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President's Message

## In Praise of Our Committees

BY DENNIS MOBLEY • PRESIDENT@INMANPARK.ORG



When I took office last year, one of the first things I did was focus on the “Who’s Who” of IPNA as displayed each month on page 3 of the *Advocator*. I will admit I knew who most of the neighbors were, listed as “Chairs and Coordinators”, but not necessarily what their position entailed.

It became easy to realize that, yes, we always manage to have a very talented Board of Directors in place through the years, including our many VPs, our Secretary and our Treasurer, but the wide range of initiatives that this neighborhood takes on and sustains would not be possible without the literally dozens of Inman Parkers who serve on our committees, whether those bodies be “standing” committees or ad-hoc in nature.

I decided to take the advice of a Board colleague and attempt to convene an “All Hands” meeting, to try and literally get all or most of our officers as well as our chairs and coordinators in one room. Lo and behold, on the morning of Saturday, May 9, 2015, fully two dozen of us met at the Trolley Barn. The agenda was two-fold. First, it involved having each Chair or Coordinator describe to the group what they do on behalf of IPNA. Second, because the IPNA budget is typically earmarked to our committees, this gathering would logically be the right folks to consult in order to decide from where we would wring \$25 to \$35 thousand towards the purchase of the Trolley Barn. The budgetary outcome has been reported in our IPNA meeting minutes and elsewhere, but I believe the big take-away was this: the committee structure mandated by our Association’s By-Laws is indeed the proper way to structure an effective way for neighbors near and far to get involved in the life of Inman Park.

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## Small-Decision Effects

BY JIM ABBOT • CO-CHAIR OF INMAN PARK TREE WATCH • ABBOT.JIM@GMAIL.COM

One of the many wonderful features of our neighborhood is the large number of critters who make Inman Park home. Maybe you’ve heard the cackle of a barred owl, watched a red-tailed hawk soaring through the trees, or participated in the squirrel census a few years back. We have many, many smaller animals, too, like this bee I caught stealing some nectar from my bottlebrush buckeye.



Habitat for animals is just one of the reasons that Inman Park Tree Watch is working to replenish our canopy and expand our neighborhood arboretum, which is focused on flowering trees.

You can help! The small, individual decisions we make, taken together, can have a substantial effect. Maybe that’s making a \$25 tax-deductible donation to Friends of Inman Park, designated for Tree Watch. Maybe it’s sending me an email to arrange a visit to identify tree-planting sites in your yard.

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### What’s Happening

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You are invited to the Dad’s Garage Open House in July

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# IPNA Business Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2015

BY BEVERLY MILLER • SECRETARY@INMANPARK.ORG

**President Dennis Mobley** called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Three motions were requested, made, seconded, and unanimously approved, adding three items to the meeting agenda: 1) 1187 Cleburne building proposal; 2) reaffirmation of NPU Bylaws; and 3) remarks by **Bruce Fernald**, partner in the development of Inman Quarter, as well as a briefing by **Andy Green**, President of Acquisitions at Tribridge Residential, the new owner of the apartments at Inman Quarter.

*Newcomers:* **Cristy Lenz**, Ashland Ave, was welcomed to her first meeting. She has lived in Inman Park for three years.

*Minutes:* A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve last month's Minutes.

*Announcements:*

**Oreon Mann**, Inman Park Book Club, announced that the book club will meet at his house, 877 Edgewood, next Tuesday, June 30, to discuss *Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin, a book about the life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

**Pat Westrick** made two announcements: 1) The next Porch Party will be hosted by Dustin Staples and Jim Saga, 988 Carmel, on June 26 at 7:30 p.m. 2) The July Fourth Party is scheduled for July 4 from 4:00-6:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Trolley Barn. IPNA will provide chicken and drinks. Please bring a dish to share.

**Christy Lenz** announced that she is starting a walking food tour in Inman Park. Tours will visit lots of restaurants and will include information about fundraising for the Trolley Barn. See the web site, [www.foodtoursatlanta.com](http://www.foodtoursatlanta.com). Dennis suggested IPNA include a notice in the *Advocator*.

**Dennis** announced the June 20 ecological landscape workshop led by **Dan Ballard** of Ecological Gardens. **Dennis** also announced that last year the 5 Arts Fest was held in Little Five Points and was poorly attended. They are trying to get a special event permit to hold the festival on September 12.

*Public Safety Reports:*

**Investigator Barrett** reported that arrests were made on the Vortex double homicides. The same individuals were involved in a recent string of robberies. He also reported that an officer recently responded to an alarm call on Virgil St. and saw two robbers in the house. The culprits arrested were two juveniles. There have also been a couple of car break-ins on Montag this past week.

*Elected Officials Reports:* None present.

*Officer Reports:* **Dennis Mobley, President**, welcomed the new faces at the head table and thanked the last officers for their service. Brian Roof replaces Molly McLamb; James McManus replaces Yvonne Merkel; Beverly Miller replaces Janet Berry; Chris Coffee replaces Tony Neu. Dennis gave everyone a heads up that as we implement MemberClicks, we must re-examine how we structure membership. We will put on focus group events to gather input. Let us know by email if you want to participate. We will also seek out people for focus groups so we get a good representative sample.

**Brian Roof, V.P. Historic Preservation:**

Two projects were presented. The first, 343 Sinclair Ave, falls under type III COA. Carlos Street is the architect and spoke about the addition. Danielle Henry is the resident. The proposed addition involves adding one bedroom onto the rear of the house, removing a deck, and building a smaller deck. Immediate neighbors met and gave unanimous support. A motion was requested, made, seconded and passed to support the addition.

The next property in question, 1187 Cleburne, was presented by architects from Renewal Design and Build. The owners, Aaron Schwartz and Thea DeLage, want an addition to the second story. They are seeking a four foot, three inch variance on the height of the house. Front and side gables will remain. From Cleburne Ave., the addition will not be seen. (A similar addition done previously at 65 Waddell came out well after obtaining the same variance.) Four immediate neighbors met and gave unanimous support.

It was motioned, seconded and passed to support the addition.

**Barbara Leach, Treasurer**

Prior to the report, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to correct the May Minutes to add \$40,000 to the amount reported for reserves.

**Cash Balances as of May 30**

Operating accounts.....	173,016
Reserves.....	48,790
Total .....	221,806

**Revenues and Expenses**

IPSP Income	
Individual HO Dues .....	4,610
HOA Dues .....	2,500
Total .....	7,110

IPSP Expenses

Patrol Hours .....	15,293
Signs.....	181
Total .....	15,473
IPSP Net Income .....	-8,363

**Other Income**

Membership Dues .....	380
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**Other Expense**

Beautification .....	3070
Springvale Park .....	1530
Education Grants.....	500
Misc. Other Budgeted .....	561
Total .....	5661
Net Loss for Period .....	-13,644

**Michaela Kendall, V.P. Planning:** Dennis for Michaela, nothing to report

**Rick Bizot, NPU-N Representative,** announced that there is a BeltLine 5K in Gordon White Park, 1350 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW, on July 11, 2015, at 7:30 a.m. He also announced that there is a proposal to have a streetcar charter fee in order to allow the streetcar to operate on a charter basis. Rick then led a reaffirmation of the bylaws, which allows NPU to operate on a representative basis. A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27-0 to reaffirm the bylaws.

Dennis introduced **Bruce Fernald**, a representative of the Inman Quarter development team who expressed appreciation to the community for being lively and challenging input they received during the IQ planning. IQ is better for the process. Bruce discussed that their original intent for the property changed when approached by Tribridge 15 months ago. Andy Green of Tribridge

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## Other Happenings to Note

### **President Jimmy Carter Book Signing: *A Full Life***

Wednesday, July 15 • 6 p.m. (Doors at 4 p.m.) • Jimmy Carter Library  
jimmycarterlibrary.gov

Bring your own copy of *A Full Life*, or purchase one there and have it signed by Former President Jimmy Carter. You may have up to 5 books signed. No photos or memorabilia signing. Free.

### **AARP Safe Driving Class**

Thursday, July 16 • 10 a.m. – 4:30 a.m. • Ponce De Leon Library • afpls.org/events

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### **Girls Rock Camp ATL – 2015 Camper Showcase**

Saturday, July 18 • 1p.m. • Variety Playhouse • girlsrockcampatl.org

Come to the final performance of girls ages 10-16 who are instructed in guitar, bass, keyboards, or drums during their week at camp.

### **Dad's Garage Open House**

Tuesday, July 21 • 7 p.m. • 569 Ezzard Street • dadsgarage.com

Would you like to see Dad's new digs? Be one of the first at this Open House. Please RSVP to lara@dadsgarage.com.

### **The Beach Boys**

Friday, July 24 • 8 p.m. • Atlanta Botanical Garden • atlantabg.org

Wouldn't it be nice to be pick'n up good vibrations? Don't worry baby, tickets are available at ticketalternative.com.


### **Firefighters from Station 19**

Saturday, July 25 • 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. • Ponce De Leon Library • afpls.org/events

Check out a real fire truck with the firefighters from Station 19! Costumes encouraged, but not required. Ages 2-12.

### **Ponce Annual Spelling Bee**

Saturday, August 1 • 2 p.m. • Ponce De Leon Library • afpls.org/events

Test your wits in the 9th annual spelling bee. A celebration for all Summer Reading participants will follow the competition. Ages 5-12. Call 404-885-7820 to register by July 25. 

## IPNA Calendar

July  
15

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

July  
23

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

July  
28

**Book Club**  
Hosted by  
Dorothy McClure

See page 15 for details

July  
31

**Porch Party**

See page 12 for details.

Aug  
1

**Inman Park Open House**  
6:00 p.m.

Aug  
19

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

Aug  
25

**Book Club**  
Hosted by Jim and Cathy  
Cook McKinney

Aug  
27

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

Sept  
26

**Wine Stroll on the BeltLine**  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Inman Park Pool Neighborhood Open House

Please join your fellow neighbors on Saturday August 1 at 6 p.m. for a Neighborhood Open House and Back to School Pool Party at the Inman Park Pool.

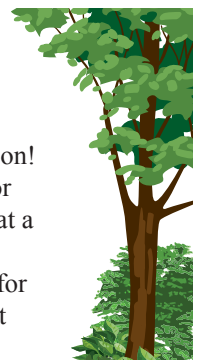
Bring a finger food to share. The pool will provide drinks for adults and children.



## Free Weekly Events this Summer

Sign-up at treesatlanta.org.

- **Weekday Plant Guardians:** Join a team to take care of trees on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9am to noon!
- **Weeds and Wine:** Pull weeds for 2 hours and then get free drinks at a local restaurant! Wednesdays.
- **Walking Tour:** Meets at Parish for a BeltLine tour every Saturday at 10 a.m. 



# Public Safety Update

BY CHRIS COFFEE • PUBLIC.SAFETY@INMANPARK.ORG

Why did I volunteer to be VP of Public Safety? First, I was asked. I always wanted to get more involved with the neighborhood but I didn't really know where to start. I believe there are neighbors right now who want to get more involved but they are not sure how. Please feel free to reach out to me, as we have many initiatives going on right now, and we would love to hear from you.

Second, on a Saturday afternoon about a year and a half ago, a criminal tried to break into our house in the middle of the day with the Austin Ave Soccer fields directly across the street full of kids and parents. I was at a swim lesson with my kids but my wife returned home from a trip to Target and discovered him trying to pry off our storm window inside our back screened in porch. Both our dogs were barking up a storm four feet away from him, but he didn't care. To this day, I still worry this could have gone very badly, but my wife banged on the door, scared him, and he took off back through our yard and with a flash was gone. From this I learned that these guys just don't care about anything. What more of a deterrent could we have had? It was the middle of the day on a Saturday, when most people are home. We have two medium-sized dogs, a fence around our back yard, an alarm and yard sign, and the street out front was full of parked cars and pedestrians.

Remember: They don't care. That is why we need to watch out for each other.

Tips for Home Safety:

- Report suspicious activity or suspicious people on your street by calling 911.
- Call 911 every time (the more 911 calls come from our area, the more police resources we get).
- Always put your alarm on when you leave. Get an alarm if you don't have one.
- Report crimes to the neighborhood thru Nextdoor.com
- Lock your doors and windows, even second-story windows.
- Make sure your house number is clearly displayed so emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.
- Install bright outdoor lighting and leave it on at night. The new LED bulbs are super-efficient and very bright. If a whole street is lit up, the bad guys will go elsewhere. Make sure to turn it off during the day.
- Document your valuables. Take pictures with your phone of the item and any serial number plates. Burn a cd, email them to yourself, or store them in an app like Flickr or Snapfish.

If we look out for each other and get involved, we can make a real difference! Check out the new series below where a different Public Safety Volunteer will be featured each month, as we did with the patrol officers the last 14 months. Thanks for your hard work! **M**

# Public Safety Volunteer Profile



**Name:** Justin Wilde

**Address:** Waverly Way

**Job:** Father, Husband, Banker on the side

**Favorite Sports Team:** Atlanta Falcons (just saying that for my sons as I love the Dallas Cowboys)

**Volunteer Position:** Street Captain

**How long have you lived in Inman Park?** Since 2004

**What is your favorite thing about living in Inman Park?**

The neighborly people from all walks of life and the ability to walk and get anything you need in the neighborhood.

**What made you volunteer to be a street captain?** Chris Coffee is a really big guy.

**What does the safety of Inman Park mean to you?**

It's really important. As the economy improves, people improve their homes, and new restaurants and living spaces pop up in Inman Park. That is great; however, it will attract more and more people to our awesome neighborhood. It's our duty individually to keep our eyes and ears open every single day to watch out for our families and children in this great neighborhood community to keep it a safe place to live. **M**

## Inman Park Security Patrol Activity – June 2015

Directed Patrols.....	768
Drop Ins .....	194
Suspicious Person .....	9
Alarm .....	3
Information For Officer.....	2
Vehicle Accident .....	2
Missing Child.....	1
<i>(the child was found safe by their parents on the BeltLine)</i>	
Theft.....	5
Person Injured/Down .....	2
Open Door.....	1
Criminal Trespass.....	1
Fireworks .....	1
Noise Complaint .....	1

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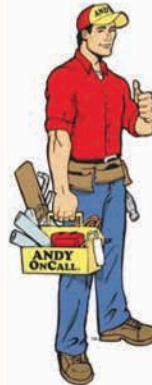
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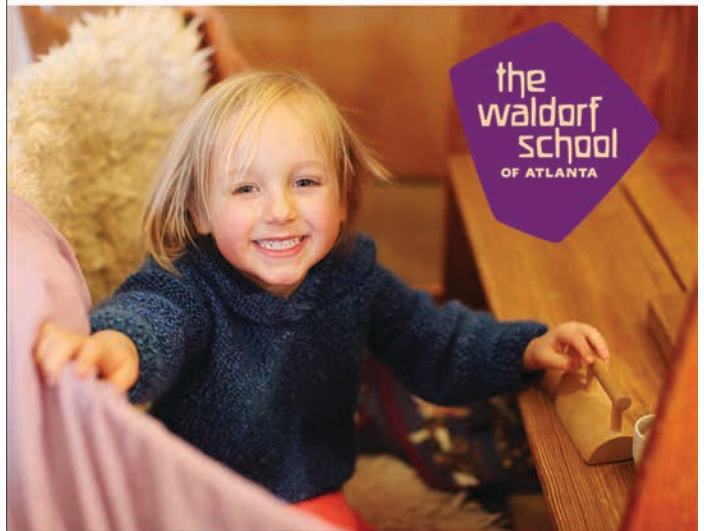
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## President's Message *continued*

So I urge you, the readers of the *Advocator* whose names are not currently featured on page 3, or who do not already serve one a committee, to pick one! The committee that rightfully receives much of our attention and acclaim is our beloved **Festival Committee**, as these are the folks who operate the half-million dollar a year (in revenue) business that is the financial life-blood of our association.

IPNA also features many other committees large and small that advance the progress of Inman Park.

For example, when Atlanta Public Schools floated the idea of redistricting neighborhood schools several years ago, our **Education Committee** (a dozen parents of school-age children attending our elementary, middle, and high schools) seized on this issue and worked intensively with other neighborhoods to obtain the best possible outcome.

**Beautification & Sidewalks** has been beautifying our neighborhood for years now, while others have been planning and implementing improvements to Springvale Park for quite a while.

Our newest, the **Lifelong Inman Park Committee**, hasn't even made it into the By-Laws yet, but will be spearheading the upcoming neighborhood Development Plan that will hopefully enunciate Inman Park's preferences as to where and how new development should be carried out, including diverse housing choices for persons of all ages and incomes.


It takes significant time and effort to put on our various **social events** like the pleasant 4<sup>th</sup> of July gathering held just the other day.

Lastly, recent tragic events helped spark a wave of volunteers interested in promoting **Public Safety**, and through their efforts we look forward to the day-to-day small successes that over time add up to a neighborhood that feels safer and is safer.


My hope here is that I haven't short-changed those working hard on all of our other committees, but instead to have inspired those of you not yet involved to pick one or even start one, as a means of keeping this neighborhood as inclusive as possible. **M**

## Birth Announcement

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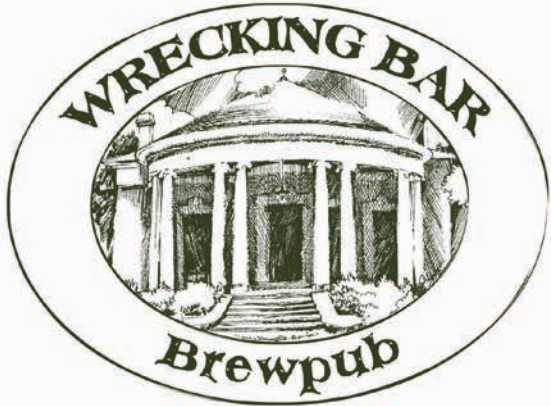
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*Steve Ray, Ann Cramer, Jeff Cramer, Angela Carrington, and Ben Mitchell*



*Katie Edwards and Laura Mantrone*



*Jo and Jack Anderson*



*The Trolley Barn on the Fourth of July*

# Party!



*Alicia and Vera Bostic*



*A successful no-hands donut eater*



*Good food was enjoyed by all*



*Oreon Mann, Shelley Yancey, and Lynn Koehnemann*



*Melissa Miller and Mary White competing at the donut race*

# Same Spouse, Same House—50 years married, 42 years at 226

BY BRUCE AND GRETCHEN MACLACHLAN • NEIGHBORS AND JULY PORCH PARTY HOSTS

Driving around Atlanta in late 1972, the Maclachlans were looking for a house when the Inman Park butterfly banner caught their attention. A couple of days into the January 1973 ice storm that paralyzed Atlanta for a week, they closed on 226 Elizabeth Street. With two-year old Jessica and a terrified Persian cat they camped in the 7-unit house. Now, 42 years later, it is a triplex.

Between stripping woodwork, catching roof leaks in plastic garbage cans, and pick-axing the clay-packed front yard, some crazy Inman Park volunteers recruited them for civic action. That included petitioning City Council to downgrade IP's zoning to one/two family residential, and working in political campaigns, including that of Atlanta's first black mayor, Maynard Jackson. Neighborhood activism had arrived at the forefront of Atlanta politics.

In 1978-79 Gretchen served as the first woman President of IPNA, and later chaired NPU-N twice. As beautification chairperson, Bruce organized tree plantings and was the IPNA rototiller manager. When road building threatened trees in Shadyside Park, Bruce joined the 1984 Roadbuster sit-in. Showing off Inman Park, he led Preservation Center Tours for a decade—ask him about any house in the 'hood!

So with all their civic work how did they possibly renovate their house? Patience, hard work, cooperation—many of the same characteristics that have made their marriage hit the 50 year mark. **M**



*the next*  
**Porch Party**  
**July 31 • 7:30 p.m.**

**At the Home of  
Gretchen and Bruce Maclachlan  
226 Elizabeth St**

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

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*Thank you, Dustin Staples and Jim Sega, for a great Porch Party on June 26! Photo credit: Alex Kronemeyer*

# NPU-N Update

BY RICK BIZOT • NPU-N REPRESENTATIVE FOR IPNA • [NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG](mailto:NPU.N@INMANPARK.ORG)

Notes from the June 25, 2015 meeting:

## PRESENTATIONS:

**Car Break-ins:** Captain Ben McGee (APD) reported that larceny from cars is still an issue and reminded citizens to keep their cars free of potential theft items. He also reported that 2 teens were caught breaking into cars on Arizona Ave. near the soccer field.

**Grill Safely:** Captain Cox (Atlanta Fire Dept) encourages everyone to keep safety in mind while grilling (grill placement, kids, and pets). He reported that gas grills are more often the source of problems; gas grills should be turned off at the source not just at the grill. For more fire safety tips, visit [www.nfpa.org/safety-information](http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information).

**Code Enforcement:** To report overgrown property, junk vehicles or other public nuisances, contact Jay Brown at 404-546-3846.

**Krog Tunnel Potholes:** Dennis Muma (Public Works) was made aware that there are significant potholes in the Krog Tunnel. He stated they would look into repairing them.

## LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

**Sherly Mera Yun** (Citi Wine & Spirits, Package Store, 223A Moreland Ave, Reynoldstown) Change of Agent request for beer & wine license and liquor license at existing location. Applicant met with RCIL and received support with a memorandum of understanding. NPU-N Board voted unanimously to support the applications.

## BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT:

**306 Arizona Ave NE** (V-15-137, Lake Claire); seeking a variance to reduce the required north yard setback from 7 feet to 2 feet in order to allow for an addition to a single family dwelling. Applicant met with LCN 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.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**NPU-N Website:** Work on the website is progressing; it is expected to go live within the next month.

**NPU-N Maps:** Zoning and general maps for the overall NPU and for each neighborhood are being prepared for review and approval by NPU representatives. These maps will be mounted on boards for reference during community meetings.

## NEW BUSINESS (UPCOMING):

**5 Arts Festival:** An application has been submitted to the City to hold this festival again this year, on September 12, 2015. The event proposes to close the following streets, from 6am until 1am: Euclid Ave, from Moreland to Washita; the cul-de-sac on Seminole; the end of Colquit at Euclid. In their application, the organizers state they are "currently in the process of informing the local neighborhood."

**163-167 Sampson St (NPU-M):** Variance application to allow use of 70% of first floor as garage; it was reported that there may be changes to the application based on NPU-M input. Applicant is scheduled to appear at the July IPNA and NPU-N meetings.

## PUBLIC NOTICES:

**Proposed Ordinances** For information only; no vote by NPU; citizens with concerns should contact their City Council and NPU representatives:

- **E-911 Fund and Public Safety Access Assessment** (15-O-1153): To impose fees on all property owners to fund the City's E-911 Fund, as follows (revised from previous month's report): \$42/year for each parcel.
- **Streetcar Charter Services** (15-O-1159): To authorize the Department of Public Works to establish a schedule of fees for the Atlanta Streetcar Charter Services Program.
- **Oakland Cemetery Tour Fees** (15-O-1216): To amend the City code to increase certain fees for tours at Oakland Cemetery. All revenue from the increased and created fees to be deposited into a trust fund account for cemetery care.

## NPU-N Members

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

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

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

**Druid Hills**  
[druidhills.org](http://druidhills.org)

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

**Lake Claire**  
[lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org)

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

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

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

**L5P Business Assn**  
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**Connect Atlanta Plan Appendices – to be voted on by NPU-N Board at the July meeting; please contact your NPU representative with any comments, support or opposition:** The following four planning documents are proposed as appendices to the Connect Atlanta Plan, Atlanta's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. To learn more, visit <http://www.atlantaga.gov/index.aspx?page=1228>.

- CDP-15-010 – An ordinance to adopt **Move Atlanta: A Design Manual for Active, Balanced, & Complete Streets.**
- CDP-15-012 – An ordinance to adopt **Transit Oriented Atlanta: A Strategy for Advancing Transit-Oriented Development.**
- CDP-15-013 – An ordinance to adopt **the Cycle Atlanta Phase 1.0 Study.**
- CDP-15-014 – An ordinance to adopt **Cargo Atlanta: A Citywide Freight**

*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, July 23, 2015. M***

# Atlanta Urban Design Commission (AUDC) Update

By BRIAN A. ROOF • VP HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 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.

	Application Deadline	AUDC Hearing Date
<b>Upcoming Application Deadlines</b>	July 21	August 12
	August 4	August 26
	August 18	September 9

Recent AUDC actions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

## June 24, 2015

**1187 Cleburne Ave.** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-223) for a variance to allow a rooftop addition higher than the existing house and with a higher ridge line and (CA3-15-222) for an addition at 1187 Cleburne Avenue - Property is zoned R-5/ Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1)/Beltline.

**Staff Recommendation (CA3-15-223): Deferral.**

**Staff Recommendation (CA3-15-222): Deferral.**

Applications Scheduled for AUDC

## July 8, 2015

**1197 Cleburne Ave.** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-214) for alterations and additions at Property is zoned R-5 /Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1).

**343 Sinclair Ave.** Application for a Type III Certificate of Appropriateness (CA3-15-239) for alterations and additions at Property is zoned R-5/Inman Park Historic District (Subarea 1) / Beltline.

*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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-  Virginia Highland
-  Morningside
-  Poncey Highland
-  Old Fourth Ward

## IPNA Business Meeting Minutes *continued*

then introduced himself and said he came to demonstrate commitment to the neighborhood. Neighbors may also contact Mike Martello, who will handle much of the day-to-day of Inman Quarter. Bobby West, another partner of Tribridge, is another point of contact for IP neighbors.

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

**Chris Coffee, V.P. Public Safety:** Chris reported that there is excitement in the neighborhood regarding public safety. There are 5 subcommittees working: Scott Evans is heading up Beautification/Safety; Alison O'Neal is in charge of Fundraising/Budget; Neil Kinkopf is the chair for Street Captains; the Judicial Committee is headed by Mike Kotzan. We still need someone to take charge of messaging for the patrol and public safety. Please contact Chris if you want to help.

**Lt. Floyd**, representing **Major Peet**, spoke about public safety and said that a class of officers recently graduated and that nine new officers are now assigned to zone 6-02. Auto theft is the most serious crime we experience on a regular basis. **Officer Sweet** is now the liaison between code enforcement and quality of life issues and that graffiti abatement now falls under his purview.

**James McManus, V.P. Communications**, reported that focus groups are reviewing new ways of structuring membership. He is excited about using MemberClicks to provide a backbone for information and to tie information together. Users will get immediate updates, see IPSP postings, read the *Advocator*, etc.

**Beverly Miller, Secretary:** Nothing to report.

### Committee Reports:

**Transportation:** **Danny Feig-Sandoval** reported that he is trying to get a meeting with the Public Works Dept. to discuss Krog St. and Irwin St. and is also looking for information about the recently passed bond referendum and does not know why we do not see the list of approved projects. Danny has been too busy to follow up. He went onto the web site but could not find information about it.

*Old Business:* None

*New Business:* None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. **M**

## Welcome New Neighbors

**Mary, Ramin, and Nina Saghafi**, Degress Ave.  
**Max, Kristen, and Matthew Vincent**, Euclid Ave.

## Small-Decision Effects *continued*

Or maybe it's deciding not to spray chemicals that kill mosquitoes. Recently, I spoke with a young woman who was working for a mosquito abatement company. She told me that she had just sprayed — without wearing any protection! — the chemical bifenthrin in a neighbor's yard and would be back in three weeks to spray again. Bifenthrin causes paralysis in mosquitoes. So it works. Of course, it's also very highly toxic to bees, according to the National Pesticide Information Center. It's very highly toxic to fish and other aquatic animals. It's moderately toxic to many species of birds. It's just really good at killing and harming animals. There are non-toxic ways to reduce mosquito habitat and the number of mosquitos in your yard. I encourage you to research them before deciding to have your yard sprayed.



When it comes to nature, we must all decide for ourselves how to weigh personal convenience against the general welfare. Just keep in mind that in our terrific neighborhood, when you decide to make a small sacrifice for the common good, you will have LOTS of company — including bees. **M**

## Atlanta Streets Alive Ambassador

Atlanta Streets Alive is when the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition temporarily closes the streets to cars and opens them to people. The tentative date this year is Sunday, September 27th from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. The new Atlanta Streets Alive Ambassador program is recruiting volunteers to help with the logistical side of the initiative. If you are interested in representing Inman Park as an Ambassador, go to <http://bit.ly/asateamhighland> to sign up. **M**



## Book Club Calendar

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

July  
**28**

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

# Have your next event at the Trolley Barn

BY LINDA DUNHAM • DIRECTOR, THE TROLLEY BARN [ATLBARN@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:ATLBARN@BELLSOUTH.NET)

The Barn hosted an Inman Park Neighborhood Association meeting on a Saturday in May. It was a typical Saturday at The Barn and an eye-opening experience for our Inman Park guests. They experienced just how active The Trolley Barn is with potential clients viewing the facility as a venue for their special event, deliveries being made for that day's event, clients stopping by to plan for their event, and folks just stopping by. The traffic through The Barn is constant. It's a popular place and is rented into October of 2016.

Weekends rent quickly but, The Barn also hosts weekday events--everything from church gatherings to corporate luncheons to the annual Bird Supper. The Bird Supper is a fundraising event, sponsored by a law firm located in Valdosta, and is held while the legislature is in session. It's called the Bird Supper because the main course is quail! Guests include many members of the legislature as well as other state and city officials.

Why not hold your next event or your employer's next event at The Barn? The indoor and outdoor space is beautiful. Attractive non-profit rates to 501(c)(3) corporations are available. All rental fees generated are used for the maintenance and preservation of the building and a portion is deposited into The Barn's special savings account dedicated to the purchase of the facility.

As of this writing, there is no update as to the progress Invest Atlanta has made toward consummation of the sale of The Barn. As information is available, it will be relayed to you. Thank you for your continued support of The Barn. **M**



*Neighbors met at the Trolley Barn to discuss the structure of membership dues on Saturday, June 27. Photo Credit: Alex Kronemeyer*



# Dad's Garage Open House & Funding Update

BY LARA SMITH • MANAGING DIRECTOR, DAD'S GARAGE • LARA@DADSGARAGE.COM

We feel lucky to have had 7 Stages as a temporary home since we lost our home in August 2013. We looked far and wide and seriously considered more than 20 properties. We landed on purchasing 569 Ezzard because it was the property that best met our needs! Dad's Garage never does things the way other organizations do and the journey to this purchase has not been any different.



When we started raising funds in August 2014, we were really building the car as we drove it. But here we are on the other end, owning a building after raising \$690,000 and securing favorable financing in just four short months, thanks to all our friends, including those in Inman Park.

We are now in the second phase of our fundraising effort and need to raise an additional \$310,000 in order to improve the space. We are adding risers, a stage, a lighting grid, a bar and a rehearsal room. Otherwise, we'll be utilizing the space as is, but we need to bring in more power and shore up the infrastructure to support the additional weight load.

We've already raised over \$115,000 in for this phase of the campaign. An Atlanta Foundation has stepped up to match every individual and foundation dollar we raise up to \$75,000. We're raising funds through foundation gifts, individual naming opportunities and corporate sponsorships; the deadline is September 1. To see what we are up to, please attend our Open House on Tuesday evening, July 21st from 7-9 pm. RSVP to lara@dadsgarage.com.

We've seen the community step up in ways we could not ever fathom. Thanks for your support! 🐾

# Pet Safety Tips

BY DAVID YORK • BARKING HOUND VILLAGE  
DAVID@DAVIDYORK.COM

The newest Barking Hound is located at 3080 Sylvan Road - just minutes from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. This 10,000 square-foot boarding facility offers extended hours from 6 a.m. to midnight to accommodate early departures and late arrivals.

With summer upon us, travel abounds so here are some tips to keep your dog safe.

1. Travel on an empty stomach. Car sickness is more likely if your pet has a full stomach. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount than normal at least two hours before you leave.
2. Leave the front seat for humans. Keep your pet in the back seat of the car. If an airbag deploys while your pet is in the passenger seat (even in a crate), it might injure your pet.
3. Always be sure your dog's ID tag includes your cell phone number in case you get separated. 🐾



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# Agenda

*July 15, 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
    - B. Historic Preservation
      1. 163-167 Sampson St. (NPU-M; Review and Comment only)
      2. 1113 Colquitt Ave
      3. 175 Battery Place
    - 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 welcomed & 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

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