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President's Message

## Bass Ackwards Festival 2015



BY DENNIS MOBLEY  
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I've been an active participant and astute observer of our beloved Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes since 1998. Sometime during the past decade or so I believe a pattern began to emerge:

Festival Saturday garnered the biggest crowds, drawn by the ever-zany parade and the opening of vendor booths, beer trucks, soundstages, and the excellent people-watching opportunities Festival affords. Festival Sunday was more mellow, with smaller but still robust crowds, and for those of us in the thick of it, an opportunity to actually take a breath and enjoy the experience. Granted, every few years there was some rain and even some thunder to disrupt this pattern, but generally it held.

This year, the weeklong gloomy weather forecasts and the rain on Saturday morning held down attendance that day, and to many of us it felt more like a typical Festival Sunday. And then along came a picture-perfect Sunday, and (I believe) the most massive Sunday crowds we've ever seen. How would I know? We do not have accurate means of counting heads, but given my being immersed (literally and figuratively) in the volume of trash and recycling hitting our half-dozen dumpsters, I can tell when we've had unusually large attendance. Another indicator is, ahem, word yesterday from the porta-potty vendors that "volume was up" (sorry for that visual). Lastly, when you hear beer trucks on the radio mid-afternoon saying "we are sold out of Sweetwater Blue" or what-not, one knows it's been a huge day. That was the scene on Festival Sunday this year.

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## 2015 Festival Thank You

BY CHRISTEL SUNDIN & ROB CRAIG • CSUNDIN@PRINTPACK.COM

With the 44<sup>th</sup> Festival behind us, we want to thank all of you who volunteered, the homeowners who kindly opened their homes for the Tour of Homes, and the most amazing Festival Committee who made our job easy! We would also like to extend our gratitude to our willing and generous sponsors.

We try to make incremental improvements to Festival every year and the 2015 Festival was no different. We replaced additional Port-a-Potties with trailer restrooms, we added nicer hand-wash and potable water stations, and we added another craft beer truck. Additionally, we reinstated the tradition of a pre-festival neighborhood cleanup. The City of Atlanta and Councilman Kwanza Hall readily stepped up and volunteered equipment, personnel, and resources to supplement neighborhood volunteers in order to give the neighborhood a thorough polishing for it to look its best.

We are very grateful to everyone who was a part of making Festival 2015 a success, and invite you to join us again next year for number 45! Remember, as we've said before, Festival doesn't just happen – **Inman Park neighbors make it happen, and we need you!** As more and more new neighbors move into the neighborhood, we continue to recruit new volunteers to partake in the fun. Preparations start in October with various amounts and types of work done over the next several months, culminating in an exceptional experience each April. There is much fellowship, fun, and festivities to be had at the monthly meetings – it actually spreads out the Festival fun over six months for those who choose to accept the mission!

This was our second year chairing Festival after many years of doing other jobs, and we are excited to turn over the reigns to **Jacques and Karin Mebius** as the 2016 Festival Co-chairs. For Inman Park Festival to continue to be the biggest and best neighborhood festival, new people will have to step up and help. And with several committee chairs transitioning to other responsibilities or retiring after many years of service, there is no better time to become a part of the Festival Committee. We look forward to seeing new faces in a few months when we kick off the 45<sup>th</sup> installment of this terrific event, and hope you will be there to share it with us! **M**

### What's Happening

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

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### 44th Annual Festival Recap

Check out the photos from the neighborhood festival!

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### Trolley Barn update

Find out the latest on the plan to purchase the Trolley Barn!

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# IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2015

BY JANET BERRY • SECRETARY • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

**President Dennis Mobley** called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A motion was requested, seconded and unanimously approved to add a vote to amend NPU-N By-laws to the agenda.

Newcomers: Matt Modellmog and husband Ty, Kate Meehan and husband Peter Dewey, and Kanye Willis were welcomed to the meeting and to the neighborhood.

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

Announcements: Dennis recognized all Festival trash volunteers (donning matching camo tee shirts,) and all **Festival Volunteers**. Danny Feig-Sandoval, (awarded camo commando socks as Zone Trash Commander) proclaimed that Festival is not over Sunday until clean-up is completed: meet under the big tent, 6:00 p.m. start time, beer and pizza at 9:25. Oreon Mann, **Inman Park Book Club** and Pat Westrick, **Porch Party** reported that Festival precludes their monthly meetings. However, Pat pronounced Festival as IPNA's biggest "Porch Party" and appealed to all neighbors new and old to volunteer, Festival is entirely volunteer staffed. Alex Coffman promoted, **Cupcakes for You**, a youth fundraising venture by Inman Park United Methodist Church Youth Group. Cupcakes are preordered for Festival, order forms were distributed and also available online at [www.inmanparkumc.org](http://www.inmanparkumc.org), or contact [jkgjdwyer@gmail.com](mailto:jkgjdwyer@gmail.com). Christel Sundin, Festival announced **Pre Festival Neighborhood Clean Up**, Saturday, April 18, 8:30, meet at 1037 Euclid Avenue. The city will be removing waste from curb sites and at mapped locations. O4W Business Association's president, Joe Stewardson, announced the upcoming **Fire in the Fourth** on May 2. The Atlanta Fire Foundation will bring Musters Fire Rescue Competitions back to Georgia (which has not happened since the 1990's.) The Historic Fire Station #6 is a part of the National Park Service Martin Luther King Jr. Ben Mitchell announced tickets are for sale for **Festival Tour of Homes**. Eric Goldberg, for neighbor Jane Smith, announced **Mary Lin 5K Rocket Run** over Festival weekend. If their fundraising goal of \$15K is reached, it will be matched by an Inman Park neighbor. An awesome flyer was available. Funds support Mary Lin School Playground. Eco-art gallery **Made Again** owner Margeau Bull, announced the opening at Inman Quarter.

The gallery features handcrafted remade pieces from local artists, furniture makers and designers. Rose Lawson, applauded by Dennis, encouraged neighbors to donate to a community **Neighborhood Yard Sale** on Saturday April 18. Proceeds will support IPSP. Items are to be dropped off on Spruce Street between DeKalb Avenue and Edgewood Avenue at 9:00 a.m. the morning of the sale.

Public Safety Reports: **IPSP Coordinator Sergeant Soukup** asked for issues and concerns, none were voiced. Sergeant Soukup stated that the mayor has developed an A.P.E.X. violent crime unit which responds to areas identified as suffering sudden surges of violent crimes. IPNA has been designated as such a site for three weeks now. Officers flood the area and push all crime out. Two suspected individuals implicated in the murder at Kroger have been arrested. **Investigator Jared Watkins** stated that it was not appropriate to discuss the murders at L5P's, however people have been identified and progress is being made. IPSP adjusted their hours and the adjustment resulted in the arrest of a juvenile involved in car break-ins. **Danielle Simpson** was welcomed and announced her appointment as the coordinator of Fulton County's **Citizens' CourtWatch Program**. Danielle identified her goals as: educating citizens; encouraging participation and attendance at court hearings; putting a face and a voice in the courts of the victims and communities affected; support for the police, and conviction of repeat offenders. She knows us as an active community and knows this program makes a difference. Sign up sheets were circulated for inclusion in a distribution list. Notifications of a Disposition Summary will include the name, the charge, the location and the facts of cases to be tried. She appealed for help in advocating to the court the affect of crime in communities. Danny Feig-Sandoval reported that the mayor's crime meeting at the zoo with Zone 3-6 Commanders and Prosecutors was well attended. The mayor is excited about 150 new police recruits, discouraged about juvenile crime and the revolving door of incarcerated individuals. The mayor is promoting the need to develop a new foundation and the need for volunteers to mentor youth.

Elected Officials Reports: **Leslie Grant, District 1 Board of Education**, announced her bimonthly meetings at Blue Point

Church on Boulevard. Leslie spoke of: K-12 clusters now aligned; appropriation of \$5 million to each cluster; establishment of an International Baccalaureate Program to raise the quality of our public education; the need to become a city of neighbors; a need for change in the culture, evidenced by youth improperly educated and then becoming juvenile criminals; her vision; her budget, and, finally, the new superintendent of APS. Dennis recognized neighbors such as Eric Goldberg, Alex Coffman, and others who routinely meet with Leslie and work as volunteer activist for APS.

Officer Reports: **Dennis Mobley, President:** Andy Coffman, Chairman of IPNA's 2015 Nominating Committee, thanked Neel Gupta and Megan Holder for their work. Andy announced the committee's proposed slate of officers: Brian Roof, VP of Historic Preservation; Chris Coffee, VP of Public Safety; Tonya Marlatt, VP of Zoning; James McManus, VP of Communications; and Beverly Miller, Secretary. Nominations were requested from the floor, none were proposed. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to support the proposed slate of candidates. Bio's will be published in the *Advocator* and election held at the May IPNA Business Meeting.

**Molly McLamb, V.P. Historic Preservation:** Nothing to report.

## Barbara Leach, Treasurer

Revenues and Expenses	
IPSP Income	
Individual HO Dues.....	15,760
HOA Dues.....	2,500
Total .....	18,260
IPSP Expenses	
Patrol Hours.....	9,570
Signs.....	130
IPSP Total .....	9,700
Net Gain.....	8,560
Other Income	
IPNA Membership Dues.....	2,050
Total .....	2,050
Other Expense	
Beautification.....	1,845
Misc. Other Budgeted.....	172
Education Grants .....	8,000
Springvale Park.....	2,080
Total .....	12,097
Net Loss .....	-1,487

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# Other Happenings to Note

## Atlanta BeltLine Jamboree

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

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## Brew at the Zoo

Saturday, May 23 • 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. • Zoo Atlanta • zooatlanta.org

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## Candler Park Music and Food Festival

Friday and Saturday, May 29-30 • 2 – 8 p.m. • candlerparkmusicfestival.com

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# IPNA Calendar

May  
**20**

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

May  
**21**

**Understanding Social Security**  
Inman Park United Methodist Church  
9:00 a.m.

May  
**22**

**Last Day of School for APS students**

May  
**25**

**Memorial Day holiday**

May  
**26**

**Book Club**  
Hosted by Patty McGuigan Robinson  
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May  
**28**

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

May  
**29**

**Porch Party**  
842 Lake Avenue  
see page 10 for details

June  
**17**

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


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

If you have news to share with your neighbors in the June issue of the *Advocator*, please send your submissions to [advocator@inmanpark.org](mailto:advocator@inmanpark.org) on or before May 20.

# Public Safety Update

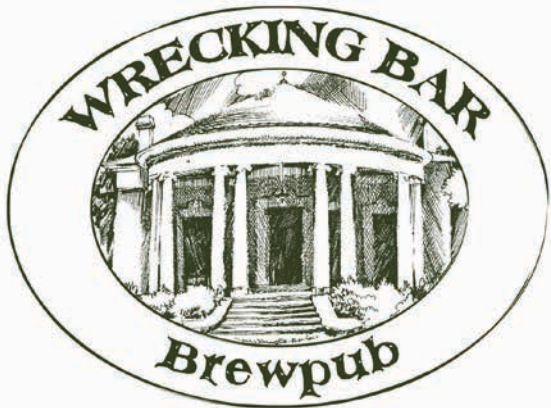
By TONY NEU • PUBLIC.SAFETY@INMANPARK.ORG

Well Inman Park, it is time for me to say goodbye... After two fulfilling years of being your security patrol VP, it is time for me to pass the torch. But fear not, I will be leaving the patrol in very competent hands. Already, many new faces are forming committees and engaging with the community and leaders in government. I know that these new participants will make a big impact on the quality of life, not only for Inman Park but for all of our Intown communities.

Keep an eye out for upcoming information on how you can get involved with the new initiatives and please help to spread the word to your friends and neighbors about what the IPSP does. The next generation of leaders will need all the support we can give them. 

## Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – April 2015

Directed Patrols.....	659	Member Contacts.....	26
Drop-Ins/Park and Walk.....	168	Stolen Vehicle .....	1
Alarm Calls .....	7	Parking Complaint .....	2
Fights.....	2	Person Injured .....	1
Intoxicated Person.....	2	Information for Officer .....	2
Suspicious Person .....	10	Theft.....	1
Hit and Run.....	1	Drugs.....	1



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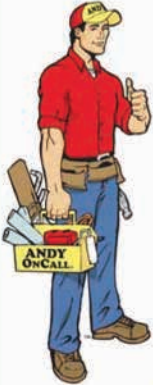
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# President's Message

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Speaking of trash and recycling (you KNEW I was going to go there), a special shout-out to Zone Commanders **Danny Feig-Sandoval, Cory Feig-Sandoval, Jack Stenger, and Faye Mobley**, along with the 85 or so Camo-clad volunteers who now wage the Festival's "war on trash". Too many to name, too awesome to describe in this column, so I will simply say "thank you!" and "see you next year"!

The highlight of Festival 2015 for me was the drafting of five of our 13-year-olds into what they named the "IPTF", which stands for the Inman Park Trash Force. **David Coffman, Aleks Fogel, Rylan Ritter, Ethan Thomas and Isaac Turner** willingly, enthusiastically, dare I say cheerfully embraced the task of cruising around on the back of my golf cart looking for overflowing trash containers. My hope is that someday THEY will be running the show!

It would take all of the pages of this issue of the *Advocator* to adequately thank all the rest who continue to make this Festival possible. So I will acknowledge the wonderful leadership of **Christel Sundin and Rob Craig**, and all of the talented and dedicated members of the **Festival Committee** that spends pretty much the entire year planning this "Miracle on Euclid" if you will. And the thousand or so volunteers from near and far that are the lifeblood of this iconic event, along with the musicians, artists, crafters, food vendors, beer purveyors, police officers, Home Tour houses, sponsors, the list goes on. Lastly, a big **THANK YOU** to all who come out each year, rain or shine, to be a part of the magic that is our beloved Inman Park. See you Next Year! **M**

## Book Club Calendar

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

May  
**26**

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

## Congratulations

**Jeff and Alison Gordon** of Euclid Ave.  
on the birth of their daughter Juliane,  
on April 20.

**Doug Levasseur and Michaela Kendall**  
of Ashland Ave. on the birth of their daughter,  
Amalia, on April 21.

# IPNA Business Meeting

## Minutes *continued*

Barbara requested, that in accordance with IPNA By-laws, the IPNA Board seeks formal approval to authorize a one-time grant to The Trolley Barn of up to \$35,000. Final approval carried after motion was made and seconded, one nay recorded.

**Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning:** Dennis for Michaela introduced Rick Bizot, IPNA's NPU-N representative. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by a hand count of 39 to 0 to approve the proposed amendments to the operating bylaws as published for NPU-N. Changes were published in the April *Advocator*. Cathie Berger, **Lifelong Communities** stated the quarterly lecture series are well attended and have provided quality information; next lecture topic will be Social Security. Meetings with Lizzie Chapel developers have resulted in an invitation to IPNA members to meet and discuss opportunities to downsize to a 2500 square feet apartment. If interested, meetings are available in June with finalized sales in August. Councilman Kwanza Hall is helping identify other apartment that will be renovated. Cathie thanked the Springvale Park Committee for considering all age populations in their plans. Street safety, among other issues will be their focus as they ramp up their development plans after Festival.

**Tony Neu, V.P. Public Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Tonya Marlatt, V.P. Zoning:** Nothing to report.

**Yvonne Merkel, V.P. Communications:** Nothing to report.

**Janet Berry, Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports: Transportation Committee chair Danny Feig Sandoval** reported IQ has signed a valet parking contract with Eagle Parking. Beginning May 1, Eagle Parking will service all restaurants at IQ, Krog Street Market, Sotto Sotto, Fritti, Barcelona, and Parish. Eagle Parking's contact information will be published for all questions or concerns. Temporary Emergency No Parking Signs are to be placed this week along the west side of Elizabeth Street from Bernina Avenue to Lake Avenue. Signs were promised by Mr. Mendosa, back up plans for placement were discussed. A detailed discussion ensued regarding the "impossibility" of there being adequate parking for sixteen new restaurants, the application of Residential Only Parking permits, the parking insensitivity of restaurant staff, and the insensitivity and impact of businesses on residents. Councilman Hall met with neighboring associations to discuss the allocation of \$4 million for traffic improvements. The KLENH transportation strategy was used to focus on target areas. Bruce Frenald reminded Danny through email that IQ has paid significant Impact Fees collected by the city; Danny advised impact fees are not automatically allocated to those impacted.

**Old Business**  
None

**New Business**  
None

**Meeting was adjourned 9:00 p.m. **M****



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# Transportation Committee News

BY DANNY FEIG-SANDOVAL • TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR • [DANNY@SMALLCARPENTERS.COM](mailto:DANNY@SMALLCARPENTERS.COM)

Our Transportation Committee has a lot going on these days. Below is a summary of recent activity:

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## City Funding for Key Traffic Initiatives

City Councilman Kwanza Hall hosted a meeting of stakeholders in his district to gather information on priority projects for potential funding by the \$4 million in discretionary funds expected to be available as a result of the recent passing of the City of Atlanta bond referendum. While it will be difficult to divide the funds equitably across the neighborhoods and special interest groups in his district, we were encouraged that some funds will be allotted to Inman Park priorities. Our priority projects include select recommendations from the KLENH Transportation Strategy: (a) intersection improvements at Elizabeth St. and Lake Ave.; (b) redesign of intersection at Elizabeth St. and N. Highland Ave.; (c) improvements at entrance to Inman Quarter at N. Highland; (d) redesign of intersection of Inman Park Village and N. Highland Ave.; (d) intersection improvements at Highland Ave. and Sampson St.; and (e) intersection improvements at Irwin St. and Krog St. The projected total cost for these priorities is about \$700,000. The meeting included representatives from: Inman Park, Candler Park, Midtown CID; L5P CID, Downtown CID, Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety (PEDS) and Atlanta Bicycle Coalition. Poncey Highland and Old Fourth Ward did not attend but submitted proposals. We are hopeful that, with a portion of these funds, and potential legislation appealing for development impact fees to be directed to our proposal, we will see at least parts of our proposal studied and implemented. *You can view details of the KLENH Transportation Strategy recommendations and the Inman Park proposal at [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org).*



*Captured at a rare quiet moment, this intersection at Lake Avenue and Elizabeth Street was identified as a top priority by the KLENH Traffic Study.*

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## Valet Parking Challenges

We hosted a community meeting on April 1 at Inman Quarter to discuss recent valet parking problems in the neighborhood. The meeting was productive in that Eagle Parking, the new valet service for Inman Quarter (IQ), Fritti, Sotto Sotto, Barcelona Grill, Parish, and Krog Street Market (KSM) listened to our concerns and agreed to provide a single contact for issues. They also will post the city code at all valet posts so the rules about where to park are clear. Eagle has signed a new contract with IQ, Sotto Sotto, and Fritti, so we expect recent issues to be largely resolved after the new contract takes effect on May 1. All valet parking at IQ and KSM should be in the two new parking decks. If you witness valets parking cars on neighborhood streets or have other concerns about valet parking, send an email to [ops@eagleparking.com](mailto:ops@eagleparking.com) and copy me ([danny@smallcarpenters.com](mailto:danny@smallcarpenters.com)) on the correspondence.



*The Transportation Committee facilitated a meeting to address recent issues related to valet parking in the neighborhood. As of May 1, Eagle Parking's new contract provides a single contact for valet parking issues.*

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## Moreland Avenue Redesign

There is a coalition of neighborhoods and business groups who met with engineers at the Georgia DOT to discuss the redesign of Moreland Ave. between Dekalb Ave. and Mansfield Ave. While there is currently no funding available for this project, the project has been assigned a project number and a project manager. We left the meeting encouraged as this is definitely on the DOT's radar. We will check back with DOT in August to see if new funding will be available and hopefully with the passing of the new \$1 billion transportation bill at the state legislature, some funding will be put towards this project. *You can view the proposal for this corridor at [inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org).*

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## Dekalb Avenue Redesign

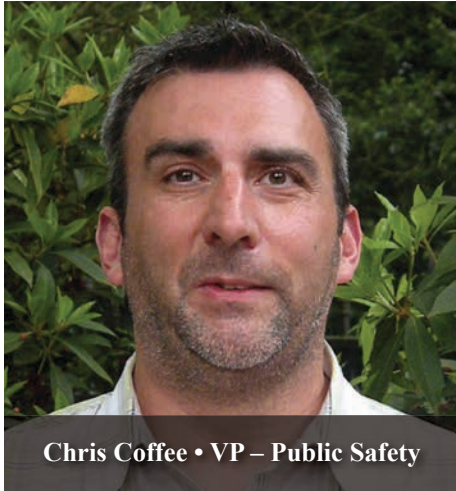
Another coalition of neighborhoods is working on redesign plans for Dekalb Ave. This project is fairly high up on the city's priority list and has approximately \$6 million in the bond fund that will hopefully be put to studying and implementing this project. **M**

# IPNA Officer Nominations

BY ANDY COFFMAN, NEEL GUPTA & MEGAN HOLDER • NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hello, Inman Park! It has been our pleasure to find the next group of neighbors to serve all of us. In 2015-2016, **Dennis Mobley** will return as President, **Michaela Kendall** as VP of Planning, and **Barbara Leach** as Treasurer. **Tonya Marlatt**, VP of Zoning, is included in the slate of nominees and will continue in her role following a mid-term appointment in 2014. That leaves the following positions to be filled: VP of Public Safety, VP of Historic Preservation, VP of Communications and Secretary. Many thanks to these folks for their willingness to give their time and talent to continue to make Inman Park the place to be!

We nominate the following individuals to serve:



**Chris Coffee • VP – Public Safety**

I first visited IP for Festival 2002 and instantly knew I had always wanted to live in a neighborhood like Inman Park. My wife and I bought our first house in the park on Waddell in July of 2003, a newly-listed find the result of a bike ride from Grant Park. As with many Inman Parkers, we fixed that house up, sold it, and bought another house on the complete opposite side of Inman on Austin Ave where we reside today. My wife, Kara, and I have two daughters, Corrine, 7, and Colette, 6, who attend Mary Lin and we are very active volunteers in their lives: from sports and school to camps. I am a founding partner of Choice Technology Group, a 7-year old Information Technology recruiting firm located in StudioPlex, just over the beltline in O4W.

I'm honored to be nominated for the VP of Public Safety and excited about the current energy in the neighborhood about safety. No one area can do more to improve or deteriorate our quality of life more quickly than crime and safety. I believe that by working together we can use this excitement to make positive changes to Inman Park and make our neighborhood the safe, walking community that it was 100 years ago.



**Brian Roof • VP – Historic Preservation**

I moved to Inman Park with my wife, Veronica, in 2012 from Brookhaven (originally from Florida) and we welcomed our daughter, Ellie, about a month later. The desire to be in Inman Park trumped the insanity of moving with a baby only weeks away. We moved to Inman Park for the walkability, truly being "in town" and for a better sense of community. After making instant friends with our surrounding neighbors, we knew we'd made the right choice.

I'm an attorney and the General Counsel for both CSE, a sports, entertainment and marketing agency based in Atlanta, and the Justice Network, a television network that launched in January. Before I changed gears and went into the world of sports and entertainment, I was a commercial real estate attorney for Arnall Golden Gregory.

For over three years I served on the HOA Board for our previous townhouse community. And while different from IPNA, it gave me insights and experience in working with a board, neighbors, a budget, crime and ensuring residents followed our community's architectural rules. With my prior experience in law, real estate and being part of a community association's board, I believe I can bring the necessary skills to the position of VP of Historic Preservation and look forward to the job.



**James McManus • VP – Communications**

My wife of 25 years (this year), Ellen, and I moved to 932 Austin Ave in 1996 from Woodland Hills. We have two daughters, Gwendolyn (16) and Kiera (13), and if having three cats and a dog isn't enough, we also raise chickens and are avid gardeners {McManus Chicken and Farmland}.

My professional background includes 14 years as an Industrial Automation engineer and a lifetime working in the IT industry. For the past 15 years, I've been with Unified AV Systems and am currently the Sr. VP of Information Systems (CIO). I believe this expertise will be helpful as we deploy the next iteration of the IPNA website later this year. I also am excited to work with two key Communications Committee members, **Alexandra Kronemeyer** (*Advocator* editor) and **Karina Timmel Antenucci** (Digital Communications) – enthusiastic communications experts who will help me enhance our ability to inform and engage Inman Park neighbors.

To this end, my goals for the Communications Committee during my term include: (1) Meet all the needs of the VP -- Communications role; (2) Deploy the most efficient and effective communications system possible; (3) Develop an information system that helps us grow participation in both IPNA and IPSP; (4) Provide an information system and process that is easy to use, for both users and administrators; and (5) Save time via consolidation of information access.

I look forward to serving in this role and contributing to the IPNA Board.

# Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

By MOLLY McLAMB • VP HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
[HISTORIC.PRESERVATION@INMANPARK.ORG](mailto:HISTORIC.PRESERVATION@INMANPARK.ORG)

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



Beverly Miller • Secretary

For Labor Day weekend of 2012, my husband Kurt and I came to Atlanta to meet our niece, who was flying in from L.A. to appear at Comicon. Wanting to treat her to dinner, I Googled “best Italian restaurants in Atlanta,” and Sotto Sotto topped the resulting list. We drove over from our home in Birmingham, picked up our niece, and came to Inman Park. That night we had a delightful dinner and also instantly fell in love with this amazing neighborhood.

Having gone to grad school at Emory, Atlanta was our first home together, and we’d always dreamed of coming back. When we discovered Inman Park, we knew we had to make it happen right away. Six weeks later, we owned a condo at IPV Lofts and began coming over on weekends, holidays, and every chance we got, with Kurt also starting to work here a few days a week. Soon we were able to move here full-time and wanted a bit more space, so we traded our one-bedroom condo for another one on our hall, bought the condo next door, and combined the two units.

This crazy adventure led to our having the perfect place for us. We love Inman Park and appreciate the long history of its residents working to make it the unique place it is today, from the majestic beauty of the quiet tree-lined streets with their stately Victorian homes to the village amenities and the convenience of getting around by walking and biking on the BeltLine and taking MARTA.

Before moving to Atlanta, I taught English Literature and Composition at Advent Episcopal School in Birmingham. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of IPV Lofts, and I would be honored to be Secretary of IPNA. **M**

	Application Deadline	AUDC Hearing Date
<b>Upcoming Application Deadlines</b>	May 19	June 10
	June 2	June 24
	June 16	July 8

## Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

### March 25, 2015

**872 Euclid Ave.** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-070) for alterations and an addition. Property is zoned R-5 / Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

**Staff Recommendation: Approve with conditions.**

**Commission Voted: Approved with conditions.**

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

### AUDC Contact Information:

Website: [www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx](http://www.atlantaga.gov/government/urbandesign.aspx)

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Phone: (404) 330-6145

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**THANK YOU**  
 to co-chairs Christel Sundin  
 and Rob Craig and the entire  
 Festival Committee for a great  
 2015 Inman Park Festival!



# Festival Focus - 2015 Festival Fun



Parade Grand Marshalls **Cathy and Bo Bradshaw**. Photo by Images by Wes



**Lacy Barnes**, senior administrator of events for Councilman Hall, and IP neighbor **Marge Hays**, show off Marge's 1991 Festival sweatshirt during a break from pre-Festival cleanup.



**Seed and Feed Marching Abominable** members **Angela Carrington** and **Betsy Johnson** strut their stuff. Photo by Images by Wes



Local duo **Larkin Poe** rock the Delta Park stage on Sunday afternoon. Photo by Mary Fiorello



**Jane Smith** and **Janet Patton** share a laugh during the parade. Photo by Images by Wes



Beer volunteers celebrate the end of a busy shift on Sunday. Photo by Danny Black



**Rob Craig**, **Christel Sundin** (green shirts) and **Lennie** (green bandana) with **Councilman Hall** and City of Atlanta employees who assisted with the pre-Festival cleanup.



Atlanta's favorite parade keeps Parade Chair **Karen Heim** on her toes. Photo by James McMamus



**Whitley Felton** is decked out in his Seed and Feed Marching Abominable finest. Photo by Bill Byrd



Far from Graceland or Las Vegas, these Elvises look right at home in the parade. Photo by Images by Wes



**Councilman Kwanza Hall** chats with **Lou Arcangeli** before the pre-Festival cleanup.



**Karin and Jacques Mebius** work the main sales tent before taking over as co-chairs for Festival 2016. Photo by Mary Fiorello

## 2015 Festival Motto

The week leading up to Festival included a very wet forecast as well as many under the weather Festival committee members, which led Karen Heim to coin this Festival motto for 2015 that she shared at the Butterfly Ball:

**Screw the flu;  
Damn the rain.  
We're Inman Park  
And we ain't play'n!**



Post-cleanup, pizza and beer, volunteers celebrate the end of Festival 2015 in the Trolley Barn. Photo by Mary Fiorello



## Special Thanks from the Parade Wrangler

By KAREN HEIM • IPFESTIVALPARADE@GMAIL.COM

Though you'll be reading this almost a month after it happened, I'm writing it the day before the Parade as I check the weather forecast almost hourly. All week, thunderstorms have been predicted. I'm fairly certain there will be rain, but NOT DURING OUR PARADE! THANK YOU to all who offered prayers and whatever "sacrifices" to the Powers that be and to those who "crossed their eyes, fingers and toes" (especially Ruth Riley, John Lewis's assistant!).

Whatever the outcome, THANK YOU to everyone who had faith and stuck it out—the new and repeat participants, the crowds, and the volunteers—your efforts are what make it work and make me proud to be your Parade Wrangler! THANK YOU to our Banner carriers and Butterfly escorts—Audrey Burnette, Frankie Clarke, Grace Dwyer and Claire Miller—and to the Grady High School Mock Trial volunteers headed up by Susanna and Gary Capeluto for holding back the sea of humanity while the Parade passed by. THANK YOU to the folks on the front line of the Parade route who were enlisted on the spot to be our "yellow-rope holders"—you're great at setting boundaries! THANK YOU also to "Butterfly" Freddie and his MailChimp crew for being the Inman Park Festival Parade Sponsor for the third year. SPECIAL THANKS go to the Parade Marshals for making things go off seemingly without a hitch: Andria Allen, Susie Allen (Holly Mull's sister), Don Allen, Deborah Bursa, Charles Gibson III, Jim McKinney, Donna and Leif Palmer, Jack Palmer and his son Avery, Wendy and Bob Patterson, Alla Raykin, Andy Rhodes, and Amy Stout.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Float Winners who take home CASH PRIZES of \$300 for 1st, \$150 for 2nd, and \$75 for 3rd. Yup, CASH for a bit of effort and unleashing creative juices. C'mon, y'all—step up—spend the next 320ish days getting your float together. We'd love to spread the prizes around to some fresh faces and challenge our seasoned winners next year! 🐛

## PARADE FLOAT WINNERS

### 1st Place

Gnome World Record Attempt:  
Do Your Gnomework

### 2nd Place

Funk Pirates

### 3rd Place (tie)

The Imperial Opa Circus  
Snakes on a Van



Gnomes, gnomes and more gnomes – winners of first place in the parade. Photo by Images by Wes



A perennial parade favorite, the Inman Park Precision Attache Drill Team. Photo by Images by Wes



Third place winner, Snakes on a Van – because, why not?! Photo by Mia Yakel





Parade sponsor MailChimp went all out with “Butterfly Freddie,” a winged version of their popular mascot in honor of the Inman Park Festival. Photo by Images by Wes



This Imperial Opa Circus performer sets a high bar for parade performances. Photo by Images by Wes



The Funk Pirates looked to be having a lot of fun as they took second place. Photo by James McManus



Keeping in step and prepared for rain that never came – the Grady High School Knights of Sound. Photo by Images by Wes



Like this one from Trees Atlanta, clever puns are hardly in short supply during the Inman Park parade. Photo by Images by Wes



Papier mache big head masks captivated kids and adults alike. Photo by Images by Wes



# Festival Focus

## Butterfly Ball 2015 – We Had a Ball!

BY COOPER PIERCE • BUTTERFLY BALL CHAIR • C3PIERCE@YAHOO.COM

What a way to kick off Festival! Good food, friends and neighbors, and party tunes. I don't know about you, but I look forward to the Feed & Seed blitz every year, and this year's was another energy boost before the dancing started. They added an exclamation point to the Joel Awards.

And the tunes provided by Yacht Rock Schooner got everyone on the dance floor. Weren't they great?! They know how to keep the party going.

Like everything about Festival, we owe some thanks to people and businesses that step up to help us out every year. **Rathbun's** has generously donated the table linens every year and deserves a

big THANK YOU for being there for us again. I would like to acknowledge a few of the IPNA members who helped out this year – they are **Chad Altemose**, the man behind the Festival website and **Yvonne Merkel** and **Barbara Leach**, the keepers of the IPNA membership database for their help with ticket orders. Next year we'll have a new database and those elusive emails will be a thing of the past.

The "Mirror Ball Award" goes to an incredible supporting cast of volunteers that help set up those 400+ chairs and tables along with helping to set up the rigging for the tent decorations. They were all there, ready to go on Friday to help make the magic happen. They

were willing, able and made the tasks enjoyable. Good friends and good times make the best memories. Folks that is what is so special about volunteering and getting involved – you make friends, have fun being a part of something bigger, and share in the excitement.

We have fun creating the party atmosphere for the Ball and hope that you enjoyed our 44th annual Festival kick off event. Next year will be our 45th Festival! Ideas are already floating around for something quite special. I'm going to need a little extra crew for this one, so stay tuned...

Enjoy the rest of your spring and summer, and we'll see you next year! **M**



A peek under the tent at the Butterfly Ball, where neighbors kicked off Festival weekend. Photo by James McManus



Kelly Brown, Lisa Yates, Holly Morton and Marcy Brigger Fountain. Photo by Bill Byrd



Mel Ritter, Anne Henn, Kelli Ritter, Alex Coffman and Denise Tomkosky. Photo provided by Alex Coffman



## Congratulations to the 2015 Joel Award Winners

A bright young woman from a land far away,  
 Travelled the world and decided to stay  
 In a magical place, filled with laughter and trees.  
 The one thing she missed were the cold Northern seas.  
 Alright, she said, if nobody cares  
 I'll introduce my own Polar Bears!

One day she met a strong handsome man,  
 They greatly admired each other's nice tan.  
 Already famous for his quick wit,  
 Quiet and loving, yes - he was it.

Now, as a team, they started their quest  
 To make Inman Park the absolute best.  
 Festival Street Market – a very big deal,  
 Running so smoothly with them at the wheel!  
 They put Arts & Crafts even more on the map,  
 Directing the traffic and taking no crap.

Then everyone said: "Oh, couple so fair,  
 please, oh please, be our Festival Chair."  
 The next part of the quest had thus begun,  
 And oh my word, did they have fun!

Who are these people of such legendary fame?  
 Well, Rob is his, and Christel is her name.  
 The secret weapon behind their success?  
 It's mastermind Lenny, we must confess.

Proud and amazed we Inman Parkers are of you.  
 And SO very thankful for all that you do!

### **Christel Sundin & Roland (Rob) Craig**

He came from Augusta, not so far away.  
 By 2010, he was here to stay.  
 To build up a church that was very much loved,  
 In need of a new leader sent from God above.

He loved the children, the grandparents too.  
 Plus he's one of the parents with so much to do.  
 His friend, his partner and soul mate in life,  
 After one blind date, he made Anne his wife.

A degree in construction, it wasn't enough.  
 Divinity his calling, it wasn't too tough.  
 A Masters at Duke in 2011,  
 And to our historic church he was sent from heaven.

A minister and friend, confidant to more than some,  
 Inman Park appreciates all that Matt has done.

### **Matthew Nelson**

In "The Hollywood of the South" as our city is known  
 The number of movies that filmed here had grown.  
 And into our 'hood, they would come with their trucks  
 Celebrity sighting is fun, but the noise and traffic sucks

We needed a hero to calm frustration and ire  
 Of residents and businesses beginning to tire  
 Of the non-stop filming – when will it all end?  
 Inman Parkers and film crews both needed a friend

One was finally found, whose expertise was a fit  
 And she was right under our noses, in a house on Colquitt  
 At her everyday job, film locations she'd seek  
 Down at City Hall, at filming permits she'd peek

She'd hop on the Yahoo group to let us all know  
 When film crews were coming and when they would go  
 Worked with the directors to smooth out the bumps  
 When residents got cranky and turned into grumps

When filming is done, the neighborhood would get  
 "A little something" - for the job of being a movie set.

She moved closer to Krog Street, with its hipsters on  
 fixies  
 To a house near the BeltLine, on an avenue called Dixie  
 We're lucky to have her so that IP will survive  
 If they ever come back to film "Anchorman 5"

### **Karen Goeckel**

Years ago you accepted the role  
 On the Board as Zoning VP

We might have forgotten your service then,  
 But you just can't let it be.

When Inman Park Pool required a design,  
 You stepped up and said "I will."

Drawing up plans, free of charge  
 A big deal -- we've seen your bill

You've devoted your time to the Butterfly Ball  
 For all neighbors to attend

A thankless role; but we all agree  
 That's what it's about in the end.

Your record of service made this choice easy  
 Even though competition was fierce

In the name of Joel Hurt, we'd all like to say  
 "Thank you, Cooper Pierce."

### **Cooper Pierce**



*Christel Sundin & Roland (Rob) Craig*



*Greg Scott with Cooper Pierce*



*Karen Goeckel with Liz Davey*



*Matt Nelson with Terry Sagedy*



# Festival Focus

## Arts & Crafts Juried Exhibition Winners

BY MARY FIORELLO AND JOE MORRIS • EXHIBITOR CO-CHAIRS • MFIORRELO@GMAIL.COM • PHOTOS BY JAMES MCMANUS

Exhibitor applications for the 44th annual Inman Park Festival started filling our mailbox back in October and they didn't stop coming until even after the March 13, deadline! Entries are then presented to our jury, which is made up of past and present Festival chairpersons, a photographer, a professional jeweler and a former curator of folk art for the High Museum of Art. The group met four times to evaluate vendor applications and ensure only the best artists exhibit in Arts & Crafts.

Then, on Saturday, while most festivalgoers were watching the parade, two local art professors made their way through more than 125 booths rating the artists. The winners receive a ribbon, bragging rights and a cash prize - first place (\$500), second place (\$300), third place (\$150) and three honorable mentions (\$50 each). The judges' selections for this year's event are listed below. We hope you had an opportunity to see their work, as well as that of our other talented artists. **M**



**1st Place - Anne D. Wooster**

### 1st place

**Anne D. Wooster** of Anne Wooster Botanicals [[annewoosterimpressions.net](http://annewoosterimpressions.net)]

### 2nd place

**Anastasia Alexandrin** of Anastasia Fine Art [[aalexandrin.com](http://aalexandrin.com)]

### 3rd place

**Faryn Davis** of Fernworks [[fernworks.org](http://fernworks.org)]

### Honorable Mentions

**Jason Snape** of Snape Ridiculum [[jasonsnape.com](http://jasonsnape.com)]

**Jessica Stoddart Ladd** of Jessica Stoddart Fine Art [[jessicastoddart.com](http://jessicastoddart.com)]

**Maria Musngi** of ORB Clothing [[orbclothing.etsy.com](http://orbclothing.etsy.com)]



**2nd Place Anastasia Alexandrin**



**3rd Place Faryn Davis**



**Jason Snape**



**Jessica Stoddart Ladd**



**Maria Musngi**



Theatre Night attendees enjoy dinner al fresco before the performances begin. Photo by James McManus



Theatre Night emcee Nick Franz welcomes the crowd. Photo by James McManus



Lisa and Jeff Adler, Co-Artistic Directors with the Horizon Theatre Company, announce the next performance. Photo by James McManus



A packed house filled the big tent for Theatre Night. Photo provided by James McManus



## Inman Park Theatre Night

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# A Step Closer: An Update on the Sale of the Trolley Barn

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I want to thank each of you who has generously donated your time, talent, and money to the effort to purchase the Trolley Barn from the City of Atlanta. I also want to thank those of you who had never been in the Barn who came by to see it during Festival.

Here's an update on where we stand in early April. Atlanta's Development Authority, Invest Atlanta (IA), has been put in charge of handling the sale of The Trolley Barn. IA's Managing Director of Redevelopment and a Real Estate Development Specialist met with the AESRC's Board of Directors in March to view the property and solicit information about the Trolley Barn. They also were interested in community objectives and concerns to be addressed by the Request for Proposals (RFP) that Invest Atlanta will issue for the sale of The Barn. Councilman Kwanza Hall and his chief of staff, Jay Tribby, as well as IPNA President, Dennis Mobley, took time from their busy schedules to attend this meeting, for which we are grateful.

IA will consider many factors in making its determination of the appropriate disposition of the Barn. Among these factors are community objectives and concerns. The purchase price will be considered but will not be the highest priority in this sale.

AESRC collaborated with IPNA to generate a list of Inman Park's objectives concerning the sale of The Barn which was provided to the IA representatives. Among those objectives is an owner who recognizes and appreciate the iconic nature of this historic building and its significance to Inman Park; has a proven track record of managing historic structures and will prioritize the preservation and maintenance of the building; will respect the extensive residential nature of the surrounding environment and continue to operate the facility as a "low impact" venue, particularly regarding traffic, parking, noise and refuse; will support IPNA's efforts to foster community engagement through continued complimentary use of the facility; and will continue to offer below-market rates to non-profit organizations.

IA anticipates holding a public meeting at The Barn in early-to-mid May to review its draft RFP and to receive public comments so that it can finalize the RFP. Sixty days after the public meeting, IA hopes to receive proposals and make a decision on the purchaser. We will publicize the date of the public meeting so that you can attend if you are interested.

Thank you for your continuing support. 



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# NPU-N Update

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Notes from the April 23, 2015 meeting:

## PRESENTATIONS:

**Police Department:** Major Peek reported a 10% decrease in crime over the last 28 days. Officer Lamar Hester (COPS unit) announced that Poncey-Highland is now in the City's Neighborhood Watch program.

**Fire Department:** Isaac Cox reported increased concern with juvenile fire-setters. Contact the Fire Safety Education section at 404-546-7000 for information and assistance.

**The Honorable Judge Jane Morrison,** State Court of Fulton County, reported that community service is often required as part of sentencing for non-violent offenders. She encouraged neighborhoods to contact her with suggestions for meaningful community service opportunities (404-613-4311; [jane.morrison@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:jane.morrison@fultoncountyga.gov))

## MATTERS FOR DECISION:

**Paideia School Art Installation:** Proposed public art installation on campus has received support from DHCA. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

**RRC (Reynoldstown) grant application:** Applying for City grant to support affordable housing pre-development costs (\$20k) and operating expenses (\$40k). Received support from RCIL. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

## LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

**William Bailey Allin, Jr.** (Bread & Butterfly Restaurant, 299 N. Highland Ave NE, Inman Park) New Business request for alcohol license at new location. Applicant has met with IPNA and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

## ZONING REVIEW BOARD:

**1099 North Ave NE** (Z-14-061, Poncey Highlands): to rezone the property from R4 to MRC-3. Application deferred at start of meeting at applicant's request; applicant not present.

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

**60 Moreland Ave NE** (Reynoldstown); seeking modifications to zoning conditions and variance to encroach on transitional yard to allow entry drive, parking and transformer installation. Applicant agrees to provide access easement to adjacent neighbors. Applicant received support from RCIL. NPU-N Board voted 8-0 (with 1 abstaining) to support the application.

## BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

**819 Belgrade Ave NE** (V-15-056, Poncey-Highland); seeking a variance to reduce the required half-depth front yard setback from 15 feet to 2 feet 4 inches to allow a second story addition to a single family dwelling and erect a detached garage. Applicant has met with PHNA and received support on the condition that the garage not contain a dwelling unit. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

**1038 North Ave NE** (V-15-064, Poncey-Highland); seeking a variance to reduce the required half-depth front yard setback from 17.5 feet to 13.6 feet to allow a 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition to a single family dwelling. Applicant has met with PHNA and received support. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND OUTDOOR FESTIVALS:

**Soccerfest** (Candler Park), June 12-13, 2015. Women's World Cup viewing party; free. Website: [atlantasoccerfest.com](http://atlantasoccerfest.com) Applicant received support from CPNO. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

**Fall Festival on Ponce** (Olmstead Linear Park), October 17-18, 2015. Free. Website: [festivalonponce.com](http://festivalonponce.com) Applicant received support from DHCA. NPU-N Board voted 8-0 (with 1 abstaining) to support the application.

**Cork Puller's Beer, Wine & Spirits Tour** (Candler Park), August 29, 2015. Gated and ticketed event. Website: [corkpullerstour.com](http://corkpullerstour.com) Applicant received support from CPNO. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the application.

## NEW BUSINESS (UPCOMING):

**NPU-N Bylaws vote:** Constituent organizations to hold votes within the next 2 months to affirm NPU-N bylaws as amended.

**41 Cornelia St SE** (V-15-090, O4W, NPU-M); seeking a variance to reduce the required front yard setback from 30 feet to 13.1 feet and the south side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet to allow for an addition to a single family dwelling. [no proposed land disturbance] (IPNA review and comment only).

## Proposed Ordinances:

- 1. Change in Fee for construction or excavation in the public right of way and blocking or closing sidewalks or streets** (15-O-1131): adds \$1,000 penalty for working w/o permit; adds \$35 applicator fee; increases permit fee from \$35 to \$130; adds \$80 haul route permit fee
- 2. Change in fee for commercial vehicle permits** (15-O-1132): adds \$100 penalty for non-commercial vehicles who park in

## NPU-N Members

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

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[cabbagetown.com](http://cabbagetown.com)

**Candler Park**  
[candlerpark.org](http://candlerpark.org)

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[druidhills.org](http://druidhills.org)

**Inman Park**  
[inmanpark.org](http://inmanpark.org)

**Lake Claire**  
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**Poncey-Highland**  
[ponceyhighland.com](http://ponceyhighland.com)


**Reynoldstown**  
[reynoldstown.net](http://reynoldstown.net)

**L5P Community Center**  
[l5pccc.org](http://l5pccc.org)

**L5P Business Assn**  
[little5points.com](http://little5points.com)

truck loading zones; adds \$20 replacement fee for passes.

- 3. Change in fee for residential permit parking** (15-O-1133): increases permit fee from \$20 to \$30; adds replacement fee of \$10; adds a \$5 fee for visitor parking permits; allows eligible residents who do not apply for a residential parking permit to apply for visitor parking permit for \$5; adds \$10 replacement fee for permits; adds an exception to the expiration date provisions to make permits issued for Inwood Circle valid for 2 years.
- 4. Change in fee for off-street public parking facilities** (15-O-1134): adds \$1,000 fine for any person responsible for and/or engaging in the operation of a park-for-hire facility without a permit; also adds an additional fine of \$100 per day of such violation; increases permit fee from \$100 to \$700; adds a \$75 annual renewal fee; specifies that the parking facility operator must contact the Office of Transportation to request renewal certification of the park-for-hire permit; sets a failure to renew penalty of \$100 per day which is added to the renewal fee.

*NPU-N Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October. The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, and the December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Little Five Points Center for Arts & Community, 1083 Austin Ave NE. All are welcome to attend. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 2015. *



# Inman Park Trees Update

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With the conclusion of another successful Inman Park Spring Festival & Tour of Homes, let's take a moment to acknowledge one reason why people make sure it's on their calendar every year: the sheer beauty of our neighborhood in late April. Moreover, we all know that our trees, large and small, young and old, are a big part of that.

It seems timely, therefore, for the two of us to answer a few questions about IPNA's ongoing efforts to plant, maintain, and conserve trees. So without further ado:

*I seem to remember that at one time, we had a tree group in the neighborhood. Does it still exist?*

Absolutely! It's called Inman Park Tree Watch. The authors of this article are now co-chairing the committee, in a fruitless but necessary effort to fill the oversized shoes of immediate past Chairman Richard Westrick.

*Hmm. But I don't recall seeing a notice about a tree planting for a while.*

That's true. For about a dozen years, beginning in 2000, Tree Watch worked closely with Trees Atlanta to organize volunteers to plant trees at least once and sometimes twice each season. In that time, as a result of the partnership, Inman Park added more than 750 trees in at least 75 different species and cultivars. Entire streets, e.g., Dekalb Ave, Spruce, and Haralson, underwent dramatic change as a result of the efforts of Tree Watch and other dedicated neighborhood volunteers.

*So now you're resting on your laurels. Or you've run out of places to plant trees.*

Hardly. From last fall to today, Tree Watch has accomplished the following: (1) submitted a proposal to Georgia Power for a collaboration with the utility to plant energy-saving trees in the yards of our homes and businesses; (2) coordinated with Jamestown, developer of Ponce City Market, and Trees Atlanta to have so-called "recompense" street trees planted, at Jamestown's expense, at key locations that include Euclid along Freedom Park and Washita at Bass Lofts; (3) worked closely with homeowners on Waddell and Paces Properties to add nine evergreen trees to the landscaping at Krog Street Market; (4) contracted out the replacement and addition of large, "ball-and-burlap" trees on Elizabeth, Haralson, Spruce, and Waverly Way; (5) and led a pre-Festival mulching and pruning project with neighborhood and Trees Atlanta volunteers.

*Okay, I stand corrected. What's next?*

Thanks for asking. Beginning next fall, Tree Watch will be launching an all-out, no-holds-barred, everything-goes effort to convince you to plant a tree or trees in your yard. Allow us to explain. Adding a street tree — in that strip between sidewalk and street — is a fine thing. But here's the deal: we don't have planting strips wide enough, in most places, to add shade trees in those locations. Only our yards, front and/or back, can accommodate large shade trees like oaks and hickories. And we desperately need new shade trees. Unless, that is, you want to sit by while Inman Park gradually takes on the look of a newly bulldozed OTP subdivision. Do you want that?

*No way. So what can I do to help?*

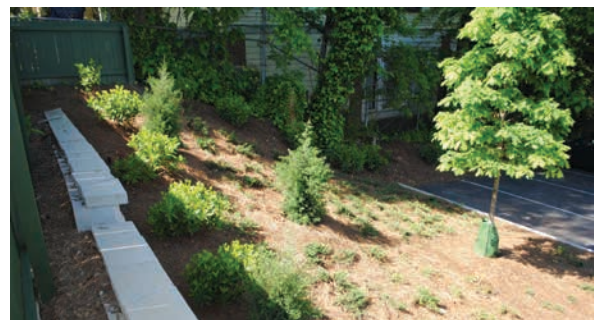
Practice saying, "Yes, Jim and Oreon, just tell me where you think it can be planted in my yard." Make a tax-deductible donation to Friends of Inman Park (FOIP) with a note for Steve Hays: FOR OUR TERRIFIC TREES. Contact Jim at [abbot.jim@gmail.com](mailto:abbot.jim@gmail.com) with "I Am Desperate To Join Your Committee!" in the subject line. And, most important, every time you drive back into your cool, shaded, leafy green neighborhood, remind yourself not to take it for granted. **M**



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New Autumn Brilliance serviceberries on upper Elizabeth



New red cedars on embankment at Krog Street Market



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# Agenda

*May 20, 2015 Meeting*

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



## Good to Know

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

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

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

### Websites

[InmanPark.org](http://InmanPark.org)  
[InmanParkFestival.org](http://InmanParkFestival.org)  
[Facebook.com/InmanPark](https://Facebook.com/InmanPark)

### Report All Crimes: Call 911

IP Security Patrol: 404-414-7802  
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[www.little5points.com](http://www.little5points.com)

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