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#### A Man with a Plan

By Neil Kinkopf · president@inmanpark.org

What a terrific Festival! The Butterfly Ball, the parade, the Tour of Homes, everything was outstanding. After years of trial and error, we even got the weather right. This doesn't just happen, though. It is the result of countless hours of planning, preparation, and downright work by scores of neighbors. The Festival Committee chairs, Jacques and Karin Mebius, marshaled the effort beautifully. Many thanks to them for all their work.

They made it look easy and seamless, even though it was assuredly not. To the legions of volunteers who made Festival happen, you are what makes our neighborhood the envy of Atlanta. Thank you.

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## Congratulations to our Graduates

- Arielle Sanders graduated from The University of Michigan Ross School of Business with a Master of Management.
- Billy Dorn of Waverly Way graduated in December from Georgia Tech with a degree in Computer Science.
   He has accepted a position with Yahoo! and is moving to California in June after living his entire life in Inman Park.
- Margaret Quinn received her PhD from Georgia State University. She accepted a faculty position at The University of Tennessee and with her husband, Anton, will move to Knoxville in July.
- Mariah Sanders graduated from Woodward Academy and plans to attend Vanderbilt University.
- Nicholas Priestly graduated from Holy Spirit Prep and plans to attend Georgia State University.
- Sam Holder graduated from Rhodes College with a B.A. in Political Science and plans to attend Emory Law School.

## Welcome New Neighbors

**Bonnie and Christopher Bear,** *Austin* 

Lori and Chad Polazzo, Carmel



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## Porch Party June 30 • 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Jacey Lucus, Kristen Albritton, and Becca Heck At 937 Euclid

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

Your porch wants to host a party! Call Pat or Richard Westrick to get on the schedule for 2017. 404-523-4801

#### 2017 Inman Park Book Club

The Inman Park Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. to discuss the featured selection. Please bring a covered dish to share and contact Jan Keith (404-688-7330) with any questions. Most book club selections are available at our neighborhood bookstore, A Capella, 208 Haralson Avenue NE. Shop local!

**June 27** 

The Last Painting of Sara de Vos by Dominic Smith Jan Keith, 889 Edgewood Avenue

July **25** 

*The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens Paula Mason, 1046 Washita

#### Inman Park Security Patrol Activity

May 2017	
Directed Patrol: 267	
Drop Ins:	
Alarm: 3	
Suspicious person: 3	
Illegal Parking:	
Residential Burglary: 1	
Prowler: (subject was intoxicated and at the wrong house)1	
Criminal Trespass:	
Demented Person: 1	
Parking Complaint:	

#### Other Happenings to Note

#### "How to Use a Knife" at the Horizon Theatre

Through June 25 • Horizon Theatre • horizontheatre.com

In the chaotic hustle and bustle of a Wall Street restaurant, a down-on-his-luck master chef is facing his last chance to turn his life around. His melting-pot-of-a-kitchen sizzles with two rowdy Guatemalan line cooks, a nosy busboy, and a mysteriously reserved East-African dishwasher. Set during busy dinner shifts, "How to Use a Knife" bursts with grinding suspense, crackling energy, and piercing surprise as secrets from the past come to a boil. Strong adult language. Ticketed.

#### The Atlanta Cycling Festival

June 10 - 17 • Various locations around Atlanta • atlantacyclingfestival.com

Atlanta Cycling Festival is a week-long festival all about bicycling! Atlanta bicycle rides, bicycle classes and, of course, bicycle parties. New and curious riders can come to fall in love with bicycling and the city while seasoned riders can connect with each other.

#### Old Fourth Ward Park Arts Festival

June 24 - 25 • Old Fourth Ward Park • www.oldfourthwardparkartsfestival.com

A two-day celebration of community and tradition presented by the Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces, the Festival is a major celebration of the arts while honoring the rich history of our community. Fine arts and crafts, a children's play area, local food and beverage concessions, and live acoustic entertainment on the lawn.

#### Pied Piper Parade with Concert and 4th of July Fireworks

July 4 • 6:00 p.m. • Decatur

visitdecaturgeorgia.com/see-do-play/special-events/fourth-of-july

Get on your feet and join the Pied Piper Parade as it makes its way through downtown Decatur. Gather friends and family, ride your bike, walk or skate in this community parade. Anyone may participate in the parade; vehicles must pre-register by emailing shirley.baylis@decaturga.com. Concert begins at 7 p.m. and fireworks begin at dark.

#### Jazz on the Lawn

July 14, July 28, August 11 • Callanwolde Arts Center • callanwolde.org/jazz-lawn-2017

Callanwolde's Jazz on the Lawn showcases a lineup of Atlanta's finest jazz treasures performing a mix of classic and contemporary jazz, swing, fusion, smooth and blues in a perfect setting for summer outdoor concerts. Outside food and beverages are allowed. Ticketed.

#### Atlanta Field Day

July 15 • 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. • Historic Fourth Ward Park • atlfieldday.com

Geared toward adults, this event has all the classic events like tug of war, relay races, obstacle courses, plus crazy new games and surprises throughout the day. Teams, feed your competitive edge by earning points in each event, then add up your total for the day. Start recruiting your co-ed team of 8 now.



#### Attack of the Killer Tomato Festival

July 16 • 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Park Tavern killertomatofest.com

Chef Ford Fry presents the 8th annual extravaganza of tomato-based treats from dozens of chefs and mixologists, with live music to benefit Georgia Organics. An after-party follows at the Park Tavern from 5:00 p.m. − 7:00 p.m. Ticketed. 

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#### IPNA Calendar

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IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m

June

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

June

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**Book Club** 7:00 p.m. See page 4 for details.

June

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**Porch Party** 7:30 p.m. See page 4 for details

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Fourth of July Party
Trolley Barn
4:00 p.m.
See Cover for details.

July

IPNA Meeting
Trolley Barn
7:30 p.m.

**25** 

**Book Club** 7:00 p.m. See page 4 for details.

**27** 

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

## President's Message continued

Post-Festival, I have been putting my feet up, enjoying some wholly undeserved R & R. It is amazing the way the marketing department has figured out the characteristics of the audience that is watching every show and the precision with which they can target ads to the demographic. The commercials are a sort of mirror, and I do not like what I see. Evidently, I am under-educated and need an on-line degree; I am under-insured and need coverage from a gecko or a caveman or Flo; I am under-medicated for a host of conditions I never knew existed but I am now certain I have; and I am under-inflated, but happily there is a pill for that too (if only someone had told Tom Brady). Another staple of TV ads for shows viewed by men of a certain age is the financial planning ad (I favor products pitched by Alex Trebek).



I confess that financial planning isn't a major present need for me (though once I get that on-line degree, adequate insurance coverage, and proper medication, fat stacks are sure to follow). Nonetheless, I appreciate the need for planning. At this month's IPNA meeting, we will engage in some vitally important planning. First, Caleb Racicot will be presenting the study and recommendations for the neighborhood's Lifelong plan. This effort has been led by Cathie Berger, and many of you have participated in planning sessions. Please come out to the meeting to see the fruit all those efforts have borne and to have input on its next steps. Second, Little Five Arts Alive will be making a presentation on its concept for redesigning Findley Plaza, the main open space in Little Five Points. They have been studying the space for a few years and have developed interesting ideas which they will be presenting to us. Please come out to listen and to be heard on the future of this public space that so profoundly affects our neighborhood.

#### Neighborhood Meeting Highlights: What you missed...

#### IPNA, May 17, 2017 meeting at the Trolley Barn

- Jay Tribby, Chief of Staff for Councilman Kwanza Hall, gave an update on the speed table on Irwin.
- Four new officers for IPNA were affirmed. Chris Coffee, was nominated for Secretary. Thom Abelew was nominated for VP, Public Safety. David Bicoff was nominated for VP, Historic Preservation. Cristy Lenz was nominated for VP, Communications. Each candidate spoke briefly, sharing enthusiasm and energy for serving. It was motioned, seconded, and approved to accept the slate of candidates as our incoming IPNA board members. Their terms begin on June 14, 2017 and last for two years.
- Beverly Miller requested to add to the meeting agenda a vote to reaffirm the NPU Bylaws. It was so moved, seconded, and approved. Rick Bizot, NPU Representative, asked that IPNA reaffirm the NPU Bylaws as required each year. It was moved, seconded, and approved by a vote of 29 - 0 to reaffirm the bylaws.

For the full meeting minutes go to inmanpark.org. M



Many bike share stations have been added in Inman Park. Go to relaybikeshare.com to ride!

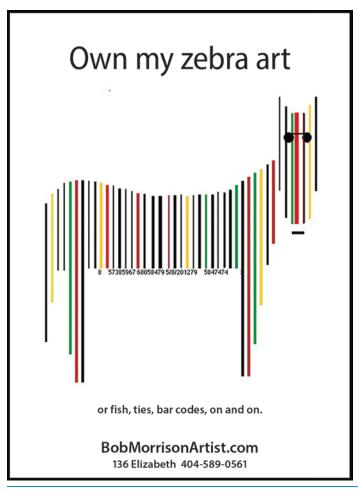
#### Honey, I'm Leaving You for the Urban Ecology Framework

By Jim Abbot • abbot.jim@gmail.com • inmanparktrees.com

Do I have your attention now? (I certainly have my wife's attention.) Let's see whether I can keep yours.

Someone mentioned to me recently that there's a thing called "twittering" that's apparently all the rage these days. These twitters (tweets?) are limited to 140 characters, the ideal length for people (and presidents) who might think (mistakenly) that an "Urban Ecology Framework" sounds boring. So let's give this a try!







#### Springvale Park Committee Honors Park Pride at Bocce Tournament

By Amy Higgins • Springvale Park Chair ahigginsaia@gmail.com

The second Inman Park Bocce Tournament took place in Springvale on May 13th. Allison Barnett, Associate Director at Park Pride, joined us to kick off the festivities. As you may know, Park Pride is a nonprofit organization that partners with neighborhoods throughout Atlanta to facilitate communityled park redesigns, coordinate volunteer projects, and provide grants for capital park improvements. Park Pride help us craft the Visioning Plan for Springvale Park back in 2010. Since 2012, Park Pride has provided over \$100,000 in matching grant money to Friends of Inman Park to help fund improvements in Springvale Park. Cheers to Park Pride and all of our tournament participants! We look forward to many years of tournaments, picnics, and play in Springvale.

Look for notices on the Inman Park Yahoo! Group and Nextdoor Inman Park later this summer for announcements about dates and times for the next tournament. Stop by Springvale for a little practice. Balls are available on the court. In the meantime, here are a few of the highlights from this tournament.

In the first photo on the right, Eric Goldberg of Sinclair Oil throws a little backspin on the ball but it's not enough to stop the Bawlers.

The second picture features from left to right: Rich Wortmann, Eric Goldberg, Allison Barnett, John Rick and Jay Bookman. Team Sinclair Oil and the Bocce Bawlers join Allison Barnett to begin the 6-hour competition for the coveted Caterpillar Cup.

The third photo features winning duo Andre de Winter and Neil Kinkopf (a.k.a. The Euclidian Tarzan Geometry Whizzes) showing off their newly won Caterpillar Cup. M









#### A New Tool to Cross North Highland

By Emily Hylton and Janice Darling • Inman Park Transportation Committee • transportation@inmanpark.org

Some of you may have noticed bright orange additions to the northern part of North Highland Avenue. If you haven't, take a stroll there soon. Through the help of some of our neighbors and friends we installed two crosswalk stations with flags and directions at the intersections of Colquitt & North Highland and Washita & North Highland.

Our goal is to help pedestrians safely cross North Highland and to gently encourage cars to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

You will find containers with flags on each side of the crosswalk so pedestrians (especially children and those needing a little more time crossing the street) can wave at cars with a bright orange safety flag, cross the street and deposit the flag on the other side.

Do they work? We have tried it multiple times with great success. We have received positive feedback. We would love to hear your stories.

What's the long-term plan? The current prototypes were hand-crafted. We hope to make these more permanent and perhaps more professional-looking. We would like to find local businesses interested in sponsoring a crosswalk so we could use the proceeds to create and maintain these helpful flag stations on an ongoing basis. If you are interested, let's find a way to work together. Contact me if interested at ehylton77@gmail.com.





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## Nothing but Sunshine

By Karin & Jacques Mebius • 2017 Festival Chairs • Karinmebius@gmail.com

For the first time in about a decade we had no rain on Festival weekend—nothing but sunshine for old favorites like the Parade, the Arts & Crafts and Street Markets, the musical acts and the beer-guzzling crowds, as well as for revamped offerings like the Kids' Zone, new signage, better toilets, refined logo wording and a brand new website.

We want to thank every one of the nearly nine hundred Festival volunteers, with extra thanks for everyone on the committee. Putting on Festival is an enormous task, which is performed entirely by volunteers who work through much of the year, including:

Randy Bailey, who arranged for the buses that circle Festival; Karen Heim, who organized the parade; George Gary and Paul Perry, who kept us in contact through radio; Chad Altemose, who created an entirely new website; Sam Bailey and Charlie Powell, who arranged rentals of barricades, tables, chairs, tents, podiums and portable toilets; Jane Bradshaw, who managed the volunteers and organized the Caterpillar Ball; Thea Quillian, who organized Butterfly Ball; Tom Pelletier, who obtained permits for and installed the temporary power poles; Ward Bradshaw and Oreon Mann, who made sure there was water everywhere; Carolyn McLaughlin, who organized the Dance Festival in the Trolley Barn; Regina Brewer, who managed the Tour of Homes; Steve Ellison, who found us the best bands; Dennis Mobley, Supreme Commander of Trash; Carol Mitchell, who put together all printed materials, such as the Tour of Homes booklets and the fold-out map; Christel Sundin and Rob Craig, who, in addition to handling Arts & Crafts and Street Market, somehow also found time to keep us supplied with beer, liquor, cups, and mixers; Ben Mitchell and Kristine Sandage, our trusted treasurers; Melissa Miller and Thom Abelew, who keep kept us moving with about fifty golf carts; Wendy and Rob Orleman, who were in charge of food vendors and food trucks; Donna Willis and Alison Gordon who planned a revamped Kids' Zone; Lacey Goodwin and Janice Darling, who secured many goods and dollars from our sponsors; Robbie Whyte Pierce, who headed up the sales & merchandising effort for Festival; Nikhil Perumbeti and Katie Goldberg, who were responsible for Security, including police and EMS; Brett Lauter, our fire fighter's liaison; Richard Westrick, who each year kills the fire ants dead; Sandy Hoke, who made sure there was enough cash in all the ATMs; Danny Feig-Sandoval, who organized the post-Festival clean up; Jen Ingram, our marketing guru; Pat Westrick, our trusted Advocator contributor; Mary Fiorello, who put us on the electronic map through social media and became our official

photographer; Aimee Franz, who organized an incredible Theatre Night.

Phew. It really is a lot when you put it down on paper like this. And these are just the committee chairs: most of these people had help from many others organizing and executing their tasks. All of us working together like this creates community and is what makes our community so strong.

If you live in the Inman Park and are not involved yet with Festival, we urge you to get involved next year. There are literally hundreds of volunteer opportunities, and by volunteering you will have a better time during Festival and will strengthen your community and your ties to it. Which is so worth it, we guarantee it.

In the meantime, we would again like to thank each and every one of our 2017 volunteers from the bottom of our hearts for giving your time, effort and expertise to this unique event.

You made everyone proud! M



Robert Orleman (Food Vendor Chair) and Brett Lauder celebrate their success fixing the ice truck that broke down overnight. Photo by Karen Goeckel





A local dance group shows off their best dance moves. Photo by Kenyon Wells



Handmade signs lead the way at Kids' Zone. Signs by Megan Holder. Photo by Alison Gordon



Gnomes!
Photo by Kenyon Wells



John Lewis, US Congressman, rides in the parade. Photo by Alexis Doyle



Josie Starnes, Queen of Seed & Feed Marching Abominable Band. Photo by Kenyon Wells



Mollie and Whatley Fenlon and Robbie Whyte at Butterfly Ball. Photo by Cooper Pierce



The Mary Lin Rocket Run 5k on Sunday benefited the Mary Lin PTA. Photo by Cooper Pierce





Rosies with Roller Derby girls. Photo by Veronica Roof



Panfilov's Performing Pets. Photo by Alison Gordon



Elizabeth Cohen in the parade. Photo by Jenny Cohen

#### Festival 2017 Parade Winners

1st - Fly the Friendly Skies

2nd - Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy

3rd - Krewe of Terminus

## **Thank Our Village**

A huge shout out to our wonderful businesses who sold Tour of Homes tickets before and during Festival. Please thank them for their assistance the next time you stop by. Thank you Little 5 Points Pharmacy, Nandina Home and Design, The Collective, and Inman Dry Goods. You're the BEST! We're so happy you're in our 'hood and are so supportive!

Sincerely,

Tour of Homes Committee.



Leif Johansen won 1st place for Arts & Crafts at Festival 2017



#### Thank You From the Parade Wrangler

By Karen Heim • Festival Parade Organizer • Karen@laughingmatters.com

First of all, thanks to all of you who lined the Parade route and provided an ostentatious audience for our ostentatious participants. The Parade goes off without a hitch because of the following people, to whom I am most grateful:

The trusty Parade Line-up Crew with over 1,579 years of experience. Andy Rhodes, Wendy & Bob Patterson, Leif Palmer, Amy Stout, and newbie Jackie Lawrence.

Lori Nipp and Leigh Higginbotham – the "get-ready-get-set" gals on the golf cart who clear the way for the start of the Parade.

Nikhil Perumbeti – who valiantly attempted to keep people off the median at the start of the Parade (our "muscle in the median" Bobbi de Winter has promised to come back next year!).

Audrey Shubert and Maddy Harvey - our lovely Parade banner carriers.

Ana Cunningham – our beautiful Butterfly who flutter-started our Parade.

The Butterfly Court netted in by Julie Noble, Butterfly Court Mama.

Jack Stenger – who stood in for Terry Sagedy as the Announcer on Edgewood.

Bill Dorn - rock steady on the corner of Hurt and Euclid.

The Grady H. S. Mock Trial Team organized by Susanna and Gary Capelouto - special thanks to Gary for constructing several sets of Crowd Control thingamajigs.

The newbies Grady H.S. G3 Robotics Team recruited by Regina Brewer and organized by Kelly Crutcher.

The Judges – Susan Bridges, Andy Rhodes and Phil Tardif.



The Beginning of the Parade and the 1st Place Parade Float Winner - "Fly the Friendly Skies" Photos by Wes Carter

Wes Carter – the photographer who captured it all.

And last but not least, the young men of the Trash Force who escorted the "The End" banner, mustered by David Coffman.

For all those who helped out in front of and behind the scenes, your name may not be listed, but please know you have my appreciation for making this organized chaos flow. Until next year, y'all be thinkin' up some cool floats!



## Lifelong Inman Park

#### Inman Park Launches Neighbor Ambassadors Program

By Kathleen Busko • Lifelong Inman Park kathleenbusko@hotmail.com

For the past several years, the Inman Park Hospitality Committee has welcomed new neighbors, acknowledged births, and brought cheer to the ailing. Patsy Fisher, Julie Noble, and Lori Feig-Sandoval have dedicated their time and efforts to making Inman Park a more welcoming community. Now, the Hospitality Committee, with support from the Lifelong Inman Park Committee, is expanding its outreach to homeowners.

First, these committees are developing new "Welcome to Inman Park" packages that will include an IP map and information about the neighborhood's history, membership, social events, and destinations.

Secondly, the committees are calling for volunteers for the new Inman Park Neighbor Ambassador program. Neighbor Ambassadors will manage outreach to homeowners within an area of four to five streets around their residences. Ambassadors will

- Monitor their areas to identify new neighbors.
- Meet with new neighbors to distribute Welcome to Inman Park packages and review the package information.
   (Packages will be supplied to Ambassadors.)
- Provide personal contact information to new residents in case they have questions or need information.
- Manage placement of promotional yard signs (IPNA Meetings, New Sidewalks, Porch Party, etc.) at designated locations within their area. Signs will be supplied to Ambassadors.
- Inform Patsy Fisher or Julie Noble about births, deaths, or other events of significance in designated area as these events become know. They will write and send personal messages.

Inman Park is a great neighborhood because of active, engaged residents who care about each other. So please consider becoming an IP Neighbor Ambassador. If this volunteer opportunity appeals to you, contact Patsy Fisher (abby1@ mindspring.com) or Kathleen Busko (kathleenbusko@hotmail.com) for more information.

#### Lifelong Inman Park Master Plan

By Cathie Berger • LifeLong@inmanpark.org

What: Presentation of the Lifelong Inman Park Master Plan

When: June 21 at the monthly IPNA Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Trolley Barn

#### Why You Should Attend:

The Lifelong Inman Park Master Plan was developed to guide Inman Park's transformation into a Lifelong Community by incorporating the needs of older residents into all aspects of community planning, development, and living. This plan reflects a national Lifelong Communities movement and addresses four Lifelong principles. These principles were identified through neighborhood surveys, a walking tour, and a workshop along with input from IPNA Board and neighbor meetings. The plan addresses housing, mobility/accessibility, services/information, and social engagement. For each principle, the plan describes existing conditions and identifies goals and policies that will guide the development of the Lifelong projects the neighborhood undertakes.

Inman Park's plan is posted on www.inmanpark.org for neighbors to review. The formal presentation will occur at the June 21st IPNA meeting.

This plan was developed by TSW in collaboration with the Lifelong Inman Park Committee. Funding was provided by the office of Atlanta City Council District 2, Kwanza Hall, and IPNA.



## **Incoming IPNA Officers**



#### Cristy Lenz, VP, Communications

I'm proud to be asked to serve as the IPNA Vice President. Communications on the board of the Inman Park Neighborhood Association. As Vice-President I hope to improve



our social media presence, publish IPNA and Advocator news to the website and social media channels. I'm a former CNN award winning journalist who has transformed her passion for Inman Park and food into a business, Food Tours Atlanta. I live in Inman Park's only livable treehouse that I purchased in 2012. I live with my dog, Rufus and cat, Gilley. If vou see me on a tour or walking Roo, be sure to say hello. The best part of living in Inman Park is having great neighbors.

#### Chris Coffee, Secretary

I first visited Inman Park for Festival in 2002 and instantly knew I had always wanted to live in a neighborhood like Inman Park. My wife and I bought our first house on Waddell in July of 2003, the



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 that attend Mary Lin and we are very active volunteers in their lives: from sports, to school, to camps. I am a founding partner of Choice Technology

Group, a seven year old Information Technology recruiting firm located in StudioPlex just over the BeltLine in O4W.

I am honored to be elected as the IPNA Secretary and excited about the current energy in the neighborhood.

#### David Bikoff, VP, **Historic Preservation**

My wife Mary Logan and I are both native

Atlantans, and when we decided to move back to the city in 2012 after living in New York and Chattanooga, respectively, we knew that Inman Park would be our home. Mary Logan's dad and



stepmother, John Barmeyer and Anda Olsen, had lived in the neighborhood for years, and I spent just about every other weekend in high school at the Variety Playhouse, walking Washita, Austin, and Colquitt before and after shows. The close-knit community and historical beauty of Inman Park reminded us that we wanted to call Atlanta our city again.

Our first year back we lived at the Grinnell, where our upstairs neighbor Dennis Mobley encouraged us to volunteer for Festival and attend IPNA meetings. Since then we've moved into a little bungalow on Virgil Street. After a few years of Trash Brigade duty, Wednesday trips to the Trolley Barn and the Marianna, and daily walks with our Australian shepherd, Lettie, down our beautiful streets, I found myself thinking about ways I could get more involved.

I would be honored to serve as the next IPNA VP, Historic Preservation. The uniqueness and character of our homes and buildings in Inman Park are an essential part of the beauty that draws

us all here. I'm excited to work with my neighbors to help them navigate our historic district design guidelines, just as I help my clients solve their legal issues every day in my law practice. To those of you I haven't met, I'm looking forward to meeting you, and for those I have, I'm glad to reconnect and see more of you.

#### Thom Abelew, VP, Public Safety

I have lived in Inman Park since 2006 but

been involved with the neighborhood for 7-8 years prior to that. I have volunteered for Festival and Tour of Homes since moving here and co-chaired



the Festival in 2012 and 2013 with my wife, Melissa Miller. I have worked with the Public Safety committee to varying degrees since 2008 and hope to continue the great work done by our previous VP's. I have lived in numerous neighborhoods in San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles and Eugene, Oregon and it is clear to me that Inman Park is a very special place; made special by our residents, both those who are new and those who have lived here for many years. Getting involved is the best thing we can do for neighborhood safety and is the reason why I am happy to serve as IPNA VP, Public Safety. I am looking forward to seeing and speaking with as many neighbors as possible and hope to continue to make Inman Park one of the finest, and safest, neighborhoods around.

#### Safe Kids Worldwide, FedEx Debut Safe School Zone Project at Inman Middle School During Global Road Safety Week

Information provided by FedEx and Safe Kids Worldwide

Parents and students joined representatives from Atlanta Public Schools, FedEx and Safe Kids Worldwide May 11 for the official unveiling of new pedestrian safety measures near Inman Middle School. The measures included an overhead flashing beacon, curb extensions that allow additional room for pedestrians, and ADA ramps at a busy intersection near the

The event included a ribbon cutting with students from Inman Middle School in attendance and remarks from Emily Boatright, interim principal of Inman Middle School, Shane O'Connor, road safety program advisor, FedEx, and David Jernigan, deputy superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools, among others.

The unveiling of the new pedestrian safety improvements was one of many road safety events hosted around the world by Safe Kids Worldwide and FedEx as part of the United Nations' Fourth Global Road Safety Week, May 8 -14.

"We are working with nonprofits such as Safe Kids to advance a road safety culture worldwide that protects drivers and pedestrians," said Shane O'Connor, road safety program advisor at FedEx. "As part of our FedEx Cares commitment to investing \$200 million in 200 communities around the world by 2020, this project has had a major



impact in making communities safer for pedestrians."

The Inman Middle School project is part of Safe Kids Worldwide's Safe School Zone program that identifies and makes long-term environmental modifications to improve child pedestrian safety and decrease child pedestrian-related injuries and deaths. The area around

Inman Middle School was identified by a community working group as needing improvements, due to the high number of pedestrian incidents.

"We are so appreciative to be working with FedEx and Safe Kids Worldwide to ensure student safety on their way to and from school," said Inman Middle School interim principal Emily Boatright.



#### Freedom Park Conservancy Charts Course

By Steven Cushing • President, Freedom Park Conservancy • steve.cushing@freedompark.org

For the neighborhoods and residence east of downtown Atlanta, and for my family in particular, Freedom Park is the treasured legacy of civic activism. In 1992 my wife Laura and I purchased a craftsman bungalow a few blocks from a ragged strip of land aimlessly rolling down hill toward its dead end at Moreland Ave. With an eye on preparing the city for the 1996 Olympics that overgrown grassy spit of land was soon transformed into the eastern terminus of Freedom Parkway and part of the two hundred acre Freedom Park. It traces the path of one section of the defeated Stone Mountain Freeway and Presidential Parkway; from the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, past the Carter Center, to a narrow spur of land near Jackson Hill Baptist Church in Candler Park and Druid Hills.

As the years flowed by, we raised two 'in-town' girls and restored the bungalow. At every opportunity we strolled, jogged, walked, and explored Freedom Park. The jogging stroller turned into a tricycle, a tag-along and then bicycles. The girls learned to ride bikes, fly kites and catch raindrops on their tongue in the meadow. This unique linear park took us to school at Mary Lin and to the MLK Center on quiet curving paths, showed us unique art installations and connected us to six other neighborhoods. It's hard now to imagine that the Carter Center sits at the nexus of what was to have been a monstrous cloverleaf interstate junction!

Recently there has been a renewed interest in the incredible story of how CAUTION, and citizens from Eastside neighborhoods of Atlanta, rallied to do what was considered impossible — stop Georgia DOT, former Mayor Andrew Young, former president Jimmy Carter, big business and special interests from bulldozing even more homes and grabbing green space to build an interstate connector between Stone Mountain and I-75/85.

Last February, at an Inman Park gallery, a pop-up exhibit entitled "Protest, Pickets & Parkways" displayed posters, photographs and newspaper articles chronicling the road fight. Last August, a 25 year anniversary gathering was held at Dellwood Park on Ponce de Leon Avenue, a celebration of the legal settlement which ended the 10 year battle to "Stop The Road".

On that sunny afternoon in Dellwood Park, I had the honor of addressing those gathered on behalf of the current Freedom Park Conservancy Board of Directors. My wife Laura, along with my youngest daughter, now a senior at Agnes Scott, were volunteers that day. On behalf of the conservancy, and my family, I expressed the gratitude of all those who now live in the vibrant neighborhoods that have flourished over the intervening years. We also made a commitment to build on the gift they bequeathed to all of Atlanta

With the metropolitan population expected to double over the next 20 years, it is clear that Freedom Park will be greatly impacted by in-town development. In 2007 the City Council passed a

freedom park conservancy.



resolution naming Freedom Park as Atlanta's Arts Park. To realize its full potential, Freedom Park cannot go into the next 25 years without a vision for its future. As an integral and vital component of a transforming urban area, a master plan for the park is needed, and a professionally-run conservancy to oversee it.

This year, the Freedom Park Conservancy (FPC) has begun delivering on that commitment. The FPC has received two significant grants; one for design services from Perkins + Will, and a private grant to hire an executive director. Utilizing pro bono hours donated by Brodbeck Board & Brass, the FPC is finalizing a strategic plan that will create a board capable of managing a significant annual budget, embarking on a capital campaign, and creating an RFP to bring a new master plan to market.

We all envision a park that is an asset to the city, a safe and beautiful space that is an inspiration for the next generation of 'rain catchers'. We look forward to the challenge and to working closely with the neighborhoods during the master planning process anticipated to kick off in 2018.

Now is a good time to join FPC and become part of the changes and improvements to your neighborhood park. http://www.freedompark.org/fpc/donate/



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The therapeutic effect of these waters both physically and psychologically enabled FDR to return to political life as Governor of New York and as President of the United States. Without these

waters there would be no New Deal, no March of Dimes and no cure for polio. FDR's life in rural Georgia changed him profoundly and we are all the better for it.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has undertaken a project to restore the Historic Roosevelt Pool and Polio Museum Complex in Warm Springs. The project to redesign the museum will include the complete story of the eradication of polio worldwide that began with FDR in Warm Springs, Georgia. In addition, the three pools that Roosevelt and other "polios" exercised in will be restored allowing for regular public access so that others may swim in the same warm buoyant waters that helped heal a President.

If you would like to be part of this project you can make a taxdeductible donation made payable to: The Friends of Roosevelt's Little White House, 401 Little White House Road, Warm Springs, Georgia, 31830, Attn: Pool Project.

#### Join the Inman Park Security Patrol

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IPNA Meeting • 7:30 p.m. • Babysitting Available The Trolley Barn • 963 Edgewood Ave. NE

- I. Welcome & Introduction of Newcomers
- II. Police Officers' Reports
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting
- IV. Announcements
- V. **Elected Officials' Reports**
- IPNA Officers' Reports VI.
  - President A.
  - B. **Planning** 
    - i. Caleb Racicot Inman Park's Lifelong Plan
  - C. Zoning
  - D. **Historic Preservation**
  - E. **Public Safety**
  - Communications F.
  - G. Treasurer
  - H. Secretary
- VII. **Committee Reports**
- **Old Business** VIII.
  - **New Business** IX.
  - 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 offduty 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

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**L5P Business Association** www.little5points.com

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

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