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President's Message Distinguished Presidents

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This month we inaugurate a new President of the United States. The similarities between the incoming POTUS and your POTIPNA are striking enough that you may need to have a guide to help tell them apart. Both men are damn Yankees, but only one roots for the Yankees (POTIPNA, painfully, roots for the Cleveland Indians). Each is an aging man with hair issues: one needs to apply sunscreen to protect his scalp, the other needs a wind screen to protect his coiffure. We both love to spend other people's money. POTUS spends his investors' hard-earned money, while POTIPNA spends the hard-earned money from Festival. We are equally photogenic, but one of us prefers not to see his picture in the paper. Neither of us has publicly released his tax returns, but only one of us actually paid income tax. We are both colorful: he is orange and I am blue.

There is one truly crucial difference between being POTUS and being POTIPNA. The POTUS is the executive of a government with real power to compel people to do things (pay taxes, buy health insurance, etc.) or refrain from doing things (polluting the air or water). IPNA is not a government. We are an entirely volunteer organization. And oh! — what volunteers we have. So many neighbors who contribute so significantly to the good of our community; it is really impressive. In just the last few weeks a team of neighbors led by Danny Feig-Sandoval threw a humdinger of a holiday party. Cam McCaa and the redoubtable Eric Goldberg put together a bocce ball tournament that showed us the great potential of our newest neighborhood amenity. Our friends and neighbors at the pool put on the annual Polar Bear plunge.

It won't be long before our greatest volunteer undertaking — the Inman Park Festival and Tour of Homes — is upon us. Jacques and Karin Mebius are leading a team of volunteers, but so many more will be needed by the time the big event rolls around. Please remember

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New Bike Racks Around Atlanta

By DISTRICT 2 ATLANTA • OCAATLANTA.COM

On Saturday, December 3, the City of Atlanta - Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs hosted a dedication ceremony for the city's new Mural Bike Rack Program. The ceremony was held in District 2's Little Five Points district. Atlanta City Councilmember Kwanza Hall was on hand to show his support and thank the program's 18 founding artists. **M**



This bike rack was created by Terri Dilling and was installed on North Highland Avenue last month.

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Inman Park Festival April 28 – 30, 2017

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Where Are The Meeting Minutes?

From the Editor:

To provide you information that is more timely and complete, the IPNA board has approved moving the monthly IPNA and NPU-N meeting minutes from the *Advocator* to inmanpark.org. This should make the minutes more useful, since you will be able to read them within days of the meeting rather than the following month. Also, unlike the print version, online minutes need not be edited for length, so you will not miss any details!

Welcome New Neighbors

Gretchen and Tim Frizzell
of Dixie

2017 Inman Park Book Club

Meets @ 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of most months

Jan
31
Feb
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Melanie Winans, 795 Ponce de Leon Place, A-2 (Virginia Highland), "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough

Diana Glad, 960 Edgewood Ave., "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor

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Callanwolde Arts Festival

January 20 - 22 • Fri. 6 - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Callanwolde Arts Center • callanwoldeartsfestival.com

A festival for Artists by Artists, this event will feature approximately 86 painters, photographers, sculptors, metalwork, glass artists, jewelers and more! Also, artist demonstrations, live acoustic music, plus gourmet food trucks with healthy alternatives and music and dance performances. \$5 at the door.

Atlanta Jewish Film Festival

January 24 - February 15 • Various Times and Venues • ajff.org

The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (AJFF) is a cinematic exploration of Jewish experience — Jewish culture and history, life in Israel and the work of Jewish artists — particularly where these stories intersect with other communities both here in Atlanta and around the world. Seeking to use the power of film to both entertain and educate, AJFF challenges conventional perspectives on complex and challenging issues facing the Jewish and global communities. Ticketed.

Constellations

January 27 - February 26 • Horizon Theatre • horizontheatre.com

The London and New York hit. One relationship. Infinite possibilities. A spellbinding, romantic journey that takes a touching and thoughtful look at one couple as they exist in parallel universes. This play is not suitable for children. Ticketed.

Le Petit Prince (Performed in French)

February 3 - 12 • Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.

7 Stages Back Stage Theater • 7stages.org

When a pilot is stranded in the desert, he meets a mysterious child whose journey has made him wise beyond his years. Le Petit Prince (The Little Prince) is a magical story about friendship, wonder, and learning to see with the heart. Le Petit Prince stars Chris Kayser and Jasmine Thomas and is directed by Carolyn Cook. Performed in French with English supertitles. Ticketed.

Malpaso Dance Company – A Contemporary Cuban Dance Experience

February 11 • 8 p.m. • Rialto Center for the Performing Arts • rialtocenter.org

Representing Cuba's expanding cultural life, Havana-based contemporary dance company Malpaso —whose name, jokingly, means “misstep” in Spanish—skillfully blend unfussy ballet, their native Afro-Cuban tradition and intensely physical modern dance. Ticketed.

Valentine's Day Improv Show

February 14 • 8 p.m. • Dad's Garage • dadsgarage.com

It's all about two teams taking your suggestions to create scenes about amore. This is the perfect show for that deeply-in-love couple that forgot to make a restaurant reservation three months ago or that sad single who is looking to turn that frown upside down. Ticketed. **M**

IPNA Calendar

Jan
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IPNA Meeting
The Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

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Tree Planting
9 a.m. Sign up at
treesatlanta.org

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

Jan
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Diners' Club Kick-off
860 Euclid
8 p.m.
See page 9 for details

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Book Club
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this is an all-volunteer undertaking. There are many more ways to get involved in the neighborhood. I assure you, IPNA strongly encourages the participation of anyone and everyone. Whatever your interest might be, the neighborhood needs you. I realize that many of you reading this are already doing your part and then some. First, thank you. Second, please reach out to friends who might be interested in pitching in. As our new POTUS might say, I hope for our neighborhood engagement to be huge. **M**

Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

December 2016

Directed Patrol:	320
Drop Ins:	55
Suspicious Persons:	3
Parking Complaints: 2 (A King of Pops truck was towed by IPSP)	
Alarm:	1
Member Contact:	1
Criminal Trespass:	1
Theft From Auto:	1 (Krog St. Market)

Another Tree Planting?

BY JIM ABBOT • ABBOT.JIM@GMAIL.COM

Yep, that's right. Tree Watch will soon be planting more trees in Inman Park. The date is Saturday, January 21, 2017.

Here's your chance to get trees for your yard and/or planting strip. Read on!

No doubt some of you are wondering why we need more trees. You see young trees along our streets, and you may remember me telling you that Inman Park is approaching 1,000 new trees since 2000.

Trust me, though. We do need more trees, especially in our yards. A recent study in Portland found that a single shade tree increased a homeowner's property value by an average \$7,130, not to mention the additional value realized by neighbors — \$12,828 altogether. Street trees in Portland added \$8,870, on average, to a house's sale price.

Then there's this: only 31% of Inman Park is tree canopy, compared to Candler Park's 39%, Virginia-Highland's 43%, Druid Hills' 48%, and Lake Claire's 60%. Moreover, our planting area is restricted: almost half of our neighborhood is buildings, pavement, and other non-vegetative forms of land cover.

So here's the take-away. Your neighborhood, your city, and future generations need you to consider planting a shade tree in your front yard. This is so important that the city has set aside funds to provide you with up to three (3) shade trees for your front yard, at

New Year's Resolutions — Inman Park Style

BY ADVOCATOR STAFF • ADVOCATOR@INMANPARK.ORG

- Beautify the 'hood!** Pick up trash while strolling through our streets and parks.
 - Get involved!** Attend at least one monthly IPNA meeting to see what's it's all about.
 - Taste something new!** Visit at least one restaurant in Inman Park that you haven't been to before. Or if you are really ambitious, visit all 40 eateries in Inman Park!
 - Share your favorite food with a neighbor!** Porch Parties will start up again in the Spring and are a fun way to share your best recipes.
 - Give it away!** Post an item you don't need anymore on NextDoor. Your trash is someone else's treasure. Go to nextdoor.com to get connected.
 - Get a move on!** Did you know that our neighborhood has 6 gyms and yoga studios? Try one out or just go for a walk.
- And lastly....
- Join IPNA for free!** Go to inmanpark.org/membership for instructions on how to stay connected all year long. **M**



Maple tree in front of Steven Satterfield and Ben Tompkins' home on Hurt Street. Photo by Jim Abbot

absolutely no cost to you. They're free, and so is the consultation with a Trees Atlanta arborist as well as the planting itself.

All you have to do is say, "Yes, Jim, I'd love it if you'd tell me whether I have room in my yard for a shade tree. I do love my grass, and it's nice to have flowers blooming for a while in the spring, but I'm willing to give up a little of that for something this important."

In sum, here's what "Yes, Jim!" will get you: free consultation, free shade tree(s), free planting, higher property value, lower temperatures, lower energy costs, cleaner air and water, sound buffering, and more wildlife habitat.

Inman Parkers, what on earth are you waiting for? **M**

New Year's Resolutions, 2017:

1. Eat Only Healthy Foods
2. Work Out Daily
3. Volunteer for Festival
4. Organize Entire Life
5. Call Pat & Melissa: Buy House!

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Good Gracious #8 Wraps Music, Poetry and Laughs with a Bow

BY BOYD BAKER • 404-895-9276 • HOWDY@GOODGRACIOUSHOW.COM

“We just keep on sharing the love for great Southern artists in a way folks aren’t used to seeing,” says founder and Lake Claire resident Boyd Baker. “Where else could you go to see a talented Americana duo like THE ORMEWOODS and comedy from DAD’S GARAGE with poetry from the powerful JON GOODE all in one night? Nowhere but at GOOD GRACIOUS,” he continues.


“The variety show is not really seen anymore. Folks know talk shows with a musical guest but they don’t remember Ed Sullivan or Jack Parr who mixed music with talk with magic with whatever was fun. That’s what we do,” he shares. The goal of GG is to promote the wide variety of talent in the South and to bring community together as a family to connect with those artists.

What began as a Kickstarter campaign, has now gained an audience of believers



in real, throwback entertainment. Baker continues, “This is the kind of show you

just go to. You don’t know what you’ll get but you know you’ll be moved and entertained. You can’t help but leave our show with a warm feeling. Guess that’s why we’ve grown with such a multi-generational audience.”

Lineup for the Saturday, January 21, show at The Plaza Theatre so far includes musical acts The Ormewoods, Cleveland P. Jones, and Wasted Potential Brass Band. Also on the bill are poet Jon Goode and Dad’s Garage Comedy players. “This is a labor of love that I put on with my friends every quarter to share with all of Atlanta. We’re not making any money, just trying to connect Atlanta with the hotbed of creativity, talent, and community that is the South,” says Baker. The show goes on at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, at The Plaza Theatre on Ponce de Leon. Tickets are \$15 but Family of 4 packages cost just \$40. More info can be found at www.GoodGraciousShow.com 

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Inman Diners’ Club 2017 Reservations

BY KARIN MEBIUS • ADMIN@INMANPARK.ORG

This year the kick-off party will be on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. at 860 Euclid. Sign-up will remain open through the home page of inmanpark.org as long as space is available.

At the kick-off party you will find out who is in your 2017 Diners’ group and then you will attend five dinners with that group over the course of the year—approximately once every two months.

You have to live in Inman Park, and you must to commit to show up at each dinner, dish in hand. Other than that, there are no requirements. This is not about cooking skills, large dining rooms, blind dates, or anything else. This is about having fun, getting to know each other and being able to walk home after some good eating and drinking with your neighbors.

Hope to see you there,

Karin Mebius 



Application for Artists' Market is Open

By PAT WESTRICK • FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBER • PATWESTRICK@GMAIL.COM

The Festival Committee is hard at work to produce green leaves on our trees, sunshine and warm (but not too warm) spring weather for the last weekend in April!

In addition to being the best Festival in the world, the Inman Park Spring Festival and Tour of Homes is also the largest non-profit Festival in the city. Our neighborhood Festival is put on entirely by volunteers and profits stay right here in our community to help our schools, fix sidewalks, plant more trees, enhance our parks, make us safer and help us remain a friendly and livable community for neighbors of all ages, incomes and varieties. So no matter how long you've lived here, your participation is not only welcome, but essential to the success of Festival! Watch this space for how you can be a part of this fun weekend.

One of the most-looked-forward-to elements of the Inman Park Festival is the variety of artists and craftspeople who exhibit each year (and the beer, of course, but we'll get to that in a later article).

This year, the committee has moved the Market application from paper to ZAPplication, an online process which is used by many shows. It's free for artists and the link is <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=5363>. We're fortunate to have many artists as neighbors and friends, so be sure to pass this information along to those who might be interested in participating. If you or they have any questions, the committee can be emailed directly at artinmanpark@gmail.com. 🐛



Inman Park Theatre Night

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Whether they make us laugh, cry, or see things from a different perspective, our neighborhood theatres are truly jewels in our crown.

AND...Inman Park Theatre Night is one of the highlights of Festival Weekend. Don't miss your chance to dine with friends and enjoy outstanding performances from:

Dad's Garage Theatre
Horizon Theatre Company
7 Stages

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All proceeds are used to benefit our neighborhood theatres. Reserve your table immediately and make payment **no later than March 31st**. Priority seating is based on level of sponsorship and receipt of payment.

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Marie Wooldridge * 1082 Austin Avenue * Atlanta, GA 30307

The Inman Park Theatre Night Committee Thanks You.



Nick Franz on stage with Kevin Gillese, Artistic Director of Dad's Garage



Karin and Jacques Mebius heading up Festival 2016



It was a packed house for Theatre Night 2016



Mission Accomplished: Mary Lin Education Foundation Soars Past Fundraising Goal

BY LINDSAY HILL • FUNDRAISING CHAIR, MLEF • LINDSAYHARRISHILL@GMAIL.COM



Mary Lin Elementary students and staff had a lot to be thankful for this holiday season! On November 11th, the Mary Lin Education Foundation (MLEF) announced our inaugural annual giving campaign, The Rocket Fuel Fund, which raised over \$115,000 to support additional funding needs not covered by the APS budget. Mary Lin’s mascot is “The Rockets,” and the success of this campaign guarantees every Mary Lin Rocket can reach for the stars!

The majority of the money was raised from Mary Lin parents, but staff members, grandparents, neighbors and alumni also stepped up to help the MLEF surpass its galactic goal to raise \$85,000 (\$135 per student) in 100 days.

“On behalf of the Mary Lin staff, I would like to thank all of our families, staff members and community members who have donated to the Mary Lin Education Foundation,” said Principal Sharyn Briscoe. “These additional funds give us flexibility to offer our teachers the best professional learning opportunities and the most cutting-edge tools to teach our students. We are so grateful for the support we receive as we work with the world’s most precious natural resource, our children.”

You may be wondering why a high-performing school like Mary Lin needed to launch an annual giving campaign. While we are fortunate to live where we do, high-performing APS schools actually operate with smaller budgets than lower performing



Student Callan Meyer celebrates reaching the Mary Lin goal

schools in the district. Mary Lin is one of six APS schools that do not receive Title I funding – significant funds allocated to schools where 40% or more of students qualify as disadvantaged. While our peer schools have had ambitious, parent-supported fundraisers in place for years, Mary Lin has historically had a lower-key approach to fundraising.

By combining our legendary parent involvement with our now robust foundation, Mary Lin Elementary can soar to new heights. We’re off to a great start already. Mary Lin is currently the highest-performing school in the district after receiving a College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score of 98.9 this fall (a 5.7 point increase over our 2015 score).

The goal of the MLEF is to ensure every Mary Lin teacher has the tools to cultivate a classroom environment that celebrates creativity and differentiation and promotes social-emotional learning and academic achievement. In addition to supporting the construction of the state-of-the-art Outdoor Classroom, the funds raised will go toward professional development, updated classroom materials and/or technology and curriculum resources that support this goal. **M**




Aging Well with Technology Recap

BY NANCY MORRISON • AGING WELL COORDINATOR
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Steve and Karin Stern, our Inman Park neighbors and technology experts, provided a session entitled “Taming Your Technology” that included information on smart password management and file organization. We learned about the importance of choosing secure passwords and steps to take, including avoiding using the same password for multiple sites and never choosing birth dates or other personal information as passwords. The session provided helpful information on cloud-based password management software such as LastPass. Kathy Busko also gave a brief overview on Uber and Lyft car services and judging by the discussion, there is a strong interest and need for alternative transportation options.

During the session many expressed interest in additional sessions as well as one-on-one in-home technology consults. Steve has offered to provide this service based on an hourly rate. For information on Steve’s services, he can be contacted at Steve@ChrysalisStainedGlass.com or 404-281-8582.

Look for announcements on our upcoming 2017 Aging Well Programs starting in February. These sessions are offered through the Lifelong Inman Park Committee. 

Taming Your Technology: Tips and Tricks

BY STEVE STERN • STEVE@STEVE-KARIN.COM


This is the first of a series of “Taming Your Technology” articles to follow up on a theme presented to the Lifelong Inman Park group in December.

This month’s topic is spoofed emails and “phishing.” I recently received an email message, allegedly from American Express, indicating there was a problem with my account. It included a link to “resolve” the issue. It’s very likely the linked page would have asked for my account number and password.

Be very suspicious of this type of email. The sender could be anyone, even your friends or relatives (allegedly). These emails are always fraudulent and malicious. A reputable merchant, credit card company, bank or other vendor will never send you this kind of message. Do not click on any links found in this type of message.

A much safer approach is to use your browser to navigate directly to the vendor’s website. Log in securely and, if there is a problem with your account, the website will likely inform you once you are logged in. Better yet, call that vendor’s customer service number and ask them directly if there is a problem with your account.

Never ever (no, not ever) send your user ID and password in a single email or text message to anyone. Not even your closest relative! Email is not secure and can be easily hacked. If you need to communicate this information to a trusted contact, send the user ID in an email message and the password in a text message. Be vigilant and stay safe!

About the author: Steve is a long-time Inman Park resident, and has been working in the technology industry for more than 40 years. 

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Agenda

January 18, 2017

IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available
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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Police Officers' Report
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. Elected Officials' Reports
- VI. IPNA Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Planning
 - C. Zoning
 - D. Historic Preservation
 - i. 203 Hurt Street
 - E. Public Safety
 - F. Communications
 - G. Treasurer
 - H. Secretary
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

Check inmanpark.org the day of the meeting for any agenda updates.



Good to Know

Inman Park Neighborhood Association (IPNA) membership:

Available to those who live within, own property within or operate a business within the boundaries of Inman Park. Membership is free with online registration at inmanpark.org. Membership allows you to vote (see bylaws online for details), gives you access to the directory and makes you eligible for special neighborhood events. In addition to being a member of IPNA, you may register for the Inman Park Security Patrol (IPSP) which staffs off-duty Atlanta Police officers to patrol our neighborhood. There are four levels of commitment starting at \$50 per year.

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
InmanParkFestival.org
Facebook.com/InmanPark

Report All Crimes: Call 911

IP Security Patrol: 404-414-7802
L5P Mini-Precinct: 404-658-6782

L5P Business Association

www.little5points.com

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