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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lisa Burnette

I would love to blame this on computer error, but alas, as it is most of the time, it was (MY) human error that kept my President's Report out of last month's *Advocator*. However, it worked out fine because I've heard from many neighbors who were not aware of the resurrected Road conversation and John Oxendine's plans before they read the letter I sent on behalf of IPNA last month.

I have retooled last month's *actual* report here. When I set out to write a series of reports on the importance of remembering our history last month, it was one of the most notable moments in our recent history that had leapt back to the forefront - The Road. The Road has been the benchmark for all other challenges we have faced. Anytime something jumped on our path, we proclaimed: "Well, if we defeated The Road, we can defeat this."

As I wrote last month's report, we were suddenly saying, "Well, if we defeated The Road, we can defeat The Road again!" I've posted some excellent outlines of the history of The Road on the blog at: <http://blog.inmanpark.org>.

If you're not into computers and would like to read it, please let me know and I'll have hard copies available.

The potential resurrection of this old battle confirmed my thoughts that it is a good time to have some history lessons about other challenges this neighborhood has faced, the crises it has averted, and the successes it has enjoyed. The results from the Planning Committee's recent survey highlight the fact that our population has grown, and many Inman Parkers have lived here for 10 years or less. A lot of us don't know about The Road fight, the origins and purpose of our Festival, or the necessity of our Historic District Regulations and the challenges we have avoided by having their protection, to name a few.

For some, these "lessons" will be a trip down memory lane, but for many it will be an introduction to our roots and how they made us what we are today. This month, take a look at **Adam Stillman's** excellent account (see Page 3) of the beginnings, purpose, and use of our Historic District Regulations which will be turning 10 years old before we know it.

When you drive around other neighborhoods intown, such as formerly quaint Oak Grove and others, take a look at the unfortunate and incongruent infill development that has occurred - small bungalows or ranch homes surrounded by suburban-style McMansions. Think about the history that was razed there.

Then, take a look at some pictures of Inman Park in the 1960s and 1970s (I posted one on the blog and will find more for you); with the blight that had settled over this neighborhood at that time, we very well could have become one of those neighborhoods.

In fact, by 2002, when the Historic Regulations were finally put into place, we had already lost many homes, had four pre-fab homes dropped onto a corner, and were preparing to see substantial development on the abandoned industrial land which surrounded us. Think about what we might look like now without those regulations, and how that would have threatened not only our historic character, but the fabric of our community.

Our historic designation and regulations have not only protected those of us who happen to own old homes, but have maintained and protected the entire neighborhood and allowed for smart and compatible development that benefits us all - from the owner of the oldest mansion to the renter of a funky new apartment.

I have posted some old *Advocator* articles regarding the issues surrounding the historic regulations when they were being developed. Take a little time to look at this piece of history and consider how it has shaped our present and our future.

NPU-N UPDATE

OCTOBER 2009

By Jonathan R. Miller, Chair of NPU-N

There was not much ready for a vote at the September NPU-N meeting, however, there was one IPNA-related item. The liquor license application for the Savi Urban Market, soon to open at 287 Elizabeth St., came up for a vote and was supported unanimously. I filled in for **Megan Holder** as the representative for IPNA this month as she is "on assignment" to Hong Kong for work. (I was a little out of practice, but I muddled through. It felt good to exercise my voting arm again, especially with elections coming up!)

Of note was an introduction we received from our faithful planner, **Nina Gentry**, to the proposed Atlanta Greenspace Plan. A draft of the report prepared by several consultants was introduced. The draft covers the needs, goals, concepts, and plans for action which were developed in consultation with numerous government and civic organizations. You can see the draft at: www.atlantagreenspace.com.

The goal announced was to have it incorporated into the Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) in December. So stay tuned.

Traffic Note:

On Saturday, October 31st, the third annual Beat the Street for Little Feet 5K race will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The race route is primarily in and around Candler Park. For more details, please go to: oakhurstcoop.com/pete/.

FESTIVAL MEETING

The next Festival meeting will be on

November 10, 2009

**at 7:30 p.m. at the
Trolley Barn**

HISTORY, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND HISTORIC REGULATIONS

By Adam Stillman

Time marches on, and the accomplishments of one generation become the history of the next generation. We in Inman Park benefit from a variety of means to learn about the history of our neighborhood: markers in our parks, old photographs in books and magazines, and stories passed along over cups of coffee and glasses of wine, not to mention cans of beer! Our history is rich and diverse, and shapes who we are today as a neighborhood and as a community. One of the most tangible ways to experience history - our history - is to simply look around. Our homes, our businesses, our parks, and even our streets all have stories to tell. They are the fabric of our community, and it was in an effort to preserve this fabric that, in 2002, a special zoning overlay district was created and Inman Park became a Historic District.

Inman Park has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since July 22, 1973 as one of the nation's first planned residential suburbs. The first lots were auctioned in 1889 by the East Atlanta Land Company, the brainchild of **Joel Hurt** and **Samuel Inman**, for whom our neighborhood was named. The original master plan called for large lots, curvilinear streets, and lush parkland. Victorian mansions, being en vogue at the end of the 19th century, quickly became the predominant building type.

As tastes and economics changed in the early 20th century, a gradual shift towards smaller Craftsman-styled houses began to transform our neighborhood from a home for Atlanta's elite to a community of varying social and economic classes. Unfortunately, as time passed, economic turmoil, wars, and the automobile all contributed to a decline that would last until 1970, when local residents banded together and formed Inman Park Restoration, Inc., the precursor to today's Inman Park Neighborhood Association.

Over the last 40 years, the dedication of those who call Inman Park home has contributed to the revival of our neighborhood that we all enjoy today. Their efforts ward-ed off highways, created parks, founded a festival, and fought to preserve the architectural diversity that is the essence of Inman Park. The Inman Park Historic District Regulations that today guide and govern the preservation and evolution of our neighborhood represent decades of concerted effort, thoughtful dialogue, and careful planning.

Taken to their very essence, the Historic District Regulations are a framework to ensure a preservation of our architectural heritage while allowing for the neighborhood's natural and orderly evolution. The Regulations divide Inman Park into three sub-areas: the Dekalb Avenue Corridor Transitional District, Railroad Corridor Commercial and Industrial District, and Inman Park Core District. Each sub-area has its own governing Regulations to address the specific conditions found therein. Most of the single-family houses in Inman Park fall within the Core District, which contains numerous provisions regulating renovation and rehabilitation of existing structures and guidelines for the design of new buildings.

For those who live and work in existing structures in the neighborhood, the Regulations seek to preserve the distinctive aspects of historic structures, including both their general design and materials. When the Regulations were created, 1945 was chosen as the benchmark year, as it represented a distinct shift in the style and quality of architecture in the neighborhood. Structures built before this date that were determined to be more-or-less intact and not substantially modified since their construction were deemed "contributing structures" and are governed by a more stringent set of guidelines than buildings constructed after 1945.

One of the most important aspects of the Regulations is a compatibility rule, which ensures that new construction and alterations to existing structures "are compatible with the historic design, scale, and general character of the entire district as it existed in 1945 ... and of the contributing structures in the immediately adjacent environment." This is achieved by determining the predominant style and quantifying the sizes of nearby structures, as well as various architectural elements thereon.

To give an oversimplified example, a new house can be no taller than the tallest house on the block and no shorter than the shortest house on the block, and should be of the same general architectural style. This ensures that a tall Victorian house is not built on a block containing only small Craftsman bungalows. The importance of this guideline can be seen in nearby neighborhoods that have no such Regulations, where new houses sometimes tower over and dwarf their older neighbors, creating a disjointed streetscape.

When an owner wishes to do work on a property, a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) must be obtained from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) prior to obtaining a building permit. These COAs fall into three categories.

A Type II COA is required for exterior work that is visible from a street or park, including fences, decks, minor additions, and paving (routine maintenance such as painting does not require a COA)/

A Type III COA is required for the construction of a new building, or for major alterations to an existing structure, such as a large addition. Sometimes a Type III COA also includes a variance, meaning that a special circumstance makes it impractical for some portion of the Regulations to be applied to a particular project.

Remember, variance is not a four-letter word! Although the Regulations are well thought out and thorough, the diversity of lot sizes, building sizes, and architectural styles within our neighborhood does not always make a literal application of the Regulations practical, so variances are granted on a case-by-case basis.

The final COA category is Type IV, which is required to demolish or move a contributing structure. These COAs are rare, and are only granted under extreme circumstances.

Applications for a COA are made to the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. Type II applications can be approved administratively without input from the neighborhood. For Type III and IV applications, two meetings will be held in the neighborhood prior to the AUDC hearing.

The first meeting is an Immediate Neighbors' Meeting, where residents from nearby households and businesses can learn about the proposed project from the applicant and have an opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns before a vote of support or opposition is taken.

The project is then presented at the monthly IPNA meeting, where a second vote is taken. The results of these votes are sent to the AUDC for consideration during their hearings. (If you have plans for a project on your property, please contact me at:

historic.preservation@inmanpark.org

with any questions you have, and to schedule meetings for Type III and Type IV applications.)

The Inman Park Historic District Regulations are one of many tools our neighborhood uses to ensure the longevity and vitality of the community. By preserving the character of our built environment, we ensure that this physical manifestation of our history remains to benefit and educate those who will call Inman Park home for generations to come.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 IPNA MEETING

By Stephanie McCaa, Secretary

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

Lisa Burnette welcomed the group. She asked newcomers to introduce themselves and the following did: **Lydia** from Euclid Ave.; **Jodie** from Sinclair Ave.; **Alex** from Dixie Ave.; and **Caroline Smith** from North Highland Ave.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Kyle Keyser** introduced himself. He is a City of Atlanta mayoral candidate.
2. **Pat Westrick** announced this month's porch party will be September 25 at **Oreon Mann's** house, 877 Edgewood Ave., at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share and something to drink.
3. **Oreon Mann** announced this month's Book Club. The book is *The Optimist's Daughter* by **Eudora Welty**. The Book Club will be hosted by **Cathy & Jim McKinney** at 337 Drexel Ave. in Decatur, on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish.
4. **Ria Pell** announced Inman Park Restaurant Week September 21-27. She said her restaurant, Sauced, will have an open house 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25. For more information go to: www.inmanparkrestaurantweek.com.
5. **Jonathan Miller** announced the "Fall in the Fourth Festival" to support the Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy will be September 26 from noon to 7:00 p.m. For more information please visit: www.h4wpconservancy.com.
6. A member of the audience asked for everyone to support the sustainable building ordinance in the City of Atlanta.
7. **Karen Goeckel** shared the news of a fall picnic in Springvale Park on September 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is put on by Park Pride and is part of the city-wide events to be held at 22 City parks. **Lisa Burnette** thanked **Karen** and **Tracy Steen** for all their help in organizing this event.
8. **George Gary** announced the Monumental Ball to support the Morningside/Lenox Park Neighborhood Association. The event is October 16 at Magnolia Hall. For more information visit: www.mlpa.org.
9. **Brian Bishop** asked for everyone's support at the November 7 fundraiser for Grady High School at Stone Soup Kitchen, **Sarah Ricks'** restaurant in Grant Park, 584 Woodward Ave., 404-524-1222.

POLICE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Major Propes reported recent successes. Two repeat offenders have been put in jail

Jerry Thompson, most recently arrested for burglary of a bike on Hale Street, was just sentenced to 10 years with five to serve. The Community Prosecutor took a special interest in this case and asked that he serve time. Mr. Thompson had 13 prior felony convictions.

Alan Jerome Goddard, who has a criminal record for 16 convictions including rape, has also been incarcerated. In addition, **Kenneth Lamb**, convicted sex offender and homeless individual who has frequently been seen in Zone 6, was picked up on a probation violation. Monday is his probation revocation hearing in front of **Judge Bedford**.

There was a burglary on North Highland Ave. The perp was driving a 1993 Buick LeSabre. Please call Major Propes if you see the vehicle (she has pictures of the car if you would like to see them). Also, please keep your eye out for **Heather Whitfield**. She is fencing stolen goods. There was an arrest last week of a man for auto theft. He had 74 priors. **STOP** leaving your possessions in your cars!! Please be proactive in warning friends who are visiting not to leave things in their cars.

Sgt. Schierbaum emphasized Major Propes' point about car break-ins being the biggest challenge, especially along Freedom Parkway, North Highland Ave., and in L5P. He reported on the recent home assessment he made at the porch party last month at **Bob and Kristine Sandage's** house. The Security Patrol will provide an assessment of your home so please contact Sgt. Schierbaum if you are interested. He further reported that home break-ins and robberies have gone down. He also related the story of how an aware neighbor called the police after seeing some erratic driving in Inman Park. The driver turned out to be intoxicated with a supply of illegal drugs in the car as well. Kudos to this neighbor for keeping watch on suspicious behavior. Also, the perp who the Security Patrol chased through Inman Park last month was caught robbing a lady at an ATM. He is now facing charges in Fulton and DeKalb counties.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Lisa Burnette reported **Jay Tribby**, chief of staff for **Kwanza Hall**, had a conflicting appointment and would not be able to attend the meeting tonight. He asked that you contact him if you need anything from Kwanza's office.

Braxton Cotton, community liaison in Councilman **H. Lamar Willis'** office introduced himself. You can reach him at braxtoncotton@hotmail.com. Please call him with any concerns about City services such as sanitation, zoning, and water. Their office is hosting a Halloween party at Camp Creek Marketplace on October 31. Please contact him for more information or if you'd like to volunteer.

IPNA OFFICERS' REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – VP Bob Sandage

Bob was traveling so **Greg Scott** reported for him. Again, car-break-ins were mentioned. He said of 19 recent car break-ins, only four had nothing stolen from them - obviously the other 15 had some tempting items left in plain sight. If you see cars slowly cruising the neighborhood checking out houses or cars, or if you notice people loitering, please call 911. Although violent crime is down, property crime is up.

The Security Patrol is planning a fundraiser on December 13. It will be a 5K race through Inman Park. If you want to be involved or have ideas, please e-mail him. They would like to see this 5K race ultimately turn into a full day of events.

If you know people who are not members of the Security Patrol, please communicate to them that a minority is paying for the majority and ask them to join.

Oreon Mann asked about membership cards. Greg said they are working on this. The cards may be available again when there is higher business participation for discounts. One of the owners of Savi Urban Market asked how to join. He said they had been told they could not join because they missed the deadline of April 30. If you missed the deadline of April 30, they will work with you. Hopefully there will be features on the new website which will make this easier as well. **Lisa Burnette** said the same is true of IPNA - you can join after the April 30 deadline. She asked for a motion to support all the 5K races to go through the neighborhood. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION – VP Adam Stillman

Adam reported there are no new applications this month. The neighbor who presented his plan last month for 842 Virgil St. earned unanimous approval at an immediate neighbors’ meeting. The UDC approved his plan with conditions and he is moving forward.

TREASURER – Cameron Childress

Cameron reported on the following expenses:

The Advocate (two month's printing)	\$3,161.60
Public Safety (officers, fuel, repairs)	\$11,999.55
Beautification	\$1,960.00
Legal Expense (cell tower)	\$1,507.50
Membership Directory	\$2,219.40
Social Committee (Holiday party / band deposit)	\$379.30
Treasurer (taxes, babysitter)	\$726.68
Traffic Calming	\$453.71

A motion to approve these expenses was made, seconded, and passed.

Cameron also reported some committees did not spend all the money from last year’s budget. If you have some expenses that need to be paid this fiscal year, please turn them in to him by October 31 or they will come out of next year’s budget. **Lisa Burnette** asked Cameron to briefly discuss highlights of the budget.

He reported we do have some extra income because we did so well at Festival. However, some of that has already been spent.

The Advocate: The budget has increased because of an increase in membership as well as higher printing costs.

The Website: We have decreased the proposed budget because we now have a better idea of how much it will take to operate.

Public Safety: This year we made more money than we had anticipated due to outstanding efforts of our Security Patrol and Public Safety Committee. Expenses have also gone up. IPNA will give some more money to the Security Patrol but expects to see the membership rise as well this year. The IPNA money will be earmarked for a new car or something else that benefits the entire neighborhood, not just the Security Patrol members.

Springvale Park: There is \$15,000 in the budget for a vision plan for the next 15 years for the park as well as budgeting to keep the upkeep costs the same. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** asked how much can we do to the park? **Lisa Burnette** said we want to work with Park Pride on a long-term plan to address things like the torn-up path, non-working fountains, spotty lighting, etc. The idea is to have a plan so in the future we can budget or raise funds for particular line items.

Marge Hayes reminded everyone the Olmstead concept is to have the park active on one part and passive on the other part. Lisa said it was not our intent to change the “wild” side of the park but we need to clean it up, check on the health of the trees, etc. **Regina Brewer** said there is a master plan for the park in the archives. If that Plan can be found we will have the choice of using the funds based on the old plan or developing a new one and implementing it. **Oreon Mann** said he will make sure **Brett Lauter** gets a copy of the master plan. **Karen Goeckel** asked if the master plan included anything for the playgrounds. No one was sure. The members decided to keep the \$15,000 in the budget for the park.

Jonathan Miller asked whether the money for landscaping and new signs was for the “Welcome to Inman Park” signs? Lisa Burnette said yes, they were budgeted for last year but will happen this year. **Sharon Jones** and **Chris Martin** will be handling this item.

Traffic Calming: We have allocated a little more than last year for landscaping the bulb-outs. The following fiscal year landscaping will fall under the beautification budget. There are 23 locations that need to be landscaped.

Archive Development: **Jonathan Miller** submitted a proposal that we buy Sanborn maps for our archives. There was a consensus of opinion that until the archives are weather-proofed or a new home is found for the archives we should not be purchasing these fragile maps. There is also money allocated for an archivist to review and organize the collection.

Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy: This money makes us one of the founding members of the park conservancy.

Little Five Points Community Center renovation: We decided to allocate the same to L5P as we did to the Old Fourth Ward Park. **Ria Pell** suggested we give more. **Steve Hayes** said FOIP will be giving \$1,500 as well. **Danny Feig-Sandoval** also thought we should increase our contribution. **Lisa Burnette** and **Cameron Childress** explained this money will have to come from something else because we are trying to keep our general and legal reserves full. **Regina Brewer** suggested taking it out of the Bass Fields Plan. Everyone agreed we should increase it to \$2,000.

Treewatch: We have allocated \$15,000 which is the same as last year. Last year they did not use these funds because of the drought.

Community Garden: \$6,500 to cover start-up costs. **Megan Holder** reported we won the Park Pride Grant. The IPNA money will cover things like the water meter, water lines, required signage, and fencing. The expectation is the garden will be self-sustaining. Megan explained the garden is on Hurt St. between the MARTA station parking lot and Poplar Circle.

Schools: **Jonathan Miller** asked why we cut the funding for the Mary Lin PTA. Cameron explained that historically schools have

not been requesting the money so we've been waiting for the request. The only request from Mary Lin was for classroom equipment. Cameron explained that while the neighborhood wants to give money to the schools, they have to ask for it. **Richard Westrick** said there should also be some acknowledgment from the schools (and organizations) that we support.

Jonathan Miller then asked why the Freedom Park Conservancy (FPC) and Inman Park United Methodist Church did not get funding like they did last year. Cameron responded the Freedom Park Conservancy did not ask. The Church had been given a one-time grant-writing fee last year.

Danny Feig-Sandoval asked whether funds for the Freedom Park Conservancy could be added to the budget. Cameron said we don't have the money now (it's been spent in this meeting). The Board thinks all these organizations are worthy but we need to have someone explain to us how they spend the money. In addition, noted **Lisa Burnette**, FPC has not used our money in the past.

Cameron explained the decrease in the interest income is related to low interest rates. **Jonathan Miller** asked if he thought IPNA membership would increase. Cameron thought it might but he'd prefer to be conservative.

The general reserve will stay at the same level but the legal reserve will be brought back up to \$50,000. The main reasons for this is we are talking about Gunby Street again and the proposed "Oxendine" road might need legal action from IPNA.

Cameron reminded everyone we will vote on the budget at the October IPNA meeting.

Randy Bailey asked why the budget did not include rent for the Church space. **Lisa Burnette** said she has been requesting a rent figure for over a year but it had not been provided. She was assured an amount would be requested in time to be added to the budget for next month.

SECRETARY – Stephanie McCaa

Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT – Lisa Burnette

Our representative to FPC has moved to Candler Park. **David Hamilton** is willing to serve and will come to next month's meeting to introduce himself. Lisa asked for a motion of support for David to serve. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

She reported that her letter in the *Advocator* was not the President's report but a letter to **John Oxendine** about his proposed East Atlanta Highway project that was accidentally sent to the *Advocator* instead of her article. You can find the correct article at inmanpark.org. She emphasized in her letter the importance of the history of Inman Park and the Historic Regulations. She also said she would like to ask people to give their perspectives on what it was like to be part of the fight against the Stone Mountain Freeway. She believes **John Oxendine's** proposal for a parallel connector is ludicrous. Lisa promised to keep everyone updated on this issue and will continue to talk to legislators to stay in the loop. She is also working with a group of other neighborhood leaders about this subject.

PLANNING – VP Bill Goodman

Bill thanked the 300+ people who have taken the survey. If you have not done so, please go to the website to complete the form or call Bill for a hard copy. Please encourage all your friends and family to do this...it will be important for future planning. He also reminded everyone that MARTA rates increase at the end of the month.

ZONING – VP Amy Higgins

Amy reported the owners of Savi Urban Market (on Elizabeth St. between North Highland Ave. and Lake/Austin Aves.) have applied for a liquor license to sell beer and wine. They received unanimous support from the immediate neighbors. **Paul Nair, Roy Williams,** and **Lee Ann Smith**, owners, said their market will be like a mini Whole Foods with a European flair. They want to host beer and wine tastings and will offer prepared food. **Lisa Burnette** asked about the hours of operation. They are applying for 6:00 a.m to 11:45 p.m., seven nights a week. He said food will be prepared off-site but salads and sandwiches will be prepared on site. A motion to support the immediate neighbors' support of the liquor license application was made, seconded, and passed.

NPU – Megan Holder said the City Parks Department is doing a review of their green space. If you are interested in providing input you can contact **Mary McCracken** who is in charge of the project at 404-865-8553. She also announced there are several great events coming this fall: Beat the Street for Little Feet, L5P Halloween Festival and Parade, and the Cabbagetown Chomp and Stomp. She will be out of town for the next meeting but **Jonathan Miller** will step in for her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Calming – Danny Feig-Sandoval reported the City is issuing permits and will start construction next week. We also have enough neighbor signatures to start work on the North Highland Ave. plan. We are trying to have the sidewalks on Lake/ Austin Aves. repaired as well since we have an overage of \$50,000 from the budget. **Judy Clements** added the City agreed to reduce the speed on Lake Ave. over a year ago but there are still no new signs posted showing the reduced speed limit. Danny said he hopes those signs will be part of all the new signage for the crosswalks and bump-outs.

Community Garden – Megan Holder reported the Park Pride grant will supply us with raised beds, soil, and a design from a Park Pride architect. Now the real work begins! If you would like to be part of the planning committee for the Community Garden, please attend the next meeting at **Pat and Richard Westrick's** house at 177 Elizabeth St. on Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Festival – Nick Franz was out of town so **Lisa Burnette** reported that things are going well. If you want to be involved, please contact Nick or Lisa. The next Festival meeting is October 8.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Westrick asked where he can get topper Inman Park signs for the top of street signs. **Bill McMurry** has that information.

OLD BUSINESS

Lisa Burnette reported the appeal for the T-Mobile cell tower has been filed and is in active legal process. **Randy Bailey** is our plaintiff in that case (we needed a homeowner in adjacent property). Lisa thanked Randy for volunteering to be the plaintiff.

Cathy Bradshaw displayed some of the old T-shirts from her personal archives from the neighborhood efforts that resulted in the road being stopped. She asked people to be aware of all the activity regarding the potential for this road again. Please respond to requests for help and be part of the solution.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next IPNA meeting is October 21 at 7:30 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn. **Lisa Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

October Porch Party

The Haunted Grinnell Lofts
200 North Highland Ave.
Friday, October 30, 7:30 P.M.
Ghosts and Goblins are Welcomed
Costumes are Optional

Bring a spooky dish to share and your deadliest elixirs

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

2009 BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER 28

Frankenstein by **Mary Shelley**
Hosted by
Sarah Combs
1561 Crossway Drive
Brookhaven

NOVEMBER

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

DECEMBER 2

BOOK CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY
Hosted by
Patty McGuigan-Robinson
814 Virgil Ave.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

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JANUARY 27, 2010

The Space Between Us by **Thrity Umrigar**
Hosted by **Oreon Mann**
877 Edgewood Ave.

For Information: 404-688-7330

THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION

By Bob Sandage, VP of Public Safety

I will venture a guess that if you are reading this article, you in general care about the well-being of your fellow neighbors. Thus, it may be difficult for my message here to reach all the necessary people, but I'll try anyways.

Each month seems to present new challenges in my position as VP of Public Safety. Some months it is home burglaries. Almost all months it is automobile break-ins. And, unfortunately, some months it is a spike in violent crimes. But, this month has been a huge one for me in terms of noise complaints. I have had complaints regarding:

- a. one of our residential neighbors to another residential neighbor,
- b. one managed property tenant to another tenant, and
- c. a mixed-use property with a business playing amplified music with a resident unit less than 8 feet away.

My first response when someone calls asking what can be done about a noise issue: "have you talked to the offender?". Considering that I rarely get a definitive answer, I think the answer is probably "no" in most cases. Obviously, I do not recommend engaging in conversation with someone who appears dangerous, but for noise issues a good first response would be *rational* communication (and I have to emphasize the word rational). While it is often difficult to maintain rational conversation when your walls are pounding with music, or you can't work or sleep. I can guarantee you this: a first response of calling the police will set the tone of any further communications. This goes for any non-urgent, non-violent situation. Inman Park is a neighborhood that prides itself on the quality and compassion of its residents. Please try a conversation before rushing to call the police but, by all means, if you feel there is an element of danger involved, then do call.

As I am pushing the deadline to get this notice in to the *Advocator* (sorry Betty!), I did manage to get a good success story to share with you. Officer **Ari Bleifeld** of the Inman Park Security Patrol responded to Highland Cigar when they called the IPP cell-phone and reported a male subject in the business who was making them uncomfortable. As the subject had not committed a crime and was just acting strangely, Officer Bleifeld escorted him from the business and issued him a Criminal Trespass warning. Officer Bleifeld was also suspicious of the male as he had gang related tattoos, no identification, and was acting in a bizarre manner. Officer Bleifeld returned to Highland Cigar at closing to escort the staff from the building at closing (a benefit to Silver / Gold SP members).

Later in the middle of the night, Officer Bleifeld encountered the same subject near Edgewood Ave. and Hurt St. As the subject was in the middle of the street (and therefore in violation of the law) Officer Bleifeld placed the subject under arrest. The subject again provided a name and date of birth that was not on file with the State of Georgia or any other state. As the subject had business cards on him for more than one probation officer and a public defender - Officer Bleifeld, now joined by **Officer Claud**, began to search the Georgia Probation/Parole Data Base. Before long they located the subject and found that his real name was **Howard Headley**, a black male, DOB 02/14/70. A warrant check found two outstanding arrest warrants - one from DeKalb County and the other from Conyers police department - both for probation violation. A subsequent search of Howard found a pellet pistol stuck in his waist band that was an exact replica of a 9mm hand gun. The gun likely would have been viewed as real by anyone if it had been pointed at them.

Howard, wanted and with no ties to Inman Park, likely was looking for victims to rob and Officer Bleifeld's actions along with the suspicions of the Highland Cigar staff kept that from happening.

I truly believe this is another success for the Patrol and highlights the actions our Officers take to keep Inman Park safe while we sleep. It also demonstrates the element of danger that exists as the outcome of this incident could have been quite different if the gun had been real and Howard had chosen to confront Officer Bleifeld. Kudos to the Highland Cigar staff, the Inman Park Security Patrol, and in particular, Officer Ari Bleifeld!

Just another example of the power of communication. Without our good Security Patrol program, its diligent officers, and the vigilant eyes of this neighborhood (i.e.: 3 years ago), someone in our neighborhood would have been a victim.

Keep up the communication and until next month, stay safe!

INMAN PARK CRIME REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

By Greg Scott

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

"Entering Auto" continues to be the number one crime committed in Inman Park, and as you can see from this report, laptops and GPSs are the main bait to which the criminals are attracted - please continue to tell your friends and visitors to not lure the thieves in with their valuables left visible in their cars.

As the Fall weather approaches, we will all be out and about the neighborhood more and more - please remember to be aware of your surroundings at all times, report any suspicious activity to 911 immediately, and use common sense to help keep yourself safe. Thanks to everyone who supports the Security Patrol. Although we have not seen crime disappear from our streets, we have seen a marked reduction in the patrol area. *Go IPP!*

DATE	TIME	CRIME	BLOCK LOCATION	NOTEWORTHY
8/15	Overnight	Entering Auto	900 Block Waverly Way	Rear window smashed and vehicle rummaged through. Nothing taken.
8/16	Overnight	Entering Auto	200 Block Haralson St.	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: purse and contents.
8/18	3:35 a.m.	Burglary	100 Block Waverly Way	Suspect kicked in door of friend's apartment when he realized friend wasn't there. Suspect went to jail.
8/19	11:00 a.m.	Theft	100 Block Hale St.	Victim found suspect in unsecured garage stealing bike. Suspect later found and arrested.

8/20	7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Entering Auto	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: laptop.
8/21	9:30 p.m.- 11:30 p.m.	Entering Auto	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Driver's side window smashed. Nothing taken.
8/21	10:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Theft	500 Block Seminole Ave.	Packages delivered by UPS taken off of front porch.
8/22	Overnight	Auto Theft	100 Block Battery Place	Vehicle Stolen
8/22	Overnight	Entering Auto	200 Block Hurt St.	Windows smashed on 3 vehicles. Stolen: 1 GPS.
8/23	8:00 p.m.– 10:20 p.m.	Entering Auto	Euclid Ave. @ Colquitt Ave.	Rear driver's side window smashed. Stolen: backpack.
8/24	Overnight	Entering Auto	400 Block Sinclair Ave.	Front passenger window smashed. Stolen: GPS holder.
8/25	3:30 p.m.	Theft	100 Block Krog St.	Delivery truck lock broken and liquor stolen by two men in older green Jeep Cherokee.
8/27	8:00 p.m.	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: backpack and books.
8/29	2:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed. Stolen: laptop.
8/30	2:30 a.m. - 2:40 a.m.	Entering Auto	600 Block Brickworks Circle	3 vehicles entered. Stolen: \$20 cash from one vehicle.
9/1	Overnight	Auto Theft	200 Block Elizabeth St.	Car stolen from street.
9/1-9/2	One day time frame	Entering Auto	100 Block Montag Circle	GPS removed from victim's unsecured vehicle.
9/5	6:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.	Entering Auto	400 Block Seminole Ave.	Laptop taken from car with window cracked.
9/5	2:30 a.m.	Entering Auto	600 Block Brickworks Circle	4 vehicles entered – Stolen: 2 pair sunglasses, air pump, 2 GPS, 1 umbrella stolen and recovered. Witnesses held suspect until officers arrived.
9/5	4:30 p.m.	Aggravated Assault	Findlay Plaza	Victim was taking pictures when he observed suspects exchanging what appeared to be blue baggies. Suspects approached victim and one produced a knife. One suspect has been taken into custody.
9/6	Overnight	Entering Auto	600 Block Edgewood Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: \$3 change.
9/9	11:45 a.m.	Burglary	200 Block N. Highland Ave.	Front door of apartment kicked in. Stolen: 32" Flat Screen TV and DVD player. Red vehicle seen leaving the scene.
9/14	8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.	Entering Auto	900 Block Dekalb Ave.	Driver's window smashed. Stolen: GPS.
9/14	Overnight	Entering Auto	700 Block Lake Ave.	Rear passenger window smashed and vehicle rummaged through. Nothing taken.
9/18	12:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Entering Auto	900 Block Austin Ave.	Passenger side window smashed. Stolen: laptop.

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, click on "Groups" and type "inmanparkga" in the "search groups" box. After you click on the group URL just click on "join this group" and follow the instructions.

-To subscribe to the inmanpark.org mailing list, go to www.inmanpark.org and click on "Subscribe". Fill out the form and click on "subscribe."

INMAN PARK SECURITY PATROL - SEPTEMBER 2009

IPP ACTIVITY REPORT

By Sgt. Brent Schierbaum

Directed Patrols	300	Criminal Trespass	3	Person Injured:	1
Drop Ins / Park and Walks	201	Theft	2	Illegal Drugs	1
Suspicious Person	33	Found Property	2	Association Member Contacts	25
Alarm Calls	17	Burglary	2	Field Interviews	9
Suspicious Vehicle	13	Public Indecency	2	Vehicle Impounds	4
Parking Complaint	6	Wanted Person	2	Parking Citations	1
Loud Music	5	Armed Robbery	2	ARRESTS	
Open Door / Window	4	Reckless Driver	2	Use of Park After Hours	4
Disturbance Call	4	Abandoned Auto	1	Disorderly Conduct	1
Roadway / Sidewalk Obstruction:	4	Burglary In Progress	1	DUI / Possession of Marijuana	1
Intoxicated Person	3	Hit and Run	1	Operating Business Without License	1
Damage to Property	3	Animal Call	1	Urinating in Public	1
Information for Police	3	Mentally Ill Person	1	Littering	1

BUDGET 2009-2010

By Cameron Childress

After presenting the budget at the September IPNA meeting, the following changes have been made to the budget published in the September *Advocator*:

Springvale Park – Funding of the “Visioning Plan” has been modified to include an evaluation of existing plans for the basis of any new plan, or potentially to be used in lieu of a new plan if appropriate. This does not change the funding level of the plan, but serves to clarify direction.

Education Funding – Contribution of \$1,500 to Mary Lin PTA was added to the budget. This contribution was excluded from the budget in the September *Advocator* due to the contribution to the Mary Lin Education Foundation.

Little 5 Points Community Center – Contribution was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 based on a vote by the membership

All other line items remain the same as published in the September *Advocator*.

A LOSS THAT TOUCHES THE HISTORY OF INMAN PARK

By Betty Ridderhoff

Some of you may have known **Ken Thompson**, while others only knew of him. Inman Parkers shall always remember him for designing the beautiful butterfly logo, which we have trademarked and are still using today. We wish to express our condolences to his family and dear friend, **June Corley**, and wish to thank them for the information they have provided about this great man.

KENNETH KAY THOMPSON, SR.

October 6, 1942 - September 6, 2009

Ken Thompson, age 66, passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2009, at Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. On October 6, 1942. Ken was born to **William** and **Pauline Thompson** in Palatka, Florida,

Ken was a football star, winning the Hancock trophy for all around excellence in athletics for the 1959-60 season, and he played college football for the Florida State Seminoles on a scholarship. He was a bass player, songwriter, and singer in several bands in Florida and Nashville. After two years at Florida State Ken decided to attend Peabody College in Nashville where he majored in art. After that, art became the major focus of his life. He went to New York after graduation and worked as an illustrator and designer at *Reader's Digest*. He later returned to Nashville to accept a position as creative designer of *Nashville Magazine*. In Atlanta he worked at Graphics Group before striking out on his own. Ken was a prolific artist and designer whose work covered a wide range of disciplines.

Along with continuous exploration of images in his personal art, he was a graphic designer, furniture designer, and a new product

designer. His designs and furniture have been selected to appear in several national design books, including the prestigious *Graphis Annuals*. Feature articles concerning his graphic design have been published in *Print Magazine* (USA) and in *Novum Gerbrauchsgraphik* (Germany).

In Atlanta Ken designed the Inman Park Butterfly and on the national scale he designed the 1977 USA Inaugural Theme Float for the Inaugural Parade of President **Jimmy Carter**. He redesigned and rebuilt three historic houses, transforming them into studios and art-space. He thought, he created, he built, he challenged, and he inspired. We have lost a truly great one.

Ken is survived by two sons, **Ken Thompson, II**, and his wife **A.J. Thompson** of San Antonio, TX, and **Bryan Thompson** of Austell, GA, and their mother **June Teuton Thompson**, a brother, **Donnie Thompson** and wife **Betty** of Palatka, a sister, **Pat Ray** and husband **Claude** of St. Augustine, nieces and nephews **Darenda Thompson**, **Deanna French** and husband **Bill**, **Vicki Bartlam** and husband **David**, **Rick Shiver** and wife **Ginny**, **Carol Whitham** and husband **Brenden**, **Gary Bonnelle** and wife **Linda**, **Doneen Boyd**, **Angela Thurlow** and husband **Howard**, **Joey Muffoletto** and wife **Christina**, and **Dana Gerstle**; and close friend **June Corley**.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka, followed by the burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. The family received friends Friday evening at the funeral home.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at:
www.JohnsonOverturfFunerals.com.

A memorial will be held in Atlanta on Saturday, November 14, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at The High Museum of Ken Thompson Art and Memorabilia at Manuel's Tavern. Food, beer, rock 'n roll, and who knows what else. R.S.V.P. and details: **Paula Chance**: pachance@bellsouth.net.

INMAN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN AT FREEDOM PARK

*By Megan Holder and Nick Franz
Inman Park Community Garden Co-Chairs*

We have exciting news to report to all neighbors. The Inman Park Community Garden at Freedom Park (the "Garden") has become reality. To refresh your memories ... we applied to receive a grant from Park Pride to help develop a community garden in our neighborhood.

There were more than 20 applications for five awards. We found out in early September that we were one of the five award recipients. The grant includes a five-year "lease" with renewal options on a site within Freedom Park at no cost plus various supplies and assistance to help with the build-out of the Garden. The site we selected is in between Poplar Circle and the Marta parking lot on Hurt St. and the initial build-out is scheduled for Saturday, November 7.

Current plans call for 30 plots. If there is a lot of demand we have the ability to plan for more. So, if you are interested in obtaining a plot in the Garden, here is the pertinent information:

1. Only members of the Inman Park Community Garden will be offered plots. Membership fee is a nominal \$5 per adult family member.
2. Each 4' x 8' raised-bed plot can be leased for \$25.
3. Each plot holder will be committing *at a minimum* to:
 - a. attend orientation meetings;
 - b. completing at least three community garden work days;
 - c. planting their garden by May 1;
 - d. keeping all their garden(s) weed free;
 - e. maintaining the paths between the raised beds;
 - f. abiding by the By-laws and signing all required waivers.

If you would like to reserve a plot (or be included on the waiting list depending on demand), drop off a check made payable to Friends of Inman Park with "Inman Park Community Garden" in the "for" line, at 970 Waverly Way (**Nick and Aimee Franz's** house) by 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21. Our final plans are due to Park Pride by October 24, so we need some lead time to edit the plan based on plot demand. Remember to include the membership fee of \$5.00 per adult family member. Also, please note all amounts paid are tax deductible.

We will get you copies of the By-laws and waivers for signature as soon as possible. The Committee will do its best to accommodate all requests, however, additional plots beyond our initial plan for 30 are contingent on our fundraising efforts as Park Pride's award was limited to supplies for 20 plots.

If you're not sure you want a plot but are interested in learning more about gardening, please pay your dues and join the Garden group anyway. We plan to have educational seminars, classes, and chats with really good gardeners who will help you get the most out of your efforts in your own yards and you'll be supporting a wonderful neighborhood cause.

Finally, please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 1, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the first annual Harvest Party and fundraiser. Details are included in the article below from **Oreon Mann**.

INMAN PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY AND FUNDRAISER

By Oreon Mann

The Inman Park Community Garden Committee cordially invites you to attend the very first Harvest Party on Sunday, November 1, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Harvest Party will be held at the Community Garden site on Hurt St. between the Marta parking lot and Poplar Circle. The Garden Committee will provide ice cold beer and wine for all adults and beverages for children. In addition, **Bo Bradshaw** will provide hayrides. We ask that you bring a covered dish and a check made payable to Friends of Inman Park with a notation that this is a donation for the Inman Park Community Garden. This is a tax deductible donation. Committee members will be present to answer all your questions and tour the property. In addition, we will make a presentation explaining all the details including reviewing a site plan. We may even have a special guest appearance by a local chef.

We were successful in winning a grant to obtain a community garden from Park Pride. This grant includes the use of land in Freedom Park at no cost to us, certain materials to build out the garden and labor to help our efforts. This is our first official event for the neighborhood so we hope to have a huge crowd. We have a goal of raising \$7,500 from this fundraiser to be used to help purchase

additional materials to build-out the Garden.

In the future our annual Harvest Party will be a celebration of the Garden and enjoyment of the wonderful fruits and vegetables we plan on harvesting. In advance, thank you for your generosity--- the Garden will be a wonderful addition to our vibrant neighborhood and a landmark we will be proud of for many years.

Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

By Adam Stillman, 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 so that neighborhood meetings can be set up. Thanks!

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES	HEARING DATE	APPLICATIONS DUE
	November 9	October 13
	November 23	November 3

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

- 1035 Austin Ave. – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness with Variance to allow an addition to an existing structure at 1035 Austin Ave. – Approved with Conditions.
- 842 Virgil Street – Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness to allow additions and alterations to an existing structure at 842 Virgil Street – Approved with Conditions.
- 300 North Highland Ave. (Pure Taqueria) - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow new doors and other alterations and renovations – Approved with Conditions.

Applications Scheduled for This Month:

- 220 Degress Avenue - Application for a Type II Certificate of Appropriateness to allow renovations, new dormer, new rear gable and single car garage.

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

- None.

AUDC CONTACT INFORMATION			
Website:	http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx		
Address:	Atlanta Urban Design Commission 55 Trinity Ave., Suite 3400 Atlanta, Georgia 30335-0331		
Phone:	404-330-6200	Fax:	404-658-6734

GOOD MOVES NEWS

By Carolyn McLaughlin

Good Moves had a busy September with classes, rehearsals, guests, and dinners.

Ed Source classes are going very well. We have welcomed several new students this month. Please, remember we welcome new students at any time during the season. We offer classes for ages 3+ in Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Modern, and Athletic Movement for Boys. All of our classes are offered at a rate of \$12 per hour and we have scholarships available by application.

The Consort has been working very hard on repertory for the fall concert. The show is entitled “*Until We Dance Again*”. The weekend of performances will include an abbreviated children’s matinee on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and two full repertory performances on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. These shows will be at 7 Stages on November 21 and 22. Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$10 for children, seniors and working artists and are available at the door, by phone or our website. We will also present a free preview of the show on Saturday, November 14 at the Sautee Nacoochee Center in North Georgia at 2:00 p.m.

During the month of September Good Moves had the pleasure of welcoming home Consort alum, **Sarah Konnor**. Sarah graduated from Good Moves in 2005 and has since attended The Boston Conservatory and University of Michigan (UM). At both schools she had continued her study of dance, adding environmental science at UM. Sarah has been recognized for her choreography and agreed to set one of her pieces on the Consort. “*How I Know I Am Here*” is a modern work set to the music of **Schubert** and inspired by the sculptures of **Kiki Smith**. The Consort will perform this piece during our November performances. Sarah will also join us as guest performer for the show.

A big thank you to **Diane Floyd!** She made dinner last month before the IPNA meeting and allowed Good Moves to help her. The dinner raised \$290 for our Summer Study Fund.

Please join Good Moves for dinner this month. We will serve chili, corn bread, and apple cobbler. Dinner will be Wednesday, October 21 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adult and \$4 for children.

If you need more information or have questions about any of Good Moves’ programs or events, please contact us by: phone at: 404-518-1646, or e-mail at goodmoves@mindspring.com or via www.goodmoves.org.

THE TRACKS

By Matthew Clair

In the South, when it rains it pours. Atlanta is no different. As I sit staring past the pellets knocking feverishly against my window, I notice the railroad tracks.

When my roommate and I were looking for apartments, our current apartment was the last one we visited. The lady in the office showed us the unit, the laundry facilities, the gym and the pool. Last, she walked us around the property. As we stopped in front of the window of our future apartment, she turned abruptly. "My, and you boys have such a great view!" she said in a genuine Southern drawl. I looked in the direction she had turned. Was she talking about the overgrown foliage, the tattered barn in the distance, or the unabashedly exposed red clay that was peeking through the grass? My face has never learned to hide my thoughts, and she read them. "Really, y'all, I promise. This is a great view!" She brushed her blonde hair behind her ear and pointed in the distance. "See those railroad tracks?" she whispered. "Those are some of the very tracks burned by Sherman."

The tracks aren't much. In fact, they are barely noticeable hidden beneath the weeds, grass, and red clay. But, it is the idea of them that means so much. It is what they have witnessed, sitting there forgotten, as buildings, communities, and people's lives have been developed and destroyed around them. Laying just outside downtown Atlanta, these tracks have seen lynchings, church bombings, and racial reconciliation. And more than anything else, these tracks have seen the real growth of Inman Park -- a neighborhood in Northeast Atlanta, a neighborhood I now call home.

Inman Park is charming, especially in the eyes of a recent college graduate. Its parks, bars, hidden mansions, and Bohemian restaurants make it the perfect place for thinkers, and revelers, alike. It's also a fitting place for a 20-something-year-old to pretend that his two years of teaching for America were a planned detour on his meticulously planned life path. (The truth is that the detour was not planned; in fact, the detour may not even be a detour, but rather, a completely new life path rooted in educational reform and social justice.)

But, no beauty is flawless; no charm absent its menace.

Inman Park's flaws are reflected in the rusted screws and bolts that hold intact the remnants of Sherman's burned railroad tracks. Just over the tracks is the elementary school where I teach third grade English Language Arts.

Although the school is a mere four-minute drive away from my apartment, the school and its students are not a part of the Inman Park community. While the school sits barely outside Inman Park, the railroad tracks that bound the neighborhood on its western edge serve as a barrier between the two different worlds -- worlds which are largely different in race and class.

Sherman may have burned these tracks, but, even under heavy rain, they glisten, more persistent than the weeds that surround them. As I drive past them every morning on my way to school, they remind me of just one of the many reasons I am in Atlanta teaching for America.

Maybe one morning when I get up, they will have disappeared.

FALL TRADITION FOR INMAN PARK CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

25th Annual Auction & Holiday Sale Benefiting IPCP

By Betsy Helgager Hughes

Each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Inman Park Cooperative Preschool (IPCP) holds an event that's part party, part fundraiser, part reunion, part shopping experience, and an in-town Atlanta tradition. The doors of the Inman Park Trolley Barn open at 3:00 p.m. on November 22, 2009, for its 25th Annual Auction & Holiday Sale!

This year's Auction marks the 25th anniversary of IPCP's Annual Auction which has gone from being a tiny affair raising \$3,000 hard-earned dollars in 1984 to the more substantial events in recent years at the Trolley Barn raising upwards of \$50,000. It's because of the enthusiasm and hard work of present-day and alumni parents, friends, and community supporters that the preschool is even able to commemorate a 25th anniversary of that first auction.

"We hope the community starts their holiday shopping with us first because we have some incredible items and deals this year," said **Anna Coan**, Co-Chair for the 25th Annual Inman Park Auction & Holiday Sale. "This year we have an exceptional number of rare and exciting items for the silent and live auctions. From mountain getaways, a private performance by **David Berkeley** (a singer / songwriter and IPCP parent), and a home organization consultation to children's books and toys, you are bound to find something you want or need."

Though the children who attended Inman Park Cooperative Preschool in its earliest years are now in their twenties, the Auction creates a certain sense of continuity for the school as new parents follow in the footsteps of those early volunteers who "lived and breathed" the event.

Inman Park resident **John Sweet**, whose two children both attended Inman Park Cooperative Preschool and who served as auctioneer for many of the Auctions, emphasizes that the Annual Auction is one of the ways parents build their school. The Auction is a training ground for parents, and that it's because of the preschool that there is a stronger Mary Lin, a stronger Inman, and a stronger Grady. Ultimately, the Auction is part of people taking responsibility for their school.

New IPCP parent, **George Hughes**, who has a 2 ½ year old daughter at the school, said last year was his first experience with the Auction and he was very impressed. "I not only enjoyed working alongside and getting to know my fellow IPCP parents better, but there were some incredible deals on unique items that my wife and I know we could have only purchased there."

Almost every family who has had children at the preschool over the years has a story to share of items they purchased at the auction that have acquired a place in their family lore. According to preschool alumni parent **Ann Van Slyke**, her parents purchased a huge Chinese embroidery for only \$20.00 because no one else bid on it. "It's now one of their most prized possessions," she said.

Admission to the IPCP Annual Holiday Sale and Auction is free and this year's Auction promises to be one of the best ever, as they strive to reach their goal of \$50,000. Auction proceeds support the preschool by providing books, toys, and educational materials, maintaining the school's award-winning green space, supporting scholarship programs, and enable the school to continue providing the best curriculum and teachers for the children.

"Proceeds from our biggest fundraiser of the year are essential to maintaining our nature-based educational opportunities that connect children to the Earth's rhythms and beauty," said Denise Price, IPCP Director of Education. "By involving our children in activities related to the different seasons and creating a sense of wonder, appreciation and gratitude of all living things, we initiate their lifelong, meaningful relationship with the natural world and create nurturing, caring and responsible young people."

The 25th Annual Auction & Holiday Sale benefitting Inman Park Cooperative Preschool will be held Sunday, November 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Trolley Barn in Inman Park.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and bring a friend. This FREE event includes an exciting live auction, a diverse silent auction with a wide variety of offerings, live music, food and drink, retail items, and raffle prizes.

Cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted.

For more information, call: Inman Park Cooperative Preschool at 404-827-9796 or visit www.ipcp.org.

PARK RENEWAL DAY TO RETURN THIS NOVEMBER

By Kelly Cheek

After the success of last year's inaugural event, participants will once again return to Decatur's Dearborn Park on Saturday, November 7, to root out invasive plants for the second annual Park Renewal Day competition. Last year, this joint effort of Renewal Design-Build, the DeKalb County Parks Department, and the City of Decatur's Active Living Division had more than 100 participants – all competing for prize money – clear more than an acre of English ivy and Chinese privet from the park. Dearborn was chosen for the competition again due to the large amount of invasive species and debris not yet cleared from the park.

This year's participating teams will compete for big prize money with the five highest scoring groups taking home prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively. Prizes will be awarded after the competition. Each team's assigned plot will be scored by county park experts and local celebrities. The judging panel for this year's event will include Decatur's own Mayor **Bill Floyd**.

Teams eligible to participate in the competition include school organizations, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, religious groups, and any group of people willing to come together, help the park, and raise funds. A number of last year's teams competed for charitable causes. The winning team, "Invasive and Persuasive," donated their prize money to the group's church, and third-prize winner, the Decatur High School Bulldog Booster Club, handed over their winnings to a competing team of Decatur High students who were trying to raise funds to attend **President Obama's** inauguration.

There will be food and live music.

Dearborn Park is located in Decatur at Candler Park Rd. and is bounded by Park Dr. and Midway Rd.

CLEAN OUT FOR END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS TO THE RESTORE

By Shannon Sanders

With holiday entertaining, gift giving, and tax season just around the corner, it is time to clean out your house including the garage, workshop, kitchen, basement, and attic. The Atlanta Habitat ReStore is a discount home improvement store that accepts donations of new or gently used home improvement materials and home furnishings. The ReStore prices donations at up to 75% off retail and then sells the items to the general public. Proceeds from the ReStore benefit the mission of Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, which builds and sells affordable, green, and attractive homes in partnership with working families.

With the economic difficulties of the past year, the demand for new or gently used home improvement items at low prices is on the rise. The Atlanta Habitat ReStore has had an extraordinary year in both donations and sales. This growth is attributed to the public being much more budget conscious as well as an increase in quality and unique merchandise in stock. In addition, well-known corporations donate their overstock, floor samples, surplus and discontinued merchandise. Individuals or contractors also donate items from renovations or updates to their kitchen, bath, or home furnishings. The ReStore encompasses a wide range of inventory: appliances, kitchen cabinets, bath vanities, sinks, tubs, plant material, plumbing supplies, furniture, flooring, tile, laminate and granite countertops, hardware, closet organizers, grout, and much more.

"The ReStore provides a fantastic second life for these products," explains **Lisa Schwinghammer**, director of retail sales at the Atlanta Habitat ReStore. She adds, "Since 2001, the ReStore has diverted over 1,300 tons of materials from the landfill, just by recycling items to a new owner."

The Atlanta Habitat ReStore is located at 519 Memorial Drive in Grant Park. Donations must be pre-approved and scheduled for drop off or pick up. Visit our website at: www.atlantahabitat.org/restore_donate.asp for complete donation details and to download a Donation Pick Up Request form.

If you have any questions, please call 404-525-2114 or e-mail: restore@atlantahabitat.org. Donations may be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

MARY LIN HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON HALLOWEEN!

By Kelly Crutcher

This family-oriented, ghoulish event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, at Mary Lin Elementary School. Enjoy a spooky haunted house, giant slide, moonwalk, face painting, games, toddler area, photo booth, food, and more!

Funds raised will support Mary Lin's annual Science Night, where visiting scientists from Zoo Atlanta, Emory, and beyond bring hands-on learning to our school. Don't miss this exciting neighborhood event where you can celebrate Halloween and contribute to our students' science education.

For more information on how to support this event please e-mail: fundraising@marylinelementary.com

WOULD YOU HARBOR ME?

Press Release from RRISA

Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA) is a network of support for the hundreds of refugees who come to Atlanta every year needing food, housing, jobs and education.

Each year Maggie's Giving Group chooses a charity to be the beneficiary of an annual event sponsored primarily by Maggie Kulyk & Associates, an Ameriprise Platinum Financial Services Practice in Decatur. This year's event will benefit RRISA.

RRISA serves as a bridge between local resources and refugees, engaging the Atlanta community to help build a firmer foundation for refugees arriving in the United States.

On Thursday, October 202, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a benefit for RRISA at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1790 LaVista Rd. N.E. The Burundi Drummers of Atlanta, Congregation Bet Haverim Chorus, as well as others will perform. Diverse cuisine following the performances and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door.

For more information go to maggiesgivinggroup.org or call 404-294-8280.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, RECYCLE!

The 3rd Annual Race 2 Recycle Set for Saturday, November 14, 2009

Press Release

Keep Atlanta Beautiful is hosting the third annual Race 2 Recycle, a 5K and 1- mile fun run, around beautiful Piedmont Park in Midtown Atlanta on Saturday, November 14, in celebration of America Recycles Day. Honorary chairs for this event include **Jack Perko**, area president of Republic Services, Inc.; Council Member **Clair Muller**; and **Jovita Moore** of WSB-TV who will also serve as emcee for the awards ceremony.

This event attracts corporate teams and individuals who support Keep Atlanta Beautiful in empowering Atlanta's communities to sustain cleaner and greener neighborhoods and whose participation (more than 300 strong in 2008) reminds us all of the inextricable link between our physical health and the health of our environment. Kids and adults alike will want to join in the recycling fun by creating a costume from recycled materials for the fun run and the Recycle & Junk Parade, where prizes will be awarded for the most creative costumes.

Online registration is now available at www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org. Early registration is \$20 for adults, \$15 for children under 13., and \$25 on the day of the event.

Schedule for the Day:

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. 5K Start

9:15 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run

9:30 a.m. Recycle & Junk Parade

9:40 a.m. Ceremony with Emcee, Jovita Moore,

WSB-TV 9:50 a.m. Race 2 Recycle Awards

More information, including course maps and sponsorship information, can be found at www.KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org. To sponsor this event or to organize a team, contact **Cathleen Malkus** at Cathleen@greeneratlanta.net.

The Race 2 Recycle is proudly sponsored by Republic Services, Inc., in partnership with Piedmont Park Conservancy, WSB-TV, and City of Atlanta Council Member, Clair Muller, District 8.

PLEASE JOIN US IN A CELEBRATION OF

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BIRTHDAY ON

NOVEMBER 1, 2009, AT 7:30 P.M.

AT THE HOME OF

BETTY RIDDERHOFF

167 ELIZABETH ST.

(CORNER OF ELIZABETH ST. AND EUCLID AVE.)

OCTOBER AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Police Officers' Reports
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. Zoning
 - B. Public Safety
 - C. Historic Preservation
 - D. Treasurer
 - 1. Report of Regular Expenditures
 - 2. Presentation of Proposed Budget
 - E. Secretary
 - F. President
 - G. Planning
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment

GOOD MOVES PRESENTS!

Dinner before the IPNA meeting:
 \$10/adults \$4/children
 6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.
 Chili, corn bread & apple cobbler.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COUNTDOWN TO FESTIVAL FROM OCTOBER 15, 2009, TO APRIL 23, 2010

190 DAYS

DATE	DAY/TIME	EVENT	Pg	LOCATION/PHONE NUMBER
Oct. 21	Wed. 7:30 p.m.	IPNA Meeting	Back	1015 Edgewood Ave. 404-581-0576
Oct. 22	Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Event to raise funds for RRISA	26	St. Bart's Episcopal Church on LaVista Rd.
Oct. 24	Sat.	UNITED NATIONS DAY		
Oct. 27	Tues. 6:30 p.m.	Inman Park Small Business Network Club		280 Elizabeth St. B 103 (The Collective)
Oct. 28	Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Book Club	07	1561 Crossway Dr., Brookhaven 404-688-7330
Oct. 30	Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Porch Party	07	200 N. Highland Ave. 404-523-4801
Oct. 31	Sat.	HALLOWEEN		
	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Beat the Street for Little Feet 5K	01	Information: oakhurstcoop.com/pete/
	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Mary Lin Halloween Carnival	24	Mary Lin Elementary School
Nov. 01	Sun. 10:00 p.m.	<i>ADVOCATOR</i> DEADLINE		e-mail: theadvocator@bellsouth.net
	Sun.	ALL SAINT'S DAY		
	Sun.	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS		
	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Harvest Party	17	Hurt St. Between Marta Park Lot & Poplar Cir.

Nov. 03	Tues.	ELECTION DAY			
Nov. 07	Sat.	9:00 a.m.	5K run for adults followed by Tot Trot for kids 5 yrs. and younger	25	Greencove Ave. (Behind Inman Middle School)
		All day	Park Renewal Day (removal of English Ivy and Chinese Pivet.)	23	Dearborn Park: Candler Park Rd. (Between Park Dr. and Midway Rd.)
		All day	Grady High School Fundraiser	04 #9	Stone Soup Restaurant 584 Woodward Ave. 404-524-1222
		10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Cabbagetown Chomp & Stomp	21	Cabbagetown Park
Nov. 10	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Festival Meeting	01	Trolley Barn
Nov. 11	Wed.	VETERAN'S DAY			

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