

# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

"But nothing that gets said, gets us out of Cabbagetown" ~ They Might Be Giants, 1992

## Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:45p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

### AGENDA

7:00 Meeting begins

- I. Welcome and Announcements
- II. Review, approval of March minutes
- III. Atlanta Police Department
- IV. City of Atlanta – Valencia Hudson
- V. Financial Report –  
Saundra Reuppel, Treasurer
- VI. Committee Reports

NPU – John Dirga, Chair

Historic Preservation and Land Use  
Committee – Nicole Seekely  
189 Pearl Street: Type III Certificate of  
Appropriateness

Hospitality Committee –  
Laura Bellinger, Chair & Karen Russian

Roll Call Party: April 20<sup>th</sup>  
at Barry's house, 700 Gaskill Street

Transportation Committee –  
Shaun Houlihan, Cabbagetown Chair

Dekalb Complete Streets Meeting

Communication Committee –  
Nathaniel Compton

Property Tax and Affordable Housing  
Committee – Kendall Rawls, Chair

Cabbagetown Initiative –  
Kendall Rawls, Vice President

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

8:45p Adjourn

Final March minutes will be adopted at the April meeting. The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street.

### BREAKING STORY: CABBAGETOWN NEIGHBOR EXCLUSIVE

# DISNEY BUYS HULSEY

## Deal Reported Worth \$56 Million

By Kyle F. Bidlack

*According to a source close to the deal, Disney is close to finalizing the purchase of upwards of fifty-six acres of land known as Hulsey Yard, from CSX Railroad.*

Mr. Sloof Lirpa has informed The Cabbagetown Neighbor that The Walt Disney Company has been quietly inquiring about the property since April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015.

The major stumbling points over the course of the preceding three years of negotiations have been price, footprint, and zoning concerns.

While the deal is not yet set in stone, Mr Lirpa says the price is in the vicinity of \$56 million for fifty-six acres of land.

When asked what Disney plans to do with the land, Mr. Lirpa said "Disney has no firm plans yet, but they are considering up to three options: a fantasy sports park featuring upwards of five sports facilities, a theme park centering on Marvel super heroes, or a theme park geared towards a more mature audience."

**Mr. Lirpa noted that plans are still in their infancy and are subject to change.**

When asked why Disney coveted this plot of land, Lirpa said "Atlanta is a booming metropolis and is home to a fertile audience for Disney offerings. We think metro Atlanta will be home to upwards of six million within a couple decades. The climate is prime as is the proximity to mass transit and mass transit build-out."

"Disney is a world renowned hospitality company. We place a premium on hospitality and our research shows that few neighborhoods in North America offer the kind of genuine hospitality found in Cabbagetown" said Lirpa.

According to another source, Ms. Tallie Day, the deal could bring upwards of 6,000 jobs to our area. Disney is looking for zone variances to build homes, and house their work force in and around the 30312 zip code.

Disney is also reportedly looking at building an elevated monorail that would surround the park, the immediate neighborhoods and branch out to an undisclosed distance. They are reported also look at "leading-edge transportation options inspired by zip lines and skyliner gondolas."

If Disney opts for the super hero park, Ms. Day says the centerpiece is reported to be a Stark Tower attraction (fictional skyscraper built by Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man), but it's proposed height of 500 feet tall has been a sticking point.

According to Day, an idea gaining traction within Disney involves the creation of a theme park (based on the highly profitable Star Wars franchise) which would require the vertical footprint of the park to exceed 300 feet. That plan also calls for interstellar themed restaurants dotted around the Cabbagetown area.

Day says "Disney is committed to minimally impacting the character and integrity of historic Cabbagetown. Our goal is to not change Cabbagetown one bit. We'll make sure that all the brands and businesses we bring in are compatible with the one-of-a-kind nature of Cabbagetown."

If all goes as planned, construction crews could begin breaking ground as early as 2021. Which is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Disney Parks. CSX could not be reached for comment.

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Wait**  
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# Cabbagetown President's Letter



**KATIE  
BUTLER**

*Hi, neighbors!* It's me, your new CNIA president. Also your old CNIA president. Despite our reaching out on *Facebook*, *Nextdoor*, by word-of-mouth and using adorable (if I do say so myself) paper fliers threatening to vote in Joe Farr against his will, no one came forward to run for president this year! (Including Joe Farr.)

*Come on.* I know there are several folks out there who can do this and would love it. I even love it! I just don't want to hog

all of the fun. It's great getting to know new and old neighbors, helping people learn about Cabbagetown, and helping the board to push their projects forward.

To move us toward having a new CNIA president, I'm starting a search committee. The folks on the committee should have some idea of how CNIA works (*and doesn't work*) and will come up with a list of candidates over the next few months. If you would like to be on this committee, write to me at [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com).

If you somehow missed all of our pleas for help and would like to consider running for CNIA president, also please contact me at [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com). We will establish the committee at the April CNIA meeting, so please email me before April 10<sup>th</sup>.

And please congratulate our new (and continuing) CNIA Board members. By unanimous vote, the following neighbors were elected to serve YOU by being on the CNIA Board:

Vice President: Chelsea Arkin

Treasurer: Saundra Reuppel

Safety and Security Chair: Daniel Black

Communications Chair: Katherine Kennedy

Thanks a million to the folks who held these offices previously:

VP: Kristy Joseph

Treasurer: Dan Thompson

Safety and Security Chair: Peyton Stinson

Communications Chair: Caitlin Keenan

At our next CNIA meeting (on April 10<sup>th</sup>), we will hopefully be hearing about the plans for a new East Gate at *Oakland Cemetery*. We will also hear about the April installment of the super-successful Joyce Brookshire Amphitheater Concert Series (in Cabbagetown Park).

*Join us for free pizza, good camaraderie, and getting your fix of neighborhood involvement on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.* Until then if you want to chat about anything Cabbagetown, email me at [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com), find me on Facebook or Nextdoor, or catch me at *The PatchWorks* on Sunday morning during bagel hours. I hear you get two bagels for the price of one bagel if you wear your PJs...

## Streets Alive!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!** We're looking for folks to help at the Cabbagetown tent at Streets Alive on Dekalb Ave on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 6p.



We'll be sharing info about *Chomp and Stomp*, *Forward Warrior!*, our new Brookshire Concert Series and general Cabbagetown awesomeness! Sign up for a one hour shift by emailing Chelsea Arkin at [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com). Or stop by to see us at the entrance to Krog Tunnel at Dekalb Avenue!

## This Month's Meetings

Your Cabbagetown Neighborhood Calendar for April

*Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Streets Alive on Dekalb Ave, 2-6 p*

*Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Cabbagetown Initiative meeting, 7p, Cabbagetown Community Center, 177 Estoria Street.*

*Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: CNIA meeting, 7p, 177 Estoria St.*

*Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee Meeting, 7p, 177 Estoria St.*

*Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: DeKalb Avenue Renew Atlanta Public Meeting, 6:30-8:30p, MLK Recreation Center at 110 Hillard St.*

*Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Transportation Committee Meeting, 6:30 p, at 97 Estoria Street*

*Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Joyce Brookshire Amphitheater Concert Series, 7p, at world famous Cabbagetown Park*

*Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: Roll Call Party for new neighbors, 7p, at Barry's House, 700 Gaskill Street.*

# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7p Cabbagetown Community Center.  
Meeting Conducted by Katie Butler. Minutes recorded by Karyn Corell.

## Called to order by Katie at 7:05p

Motion to approve February minutes.  
Second. Unanimously approved.

**APD Zone 6 Commander:** Crime patterns consistent with this time last year. Two residential burglaries: Pearl St and Waddell St. Two cars broken into: Gibson St and Tennelle St. A neighbor shared concern over vandalism on the fence at Powell & Kirkwood. Pics were sent to Lt Gruen and the graffiti task force with no reply yet.

Safety chair shared his frustration over no action/updates when things are reported to Zone Six. Ex: Homeless guy living under the stairs of the preschool/community center reported repeatedly over the last six months to no avail. Another neighbor asked for an update on arrests for the murder/shooting at corner of Blvd/Memorial several weeks back. Officer indicated an arrest has been made.

**City of Atlanta:** Valencia encouraged us to attend Dekalb Ave planning/improvement public forum meeting. Neighbor asked about sidewalks on Tye. Some issue w/retaining wall. Valencia said it'd be ten days. Neighbor asked for flyer notification for road closures ahead of work. Neighbor asked about speed table on Berean. Valencia said it takes sixty-six days. Friendship Baptist rec'd an enormous water bill. They sent it to Natalyn's office for attention/review.

**Visitor:** APS new school board member Michelle Olympiadis 404.502.0725 (cell number). Text with issues/concerns. Has three kids in APS, one with special needs. Lives in Grady cluster. She is on the budget committee too.

**Treasurer:** Dan Thompson reports a \$7,695 balance at the end of February.

**NPU:** Dirga reports Inman Park Fest approved for April 27-29. Candler Park festival is June 1 & 2. A "Paint and Sip" studio is going in at **Telephone Factory Lofts**. Motion to increase our contribution of \$50 to \$100 to L5PCAC, seconded, unananimously approved.

**Alert:** Fuqua has changed previously agreed upon plans to include a parking garage, expressly against Reynoldstown's wishes and the original vision. We will follow up with Greg G. next month for more info. This is why we need to be very diligent and active with the Hulsey Yard visioning group.

**Visitor:** LaMikko – **Atlanta Streets Alive** is April 8<sup>th</sup> 2-6. STREET CLOSURE: 1230-730 Dekalb Ave from Peachtree to Rockyford. We are doing a placemaker spot.

**Hospitality:** Karen Russian & Laura Bellinger: New Neighbor Party is at Barry's 700 Gaskill, corner of Tye & Gaskill at 7p on 4/20. BYOB.

Laura said they are working on the Care & Comfort network. Text 404.702.9763 if anyone needs help/meals after surgery/sickness etc.

Transportation: Shaun H.: We are chalking Iswald with parking lines to help with crowding/parking efficiency. Next transportation meeting is at **97 Estoria** on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Kristin joining committee to help out. Applied for grant with CoA for traffic calming on Berean. Vote to write letter of support from CNIA. Motion, seconded, unananimously in favor.

**Communications Committee:** Kaitlyn having a second baby any day now, so Nathaniel Compton is tech guru and new chair.

**Property Tax Committee:** Kendall Rawls – Bill just passed allowing 2.6% increase over three years to allow time for an impact study to be completed.

**Cabbagetown Initiative** –Tova: Chomp updated budget. New beer sponsor is **Atl Beverage Co. (Monday Night Brewing)** etc). Building a gate to enclose under back stairs of the community center/school to keep people from sleeping there. CI still needs a Parks Chair and a couple other positions.

**Visitor** – Beltline – Nathan Soldat: Wrapping up Phase One Irwin to Kirkwood. Last piece is speed table on Wylie where beltline crosses the road. There will be A FULL ROAD CLOSURE from April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. West side of Krog lighting project finished Friday. Neighbor asked about clean-up/spillage of graffiti outside tunnel onto benches, sidewalks, trees... That is the arena of the Parks Dept, Public Works and **CSX**.

**CNIA Elections:** President Katie to continue one more year. Nominated, 2nd, unan approved, VP Chelsea Arkin – nom, 2nd, unan approved. Secretary Karyn Corell one more term. Nom, 2nd, unan approved. Treasurer Nomination: Saundra on Kirkwood, 2nd, unan approved. Communications nominated: Katherine on Estoria, 2nd, unan approved. Public Safety nominated Daniel on Tye, 2nd, unan approved.

**Final announcements:** Dedication of the amphitheater is Thursday at 6:45p, Show starts at 7p.

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabbagetown Reunion** put on by **Patchworks** is always first Saturday in June. They need volunteers to help out. Carroll Street will be closed from 11a-5p.

**Adjourned 8:34p**

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# If You Build It...

By Michael Kahn, Curbed Atlanta

**A unique Memorial Drive condominium offering at the edge of Cabbagetown could soon move toward construction, as half of the units have been claimed.**

The project, **764 Memorial**, is proposed for a long-scraggly site across the street from under-construction **Atlanta Dairies**. Now, the project's website reports that fifty percent of the building has been sold.



Architectural rendering of 765 Memorial

Announced last year, 764 Memorial will be built where a similar project was planned to rise before the recession. ITP Development has plans for a five-story, brick-and-stone building to feature 11 one-bedroom units and 13 two-bedroom options.

As units have sold out, three more floorplans have become available—with two including large rooftop terraces. All units feature balconies facing Memorial Drive.

**Prices start in the \$200,000s and range up into the \$300,000s.**

Additionally, five live-work townhomes are planned, bringing the total number of units to twenty-nine. Plans also call for office and retail space at the base of the building fronting Memorial Drive.

Permit filings from this week indicate that work could soon get underway on the site, and the project website states delivery could come this fall.

With the reuse of existing foundation walls on site, developers have said construction of the wood-framed building could move quickly.

**Get Well Soon David Chatom!**

# Ten Years Ago

By Kyle F. Bidlack

**Ten years ago, an F2 tornado ripped through Cabbagetown. Hard to believe that a decade has passed since that fateful day.**

For those of us who have moved to our magical little neighborhood since, you should know that while Mother Nature may have ripped apart homes like this one at 252 Powell Street, it did not tear the bond Cabbageheads share. We banded together and took care of one another. **Cabbagetown Strong!**



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# Don't Wait



*Back in November, I spent 10 days in Alaska.* It was my second trip there and the experiences I had in 2016 were fresh on my mind as I flew in over the stunning Chugach Mountains.

My cousin and I compared maps and books as we planned our first hike. Falls Creek stood out as the trail to do among the many choices. Something about the level of physical challenge really spoke to us. One book described the ability to

continue past the official trail and summit nearby South Suicide peak. We were hooked.

The hike started off beautifully and only got more mesmerizing with each step. We had a stunning view of Turnagain Arm (the icy waterway outside Anchorage) the entire hike. It was always visible, nestled between two snow covered mountains behind us. The late Fall sun gazed upon a ragged peak ahead of us, beckoning us forward. We proceeded through increasingly deep snow, while the peak ahead served as a beacon for us on our ascent.

As we rose up the side of the mountain, which turned out to *NOT* be South Suicide peak after all, and the effort increased significantly, we had to check our resolve to reach the top. We had moved beyond snowy hiking into steep, icy mountaineering that was well outside of what we were prepared for. Yet, the spectacular beauty and seeming perfect harmony with our surroundings kept us moving. Daylight was burning with each icy step, and when we were perhaps 100 feet from the top, we had to decide: do we keep going in conditions that were already well outside of what was safe, or do we turn back and spend what light we had left getting down from our precarious position. We turned back.

When we turned to descend on the steep, icy slope we were perched on, I lost my balance and began to wobble. There was nothing to grab. No way to stabilize myself. When I fell to the ice and began to slide, I realized I was in serious trouble. There was no way to stop on the solid ice sheet; I was going over. I knew in that moment that it was possible my life would end on that mountain.

As fate would have it, I went airborne over a ledge and landed in a deep snow field, skidding toward a second rocky ledge, but I was able to stop before going over a second time. It was the most intense experience of my life, yet one in which I felt a sense of calm that is hard to put into words.

Surviving this experience put things in perspective for me. The main takeaway that I wanted to share in this very brief account is that I no longer wait to live until some magical perfect future. I'm living now. I encourage everyone reading to do the same.

*Don't wait. Tomorrow may be too late.* Take the trip. Make the phone call. Pursue the dream you've always fantasized about. All we have is now. *I hope you join me in making it count.*

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# Two More Murder Arrests Made

*The Atlanta Police Department announced two more arrests in the Barcelona Wine Bar robbery and murder from November 2017.*

Terry Jones, DOB 3/29/98, was taken into custody on Wednesday, February 28th by the APD Fugitive Unit. Jones had just landed at Hartsfield- Jackson Atlanta International Airport in the early morning when he was met at the gate by Fugitive Unit investigators and taken into custody. Jones was charged with felony murder and transported to the Fulton County jail.

Soon thereafter, they announced that they have now made a fourth arrest in the November 19<sup>th</sup> murder of Chelsea Beller, a manager at the Barcelona Wine Bar in northwest Atlanta. Ira Troy Williams, DOB 4/20/98, was taken

into custody on February 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:00p by the APD Fugitive Unit at 56 Rockbridge Road in Stone Mountain. Williams was charged with Felony Murder and was transported to the Fulton County Jail. This is the fourth and final suspect linked to this case.



*Chelsea Beller*

Beller was shot during a robbery while the restaurant, located at 1084 Howell Mill Road in northwest Atlanta, was closing around 2:30a on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Three black males entered the restaurant, tied up employees and forced Beller to open a safe.

During the robbery, one of the suspects shot Beller. She was transported to Grady Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. This is the final suspect to be arrested for Beller's murder.



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# Movie review: *Super Troopers*



**LACEE ADERHOLD**

*Directed by: Jay Chandrasekhar. With Performances by: Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Paul Soter, Erik Stolhanske, Brian Cox, Marisa Coughlin, and Lynda Carter*

Vermont state troopers, Thorny (Chandrasekhar), Farva (Heffernan), Mac (Lemme), Foster (Soter), and Rabbit (Stolhanske) are a wacky group of guys who don't take much seriously.

Between playing pranks on one another, playing games that confuse motorists, and getting under the skin of the local Spurbury police, these guys fully enjoy their shenanigans. That is, until their Captain, (Cox) lets them know that their precinct is in danger of closing. They need to get down to business and up their numbers if they want to keep their jobs.

When a murder scene and an eighteen wheeler full of drugs may be connected, the boys must compete with Spurbury PD to solve the case. When Ursula, the only female member of the SPD gets suspicious of her station mates, she throws in with the troopers to find the leaders of the Johnny Chimpo drug ring.

Once the Mayor and the Governor (Carter) become involved, mistakes are made and both the troopers and SPD spiral out of

control. The threat of shutdown is imminent, and the troopers must pull out all the stops to take down the drug ring and identify any dirty SPD officers.

Will the troopers put the pieces together in time? Is the SPD involved? Does Johnny Chimpo get caught? Will the troopers keep their jobs? Watch *Super Troopers* to find out.

*Super Troopers* is definitely a hard R film filled with raunchy humor and heavy language, not to mention the not so subtle drug usage. This is the perfect film to help Cabbageheads prepare for their 420 celebrations or (Earth Day if that's your preference). And the sequel, *Super Troopers 2* is in theaters on April 20th.

**Favorite quote:** Foster – *So, listen... I had a really good time at that Winnebago fight. Maybe we could do it again sometime?*

**Trivia:** The five lead actors are members of the comedy/acting troupe Broken Lizard. They met in college and have been performing together live and in film ever since.

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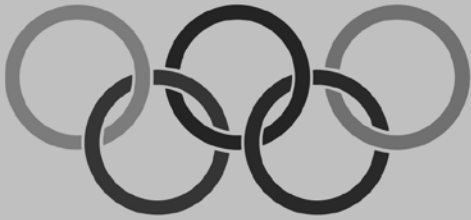
By Kyle F. Bidlack

What music is Cabbagetown listening to? Good question. Here are April's most played songs on the *Milltown Tavern* juke box.

- 1 TYLER, THE CREATOR  
I AIN'T GOT TIME
- 2 KENDRICK LAMAR  
ALL THE STARS
- 3 FLUME  
DROP THE GAME
- 4 PSYCHEDELIC FURS  
LOVE MY WAY
- 5 THE CARS  
DRIVE
- 6 WHEN IN ROME  
THE PROMISE
- 7 THE WEEKND  
PRAY FOR ME
- 8 VINCE STAPLES  
BAGBAK
- 9 SYLVAN ESSO  
RADIO
- 10 ELVIS BISHOP  
FOOLED AROUND & FELL IN LOVE
- 11 LORDE  
HOMEMADE DYNAMITE
- 12 SCISSOR SISTERS  
LET'S HAVE A KIKI
- 13 CRIME MOB  
KNUCK IF YOU BUCK
- 14 ANDERSON .PAAK  
COME DOWN
- 15 ELECTRIC SIX  
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# 1ST ANNUAL CABBAGETOWN OLYMPICS SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

## STREET VS. STREET COMPETITION\*

- Each street must have a captain, a name, a theme, a uniform, & a flag
- Minimum \$10 donation per athlete per street - due by April 28. All proceeds benefit The Patch Works Art & History Center
- Opening Ceremony at 11AM in Cabbagetown Park
- Winning street will have their flag & memorabilia proudly displayed at The Patch Works Art & History Center

## WHOSE STREET WILL REIGN SUPREME?!?!



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\*Street vs. Street includes The Stacks and Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill Lofts

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# Now Hear This! Slim's Pickin's



**SLIM CHANCE**

*April is the start of festival season in Atlanta, and there are a few really good ones on the horizon.* April 14<sup>th</sup> brings the *Amplify Decatur Fest*, featuring *The Lone Bellow*, *the Jayhawks*, and *Amanda Shires*.

*Sweetwater 420 Fest* is April 20<sup>nd</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and while a ton of bands are playing, look for *The Motet*, *Sturgill Simpson*, *the Infamous Stringdusters*, *Tedeschi-Trucks Band*, and *Umphrey's McGhee* for the stoners.

Then on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, walk over to the *Inman Park Festival* for *Ruby Velle and the Soulphonics*, *Rodeo Twister*, and Atlanta blues legends *Eddie Tigner* and *Sandra Hall*, among many others.

*April 7<sup>th</sup> Dweezil Zappa at Variety Playhouse:* Yes, I am a diehard Zappa fan, and while Dweezil may not quite have the creative mind of his old man, he has meticulously studied the guitar technique and pretty much mastered Frank's sound. Each tour focuses on a diverse and deep album cut period, and the band is capable of near perfect renditions of both the complex and crazy stuff. Dweezil is also doing a guitar workshop in the afternoon at VP if you are so inclined.

*April 10<sup>th</sup> OMD at Center Stage:* New wave techno was THE THING for a lot of the 80's, and OMD was one of the best. Catchy hook laden tunes that you could dance to, and pseudo-intellectual lyrics that made you think you were listening to something profound. Get out the hairspray, the carefully torn neon t-shirts, and the eyeliner! Same for the women!

*April 14<sup>th</sup> Sirens of South Austin @ Eddie's Attic:* Former Atlanta based folkie *Rebecca Loebe* returns with a couple of her Austin pals in tow – *BettySoo* and *Grace Pettis*. There is always a good vibe when three friends with this much talent share the stage, and their fun is infectious. Word on the net is that this trio has just signed a record deal, and will soon be doing a full length album. Go see them now, for bragging rights later.

*April 15<sup>th</sup> The Decemberists @ the Roxy:* In a time when pop music is overloaded with mediocrity, the Decemberists consistently put out good albums, and their newest release

*"I'll Be your Girl!"* mixes their intelligent and catchy lyrics and beats with a groovy old school synth sound. Also, former Cabbagehead *Kelly Hogan* is singing backup on this tour, so go give our lovely homey a shout out.

*April 17<sup>th</sup> Dick Dale at the EARL:* I believe any true music fan should take the initiative to go and hear as many aging legends as possible. Far too many heroes are leaving us, and those opportunities are diminishing at a high rate. Dick Dale INVENTED the surf guitar sound, and will be 81 in May. His recent performances have been a bit ragged, but the fact that he is still out there plugging away is a testament to his art. Don't miss an opportunity to see and hear an originator.

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> Eric B. and Rakim:* I make no claims to being into today's hiphop or that Trap \$#!+ at all, and my Rap roots are way back with the fundamentalists like *Grandmaster Flash*, *Afrika Bambaataa*, and *The Sugarhill Gang*. Eric B. & Rakim were one

of the best of the original crews, making cool 70's funk beats and talking about real issues, but also having a good time in the process. Split for many years, they rejoined forces in 2017, and are back on the road. Old school all the way.

*April 27<sup>th</sup> Paul Thorn, Blind Boys of Alabama, and the McCrary Sisters at Variety Playhouse:* Even though Paul Thorn has a reputation as a notably acerbic singer-songwriter, he has recently been exploring his faith through a more gospel



*Sirens of South Austin @ Eddie's Attic, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Photo by Nicola Gell.*

tinged lens, and this huge package show features the incredible Blind Boys of Alabama, and the McCrary Sisters, both of whom have made their own marks and performed with artists like *Elvis Costello* and *Buddy & Julie Miller*. Some of you Cabbageheads could use a little saving, it seems. No offense.

*April 28<sup>th</sup> Foo Fighters at Georgia State Stadium:* Most mainstream modern rock bands are pretty generic and sort of lame, but I have to confess to digging a lot of the Foo Fighters' tunes. *Dave Grohl* could not have made a more successful career choice after the sad demise of *Nirvana*, and his unbridled enthusiasm spills over with some fun, edgy, and hard rocking material. I bet we can hear this show from our porches.

# An East Gate at Oakland Cemetery

By Richard Harker, Director of Programming and Volunteers, Historic Oakland Foundation

**Oakland Cemetery and Cabbagetown have been historically connected since the 1880s when Jacob Elsas built the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill and the ensuing mill village, Cabbagetown.** Elsas was interred at Oakland in the family mausoleum when he passed in 1931. Although his mausoleum proudly overlooks Memorial Drive and the new **Grant Park Market**, what many don't realize is that Elsas had a window placed in the back of the Mausoleum (facing North) so that even in death he could overlook the Mill and the community that he devoted much of his adult life to.

We're proud of our historic connection to Cabbagetown. But the connections are not just historic. The Historic Oakland Foundation supports Cabbagetown businesses by sending our visitors in their direction and by providing opportunities at our many events for those businesses to showcase the best they have to offer.

**But we don't imagine our connections ending there. A much discussed "East Gate," is now a part of our new master plan to make Oakland more accessible to all the residents, visitors, and business owners of the Cabbagetown community and beyond.**

How wonderful would it be if walkers, runners, and Oakland Cemetery visitors from Cabbagetown had the option to enter from the eastern side of the Cemetery rather than walk half way along the Cemetery on Memorial Drive? In a bustling city (and neighborhood) that is rapidly changing, Oakland remains a beautiful and tranquil 48-acre sanctuary. Being able to expand access to our east side neighbors is a priority for The Foundation as we strive to fulfil our mission to preserve, restore, enhance, and share Oakland with the public.

This idea has been circulating at Oakland for a number of years but for me, who is relatively new to the Foundation, this was

reinforced recently when I sat on the roof of **Six Feet Under** enjoying a post-work happy hour. Down Memorial Drive came a group of fifty runners on that narrow sidewalk next to Oakland's southern wall. How much more enjoyable would their run have been had it instead traversed Oakland's beautiful forty-eight acres? How much more convenient would it be for everyone living in Cabbagetown and the neighborhoods to the east of Oakland to have a new access point from which to enjoy this one-of-a-kind city park?

**So what's the latest?** A project of this size and impact has required a period of due diligence to ensure that as many of our stakeholders as possible have had a say in this project. Now we're transitioning into the active planning stage; working with architects to render drawings, and skilled metal workers to work on designs which will incorporate the cemetery's existing historic fabric. This project will take money to accomplish, so we are also putting together a funding strategy to raise the necessary capital.

Located at the corner of Memorial Drive and Boulevard, this pedestrian gate will provide easier access for our friends on the east side and a faster way to enjoy the irreplaceable forty-eight acres of green space and history. **We hope that you are as excited as we are!**

If you would like to help us fundraise or want to know the latest of what's going on at Oakland visit us online at **[oaklandcemetery.com](http://oaklandcemetery.com)** like us or follow us on social media. Also save the date for our **Arts at Oakland: Golden Hour** exhibition opening party on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> and **Tunes from the Tombs**, our annual music festival, on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Ten Years On

By Kyle F. Bidlack

**As you well know, an F2 tornado hit Cabbagetown on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.** Take a walk around the 'hood today, and it's hard (but not impossible) to find evidence of that fateful night.

A neighborhood's intrinsic ability to recover comes not from the federal government, but from those that live within. With that thought in mind, The Cabbagetown Neighbor tips its cap to all of you who were here. We mended each other, gave shelter, food and drink. We cleared our streets, patched roofs, and lent as much financial support to our neighbors hit hardest, as we possibly could... and then some. We will never forget how much you gave from the heart. **You are here.**

# You Bird Brain



Photo by Mary Catherine Matheny

*Is Hollywood shooting a re-make of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds"?* We don't think so. Nonetheless, Pheasants (turkeys?) were spotted in Cabbagetown this past week. Pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, turkeys, and wolves. They all love visiting your little 'hood.

# Feel The Noise!

By John Dirga

*In 2018 a series of six live music performances will be held in the Brookshire Amphitheater in Cabbagetown Park, four in the Spring and two in the Fall.* Funded in part by both The CI and CNIA, the City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department has approved the events, and city permits have been submitted. The performances are tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of March, April, May, June, September, and October, with a rain date on the fourth Thursday if needed. The shows will start promptly at 7p, and be over no later than 9p.

A proposal to honor the memory of Cabbagetown folksinger and community activist Joyce Brookshire by naming the Cabbagetown Park Amphitheater "The Joyce Brookshire Memorial Stage" was submitted to the Atlanta City Council, shepherded by City Council Member (and Cabbagetown representative) Natalyn Archibong. This has been approved, and a naming ceremony will be held just prior to the first event on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:45p.

Ms. Archibong will be in attendance to speak, and folk singer Elise Witt will lead the audience in singing Joyce's song "Cabbagetown Ballad" to christen the stage. The first event also features performances by Cabbagetown bands – *The Chumblers*, and *Slim Chance & the Convicts*, starting at 7p.

Given Joyce's rich and productive history of wonderful music and dedication to empowering and promoting the welfare of Cabbagetown residents, she is remembered as an effective and positive force whose work was critical in shaping the current neighborhood environment, and creating a sense of pride in our community. While other musical performers have roots in Cabbagetown, Joyce's efforts have had the most lasting and positive impact, and dedicating a stage to her in Cabbagetown Park would be a fitting tribute to both her music and her support of the community.

*For more information, check out: [www.facebook.com/ctownpark/](http://www.facebook.com/ctownpark/) Or feel free to contact: James Kelly PhD, [JKellySC1@aol.com](mailto:JKellySC1@aol.com), Steve Seachrist, [seachrist@earthlink.net](mailto:seachrist@earthlink.net), or John Dirga, [johndirga@gmail.com](mailto:johndirga@gmail.com)*

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*Said Tillie to her mama,  
Christina Kennedy-Farr.  
As reported by papa Joe Farr.*

# Stacks Squares: Round Two

By John Dirga

**It's time for Round Two of the rotating Stacks Squares mural project!** Located in the shadow of The old Mill Building No.1 (H Building at *The Stacks*) at the corner of Carroll Street & Tennelle, *The Squares* are a community driven installation for established and emerging artists.

The next wave of artists will begin buffing out their spots in anticipation of the April launch. The event officially kicks off this Saturday (March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>), and continues next weekend (April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) as ten amazing painters, illustrators, and sprayliens create new, exciting original works for your enjoyment.

Stop by and say hi to the hardworking artists any Saturday or Sunday, and enjoy complimentary refreshments courtesy of the Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association. Cash or Card Donations are gladly accepted to support this non-profit initiative to enhance the pedestrian experience along Carroll. Stacks Squares is a partnership between CNIA and the Stacks COA, with generous support from Councilmember Archibong, **Forward Warrior!**, and **97 Estoria**. For more information (including how to apply for Round Three!), please visit: [facebook.com/StacksSquares](https://www.facebook.com/StacksSquares) or contact Project Director & curator Austin Blue, via email [StacksSquares@gmail.com](mailto:StacksSquares@gmail.com)



*The Stacks Squares. Ready for round two. Located at the corner of Carroll Street and Tennelle*

## Forward Warrior! June 16<sup>th</sup>

By John Dirga, CNIA NPU-N Representative

**Cabbagetown Initiative is happy to announce 2018 Forward Warrior! (~250 people, Class E Permit), an arts & culture awareness event, taking place on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 11a - 8p, on the block face across from Esther Peachy Lefevre Park, Wylie Street at Powell Street.**

This low impact event will feature a small art market, two neighborhood DJ's spinning downtempo, and a modest beer station for adult refreshments.

There will be three food trucks, happy cans, water stations, and recycling. **Patchworks Cabbagetown Art & History Museum** will also be unveiling a travelling exhibit about Esther Peachy Lefever, whose historic series of ceramic murals in 1987 with artist Steve Seaberg are still visible along the **CSX Wall**.

Wylie Street between Powell Street & Tye Street will be closed to non-emergency vehicle traffic from 12p to 6p, via barricades and detour routes staffed by off-duty APD Officers. However, pedestrian, dog, bicycle, & Segway access will remain unimpeded.

This public event is being organized by the **Cabbagetown Initiative** 501c3, admission is free, and the event is open to all.

There is only limited public parking, and participating artists will park remotely. Attendees are encouraged to walk or bike. Detours and barricades will be clearly marked and staffed by off-duty APD officers.

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# Slow Yo' Roll!

**Nobody loves folks speeding through Cabbagetown!** Especially our neighbors on Short Street. They deployed a little help from Aunt Esther Anderson (LaWanda Page, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1920 – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002).

**Speeders be warned!** Not only has the APD taken notice of your crimes against humanity, but Aunt Esther is now on the case too.

**"Watch it Sucka!"**

*Photo by The Good Reverend David Dechant*



# The Real Estate Report

This information is provided by Chrissie Kallio using the First Multiple Listing records and data from Housing and Urban Development postings. The information is not guaranteed or warranted. Any questions regarding real estate in the

Cabbagetown area can be directed to the following resident agents: Chrissie Kallio at 404.295.2068 • Lynne Splinter at 404.582.0006 • Debbie Weeks 404.272.1906.

**We wish you happy house hunting!**



## HOUSES

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Price</i>
624 Memorial 4 BD/2 BA	\$499,000
<i>Pending</i>	<i>Price</i>
266 Berean St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$489,900
731 Mollie St. 2 BD/2.5 BA	\$489,900
<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
607 Pickett St. 3 BD/1 BA	\$374,000

## MULTI-FAMILY

<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
None this month.	

**SOLD**

## CONDOS & LOFTS

<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
The Stacks	
Unit E115 2 BD/2 BA	\$475,000
Unit E309 2 BD/2 BA	\$415,000
Unit H314 1 BD/1 BA	\$315,000
Unit H210 1 BD/1 BA	\$292,000
Unit H220 1 BD/1 BA	\$290,000
Unit H216 1 BD/1 BA	\$275,000
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 710 2 BD/2 BA	\$332,000
Cabbagetown	
212 Berean St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$259,900

## LOTS

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Price</i>
726 Gaskill St. Single family residence	\$225,000

## COMMERCIAL

<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
None this month.	

## CONDOS & LOFTS

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E315 2 BD/2 BA	\$519,900
Unit H524 2 BD/2 BA	\$425,000
Unit H217 2 BD/2 BA	\$369,900
<i>Conditional</i>	<i>Asking</i>
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E323 2 BD/2 BA	\$402,000

**PENDING**

## CONDOS & LOFTS

<i>Pending</i>	<i>Price</i>
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E306 2 BD/2 BA	\$435,000
Unit H228 2 BD/2 BA	\$425,000
Milltown Lofts	
Unit #502 2 BD/2 BA	\$345,000
Unit #1004 2 BD/2 BA	\$325,000
Cabbagetown	
212 Berean Ave. Unit 3	\$259,000
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Wednesday, April 18th

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Tuesday, April 24th

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