinclair Ave., and **Fred Yalouris** on Edgewood Ave. (he is the new director of design for The Beltline). **Don Radcliffe** announced his new store *Ella Gura* at 280 Elizabeth St. (next door to Atlanta Scooters). The store sells used CDs and vinyl records.

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oreon Mann** announced:
  - This month's book club. The book is *The Zookeeper's Wife* by **Diane Ackerman**. The Book Club will be hosted by **Charlotte Steeh**, 1301 Iverson St. in Candler Park on Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish.
  - He also reminded everyone about the Wine and Tree walk on Saturday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. This is a 2.93-mile tour of the 72 trees in the Inman Park Arboretum. For more information contact Oreon Mann at 404-522-3469 or oreonmann@yahoo.com. Trees Atlanta is asking for a \$25 donation from each guest on the tour. This is a suggested donation, not a mandatory one, and regular volunteers are not expected to pay.
- Pat Westrick** announced this month's Porch Party on Friday, September 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of **Karen and Ken Tabor**, 1094 Alta Ave. Porch parties are always the last Friday of each month and are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Bring a drink and a dish to share.
- Judy Clements** announced the new season of Synchronicity Theatre with the first performance, *Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter*, running from September 12 to October 12.
- Cathy Bradshaw** reminded everyone of the option of early and absentee ballots because of the anticipated long lines on election day. She also endorsed **Keisha Lance Bottoms** for Fulton County Superior Court Judge.
- Margie Thorpe** introduced her business named *Vegetable Husband*. She provides weekly home delivery of locally grown organic vegetables. For more information call 404-617-9302 or info@vegetablehusband.com.
- Keisha Lance Bottoms** spoke again of her candidacy for Superior Court Judge in Fulton County. She is challenging **Judge Jackson Bedford**. Her slogan is "A better Court for a better community".
- John Michael** spoke on behalf of **Karlise Yvette Grier**, who is running for Superior Court Judge for the position to be vacated by the retiring **Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore**.

### POLICE OFFICERS' REPORT

The officers are on duty and will be reporting later in the meeting.

### IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

**Adam Stillman** presented two houses at 333 and 337 Atlantis Ave. respectively. These are two historic lots where houses were torn down by the Department of Transportation (DOT). IPNA was asked to vote on a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (for design of houses) and a variance (for the size of the garage) on both properties. As there are only two houses on Atlantis, the design for the houses follows the Arts and Crafts style of the houses on Austin Ave. In the R-5 zoning, the garage has to be smaller than 35% of the main floor. As these lots are historic, they are small, so they are asking for a variance to go bigger than 35%.

Previously, there was a large immediate neighbors meeting where they approved the Certificate and variance. Many of the immediate neighbors were in attendance at this IPNA meeting and rescinded their support because of their concerns regarding water run-off from the driveways. There are many drainage and sewer problems for the houses on Austin Ave. There is fear these driveways would increase the drainage problem. Adam said he is working on a meeting with engineering and site planning of the City of Atlanta and will invite the immediate neighbors to the meeting. He said there must be driveways because historic regulations prohibit parking on Atlantis Ave. **George Gary** asked about the driveway run-off being directed into one of the sewer lines. **Jonathan Miller** asked whether the turn-around area could be semi-permeable.

**Danny Feig-Sandoval** made motions for approval of the variance for the garages and for the Certificates of Appropriateness with the

drainage issues addressed for each property.

Motions were made, seconded, and carried to support the immediate neighbors in granting:

1. the Type III Certificate of Appropriateness contingent on the receipt of the variance for the garage motion for 333 Atlantis Ave.;
2. the Type III Certificate of Appropriateness contingent on the receipt of the variance for the garage motion for 337 Atlantis Ave.;
3. a variance in zoning on the garage contingent on the developer continuing to work with the immediate neighbors on the drainage issue for 333 Atlantis Ave.;
4. a variance in zoning on the garage contingent on the developer continuing to work with the immediate neighbors on the drainage issue for 337 Atlantis Ave.

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

Nothing to report.

**TREASURER: Megan and Trevor Wilson**

**Megan Wilson** reported some expenses which included:

1. \$980 for Oakview Landscaping for the sidewalks,
2. \$34 for the Intown Business Center,
3. \$1,000 for maintenance of Springvale Park,
4. \$360 to Startec for the OTW listserv for 2008-2009, and
5. regular bi-weekly payroll for Security Patrol.

**Lisa Burnette** reported the IPNA Board met last month regarding the budget, and she advised that the information in *The Advocate* about the budget has some typos and figures missing. A correct budget was distributed during the meeting. Lisa reported that tonight's meeting was to discuss the proposed budget and make recommendations to the Board. All voting will take place at next month's meeting. She mentioned that in the past few years IPNA has had a lot of cash and decisions had been made to spend that money. IPNA planned for expenditures to be greater than income. At this point, we have decreased our cash balances to a level we would like to maintain (i.e. no longer decrease). Therefore, we must do some belt-tightening. As the weather was cold and rainy, Festival 2008 did not generate as much income as it had in the previous few years. The only other net income generators are IPNA membership at \$3,000, and interest income of approximately \$6,500. We need to keep our cash reserves in case of a rainy Festival and for any legal fees. Megan Wilson reiterated the decision to keep a conservative cash balance.

**Danny Feig-Sandoval** suggests we add another \$5,000 for the L5P mini-precinct. Lisa explained that because of some accounting anomalies, the mini-precinct had only been paid \$2,500 in the previous budget year, but had received a total of \$7,500 in the previous year. The Board supports putting the full \$7,500 back in the budget. **Oreon Mann** asked to move the mini-precinct to Public Safety. The Board will consider how the budget items are identified. **Nick Franz** asked what exactly is a reserve fund. Lisa Burnette explained it is a hold-back for unexpected expenses like the Gunby St. legal expense. Lots of questions ensued as to what the reserve would be used for and how much should be held back. **John Floyd** asked if there is a reason to have a reserve if there are no pending issues? What is the rationale? **Al Caproni** said we should just keep it if and when we have a major fight. **Pat Westrick** asked if \$70,000 was all we had in the reserve. It was explained we also have the remaining bank balance (after 2008-2009 revenue and expenses) of \$93,109. Discussions ensued about where and how to put this money on the balance sheet. After more lively discussion it was decided to put \$20,000 in a budget item called "legal reserve fund," and the remaining \$50,000 would be built within the IPNA bank balance and classified as "restricted-general reserve".

**Other line items that were discussed:**

**Security Patrol** – it was asked how many hours the patrol works. **Bill Hagan** answered eight hours a day, seven days a week.

**Springvale Park** – Lisa Burnette explained that Chairperson **Brett Lauter** asked for almost \$90,000 for regular maintenance and major improvements. The Board decided to propose \$12,500, to cover the maintenance as Brett said the City will reimburse IPNA for this expense. If they do reimburse us, we can then use that \$12,500 for improvements such as work on the fountain and replacing stones in the creek bed.

**Beautification** – funds allocated include money for several new "Welcome to Inman Park" signs.

**Traffic and sidewalk** – nothing changed from last year.

**Trademark** – minor expense because we have to renew our trademark registration.

**Newcomers** – members of the Inman Park United Methodist Church will be heading up this effort. This money was budgeted last year but was never used.

**Education** – funds go to Mary Lin Elementary, Inman Middle School, Grady High School, and the Atlanta Public Library on Ponce de Leon.

**Historic Preservation** – the figure is down from last year but includes money to hire someone, possibly a student, to help with updating the archives.

**Property Tax** - **Nick Franz** asked what this item was. **Megan Wilson** explained it is the Gordon Park property taxes, which have not been paid in years. Al Caproni suggested going to the City and asking them to accept it as a City park and IPNA will take responsibility for its upkeep. **Bill Sanders** said the City claimed ten years ago that it was a buildable lot. If so, Al Caproni suggested letting it go into foreclosure. **Jonathan Miller** said we received a Solid Waste Bill. Al Caproni said it is for street cleaning. The Board will continue to consider how to deal with this property.

**General Operations** – Treasurer will add approximately \$500 for miscellaneous ex-penses such as stamps, printer paper, etc.

**Festival** – we will maintain budgeting an \$80,000 income.

**Donations** – Seminole Ave. fence line is a request from a neighbor on Seminole Ave. to help repair the fence and gate between the L5P businesses that back Seminole Ave. and the houses on Seminole Ave., as well as some landscaping. The original fence was funded by IPNA, residents, and business owners. The current allocation calls for a shared expense between immediate neighbors and businesses with a grant match from IPNA.

**Tree Watch** – A request for funding from a neighbor, who has a non-profit business to eradicate plants that destroy trees, was folded into this line item.

**Freedom Park Conservancy** – the original request was for \$7,500. We allocated the same amount of money last year, but it was never used. This year we're giving a more modest amount since they still have last year's funds.

**Inman Park United Methodist Church** – needs money to commission a historical survey in order to secure grant money for renovation.

**Other questions/comments included:**

1. Danny Feig-Sandoval asking Friends of Inman Park (FOIP) to write an article in next month's *Advocator* about the organization.
2. Jonathan Miller asked if babysitting at the IPNA meeting is under meeting expenses. Lisa Burnette said yes, and it also covers babysitting expenses if a neighbor goes to City Hall or other meeting on behalf of Inman Park.
3. Jonathan Miller also asked where the \$50 annual fee for NPU's use of the L5P Community Center was budgeted. **Lisa Burnette** said it will come out of Zoning's general fund.
4. **Richard Shapiro** asked why the Board was focusing on austerity this year. Lisa Burnette replied that we are eating into our checking account and have been operating at a deficit for several years.
5. **Cathy Bradshaw** thanked the Board for their hard work on the budget.
6. Lisa Burnette raised the idea of increasing the IPNA membership dues. She suggested surveying the membership to see if raising the dues would be desirable and what that increase would look like. This would require a By-Law change. The current dues were set in the 1970s and haven't changed. It was decided that this will be an agenda item in October.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**Jay Tribby**, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, (phone number is 404-330-6038 and e-mail is [khall@atlantaga.gov](mailto:khall@atlantaga.gov)) announced a massive clean-up for the northeast corridor of The Beltline on November 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a picnic. Volunteers may register on-line at [keepatlantabeautiful.org](http://keepatlantabeautiful.org). the meeting place is East Ponce de Leon near City Hall East.

**Will Sellers** from **Councilman Willis'** office (telephone 404-330-6041) shared information and flyers about a training day for New Block Watch Captains, Saturday, October 4, 8:30 a.m to 1:00 p.m. at City Hall East, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Center. Please RSVP to 404-853-4380 or on-line at: [dljackson@atlantaga.gov](mailto:dljackson@atlantaga.gov). Councilman Willis is on the City Public Safety Commit-tee and is currently looking at best practices in other cities that have budget shortfalls.

**POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS**

The Security Patrol Director, **Sgt. Brent Schierbaum**, thanked everyone for their vacation patrol requests. He asked that people let the officers know in advance if there will be a house sitter or other person watching the house to avoid surprises.

He shared an incident last week involving a prowler on Sinclair Ave. where a man tried to follow a woman into her house at 2:00 a.m. Usually, this type of police report would have taken weeks to follow-up, but the Security Patrol took on this challenge on their own time. The prowler was arrested within a couple of days. His background included over 50 arrests.

**Richard Shapiro** said to be on the lookout for a bad character named **Robert Desmond** who has been hanging out at Arden's Garden. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked if anyone has been hearing loud music lately. Sgt. Schierbaum said to call him the next time it occurs.

**PRESIDENT: Lisa Burnette**

**Lisa Burnette** announced the new Google calendar on the IPNA website ([www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org)). You can click on any day and see what's happening from Beltline meetings to City Council to Fulton County Meetings. She is also doing a weekly blog on neighborhood issues. She will also recap the IPNA meeting on it.

**SECRETARY: Stephanie McCaa**

Nothing to report

**PLANNING: V.P. Bill Goodman**

There are only five more days until the Beltline survey is due. You can find it on the Yahoo Group Board.

**ZONING: V.P. Drew Evans**

He has been looking into the figures on liquor license allotments for L5P. Right now there are still two more licenses that could be issued based on the percentage of businesses in the area.

**Jonathan Miller** announced:

1. Candler Park Fall Fest, October 11-12, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.;
2. Halloweenie, a fundraiser for a dachshund rescue group in Cabbagetown on October 11; and
3. the L5P Halloween Festival, October 17 and 18.
4. Mary Lin Elementary's boundaries are being redrawn. The school lost 20 families and 22 kids who were mostly from Poncey Highlands. All Inman Park kids will continue to go to Mary Lin, however, Krog St. heading west is not included in the school zone. The new map of the school zones is on the Atlanta Public School's website at [http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/content/Morningside\\_Lin\\_Rezoning.aspx](http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/content/Morningside_Lin_Rezoning.aspx). The next NPU meeting is September 24, at 7:00 p.m., at the L5P Community Center.

**George Gary** announced the Morning-side-Lenox Park neighborhood association will be having a ball at Magnolia Hall on October 10 featuring entertainment by King Sized. If you are interested in tickets, please contact him.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Festival - Danny Feig- Sandoval** is

looking for people to fill some Festival Committee slots. Please see him if you are interested. He is also looking for creative ideas for sponsorships.

2. **Traffic Calming - Danny Feig-Sandoval** said the money is still in the City budget for the traffic calming plan. The crosswalk at Sinclair Ave. and Austin Ave. is being considered for improvements. The meeting will be next Tuesday to discuss the plan. If we want more control we can use our earmarked money for our own designer. He also heard that there will be new regulations regarding homes that still have knob and tube wiring. Any renovations on houses with the old electrical system will have to include complete rewiring.

3. **Information Management - Dennis Mobley** reported the website will continue to be improved. Upcoming features will include some members-only capabilities including payment processing for things like Security Patrol.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Lisa Burnette** reported that **Debi Starnes** and members of the L5P and Inman Park communities had a meeting to discuss the homeless issues. A new group has been formed with residents of Inman Park and L5P working together to address these issues. The first meeting is Tuesday, September 23, 7:30 p.m., at the L5P Community Center. The group will be working to help individuals move into programs and will also address panhandling issues.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is October 15 at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Lisa adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

### ***On to Kazakhstan!***

*By Diane Floyd*

Our next stop on our culinary trip around the world will be Kazakhstan. Way back in February 2002 I prepared this meal and it was very popular then. I think it will be as popular now. It is not quite traditional Kazakh food, which tends toward mutton and horsemeat, but it is authentic nonetheless. The menu in October will be:

***Kazakh Lemon Chicken***

***Chrov Plav*** (*Vegetarian Rice Pilaf with Dried Fruit*)

***Sabzi Piez*** (*Braised onions and carrots*)

***Shalgam*** (*Vegetable and Radish Salad*)

***Samsa*** (*Deep-fried Walnut Fritters*)

***Chai*** (*Tea*)

Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on September 15 before the IPNA meeting. The cost is \$7.50 per adult, \$3 per child 5 years old and older, and \$20 for a family. Bring the whole family and "chow down!"

### **8TH ANNUAL LITTLE 5 POINTS ('L5P') HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL & PARADE OCTOBER 17-18, 2008**

*By Mary Schwartz*

Annual Event Hosted by the Little 5 Points Business Association Award-Winning Festival Features  
Atlanta's Best Halloween Street Parade at 4pm on Saturday October 18

What is Halloween in Atlanta without the annual Little 5 Points Halloween Festival & Parade? This annual event is fast becoming Atlanta's favorite Halloween tradition and returns this year with old festival favorites and new highlights including over 50 skeletons who will be haunting the festival and marching in the parade.

The festival opens at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., Friday, October 17, featuring live music, street entertainment, outdoor beverage vendors and Little 5 Points restaurant and retail promotions.

On Saturday, October 18, the festival opens at 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m. with live music and street entertainers in Findley Plaza, a children's area featuring pumpkin decorating, a Halloween costume contest, outdoor beverage vendors, and the festival highlight - the not-to-be-missed

Halloween street parade, starting at 4:00 p.m. (NEW TIME).

The festival is free and open to the public and is located in and around Findley Plaza at the intersection of Moreland and Euclid Avenues. For more information:

call 404-577-4212 or visit: [www.L5Phalloween.com](http://www.L5Phalloween.com).

## 2008 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

The Book Club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.  
All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish

### OCTOBER 22

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

### NOVEMBER

No Book  
Happy Thanksgiving!

### DECEMBER 3

**Holiday Party and Book Exchange**  
Bring a book wrapped in holiday paper plus bring your covered dish.  
Hosted by **Sarah Combs** 1561 Crossway Dr. (Brookhaven)

2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR

### JANUARY 28

*Book Thief* By **Markus Zusak**  
Hosted by  
**Patty McGuigan-Robinson** 814 Virgil Ave.

### FEBRUARY 25

*Them* By **Nathan McCall**  
Hosted by  
**Eleanor Matthews** 100 Waverly Way

### MARCH 25

*March* by **Geraldine Brooks**  
Hosted by  
**Sarah Kirk** 61 Waddell

### APRIL

**NO BOOK! VOLUNTEER FOR FESTIVAL**

For Information: 404-688-7330

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

MILDRED MADDALENA

ON HER

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BIRTHDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

WITH LOVE

FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

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Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!

**"October" Porch Party**  
(Not one, not two, but three parties all in one!)

1. Porch Party
2. 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Oreon Mann
3. 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Betty Ridderhoff

Come help us cut the cake and celebrate on

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008,**

**7:30 P.M.**  
at the home of

**Betty Ridderhoff**

**167 Elizabeth Street**  
(The big yellow brick house on the Corner  
of Euclid Avenue and Elizabeth Street)

**WE WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS SOME DRINKS, AND CAKE.  
BUT YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND  
YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE(S) (NO PRESENTS PLEASE)**

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**Does your porch want to host a porch party?  
It's easy and fun!  
Call Richard or Pat Westrick at 404-523-4801**

Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party! Porch Party!

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*Condolences to.....*

**Diane and John Floyd** and their sons, **Joseph and Philip**, on the loss of John's Mother,

**Josephine Bone Floyd**

September 9, 1921 - September 20, 2008

Josephine was born in Milledgeville, GA, in 1921. In 1941 she graduated from Georgia College for Women (now Georgia College and State University). In 1944, she received a Bachelor's degree in library science and a Master's degree in history from the University of North Carolina. While attending graduate school, she met **Joe S. Floyd**, and they were married in 1946. Joe Floyd died in 1966. Josephine lived and worked in Gainesville, Fla., Chapel Hill, N.C., Macon, GA, and most recently in Atlanta. She was a librarian at Washington Public Library in Macon, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina. She enjoyed playing bridge, reading, antiques, and all things British. She raised two sons, **Steve** and **John**. Steve died in 1994.

Josephine is survived by John, his wife, Diane; two grandsons, Joseph and Philip, and her daughter-in-law, **Carol Floyd**, of Springfield, Ill., and many cousins.

A memorial service was held on September 25 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Decatur. Burial will be in Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville at a later date. In lieu of flowers, she asked that contributions be made to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Georgia College and State University, the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice

# TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE MARY LIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND AUTHOR DOREEN CRONIN VISITS MARY LIN

By Jenifer Hubert

## TOURS

For parents who are interested in learning more about one of the premier Atlanta Public School elementary schools, which is located in our area, we will be holding informational meetings and tours at 9:30am on the following dates in 2008:

Thursday, November 6

Thursday, December 4

The meeting will begin in the Mary Lin auditorium. Lin's principal, Dr. **Brian Mitchell**, will give a brief presentation about Mary Lin, with time for Q & A. This will be followed by a tour of the school building and grounds. These tours are focused on rising Kindergarten parents, but all parents are welcome.

Mary Lin Elementary School is located in Candler Park and currently serves approximately 500 students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades in the Candler Park, Inman Park, Lake Claire, Poncey Highlands, and Druid Hills communities. Mary Lin is one of the premier elementary schools within the Atlanta Public Schools system, having met Adequate Yearly Progress each year, and with CRCT scores that exceed the state of Georgia's CRCT scores. Lin's student, teacher, and parent community is a tightly-knit group focused on ensuring that students have a pleasant, well-rounded, art-filled experience during these extremely important years.

Further information about the school.

by calling the school directly at 404-802-8850 or <http://marylinelementary.com>.

If you have questions regarding the tours, please contact Jennifer Hubert at [pr@marylinelementary.com](mailto:pr@marylinelementary.com).

## VISIT BY DOREEN CRONIN

Acclaimed children's author **Doreen Cronin** visited Mary Lin Elementary School on Friday, August 29. Cronin's first book *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*, published in 2000, was a Caldecott Honor book and spent over a year on the New York Times Best Sellers list. Ms. Cronin spoke at an assembly of pre-kindergartners through second graders and read her newest book, *Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure*. The children were thrilled to ask a "real live author" questions and have Ms. Cronin sign books. Ms. Cronin's message to the children was that reading is a lifetime adventure and that they are all authors who can write and illustrate their own stories.

Second grade teacher **Posey Arillo** had the idea of bringing authors to visit the students as a way to support Mary Lin's introduction of the Writer's Workshop curriculum. Through collaboration with parents and the PTA, Ms. Arillo began working with Decatur bookstore Little Shop of Stories to identify authors who would be available to visit the school. When the good folks at Little Shop of Stories said that Ms. Cronin would be in town for the Decatur Book Festival, Mary Lin quickly issued an invitation to Ms. Cronin to visit our neighborhood school. Ms. Cronin, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., was impressed with the beauty of our neighborhoods and the charm of Mary Lin.

## "WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?"

By Bill Hagan

**Paul Newman's** recent and lamented passing reminds me of that "Who Are Those Guys?" line—and many more lines and scenes (and **Katharine Ross**) from that classic movie, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. Those great memories tripped a brain cell and I recalled that I had mentioned some time ago that I would publish a copy of our Security Patrol's Standard Operating Procedures. As with that additional check for the Security Patrol I promised Betty last month (paid, finally, thank you), and countless other items and duties ... the dog ate my homework.

I will introduce you to our individual officers in succeeding months, so you really will know who those guys (and a couple who aren't guys) are, but, finally, so you'll know a bit more about what they do for you, here is that SOP. Sound dry? It's not. And, bear in mind this is not a legal contract; instead, it's a living document. **Sgt. Schierbaum** and the Security Patrol officers are committed to community policing ... and we are their community. I did not write this SOP; Sgt. Schierbaum did. I and others on the Public Safety Committee helped refine the draft. Now it's your turn.

Please let me know what you think

[inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com](mailto:inmanparkpublicsafety@yahoo.com)).

## INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

### A. Coordinator Responsibilities [Sgt. Schierbaum]:

1. Act as a liaison between the IPNSP and IPNA.
2. Recruit and employ professional and committed Police Officers who demonstrate an understanding of the Community Policing concept.
3. Ensure that all IPNSP Officers are operating in compliance with all applicable Standard Operating Procedures of the Atlanta Police Department.
4. Ensure that all IPNSP Officers maintain a level of professionalism and a commitment to the Inman Park Community that enhances the safety and well-being of Inman Park.
5. Conduct at least four times a month an unannounced quality check meeting with an IPNSP Officer who is on duty to ensure the proper conduct of the Officer and establish a suitable level of supervision.
6. Review on a weekly basis the GPS data of the IPNSP vehicle to ensure the patrol patterns are matching crime patterns, directed patrol requests, and do not indicate inappropriate activity on the part of any IPNSP Officer.
7. Analyze, at least twice a week, the crime trends occurring within Inman Park.
8. Schedule the patrols of the IPNSP in a manner that places the Patrol in service during the times crimes are most likely to occur.
9. Meet monthly with the Zone 6 Command staff to ensure the proper exchange of information and a high level of cooperation between the IPNSP and the APD.
10. Communicate with the MARTA Police Department in a manner that ensures a proper exchange of information between the IPNSP and MARTA concerning criminal activity occurring at and in the vicinity of the Inman Park MARTA Station.
11. Maintain the IPNSP Patrol Book with updated information.
12. Forward to the appropriate City or Neighborhood Association, code violations, graffiti locations, or quality-of-life concerns. Conduct follow ups with

the appropriate entity to ensure a prompt and appropriate resolution to the issue raised.

13. Attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association and the Inman Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors meetings.
14. Provide the IPNA Vice-President of Public Safety a written report detailing the activity of the IPNSP for the previous 30-day period.
15. Report immediately to the Vice-President of Public Safety any significant incident that involves injury to an IPNSP Officer, damage to any IPNSP equipment, or any incident that has the likelihood of raising alarm or concern within the community.
16. Communicate, in-person, with the Vice-President of Public Safety no less than twice a month to discuss the general security and safety of the Inman Park Neighborhood and the operation of the IPNSP.
17. Inspect the IPNSP Vehicle on a weekly basis to ensure it is functioning properly and carrying the necessary equipment. Report repair needs to the Vice-President of Public Safety.

**B. Patrol Officer Responsibilities:**

While on duty for the IPNSP the Officers will:

1. At all times be in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures of the Atlanta Police Department.
2. Inspect the IPNSP Vehicle prior to beginning shift.
3. Operate the IPNSP Vehicle in a safe manner and in compliance with all applicable traffic laws at all times.
4. Conduct visible and effective patrols with the objective of detouring crime and detecting criminal activity within the confines of the Inman Park Neighborhood.
5. Conduct directed patrols at locations identified in the Patrol Book.
6. Conduct Park-and-Walk patrols of residences on the Vacation Patrol list.
7. Conduct Park-and-Walk patrols of selected businesses with the Inman Park Neighborhood.
8. Conduct Field Interviews of suspicious persons observed while on patrol.
9. Effect the arrest of persons violating the law, if a probable cause exists, particularly if the violation affects the quality of life within Inman Park.
10. Have the IPNSP cell phone on and accessible and respond to all calls received via the IPNSP cell phone.
11. Respond to 911 dispatched calls within the neighborhood to assist the Zone Officer.
12. When opportunities present themselves, engage members of the Inman Park Community. Use the interaction as an opportunity to educate the residents on the services of the security patrol and learn of observations and concerns of the residents.
13. Note code violations, graffiti, obvious crime prevention needs, and quality-of-life concerns, and forward them to the Patrol Coordinator.
14. Complete Patrol Activity Sheet at the completion of each shift.
15. Conduct drop-ins of Inman Park Neighborhood Association - Security Patrol members as outlined in the Community Relations section.
16. Remain inside the designated patrol area at all times; unless leaving to assist another Atlanta Police Officer or to complete tasks related to an arrest.
17. Upon request via the IPNSP cellular phone, provide escorts to Inman Park residents/business owners/employees departing or arriving at home or their place of employment.

**C. Patrol Book:**

A Patrol Book, maintained by the Patrol Coordinator, will be kept inside the IPNSP Vehicle. The Patrol Book will be secured in the trunk of the patrol vehicle at the end of each shift. It will contain the following information:

1. Relevant crime trends occurring in the neighborhood.
2. Current Directed Patrol / Vacation Patrol requests.
3. Prior Field Interviews.
4. Known Inman Park Offenders.
5. Persons banned from Zone 6 / Inman Park.
6. E-mailed citizens observations / complaints.
7. Current lookouts and intelligence associated with ongoing crime trends.
8. Access cards / codes for association member apartment buildings.
9. Special-need residence information.
10. List of a Security Patrol Association members.

**D. Activity Reporting:**

1. At the completion of each shift, the IPNSP Officer will complete all applicable sections of the Inman Park Neighborhood Security Patrol Activity Sheet. Documentation of any arrests made will be attached to the Activity Sheet.
2. At the beginning of each month the IPNSP Coordinator will provide the IPNA Vice-President for Public Safety a written report outlining activity of the IPNSP for the previous month. The report shall include but is not limited to: arrests, field interviews, community policing activity, observed code violations / quality-of-life concerns, significant events, and recommendations for improvements outside the scope of the Coordinator's authority.

**E. Communication:**

1. At the beginning of each shift, the Patrol Officer will sign on with the Zone 6 Radio Dispatcher and will remain on the air at all times during the course of his / her shift.
2. The IPNSP cell phone will remain on and accessible to the Officer at all times. The Officer will answer the phone and respond in an appropriate manner to calls within the Inman Park Neighborhood.
3. The phone will be charged as necessary to ensure it remains operational.

**F. Patrol Schedule / Guidelines:**

1. The patrol schedule of the IPNSP will be established and maintained by the Patrol Coordinator.
2. The primary purpose of the patrol will be the deterrence of criminal activity within the Inman Park Community by visible patrol patterns and field interviews with suspicious persons. The hours of the patrol will be determined by patterns of crime occurring within the neighborhood and the availability of qualified and dedicated Officers. Patrols will be structured in a manner that maximizes visibility to both law abiding residents of Inman Park and persons who may desire to commit crimes within the community. An effort will be made to periodically alternate the patrol patterns so that an appearance of maximum coverage is portrayed to resident and criminal element alike.
3. When establishing patrol schedules and patterns, the Patrol Coordinator shall utilize the following sources of information:
  - a. ICIS 911 data,
  - b. Horizon crime reporting data,
  - c. Patrol officer observation,
  - d. Zone 6 crime analysis data, and
  - e. Citizen e-mails.

**G. Court Appearances:**

1. Officers who make a physical arrest or copy of charges while working for the IPNSP will be compensated for time appearing in Municipal Court, State Court, Superior Court, Juvenile Court, or Grand Jury, by being paid for one full hour of the Officers regular hourly wage with the IPNSP.
2. Officers appearing in Court on their regularly scheduled off day will be compensated for all actual time.
3. Officers subpoenaed to any judicial proceeding as a result of an arrest made while working for the IPNSP will complete an IPNSP Court Appearance Form and attach it to a copy of the initial arrest citation and a copy of the court subpoena.

**H. Community Relations:**

1. A core component of the IPNSP is the exercising of the Community Policing concept by Officers of the Patrol. While on patrol Officers will initiate an Officer-to-Citizen contact when the opportunity presents itself. IPNSP Officers will strive to engage in conversation with neighborhood residents and owners/managers/employees of businesses operating within Inman Park. During these interactions IPNSP Officers will educate the residents about the services of the Patrol and learn of the concerns and observations of the citizens as it relates to the safety and well-being of Inman Park.

**I. Community Policing Actions:**

1. Park-and-Walks in the areas surrounding businesses.
2. Park-and-Walks in the parks contained within Inman Park.
3. Drop-Ins at businesses located within Inman Park.
4. Follow ups with known crime victims.
5. Welfare checks of known elderly / special-needs residents.
6. Crime prevention tips (See Crime Prevention Section).
7. Association Member contacts (See Paragraph J below).
8. Self-initiated interaction with citizens observed in yards, walking in neighborhood, etc.

**J. Association Member Contacts:**

1. IPNSP Officers assigned to shifts which fall between the hours of 0800 and 2000 will conduct a minimum of two contacts with Inman Park residents who are members of the Inman Park Security Patrol Association.
2. Members are identified by the gold and black yard signs identifying them as members and by the list of members maintained in the Patrol Book. The contact will be documented on the Officers activity sheet.

**K. Atlanta Police Cooperation:**

1. The Coordinator of the IPNSP will foster a high level of cooperation between the IPNSP and the Atlanta Police Department and work to enhance a beneficial relationship between both entities.
2. The Coordinator will meet on a monthly basis, in person, with the Major of APD Zone 6. The Coordinator will meet on a weekly basis with a member of the Zone 6 Command Staff who hold responsibility for patrol and 911 response activities within the Inman Park Community. The meetings will ensure proper cooperation and coordination between the IPNSP and the Atlanta Police Department in providing for the public safety of Inman Park residents.
3. While on patrol, IPNSP Officers will respond to Atlanta Police Department Help Calls (Signal 59 Right Away and Signal 63) anywhere within Zone 6 or Zone 5 when the proximity of the IPNSP Officer is such that he or she can provide meaningful assistance to the Officer in need.
4. IPNSP Officers may respond to beats adjacent to the Inman Park Community to assist on-duty Atlanta Police Officers if the on-duty officer is responding to a high-risk call and no immediate backup is available from the Zone and the IPNSP Officer is in a position to provide timely and meaningful assistance. The IPNSP Officer will return to the Inman Park Community once backup officers have arrived from the Zone or the situation has been resolved.

**L. MARTA Police Cooperation:**

1. The Coordinator of the IPNSP will foster a high level of cooperation between the IPNSP and the Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Police Department and work to enhance a beneficial relationship between both entities.
2. Special attention will be given to the safety at and in the immediate vicinity of the Inman Park MARTA station. The Coordinator will establish means for obtaining crime statistics for the MARTA Station as well as lookouts and intelligence information relevant to crime occurring at the Inman Park MARTA Station. The Coordinator will relay to MARTA any information obtained by IPNSP Officers that may be beneficial in their efforts to combat crime at the Inman Park MARTA Station.

**M. Code Enforcement:**

1. The Coordinator and Officers of the IPNSP will be observant for and document any code violations observed occurring within the Inman Park Neighborhood. Violations that are enforceable by Atlanta Police Officers will be dealt with by the IPNSP in accordance with Department Standard Operating Procedures.
2. Violations enforced by the Code Enforcement Division, Sanitation Department, Parks and Recreation, Atlanta Fire, or any other City or County agency, will be documented on the Code Violation / Quality of Life form and forwarded to the Patrol Coordinator. The Patrol Coordinator will then contact the appropriate enforcement entity and ensure an appropriate and timely response to the violation.

**N. Special Needs:**

1. The IPNSP, in cooperation with the IPNA, will develop a data base of Inman Park Residents who may be classified as having special needs. Such persons may be residents diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease, autism, living alone, and having a potentially life-threatening illness or medical condition, or any other circumstance which places them in a high-risk status during an emergency situation.
2. Persons identified as having Special Needs will be asked to complete or have completed by their care provider an IPNSP Special Needs form. The information will be documented and placed in the IPNSP Patrol Book to assist the Patrol Officers and other emergency responders in the event of an incident involving the resident.
3. On a case-by-case basis, and as determined by the Patrol Coordinator, a directed patrol pattern may be created for residents identified with special needs. In times of extreme heat, extreme cold, or extended power outages, IPNSP Officers will conduct a minimum of two daily well-fare checks on predetermined special needs residents.
4. In the event that a lost child or missing elderly adult (Mattie's Call) is reported within the Inman Park Neighborhood while an IPNSP Officer is on duty, the Patrol Coordinator and Vice-President of Public Safety will be notified immediately. An e-mail detailing the description of the lost child or missing adult will be distributed to the Inman Park Neighborhood Association E-Mail list. If available, the Patrol Coordinator will respond to the Command Post where the search is being coordinated. If it is determined that a need exists for citizen volunteers to assist in the search, the Patrol Coordinator and Vice-President of Public Safety will facilitate the notification, recruitment, and assembling of Inman Park Neighborhood residents to assist in the search. Updated information regarding the search, successful location of the lost or missing person, or termination of the search will be forwarded to Inman Park

residents via e-mail.

**O. Directed Patrols / Drop-Ins / Park-and-Walks:**

1. A list of Directed Patrol locations will be maintained in the Patrol Book. The Coordinator will designate a list of locations which are permanent locations to be checked on each shift. The Directed Patrol list will be updated as required to reflect persons on vacation, emerging crime patterns, etc.
2. IPNSP Officers will conduct regular and frequent Drop-Ins and Park-and-Walks at businesses and public gathering areas within Inman Park in order to enhance visibility, deter criminal activity, and create opportunities of positive community interaction.
3. All Directed Patrols, Drop-Ins, and Park-and-Walks will be reflected on the activity sheets of the patrol Officer.

**P. Vehicle Operation /Maintenance /Care:**

1. The IPNSP Vehicle will be inspected at the beginning of each shift by the Officer beginning his / her shift. The Vehicle Inspection section of the Activity Sheet will be completed. If the Officer should observe any defect or vehicle repair issue that would render the vehicle unsafe for patrol duties, the Patrol Coordinator will be notified immediately.
2. On a weekly basis, the Patrol Coordinator will inspect the IPNSP Vehicle for cleanliness, equipment readiness, and overall mechanical functionality. Minor vehicle maintenance (air, fuel, etc) will be completed by the Coordinator or his designee. Any repair that would require placing the vehicle in the care of a mechanic will be coordinated with the IPNA Vice-President of Public Safety.
3. IPNSP Officers will not smoke at anytime while inside the vehicle.
4. IPNSP Officers will not utilize a cellular phone while driving the IPNSP vehicle, unless it is equipped with a hands-free device.
5. The IPNSP vehicle will be operated at all times in compliance with the traffic laws of the State of Georgia
6. At any time the Patrol Vehicle is unable to operate and an Officer must use his or her personnel vehicle to conduct a patrol, the hourly rate for the Officer will be increased by \$5.00.

**Q. Homeless Protocol:**

1. Indications that homeless encampments are being established in or near Inman Park or acts of Urban Camping will be addressed quickly and with the full force of appropriate statutes.
2. In conjunctions with enforcement activity, the IPNSP Coordinator will ensure a response from appropriate Social Services agencies. A concerted effort will be made to identify the specific needs of homeless persons loitering or found engaged in Urban Camping in Inman Park. Social Service referrals will be made to homeless individuals. When required an on-site response will be requested from the appropriate social service agency or the Atlanta Police Department HOPE Team.

**R. Crime Prevention:**

1. While on patrol, Officers will be alert for actions and physical settings that unknowingly place Inman Park residents at a higher risk for becoming victims of crime. Officers able to do so will attempt to engage the resident and make suggestions to modify the situation. Officers working Morning Watch will note and refer the observations to the Coordinator so that contact can be made with the residents during a more convenient time.
2. The Coordinator will refer to the Crime Prevention Inspector of Zone 6 the names and addresses of Inman Park residents known to have been victims of a crime to ensure that a follow-up has been scheduled. When feasible the IPNSP Officer will accompany the Zone 6 Crime Prevention Inspector on visits to Inman Park residences and businesses.
3. Annually, the IPNSP Coordinator will facilitate a Crime Prevention presentation that will provide information on a relevant crime prevention issue that will enhance the safety of the Inman Park community.

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So now you know, if not (for now) who those guys are, at least, as the Sundance Kid said, "They're very good." The SOP is part of why. But those are words; what about deeds? Take a look, at the activity report for September, printed separately in this issue. That impressive list does not adequately convey all the police work these officers do in the 60 or so hours they are on our streets looking out for us ... i.e., you. So, when you see a Security Patrol officer out there, wave, say hello, and ... oh, yes, get out your checkbook so we can keep them in business!

**ATLANTA URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION (AUDC) UPDATE**  
*By Chuck Clarke, Vice-President for Historic Preservation*

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

UPCOMING AUDC DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE	
		Type II	Type III/IV
	Nov. 12	Oct. 27	Oct. 20
	Nov. 24	Nov. 10	Oct. 31
	Dec. 10	Nov. 24	Nov. 17

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

- 826 Dixie Ave – *approved* - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-323) to allow roof repairs to existing structure.

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- 333 Atlantis Ave - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-335) to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling.
- 337 Atlantis Ave - Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (HD-08-336) to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling.

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

- None.

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

## HELP PLANT TREES AT HISTORIC OAKLAND CEMETERY

*By Richard Westrick*

Oakland Cemetery was hit by a devastating tornado on the night of March 14, 2008. Monuments were shattered, centuries-old trees were toppled, and roads were completely blocked. The approximately 150 trees that were damaged or destroyed have been cut and roadways and paths have been cleared. However, much work remains to be done to beautify this Atlanta landmark.

OAKLAND CEMETERY IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH REPLANTING TREES IN NOVEMBER 2008.

- Saturday, November 8, 2008, from 9 a.m. to Noon
- Saturday, November 22, 2008, from 9 a.m. to Noon

Trees Atlanta has donated a huge number of trees to Oakland Cemetery to begin the process of replanting trees lost to the tornado. This volume of planting cannot be accomplished without assistance from our community.

Oakland Cemetery was founded in 1850 and is one of Atlanta's oldest and largest public garden spaces. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is an outdoor museum filled with outstanding Victorian sculpture and overflowing with history. In keeping with Victorian tradition, it is also a public garden and the Historic Oakland Foundation is working hard to restore and protect it for the enjoyment of all.

While our most pressing project at this time is the replanting of trees lost to the storm, Oakland Cemetery does have ongoing volunteer work days the SECOND SATURDAY of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Andrew Johnson

Volunteer Coordinator of Volunteer Landscape/ Hardscape Projects

404-906-1006

ClassicSouthernGardens@Gmail.com

For directions, hours and further information, visit [OaklandCemetery.com](http://OaklandCemetery.com).

## INMAN PARK TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

*By Danny Feig-Sandoval*

Last month, I had a productive two-hour meeting at City Hall with all parties involved in our traffic calming plan to go over the details of our plan and discuss revisions, as well as what we will or will not be allowed to do. As a result of this meeting, we are back on track to get final "preliminary designs" completed by our engineers (Jacob, Carter, Burgess -JCB) so the City can get preliminary pricing for construction. The primary focus of our plan continues to be traffic calming on Lake Ave. with a few other sites (primarily focusing on crosswalks) around the neighborhood, all of which have been presented in the "files" on the neighborhood Yahoo Group site.

We will hopefully have our preliminary drawings, with the City's suggested revisions, in the next few weeks from our engineers. I will post them on this site again when I get them. Once we have our drawings, we will need to petition all affected residents (the list will be provided by the City based on county tax records), and we will need signatures of 75% of those residents. Once (and if) we get the approval of the affected neighbors and we have construction estimates from the City, we will then need to decide from a budgeting perspective which projects get built and which get put on the back burner.

At that point, we will then move into the construction drawing phase. If we move forward with our current engineers (JCB) to complete the construction drawings, we will most likely need to come up with more money to pay for them. It doesn't look like we will have enough money in our currently proposed 2009 IPNA budget (\$24,655) to pay for the construction drawings. If we use the city engineers to complete the construction drawings, the money for the drawings could be taken from the \$350,000 City of Atlanta Quality of Life Bond (QOL) funds we have slated for this whole project (we had in our initial budget proposal to the city a \$40,000 contingency for design), but the job would have to be put out to bid, which would delay our project for perhaps up to or more than a year.

I am awaiting estimates from our engineer (JCB) on the cost of completing the construction drawings. We will then have to decide how we will move forward. Our preliminary drawings are only conceptual so we will need to work closely with whoever does the construction drawings to finalize the specific details of each element of our plan. This is one reason I would prefer to continue to work with our current engineers. They have done all we have asked of them and continue to provide us with the services we need in a timely manner. I think we would most likely have a lot more control over the final details if we continue to work with them versus whomever the City would hire.

I would like to get this project moving forward as soon as possible as I am fearful of this money slipping out of our hands once again with no chance of us getting it back. I know this has been a frustrating process for all of us as this has been going on for several years. I am feeling more optimistic than ever, especially after hearing the lead person at the City say he would like to get this project on the construction schedule before next April. Apparently our QOL bond funds expire

in April of 2010 so he is ready to get it off his plate.

When we get to the petition phase, we will need volunteers to go door to door to discuss our plans and get signatures. Please let me know if you are able to help out. I will also be looking for feedback on the final "preliminary drawings" when they are completed.

To discuss any of this, Please feel free to contact me at 404-791-8497, 404-688-7665, or email me at: [danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com)

## SCHOOL HOUSE TO WHITE HOUSE NOW OPEN

*By Tony Clark*

Some came from small rural schools; some had private tutors. Some played musical instruments; others were active in sports. See the making of future presidents as they grow from the "School House to White House."

The Carter Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present this fascinating new exhibit from the National Archives in Washington. "School House to White House: The Education of the Presidents" shows how thirteen presidents, from Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush, grew up doing the same things other school children did: taking tests, writing essays, taking part in school activities.

The Washington Post says "they were, at the start, fairly ordinary kids. And that's what this display celebrates. What all 13 shared, though, was the desire to learn new things and then do something with that knowledge. And that's something we all have in common."

Journey back to a time of one-room school houses, large public schools, and private tutors. See these future presidents as young sports stars, choir members, and musicians. Watch them mature into serious college and military academy students. Together these experiences demonstrate the variety of educational and extra-curricular experiences that trained and influenced our nation's future leaders.

This is an exhibition the whole family will find fascinating. The Carter Presidential Library and Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4:45 p.m. Parking is free at the 35-acre Carter Presidential Center. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+), military and students with Ids. Those 16 years old and younger are free.

For more information call 404-865-7100 or visit [www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov](http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov)

## GOOD MOVES MOVES !

*By Grace Dwyer, age 10*

My name is **Grace Dwyer** and I have lived in Inman Park since I was six weeks old. I live on Delta Place and started dancing with Good Moves five years ago. This year is my first year as an Apprentice to the Consort, Good Moves' performing company.

Ms. **Carolyn**, our Associate Director, asked me to write this month's Good Moves Moves! because she wants you to know what it is really like to work with her, Miss **Annette** and Good Moves.

As an Apprentice of the Consort, I take at least two ballet classes a week and take modern with the older kids of the Consort every other weekend when we have rehearsal to learn dances. The hardest thing is coming in the room knowing nothing and then applying all I know. The best thing is when I dance I feel like I could do anything I wanted to and I feel so powerful. I feel like I could conquer the world!!!!

This year will be my third year dancing in our fall show, and I get to perform two longer dances. Before, I only had to learn one and it was much shorter. Our show is called *Food Chain Reaction*. My favorite pieces in the program are *Ballet do Boynton* and *A Prince, A Cyclist & QUEEN!* I like them because they require a lot of hard work and time. I hope you will come and see us perform.

We will be at 7 Stages, November 22 and 23. On Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a children's show at 10:00 a.m. and then a full show at 8:00 p.m. and then another full show on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. You can buy tickets on our website or at the door and they are \$10 for kids, seniors and working artists and \$15 for adults.

If you have any questions about Good Moves, want to buy a ticket or sign your kid up for class, please visit our website at [www.goodmoves.com](http://www.goodmoves.com) or call Ms. Carolyn or Miss Annette at: 404-518-1646.

## CHOMP & STOMP CHILI & BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

*By Ashley Salge*

We want to invite you to Cabbagetown's Annual Chomp & Stomp Chili & Bluegrass Festival. The event features a Chili Cook-off with over 1,000 gallons of chili, and a contest between local restaurants as well as individuals.

We have two stages of music: the Park Stage features traditional old time and bluegrass music in honor of Cabbagetown's unique history as an urban Mill village, while the Conroy Amphitheater Stage features more general Americana-based music.

We also have a 5k Romp fun run, Artist's Market, Children's Activities & "Cabbage Games", Food Vendors, and a Dog Parade. It's a family-oriented event that we invite Atlantans to participate in, and share our lovely City Park with our community.

To top it off, we were just voted Creative Loafing's Best of Atlanta's "Best Annual Event" for 2008!

When? November 8, 2008, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where? Cabbagetown Park (701 Kirkwood Avenue)

Tickets: \$5 for a chili spoon

## LATE ARTICLES AND ERRORS

*By Betty Ridderhoff*

If you submitted an article that was not published in this issue, it means we received it too late to process it.

You may find some errors, but our proofreaders did the best they could with the little time we had. Thanks to the wonderful work they did on this issue. They deserve a big pat on the back for getting the job done on time.

Thanks to **Joyce Sayle, Randy Bailey, and Jacqui Vainik. You really did a great job.**

# A NEW DAY FOR INMAN PARK COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

*By IPCP Parent, Peter Kaplan*

The Inman Park Cooperative Preschool has been an important part of this vibrant Atlanta neighborhood for nearly three decades, but this may be the most exciting year since its beginning in 1981. The local institution is experiencing a rebirth on Edgewood Avenue.

IPCP has not only renovated its former home, but it's also doubled in size with the addition of another building across the street. When the preschool's parents decided earlier this year that some changes were necessary, most expected the renovation to be fairly modest. But that project would eventually transform the school.

"We knew the building was overdue for a facelift. However, the deeper we got into the process, the more we realized that a few coats of paint weren't going to do it," said **Sarah Rosenberg**, President of the school's Board of Directors. "We needed to start from scratch, and to rethink our approach to caring for and educating our community's children."

That thought was the beginning of the reinvention of IPCP from the top down. **Catherine Freeman**, an expert in child development and an advocate of the "Creative Curriculum," was hired as the school's new director. She came on board with the mission of updating how the school teaches its children.

"The Creative Curriculum encourages children to learn through play. The entire layout of the new school was designed with that in mind. This offers our children the best opportunity to grow throughout the year."

That philosophy guided the process of renovating the school, resulting in a dramatic project that would eventually cost nearly half a million dollars. The building at 760 Edgewood Avenue, which the school had occupied for over 20 years, was completely gutted. Working with the Inman Park architectural firm of Square Feet Studio, the interior of the building was redesigned with an open floor plan, allowing even more natural light into the room. The new classroom for three- and four- year-olds now has abundant space and is bright and inviting.

Rebuilding the preschool from scratch also included a drive for new books and toys, and selling those that had seen plenty of use over the years. IPCP held a yard sale to generate revenue and to make way for new things.

The preschool's ambitions, however, were much bigger than just renovating the Edgewood building. "As a facility licensed by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, we knew that if we wanted to fulfill our goal of meeting their standards, it was essential to add more space," said Rosenberg. "So we leased a large space in the building across the street, and renovated it to create an Annex for our one- and two-year-olds."

Then, as if taking on one renovation wasn't enough, the parents embarked on a second. The Annex was a photographer's studio before its transformation into a preschool for toddlers at IPCP. Storefront doors and windows were added to allow in more light, and carpet was put down so little knees wouldn't be bruised. More toys and books were brought in for the opening, and an overgrown outdoor lot was expanded and redesigned so the children would have a dedicated space where they could run and play.

"The effort put forth by all the parents was tremendous," said Rosenberg. "The entire project was only possible because of their commitment to creating an inviting, educational environment for our children."

Because IPCP was redesigning itself for a new generation of little learners, it was only natural that both spaces utilize the latest in green technology. "From the very beginning, it was important for the school to be environmentally friendly," said Rosenberg. "So we made a conscious decision to invest money in making the school green."

The school is now striving to become one of the first LEED-certified preschools in the country. The "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" ratings system recognizes construction that embraces environmentally friendly principles. Both preschool buildings were renovated using sustainable materials. Low-flow faucets with automatic shut-offs were installed, and the new facilities were designed with the goal of conserving energy. The preschool is now investigating the necessary requirements for certification. "The process shows our commitment to teaching the children about sustainability and the overall conservation of our environment," said Freeman.

The past several months have been an extraordinarily hectic time for parents at IPCP, but they're looking forward to proudly unveiling their new home at three open houses in the next few months.

Inman Park's revival has been symbolized by the butterfly, and that's never been more appropriate for IPCP. The preschool is emerging from a time of tremendous change and looking forward to the future.

IPCP is located at 760 Edgewood Ave. N.E. Prospective parents can tour the preschool on October 25 and December 13 at 10:00 a.m., or on January 11 at 1:00 p.m.

For questions or to R.S.V.P., please contact [admissions@IPCP.org](mailto:admissions@IPCP.org).

## ***WHO IS THIS GUY AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?***

*By Sharon Foster Jones*

This is **Samuel Martin Inman** in 1895, and you should care because the coolest 'hood in town was named after him!

Learn who created Inman Park, why it failed, and how it was resurrected into the phenomenal place it is today in the pictorial history book "*Inman Park*". Books are on sale at all the local book-stores and Amazon.com.

Everyone is invited to the following book signing events where both authors will be present::

### **Authors:**

**Sharon Foster Jones and Christine V. Marr**

October 16 - Thursday:

Edgewood Barnes & Noble - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 17 - Friday

The Albert at 918 Austin Ave. - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Admission is free at both locations. complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and kids welcome.

The Margaret Mitchell House will be selling books at The Albert, but feel free to bring the books you already have to The Albert for inscription

# INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2008

*By Kris Dwyer*

If you are thinking of moving to Inman Park and are reading this report, don't despair... we are an active and pro-active neighborhood and a wonderful place to live. We take our safety seriously and work in partnership with neighbors and the police to keep our neighborhood safe. If you already live in this great place, be aware and use this information to change your behavior so we can all be safe.

This month's list includes twelve thefts from autos, with GPS units, laptops, and iPods topping the list of items stolen. Also, notice that auto thefts were older cars; four of the five autos stolen were older than 10 years. Other car crime trends to notice are the early September string of incidents on Dixie Ave and the mid-September incidents of multiple car crimes at the same time at one location. We had one robbery (9/9 at 1:00 a.m. on North Highland Ave. In that incident, one suspect approached the victim on foot and the other suspects stayed in the car.

Notice the two burglaries toward the end of the report. The criminals were seen and noticed in the area BEFORE the burglaries, but NO ONE CALLED 911. We are a wonderful neighborhood full of wonderful neighbors --- we need to be just as wonderful about calling 911 to prevent a crime. Don't wait until the crime has been committed --- call 911 if you see unusual activity or people around your neighbor's house.

One night, years ago, in Ormewood Park, John and I called 911 because we saw someone walking around and around our new neighbor's house. It turned out we had called 911 on our own neighbor as he was checking out his gutters! We were a bit embarrassed, but our neighbor was thrilled at our diligence and that night was the start of a great friendship. Be the neighbor your neighbor wants you to be --- call 911 before a crime!

Let's all be extra aware as we approach the holiday season. Packages in your car, rushed schedules, and extra distractions can become an opportunity for criminals.

Stay safe in and out of our neighborhood! Be aware of what is around you.

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
8/23	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block of Euclid Ave.	Smashed car window. Stolen: leather bag, copper pieces.
8/25	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	400 Block of Seminole Ave.	Smashed car window. Stolen: cell phone, handheld PC, credit card.
8/25	2 day time periods	Burglary Attempt	400 Block of North Highland Ave.	Door window pane removed. Apartment rummaged, nothing taken.
8/27	Overnight	Burglary	200 Block of North Highland Ave.	Burglary of coffee shop, possibly with key.
8/27	Noon	Auto Theft	1000 Block of Austin Ave.	1986 Plymouth Voyager stolen. No broken glass found..
8/25	5:00 p.m.	Larceny	1100 Block of Colquitt Ave.	Bike stolen.
8/31	Unknown	Larceny	600 Block of Seminole Ave.	Comcast set-up box and recorder stolen from porch.
8/31	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Waddell St.	Smashed car window. Stolen: in-dash stereo.
9/2	11:00 a.m. - Noon	Theft from Auto	Bernina Ave.	Smashed car window. Stolen: laptop and an external hard drive.
9/3	4:00 p.m.	Larceny	600 Block of North Highland Ave.	One suspect engaged victim in conversation, second suspect stole victim's wallet from office space.
9/3	Unknown	Auto Theft	700 Block of Dixie Ave.	1994 Plymouth stolen. No broken glass found.
9/5	Daytime	Auto Theft	700 Block of Dixie Ave.	1993 Oldsmobile stolen.
9/6	2:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Theft from Auto	700 Block of Dixie Ave.	Smashed car window. Stolen: CD player.
9/8	5:00 a.m.	Larceny	300 Block of North Highland Ave.	Copper coverings on fence posts stolen.
9/9	1:00 a.m.	Robbery	200 Block of North Highland Ave.	Suspect (black male) approached victims from behind, 2 additional suspects (black males) in nearby car, threatened victim. Stolen: wallet.
9/9	Overnight	Theft from Auto	1000 Block of Euclid Ave.	Unsecured vehicle. Stolen: \$5 change and police badge.
9/11	Unknown	Theft from Auto	1300 Block of Euclid Ave.	Thugs smashed windows of four cars. Stolen: iPod and 3 GPS units.
9/11	Overnight	Theft from Auto	Brickworks	Unsecured vehicle. Stolen: iPod.
9/12	5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block of Austin Ave.	Thugs smashed windows of two cars. Stolen: GPS, phone charger, cash, CDs, digital camera, credit card, driver's license, Social Security card, & wallet.
9/14	Unknown	Auto Theft	1100 Block of Alta Ave.	1983 Ford CWI stolen.
9/17	Unknown	Theft from Auto	1000 Block of Washita Ave.	Smashed car window on two cars. Stolen: canvas bag, GPS, credit card, handbag, digital camera, checkbook, and cash .
9/17	9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1000 Block of Washita Ave.	Smashed car window. Stolen: in-dash stereo, iPod, GPS stand.
9/21	Overnight	Auto Theft	Druid Place	1998 Black Jeep stolen.
9/21	11:00 p.m.	Burglary	Brickworks	Window screen pried off, suspects seen leaving in dark sedan. Stolen: Laptop, iPod, wallet, bag, bike equipment, keys, and work ID. Suspects were two black males, one with dreadlocks.
9/24	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Theft from Auto	1100 Block of Euclid Ave.	Car lock picked. Stolen: Laptop, GPS, cash, clothes, jewelry, and tote bag.
9/25	Overnight	Burglary	300	Home under construction, copper piping and copper down

\_\_\_\_\_ Sinclair Ave. \_\_\_\_\_ spout stolen. Suspect seen hanging around site. \_\_\_\_\_

To receive more in-depth crime reports for the whole of Zone 6, subscribe to the Inman Park Yahoo! Group or the inmanpark.org mailing list:  
 -To subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.  
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**DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT IS HAPPENING**  
*By Betty Ridderhoff*

Keep up with what is going on in the neighborhood. **Lisa Burnette** posts the neighborhood news about once a week on her blog. at: [www.inmanpark.org](http://www.inmanpark.org).

Although we have made a few changes with the layout of the *Advocator*, there will be more to come. If you have any suggestions to enhance it, please e-mail them to us. ([theadvocator@bellsouth.net](mailto:theadvocator@bellsouth.net))

When events are going on (weddings, new babies, deaths, illness, etc.) be sure to send us the information so we can include it in the *Advocator*.

The holidays are coming soon. This means we all need to pay attention to our surroundings. When you go shopping, try to put all your packages in the trunk of your car. You are inviting trouble when they are left inside the car for all the 'undesirable' shoppers to see.

This is a good time to remember to say thank you to all the officers who serve as our Security Patrol. **Sgt. Schierbaum** has done an excellent job recruiting officers and setting up guidelines for them to follow. (see Pages 11 through 14 in this issue).

Thanks to all the wonderful people in Inman Park for everything they do. This is really the greatest neighborhood to live in. It is really a paradise one earth. The November issue of the *Advocator* will list an update of the "What a Wonderful Neighborhood".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM OCTOBER 15, 2008, TO APRIL 24, 2009			204 DAYS
DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Oct. 15	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Oct. 22	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club (Pg. 7.)	805-B Edgewood Ave. 404-688-7330
Oct. 31	Fri.	HALLOWEEN	
Nov. 01	Sat. 10:00 p.m.	ADVOCATOR DEADLINE	e-mail: <a href="mailto:theadvocator@bellsouth.net">theadvocator@bellsouth.net</a>
	Sat.	ALL SAINTS DAY	
	Sat. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party (Pg. 9.)	167 Elizabeth St. 404-523-4801
Nov. 02	Sun.	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	
Nov. 04	Tues.	ELECTION DAY	

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**TREE WATCH COMMITTEE CALENDAR**



DATE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBER
10/14/08	Monthly meeting: 7:30 P.M. at 177 Elizabeth St.	404-523-4801
11/22/08	Fall Tree Planting and Work Day. Meet at 177 Elizabeth St. at 9:00 a.m. with your work gloves.	404-523-4801 404-523-5298