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IF YOU BOUGHT A HOME IN C'TOWN During the past 50 years

Recently sold for \$553,000 • 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom

116 Estoria is rich with character as evidenced by built-in bookshelves and a window seat in the living room, custom kitchen shelving, crystal doorknobs, vintage-inspired lighting and elegant molding. The main living areas are open yet defined and include a spacious dining room, chic kitchen and inviting living room. The primary bedroom packs a punch with room for a king sized bed, a walk-in closet and direct access to the incredible backyard. Enjoy your garden oasis with its oversized deck, flagstone patio, and sunken fire pit, all custom landscaped.

Value in 2000: \$35,600 • \$517,400 increase in 22 years

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By Kyle F. Bidlack

CNBC recently reported that Atlanta is currently the best place to buy a home in the United States. "With major tech companies such as Apple, Microsoft, and Visa opening Atlanta offices in recent years, the city has a robust job market... and remains relatively affordable. Over 20[®] of renters can afford to buy a median-priced home in the area, based on a calculation that includes a 10[®] down payment. The national average is 15.1[®]." says CNBC.

Great news for both homeowners and potential buyers. "Cabbagetown is at a 21[%] year-over-year increase in home prices in the current market. That trend may continue depending on interest rates but we won't see a decline in prices as the inventory is limited and one-of-a-kind." says James Robbins, Real Estate Advisor with Engel & Völkers Atlanta. James is also a Cabbagetown homeowner. Chrissie Kallio – Realtor, Associate Broker with the chrissie kallio group – says "Cabbagetown has what no other community in Atlanta offers; a unique blend of location, charm, and community. The fixed borders and landmark historic status will continue to safeguard the values and the BeltLine, shopping, dining, and proximity to resources and the City will do the same. As Atlanta grows, the intown market will grow along with it, and Cabbagetown will remain a leader in home values intown."

This all bodes well for Cabbagetown homeowners, and those that wish to make our neighborhood, their home. If you are among the 20[%] of Atlanta renters that can afford to buy, do it. The general rule of thumb is the sooner you purchase real estate, the more wealth you will accumulate. *Story continues on page seven.*



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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2023 at 7p Meeting to be held at the Community Center as well as Zoom https://zoom.us/j/95657039874 Meeting ID: 956 5703 9874

Password: 30316

NOTE: A digital copy of this month's agenda and materials can be found at: *cabbagetown.com/agenda*

7p: Meeting begins. Welcome from Hospitality Committee members Stephanie Z and Amanda Bisgaard. Free pizza! *I. New neighbor sign-up at: cabbagetown.com/membership II. Open Positions:* Secretary, C'town/R'town Transportation

Committee Representative, Communication Back-up Chair

III. Review and approve January minutes

IV. President Report - Alicia Thompson

V. Atlanta Police Department

VI. City of Atlanta: Council Person - Liliana Bakhtiari VII. Financial Report: Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

VIII. Committee Reports

- Cabbagetown Initiative Todd Gandee, CI President Cabbagetown
- Reynoldstown Transportation Committee Stephanie DowdaMer
- Film Liaison Committee Kellie Wellborn and Christina Sines
- Communications Chair Naomi Siodmok
- NPU John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative
- Historic Preservation & Land Use Committee Jake Elsa & Naomi Siodmok
- X. New Business

XI. Old Business

8:35p Adjourn

BINGO NIGHT!



It's the latest Ctown Craze... besides Scrabble. Photo by Jeanne Dufour.

Thanks & Save the Date



Hello best neighborhood in Atlanta, heck going to just say it, all the world. Thank you to the crew at Milltown, my neighbors, and friends that found it in their hearts to grant me the title of Cabbagehead of the Year. It is an honor. I am not joking when I say I value the title and have added it to my Résumé.

But enough with the mushy stuff. CNIA has a great year planned so get out your calendars and mark accordingly. We are

planning our next *Bingo Night* for Friday, February 24th 6:30p at the Community Center. ^{\$}10 at the door gets you in the game and ^{\$}5 for each additional card, good for all games. Some drinks and snacks provided but we suggest you bring some to share.

In March we have something old and new planned for you. The same folks who brought you *Bingo* are going to put on *Prom* Saturday, March 4th at the Community Center. Put on those boogie shoes and come dance. ^{\$}10 gets you in the door. The rest is up to you. Will you be Travolta, a wall flower, a DJ, or a punch spiker? I can't wait! We will also pull off another spectacular *Neighborhood Yard Sale* Saturday March 18th. ^{\$}10 and signing up at *Cabbagetown. com* will get you on the map. If you don't have a good spot to sell your wares, we have space at the Community Center parking lot.

In April the New Neighbor party crew is back in action. Right now, they are looking for a location to host the party. It is usually held on a Friday night and attendance runs about 75 people. Food and drink supplied. We have had this party in a shotgun style home before, so no home is too small. If interested in being our host, send an email to *info@cabbagetown.com*.

We have requested some room in the budget for a few *Screen on the Green* movies in the park. No dates set in stone just yet. Send movie requests to *info@cabbagetown.com*.

Please join us the first Saturday in June when we have the *Cabbagetown Reunion*. We close off part of Carroll Street, throw hootenannies on the porches and corral cake walkers to celebrate the history and spirit of Cabbagetown.

This summer, *Cabbagetown Concert Series* aims to entertain you in our Brookshire Amphitheatre with curated music by locals. If interested in helping with organization email us at *info@cabbagetown.com*.

Not last or least, the weekend of September 16th we have our *Forward Warrior!!* Mural project and the *Cabbagetown Tour of Homes*. This event gets bigger and better every year. I have hosted the tour two years now and it an absolute blast. Start thinking about hosting now.

I have filled in your calendar enough for now and I can't promise this is the end but before I go some housekeeping. We require a Secretary for our CNIA committee. It is probably the easiest job on the board as we now record our meetings on *Zoom* so even if you can't make the meeting you have a back-up. Email us at *info@cabbagetown.com* if interested.

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, 7p via Zoom. Meeting conducted by Alicia Thompson. Minutes by Alicia. Meeting opened at 7:04p.

1. Welcome from Hospitality committee members Stephanie Z. and Amanda Bisgaard. Come early for free Pizza!

- 2. New Neighbor Sign-up: Please fill out the Online Membership Form
- 3. Open Positions: Vice President, Transportation Chair,

Communication Chair, and Secretary.

- 4. Review and approval of the December minutes
- 5. President Report Alicia Thompson
- Filming in Reynoldstown: January 14th 16th
- January 17th Zoning 2.0 meeting
- Holiday Crawl Great experience. Think about what else CNIA can do to keep people informed and together.
- CNIA budget meeting this month, so if there are things you want us to spend money on, let us know during new business or email us at *cnia@cabbagetown.com*. Our requests for the year will also tie to Cabbagetown Initiative's (Cl's) budget for us to get add. funding.

6. Atlanta Police Department

- Keep a lookout for vehicle break-ins.
- Attendee Question People speed down Berean Ave., can we put in speed bumps? Do officers hate speed bumps? Sargent Response - Need to work with the City to put speed bumps in. Can have officers check that area when not on calls.
- Attendee Comment Street racing near Tye and Memorial. A lot of cars come down Tye to Memorial and by Grindhouse, it sounds like street racing is occurring. Sargent Response – Will share this concern with the beat officer.

7. City of Atlanta - Council Person Liliana Bakhtiari - Yasamin Khorashahi

- Krog St Tunnel work should be completed by the end of Feb. Will look to have a town forum on the project for the next steps.
- Putting together district transportation reps from neighborhood organizations to discuss transportation initiatives for Bakhtiari.
- Coffee with a Councilmember at Taproom Coffeehouse in Kirkwood at 11a on Sunday.
- Liliana is chairing the Committee of Council, Zoning Community, Finance Committee and will be reaching out for input.
- Attendee Comment Corner of Iswald and Memorial Some street signs have been knocked over.
- Status of Reynoldstown traffic study spoke with AtlDOT, so it is on their radar, but no additional updates. It has been funded though.
- i. Attendees noted that they have seen traffic counters in the hood, but that does not appear to be related to the aforementioned traffic study.
- Need an update on the stop sign on Wylie and Tye.

8. Financial Report - Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

- Goal to present budget at the Feb meeting and approve it in March.
- Holiday Crawl and bingo were the most recent events. Both events allowed us to get new tables and supplies. We broke even.
- i. More people showed up to pay and eat than bring food and pay in advance, so will need to rethink how we approach the event.
- ii. Bingo night was a good first experience.
- CNIAtreasurer@gmail.com is a way to find out more about CNIA and the budget if you have questions!
- Got all of the tactical urbanism supplies purchased and ordered!

9. Subarea 4 Master Plan - Lynnette Reid

- Updating the plan regarding placemaking, housing, etc.
- Comments were received from CNIA and were incorporated.
- Will share the presentation with us via email.
- This month, Lynette Reid is visiting all of the 'hoods and will look to get a vote in the month of February and go to a Comprehensive Development Plan hearing in March.
- Attendee Question What are the top 3 placemaking projects of focus?
- i. Reynoldstown near Muchachos. Amphitheater changed in size next month, ask Miranda about the timeline about how we got to this smaller active space. Speaker, Nathan, did note that the site could still operate as a stage.

ii. More wayfinding and work with the City's tactical urbanism program. iii. Beltline wants more wayfinding as well.

• Subarea 4 Master Plan Draft available for review and comment here: https://beltline.org/the-project/planning-and-communityengagement/master-plan-updates-feedback/

- For more info or questions/feedback email Lynnette Reid at *Lreid@atlbeltline.org* or call at 404.477.3551
- 10. Committee Reports
- Communications Chair Naomi Siodmok
- Check out the monthly events here: https://cabbagetown.com/calend ar?view=calendar&month=01-2023
- NPU John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative
- i. Change of Agent at Publix and Change of Ownership at 97 Estoria are alcohol licenses that got approved. Estoria didn't actually change ownership, but did not apply in 2020 when they did change ownership ii. We have a new enforcement officer.
- iii. Pyromaniac in Little 5 Points has been caught.
- iv. The Planning Department is offering a community planner certificate program and this is advertised under NPU university on the Dept. of City Planning website.
- v. Charter School It may/may not take funding from APS.
- vi. Amy Stout is the new chair of NPU-N.
- vii. Liquor License for Go Puff the equivalent of Uber Eats for beer, wine, and cigarettes. Just a warehouse where they have the beer and wine, but you order it from the App. Reynoldstown is not happy about it, since it is within the distance requirement of a church. Concerns that once there is a liquor license can turn into a liquor store. viii. Looking for an alternate/backup NPU chair.
- ix. Looking for guest curators for Stacks Squares and guest booking agents for the concert series that starts in March.
- *Cabbagetown Initiative* Todd Gandee, Cl President i. No update.
- Cabbagetown/Reynoldstown Transportation Committee
- i. Tactical urbanism project on Wylie. Needed to be processed by the end of 2022, but in late November found out the impact of Phase II of Krog would damage the work. A lot of the pieces have been ordered, but will order the more time sensitive items at a later time. No date for the installation yet. Now it looks like flexpost chicanes on the southside of the street. Will no longer be able to park next to Esther Peachey nor within 15' of the intersection.
- 2. Working get additional funds for the planters.

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OCAL REAL ESTATE STATS

SUMMERHILL	GRANT PARK	INMAN PARK
26 ▲	41 ▼	11 ▼
HOMES FOR SALE	HOMES FOR SALE	HOMES FOR SALE
29 ▼	22 ▲	03 ▼
HOMES PENDING	HOMES PENDING	HOMES PENDING
150 ▼	72 ▼	62 ▲
AVG DAYS ON MRKT	AVG DAYS ON MRKT	AVG DAYS ON MRKT
^{\$} 606,928 ▲	^{\$} 586,695 ▲	^{\$} 747,141 ▼
AVG HOME PRICE	AVG HOME PRICE	AVG HOME PRICE
^{\$} 329 ▼	^{\$} 337 ▼	^{\$} 391 ▲
AVG PRICE SQFT	AVG PRICE SQFT	AVG PRICE SQFT
KIRKWOOD	REYNOLDSTOWN	CABBAGETOWN
15 ▼	29 ▲	14▼
HOMES FOR SALE	HOMES FOR SALE	HOMES FOR SALE
29 ▼	20 ▲	6 ▲
HOMES PENDING	HOMES PENDING	HOMES PENDING
172 ▼	78 ▼	60▲
AVG DAYS ON MRKT	AVG DAYS ON MRKT	AVG DAYS ON MRKT
^{\$} 454,777 ▼	^{\$} 751,371 ▼	^{\$} 429,565 ▼
AVG HOME PRICE	AVG HOME PRICE	AVG HOME PRICE
^{\$} 315 ▼	^{\$} 377 ▼	^{\$} 380 ▲
AVG PRICE SQFT	AVG PRICE SQFT	AVG PRICE SQFT

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LISTEN TO THE MUSIC!

Cabbagetown's Brookshire Concert Series returns on Thursday, March 16th at 7p with Slow Parade & Das Kaiser. Brookshire Amphitheatre fills up quickly. Dress warm, bring a friend, and show up early for a good seat! Our fifth season promises to be creative and captivating with fun new acts invited by guest promoters. All are welcome to join the team! Help produce the show, or work with us to invite your favorite band: *cabbagetownconcertseries@gmail.com*

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C'town Chows: Best of 2022



Want to provide a warning up front; this article will read more like a list-icle than one of our more crafty creations in the past. Maybe it's because Jake is taking the lead,

and he's just not such a great writer, or maybe it's because he's just tired, and it's only January, but regardless of the reason for the lazy piece, prepare

for this article to hit some of our highlights in 2022, and try to keep up with the rambling going on in my head as I outline some of our favorites of the year.

Latin Influence/Mexican - Mezcalitos (Grant

Park) - the classic Mexican american has-the-white-queso-youwant Mexican place, *Nuevo Laredo* (Westside) - a bit more of a hike, but for sure one of the most authentic Mexican cuisines you'll find in Atlanta, *Agave* (Cabbagetown) - you all know this one, just had to throw in on there if for no other reason than the FRIED LOBSTER.

Italian - Okay, we eat too much pasta, but it's so dang good. **Amore e Amore** (Inman Park) - not sure why we don't have our picture on the wall yet, but I think if we spend ^{\$}2,000-^{\$}3,000 more dollars here we'll have a shot - best vibe out of any Italian restaurant we've been to – best Chicken Parm in the A, and a casual be-yourself atmosphere. When you're here, you're family (truly wish Olive Garden didn't ruin that phrase for me). **A Mano** (O4W) - fresh fresh pasta - need to say anything else? **Ninos** (Cheshire Bridge) - old school, like oldddd school Italian, Atlanta staple, and the food is still unmatched.

Pizza (yes, this is different from Italian) - *Glide Pizza* (SE Beltline & Decatur) - candidly, not sure there is really any other pizza in Atlanta that I think of as pizza anymore. This is the go-to. This is the *"You're wrong. Atlanta can compete with New York food scene"* pizza. *Lloyd's* (Inman Park) is a strong competitor, but they fit into so many other wonderful categories so will defer them to 'see below'.

SteakHAUS - Marcel (West Midtown) - Best steakhouse in Atlanta. You can try the Buckhead steakhouse circuit, filled with the same classic dishes and sides, which are delicious, no doubt, but I personally think you ought to try steak the way it's supposed to be eaten, cooked in, and by, french technique. Ever heard of Butter? Yeah, it's good.

Korean - Standalone category for *Gaja* (EAV) - It's just too good. Scallion Pancake, yum; Cheap Korean beer, or a vivacious cocktail to wash down the spice, yum-er. Neon signs that make you feel like you're in Seoul. Or go to Gaja instead.

Go-for-the-vibes-not-necessarily-the-food-spots - PCM rooftop (Ponce) - One of the best views in the city. Food has never been my favorite, but it's always fun to go for a drink. Also, *Hotel Clermont Rooftop* (Ponce) - it's a great vibe up there, plus if you stay late enough, and have enough drinks, you're a very short commute to one of Atlanta's finest entertainment establishments just downstairs.

Seafood - We are in a landlocked city, but somehow still have delicious seafood restaurants. Here are some of my favorites. *Lloyd's*

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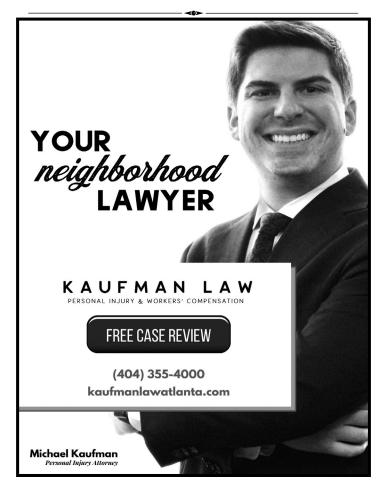
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(Dekalb Ave) (as per the 'see below') - Crab Legs, Shrimp Cocktail, also, they have mozzarella sticks - where else can you get this combo? *Beetlecat* (Inman Park) - top two lobster rolls in ATL. The second might be at *The Optimist* (West Midtown). Final rec on this would be *BonTon* (Midtown) - also have the crab legs (no mozz sticks) but their Creole menu has Vietnamese influence which is equally as unique, and their corn nuggets are absolutely unbeatable.

Breweries - *Inner Voice* (Decatur) - [#]1 in my heart, [#]1 on my tastebuds. *Halfway Crooks*

(Summerhill) is also phenom. Great upstairs covered patio w/ heaters. Also honorable mention to *Eventide* (Grant Park) - even more honorable mention to you if you walk there from C-Town on the Beltline - you've earned that beer!

Alright, think I've capped out at my allotted word count. Kyle doesn't pay us ^{\$}0/word for nothin'! As always if you've got anywhere you think we need to try, drop us a note at *stacy.spector22@gmail.com*.



IF YOU BOUGHT A HOME IN C'TOWN DURING THE PAST 50 YEARS, YOU WIN!

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In the year 2000, it was relatively easy to find a rental for less than ^{\$}1000 per month.The average rent in Cabbagetown today is ^{\$}2,195 per month (according to Zillow). That number will undoubtedly continue to climb.

Consider this: If you are currently a renter seeking to buy a ^{\$}400,000 home, you have good credit, and a ^{\$}40,000 down payment, you should be able to secure a first-time monthly mortgage in the neighborhood of ^{\$}3,300. That may sound like a lot, but that mortgage payment will/can remain constant over thirty years. Remember: Cabbagetown rents have more than double in just twenty years. Chances are, that rental trend will continue.

If you are looking to buy a home in Ctown, Chrissie says "it's important to be patient. Our current inventory is about 1.7 months. That means there aren't a lot of options out there. And if the option you find isn't exactly what you want, consider it regardless. You get to make it your own, and gain equity, fast. Don't hold out for exactly what you think you want – sometimes you have to figure it out along the way, and there's no better place for that adventure than Cabbagetown."

Most real estate professionals agree: our magical little village will continue to be a hot commodity. "The neighborhood is going to continue to grow with the continued expansion of and upgrade of the Beltline and all the new businesses coming in the areas around us. Local conveniences like Little's, Caroll Street Café, Milltown Tavern, Agave, Krog Street, and others makes our community super unique compared to other burrows that are less walkable and affordable." Says James. If you are already a homeowner, you've benefitted from Atlanta's growth and attractiveness. So what should you do to maximize your investment? "I would recommend that you continue to protect your investment – the devil is in the details and Cabbagetown reflects that like no other. If you have original charm; keep it, upgrade accordingly, but be sure to augment what you have, not eliminate it. Consistently, homes that maintain the historic integrity will garner more interest and return. Embrace the spirit and energy of Cabbagetown, whether you have an original house or not, and that value will return to you." Says Chrissie.

James agrees and adds "Current homeowners who may be looking to upgrade their spaces can look into their home equity for remodeling or take advantage of the HOT market and cash in to buy something more spacious in new up-and-coming areas or stay local with newer construction that is also happening around our neighborhood."

Each month, about 6,000 people move to Atlanta. Most of those folks are 35 years of age or younger and are single or have small households. Many of them are healthcare, transportation, technology, hospitality, and movie industry professionals looking for a safe, tight-knit neighborhood that is walkable, full of character, and offers lots of things to do. In short, they are looking for what you've already found. Which means one thing; if you've already bought a home here, you win.

CNIA: Minutes

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ii. Goal to address the micromobility org. through discussions with R'town. • *Film Liaison Committee* - Kellie Wellborn, Christina Sines

i. No update

• *Historic Preservation and Land Use (HPLU) Committee* - Jacob Elsas & Naomi Siodmok, Co-chairs

i. Pending revisions at 768 Kirkwood, which will come to HPLU next month.

11. New Business

- Chick n Cone not doing well. May put out a survey to see what the 'hood wants.
- Next week Bingo at the Community Center at 6:30p on January 19th.
- Garage sale looking to do it in March. Little's will share some space for a yard sale if you do not have yard space.
- i. CNIA to find a way to make money Donation of \$10 to be on the map.
- Holiday Crawl May need to change it up, since a lot more people were paying at the door. Used to have a raffle and businesses would donate items. Items to think about when budgeting for the upcoming year.
- Let us know what ideas you have for events in 2023! Contact us at *info@cabbagetown.com*.
- New Neighbor Party time to have another, since we have not had one since April of last year, so the goal is April again. About 50-100 people usually show up. Would like to do this in a home.
- There is something that looks like a taco at Cabbagetown Park that is broken Alicia will have Barry look into that for us.

12. Old Business. None.

8:05p Adjourned.

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Love is in the Air



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is here! If you're looking to celebrate big, there's always a direct flight to Paris (CDG) from Atlanta (ATL)...Or you can fly to St. Thomas (STT) and take the ferry over to St. John, also known as Love City (see my article from February 2020 for more on that location!). But you don't have to go far from Cabbagetown to celebrate Valentine's Day! There are so many options for the day of love all around Atlanta.

The month of love and Valentine's Day

Make a reservation at one of Atlanta's romantic restaurants. Agave is on that list, along with Sotto Sotto, Two Urban Licks, and Sun Dial. Make it a long weekend and stay at the Westin where Sun Dial is located at the top!

The Atlanta Botanical Gardens offers "Valentine's in the Gardens" all weekend long which includes a night of music, dancing, cocktails, and desserts. Don't forget the chocolate on V-Day!

Valentine's day can always start as early as brunch – make a day of it! There's *Hampton* + *Hudson* to also catch the game, *Ladybird* is right around the corner, and *Two Urban Licks* makes the list again for brunch. Also, *Atrium at Ponce City Market* offers brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 3. Don't forget to ask your server what cocktails go with your brunch order, as it's never too early to start celebrating love! After brunch at Atrium, head up to *Skyline Park* for a fun afternoon date with carnival eats, a beer garden, and all sorts of games.

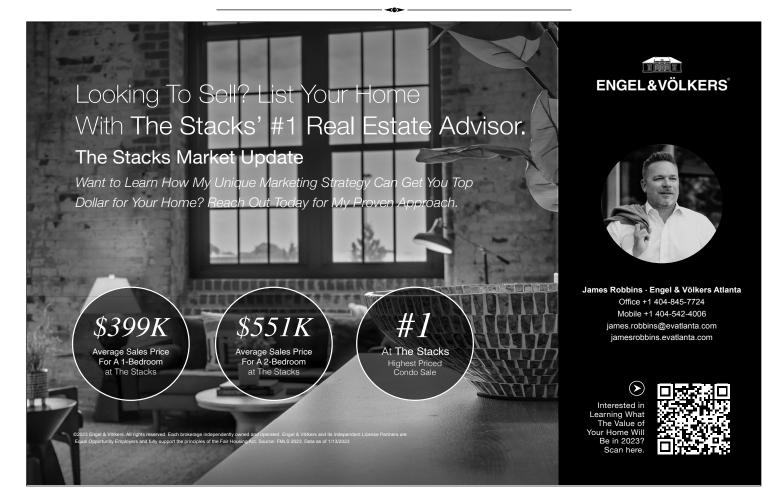
Another idea is to treat yourselves to a couple's massage! Check with local spas in hotels for options. *The Waldorf Astoria Spa* in Buckhead offers an indulgent time for two…including an aromatherapy relaxing massage, aromatic bath, and a skinsoftening treatment. Quite the treat!

Go wine tasting! The Chateau Elan Winery & Resort is about 1.5 hours from Cabbagetown. You can opt to drive and stay up there (as the sparkling champagne is super tasty!), or you can look into a tour that picks you up and home and drops you off back at home after the tour like *winetoursofgeorgia.com*. You can always rent a limo too. A really fun day outing!

Enjoy celebrating your love this Valentine's Day! Cheers!

THIS MONTH ONLY

Due to Valentine's Day, Our CNIA Meeting is on Wednesday, February 15th at 7p. We'll return to the second Tuesday of the month once February is in our rear-view mirror.



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PAGE 9 NEWS

Cabbagetown has it's fair share of weirdness and funk. But step outside of our friendly confines, and things get even weirder and funkier. Don't believe us? Read on...

¡Holy Christo Kharma!

Early on Jan. 14, in Monterrey, Mexico, Carlos Alonso, 32, allegedly broke a glass door at Christ the King Parish and entered, intending to rob the church, Catholic News Agency reported. But as he tried to flee with a statue of St. Michael the Archangel in hand, he tripped and fell on the angel's sword, seriously wounding his neck. Passersby saw the injured Alonso and called for help; he is expected to be charged after he recovers from the fall. The statue was unharmed.

Drove his Chevy to the jailhouse

On Jan. 16, a drive-thru customer at a coffee shop in Auburn, Washington, wanted more than extra sugar, KCRA-TV reported. As the barista handed Matthew Darnell – 38 –his change through the window, a surveillance camera caught him grabbing her arm and pulling her toward him as he fumbled with a zip tie. The barista was able to pull away from him and close the windows as his dollar bills went flying. He drove off, but a distinctive Chevrolet tattoo on his arm was captured on video, along with his photo. Police later reported that Darnell had been arrested at his home in Auburn and was held on ^{\$}500,000 bail.

"Pleased to 'meat' you" said the cop

A 62-year-old man from Garfield Heights, Ohio, was arrested – for the 70th time – in early January after he allegedly stole a shopping cart full of meat to sell to restaurants, WJW-TV reported. The Walmart in South Euclid alerted authorities to the theft; in the parking lot, the thief transferred the goods to a stolen suitcase and threw what wouldn't fit in a dumpster. He told officers he sells the meat half-price to area restaurants. He was booked, again, for theft.

I am the egg man

Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 of 2022, U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported a 108[%] increase in a certain smuggled item at ports of entry, Fox5-TV reported. It wasn't fentanyl or heroin, though. Seized eggs and poultry were the hot catch as prices soared in the United States. *"My advice is, don't bring them over,"* said CBP officer Charles Payne. Or, he advised, if you do, declare them so you won't be fined. Thirty eggs in Juarez, Mexico, cost ^{\$}3.40 – a fraction of what they cost in the U.S. because of an outbreak of avian flu that forced producers to euthanize 43 million egg-laying hens.

Least competent criminals

Two arsonists were in the hot seat – and they hadn't even been caught – after they set fire to a Bakersfield, California, immigration services building on Jan. 2. Footage from a Ring security camera captured the masked individuals as they spread gasoline around the building's base. But when one bent to light the fire, the flames spread to both people's clothes, causing them to run away screaming. The suspects are still at large. Top of the Charts

What is Cabbagetown listening to? Good question. Here's January's hottest songs on the *Milltown Tavern* juke box.





The Big Freeze



Christmas brought the coldest temperatures Cabbagetown has seen in years. Besides damaged pipes there are plenty of damaged and killed plants. So much brown where there used to be green...

What do we do? The best thing to do is nothing, at least for now. Wait and see what spring brings. Some just have dead leaves and will resprout. Some may be killed outright. But don't be hasty in removing or pruning anything.

Cold hardiness can depend on several factors. Temperatures that go down to five degrees for five minutes before rising to 40 in the afternoon are not as damaging as those that go down into the single digits or teens for a couple days. Extremely low temps accompanied with sunny days can be especially bad for broadleaved evergreens. Sunlight hits the leaves, warms them and they transpire water. However, with the ground frozen, the roots are unable to restore water to the leaves. That is why you are seeing lots of dried leaves now. Sometimes only the leaves are affected and more will sprout from the stems in spring.

Some plants can tolerate low temperatures but will reach a point when they can no longer prevent water inside them from forming ice crystals and rupturing cells. These plants, or some of their leaves, may look like mush now.

Every variety is not the same. This year I've seen dwarf pittosporums severely damaged, but the standard varieties less so. The prostrate rosemary I am familiar with is less cold hardy than upright varieties. The prostrate specimens at the corner of Gaskill and Berean were defoliated by a freeze in 2014 but came back beautifully. That may not happen this year as upright rosemary plants around the neighborhood are also damaged, the first time I've witnessed this.

Plants in pots are more susceptible to cold than their counterparts in the ground. The roots of those in the ground are more insulated from the frigid air and the soil never gets as cold as it does in a container. The parsley in my pots looks boiled and bleached while some I've seen in the ground looks okay.

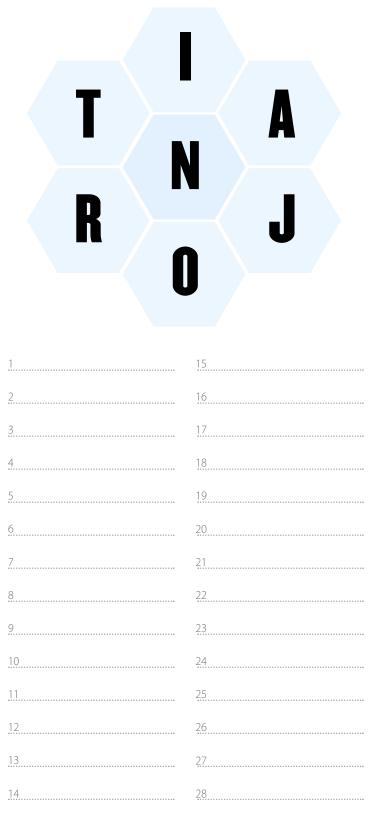
Just because you lost something to the cold doesn't mean you should never plant it again. I remember the temperature dropped to nine degrees below zero when I lived in Raleigh durning the 80s. Some people said they wouldn't plant any more camellias because theirs were killed. Those camellias had given decades of beauty. It would be a shame never to see that again and deny it to yourself and to future generations. Please keep that in mind if you lost a favorite plant.

And if the cold killed a plant you didn't particularly care for or were tired of, this is a chance to try something else. Always look on the bright side.

Arty Schronce is a degreed horticulturist, garden writer and lecturer whose articles and photographs have appeared in numerous newspapers and various magazines and books.



How To Play Spelling Bee: 1) Words must include the center letter. 2) Words must contain at least four letters. 3) Letters can be used more than once. 4) Each puzzle includes at least one "pangram," which uses every letter at least once. *How many pangrams can you find*?



Last month's Panagram solution: Trillionth

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CATS OF CABBAGETOWN: FASTLANE

By Chelsea and Melissa

We learned of Fastlane from Gerry's sweet memorial post in the neighborhood Facebook group. She sounded like such a character, we just had to profile her.

How did you find her?

Anneke: David Thayer. A cat that lived around his house had kittens, and so he was trying to get rid of them. We went over and he used to have these big Great Danes who would run through the house, and all the kittens would scatter – except for Fastlane. She was just hanging out in a Rolling Rock box, and we were like, That's the one.

Did Fastlane get along with dogs or was she scared because of her formative experiences?

Anneke: She was everything you would most admire in a creature, just so confident and so in-your-face. So, she terrorized dogs. She terrorized our dog Hitch. He was terrified of Fastlane. He finally got comfortable enough to let her be near as long as he had an exit strategy. But if she had him cornered...

Gerry: If somebody was running past with a dog, sometimes you'd see them running away from Fastlane. She would take off after them. She definitely, on a certain level, assumed that she was a dog because she would always go with them on walks. She would follow us to the park, and she'd sprint ahead, then wait for us, then sprint ahead, then wait, but she would always go on the walk, even well into old age.

Anneke: She was so observant of everything around her. When you fed dogs, they just go, "Arf arf arf arf". To that point, she had been eating very quietly at her bowl, but when she saw that she decided to mimic their behavior. After a while, she decided, This is stupid. I'm not doing this anymore.

Gerry: She didn't like jerks. She was a good judge of character. **Anneke:** Way back in the day, at least a decade ago, Dante died tragically and they did a tribute to him in the newspaper.

That must've been the very first cat column in the Cabbagetown Neighbor! How did she get along with other cats?

Anneke: There was a white cat who would come over every once in a while and Fastlane would school the cat. She kept her terrain and would beat back everybody.

Gerry: She never got along with Dan and Alicia's cat. Then one time a dog was attacking her, so Fastlane got huge and went after the dog. She protected her sworn enemy.

Anneke: She definitely had a sense of morality.

That's rare in a cat.

Gerry: As for people, I think she went into every house on Berean at some point. She would just kind of walk in and say, This is my place. I own the street. She did get thrown out once because she got too friendly with the shrimp during a Super Bowl party.

Anneke: She had all these people friends that we didn't know. I would be out doing something in the front yard, and random strangers would stop by and be like, Where's Fastlane? Are you Fastlane's mom?

Once we were walking down Berean and accrued a little gang of

three black cats following us down the street. I wonder if Fastlane was maybe one of them. They seemed like they were coming from around David Thayer's house.

Anneke: We've noticed two cats down the street that look like Fastlane and were like, They must be related.

At this point, It feels like that It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia meme where Charlie explains his conspiracy theory. It's all starting to make sense. So, she lived to the ripe old age of 19. What happened?



Ladies and gentlemen, Fastlane.

Anneke: She developed epilepsy late in life, and they thought it was caused by a brain tumor. So she was getting weaker and weaker, and it was kind of a matter of time.

Gerry: They gave us the "this is her last month" like two years before she passed away. She definitely persevered.

Anneke: She was one of these cats that, even as she was getting weaker, would just brace her legs together and figure out these workarounds to climb up fences. We'd see her walking by on the roof, and it's like, How do you do that? It was so inspiring because she didn't let it stop her. She's just a very curious soul.

Sounds like she kept tabs on everything that happened on the street.

Gerry: Yeah, she hopped into a few delivery vehicles. We tracked her down at the gas station on I-20 once. They called us and said, "Hey, we found your cat". It was a pizza delivery guy.

John and Roula (neighbors): Even in her gentler old age, we saw her stare down a dog and its two humans as they walked toward her on "her" sidewalk, making them visibly nervous with just sustained eye contact. She was a badass. She had that quality that cat people love most – she didn't suffer fools or let you fuck with her dignity. She was also our first friend in the 'hood. The day we were carrying furniture into the house, she sauntered right in to inspect us and our activities. From then on, she'd regularly come over just to hang out for a spell. I hope there is an afterlife where Fastlane is giving 'em hell. Page 12 • Cabbagetown Neighbor • February 2023

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY



BRANDON SUTTON One of the things I've always loved about Cabbagetown is the sense of community and the willingness of neighbors to share in whatever way feels natural. Thinking back to my early years as a renter at The Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts, one of our neighbors would often pick up a keg of Sweetwater on a hot weekend afternoon and take it to the pool for everyone to enjoy while half the city it seemed descended on the pool. I hosted a few Sunday afternoon

parties in the courtyard between the smokestacks that were known as BBQ Beats where I would fire up the grill and sling hamburgers all afternoon while my friends worked the turntables. *Agave* even provided a complimentary margarita bar for one of those!

Fast forward through the years and I think of all the opportunities where cultivating community was prioritized in one form or another. *Forward Warrior!!* is one such example. For years, the Tennelle and Wylie walls were largely hidden behind shrubbery and subject to controversial tagging, to the point where one of our very own Cabbageheads ended up in jail for assault for taking matters into his own hands. It's hard to imagine a better example of turning a bad situation into an opportunity for growth and togetherness than what is now one of the primary draws for visitors to the area, and one that provides immense joy and satisfaction to those of us lucky enough to experience it every day.

The Stacks Lofts + Artists Tour is another wonderful example that was similarly born out of tension between neighbors in the early months of the conversion from apartments to condos when a whole new wave of homeowners entered the picture. What began as a gathering to discuss basic civility and respect for immediate neighbors sparked the idea for an annual event that introduced many people to the community, propelled local art, generated revenue for local non-profits, and most of all provided a way for us to get to know each other.

This column would go on for pages if described all the examples of this in our community. Immediately, my mind goes to *Chomp & Stomp, Christmas Crawl, Cabbagetown Reunion, Stacks Squares, Cabbagetown Walkers & Runners, Movie Night in Cabbagetown Park, Cabbagehead of the Year/NYE at Milltown,* and on and on it goes. These things happen because at our core, we are social animals, and we crave togetherness. This community does it as well as any other I've seen.

A couple of weeks ago, I invited some neighbors in the lofts to join me for chili and wine. Afterwards, I chatted with a friend from Alaska on *Instagram* and shared how I used to host impromptu dinners (often with a big pot of chili or soup) and would text a group of neighbors to join. His response to me was: *"Don't ever change that. A community cultivator is the reason we all survive."*

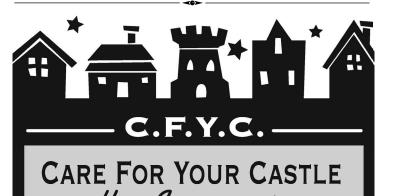
Here's to the community cultivators among us. Your efforts make this the best place to live that I could ever imagine. Thank you all!





NEXT SHOW: Thursday, March 16th Slow Parade "Das Kaiser

Cabbagetown Park



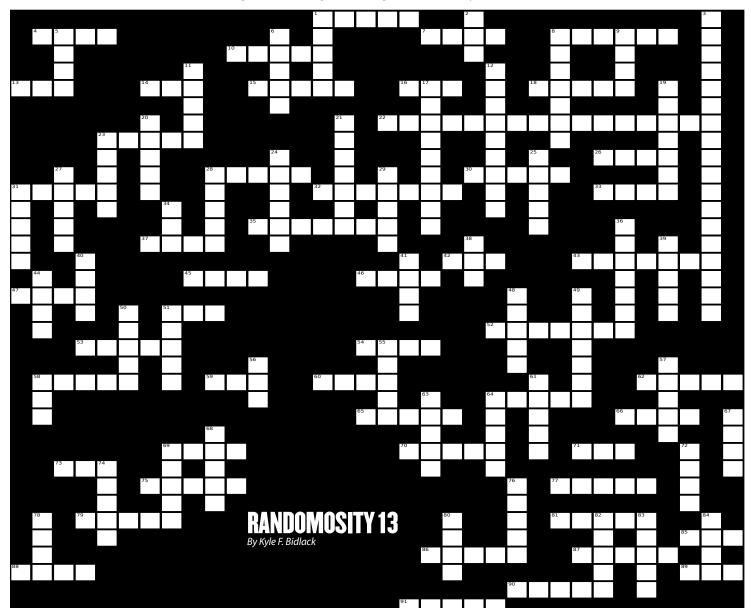
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ACROSS

- 1. Request at the end of a meal at Agave. 47. Furry feet in Ctown. 4. Acronym for non-humanities fields.
- 7. Jet-black gemstone.
- 8. Stop scrolling the internet & go outside. 54. Some classic Pontiacs.
- 10. Neighborhood after C-Town?
- 13. "____ the record show ..."
- 14. Like the fish in ceviche.
- 15. Number of bits in a byte.
- 16. ABC sequel?
- 18. C'town's latest craze.
- 22. Ctown's closest food market.
- 23. Sounds made during a poetry reading. 26. "Orinoco Flow" singer.
- 28. Gambler's mecca.
- 30. Basketball superstar Steph.

- 35. Common topic for small talk.
- 37. Droopy cheek.
- 42. Palindromic cry of celebration. 79. Like the number 23.
- 43. Casual alternatives to suit jackets.
- 45. What "chronic" and "ganja"
- are nicknames for.

- 46. Superstitiously curse.
- 51. Soviet spy agcy.
- 52. Temporary, as a job title.
- 53. Most-spoken language in Iran. 91. All-out brawl.
- 58. Ones memorizing the
- digits of pi, perhaps.

- 62. NY baseball team, informally. 64. Score in the upper 90s.
- 69. Snow mover that looks like it 11. Cheese with holes. would rhyme with "snow".
- 70. Dominant personality.
- 31. Word after stepping or Rolling. 71. Shirt size towards the back of the rack. 17. Reginald Dwight.
- 32. Iconic Nintendo device of the '90s. 73. Ctown's closest drug store.
- 33. Competitor of Nike & Reebok. 75. You can make one for an
 - 77. Cow's milk dispenser.

 - 81. Honoree on Jan. 16, 2023.
 - 85. Rapper ____ Nas X.
 - 86. Hybrid utensil.

- 87.101 course, usually. 88. Word before money, meat or matter. 89. Beer barrel.
- 90. Palindromic foreign rulers.

- 1. Mollusk with a pink shell.
- 59. Signal from a marooned boat. 2. Optometrist's study.
- 60. Most-produced crop in the US. 3. A tradition unlike any other.
 - 5. Clump of grass or hair.
 - 6. Hyundai electric model.
- 65. Singer Jackson with 5 Grammys. 8. Sexual appetites.
- 66. Nickname that drops "-ander". 9. Capital of Norway.

 - 12. Do the absolute minimum at 49. Drug that contains one's job, in modern lingo.
 - Atlanta resident.
 - 19. Scene at a natural history museum. airplane, or find one on a runway. 20. Boardwalk treat that may
 - pull out your fillings.

DOWN

- 21. Human organ that's a synonym for "tolerate".
- 23. Worked for the C.I.A., maybe.
- 24. Like some hopes -- and this clue. 58. Network with a peacock logo.

25. Fictional character who

61. Courtroom excuse.

67. Kismet.

76. Smug smile.

78. Gvro bread.

80. Observation game

played in a car.

83. Old TV episode.

63. Where many dogs like to be rubbed.

64. Crunch time at the gym?

68. Supreme Court coverage?

72. British pound, informally.

74. Word that can come after

69. Addictive thing in your pocket.

"poodle" and before "steak".

82. Ctown Garden hose problems.

84. Most-produced crop in China.

- travels to Mordor.
- 27. Fashion magazine.
- 28. I, for one.
- 29. The apostrophes in :""'(
- 31. Journalist's piece.
- 34. Words at the altar.
- 36. Ctown head case?
- 38. Turn sharply.
- 39. 23andMe analyzes them.
- 40. "Hev you! Over here!".
- 41.2.54 centimeters.
- 44. Delicate use of words. 48. The "name-o" of a
- nursery rhyme dog.
- psilocybin, informally. 50. Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.
- 51. NY basketball player.

56. Opposite of NNE.

on Gaskill Street.

55. Toy truck maker that started as a gardening tools company.

57. What can be seen streaming

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS AT OAKLAND!

By Angie Wynne

The February calendar at Oakland is filled with family-friendly opportunities to experience the cemetery in unique and educational ways. Our "We Shall Overcome: African American Stories from Civil War to Civil Rights" tour is free during the month of February in honor and celebration of Black History Month! Interested in a unique date idea with your valentine this year? Our Love Stories tours on February 12th and 14th are the perfect chance to take a stroll through the cemetery with your loved one. Attendees will even receive a sweet treat to enjoy as the tour guide recounts the many love stories of Oakland!

As always, feel free to

join us on Saturdays and

of February for a "Sights,

Symbols and Stories of

special topics tours.

We'd love for you to volunteer with us! Historic

Sundays during the month

Oakland" overview tour, or

on one of our many other

in getting more involved?

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more than 300 volunteers

who help share the story of

the cemetery. Our volunteers

are active in all sorts of ways,

helping us to facilitate events,

conduct research, lead tours,

Love Oakland and interested

This tour explores the lives and accomplishments of outstanding and ordinary African Americans who fought to overcome the effects of slavery and discrimination to help shape the history of Atlanta. Tickets for these tours tend to go quickly, so get yours now.

With Valentine's Day approaching, Oakland has several fun activities to take advantage of with your significant other, family, or friends. The Searching for Love Scavenger Hunt is on



Visitors at the gravesite of Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr.

from February 4th to the 18th! Purchase and download your packet, grab someone you love and head to the cemetery to explore with this love-themed, family-friendly scavenger hunt.

work in the gardens, welcome folks in the Visitor Center, and so much more. For information and tickets, or if you're interested in volunteering, visit *oaklandcemetery.com*.



As a remembrance, Anneke recently completed this drawing of "Fastlane", For the complete story on Fastlane, see page 11.

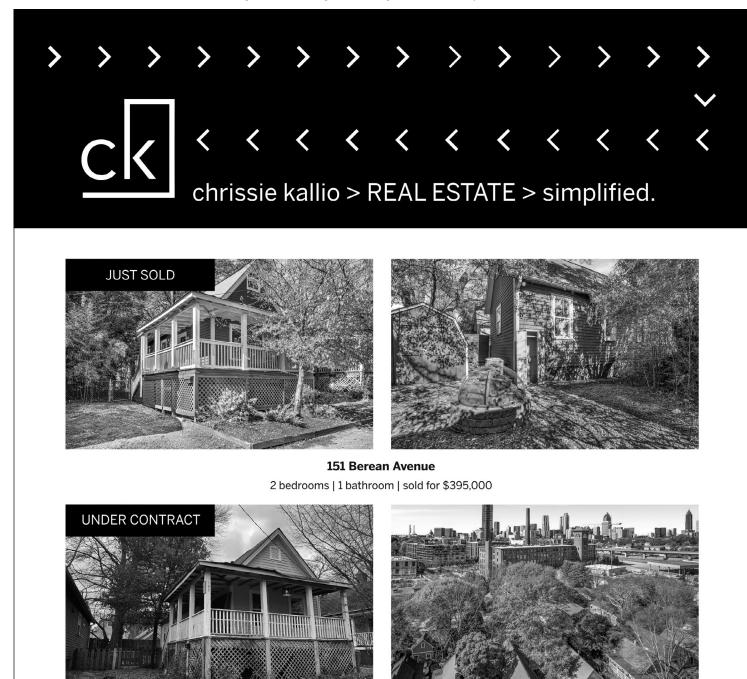
Ctown Means Cycle Town?

File this story under "Ya, we knew that already!" West coast news shows are reporting that Cabbagetown is among the nation's most bicycle friendly neighborhoods in not-so-friendly bike cities. They rank us eighth.

According to *Channel News 21* in Oregon, our neighborhood bike score is 87 (45.3 points greater than Atlanta). Our 'hood walk score: is 83 (35.3 points greater), and our transit score is 61 (17.3 points greater).

Said Channel News 21,"Whether Cabbagetown got its name from the cabbages residents who once lived there grew in their yards or the time a cabbage truck reportedly spilled its load on a street corner, the neighborhood doesn't deserve the goofy name." Goofy???

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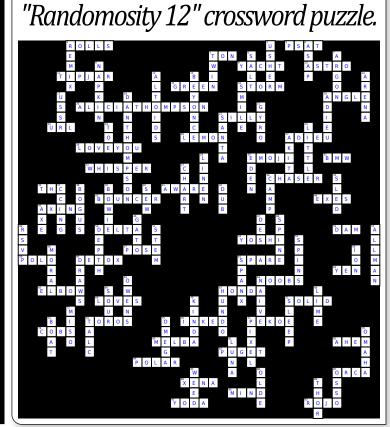


2023 is off to a strong start! Let's connect for a conversation around what we're seeing in the market in Cabbagetown and beyond. Put our experience to work for you.

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