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"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." ~ Oprah Winfrey



Kevin with friends and admirers at Milltown Tavern on New Year's Eve. From left to right: Cassie, Ryan, Kevin, Sean, Tim, Ashley, Wes.

MILLTOWN'S CABBAGEHEAD OF THE YEAR

KEVIN VEIHMAYER

By Kyle F. Bidlack

If Bruce Springsteen walked down Carroll Street and popped into Milltown Tavern, he might be moved to write a song about Kevin Veihmeyer. Tom Wolfe or James Michener might have written a chapter or two about the man.

During the dark months of 2020, Kevin (along with Clay and Hannah) illuminated the brightness and safety of Milltown Tavern: a place where we could gather safely – outside – under Kevin's watchful eye and wise wit. Let's be honest, this year mostly sucked. But for an hour or two each day, Kevin made it suck a little less.

Virtually every canine in Cabbagetown has come to know Kevin as "the treat man" – because Kevin joyfully gives them a bit of bacon – and a bit of warm humanity to their masters.

He's quick with an entertaining story. He'll share some admirable knowledge about the history of Native Americans. Kevin has all the

latest news about The Braves, and always makes sure your favourite game is on the telly.

Most of all, Kevin is a friend you can count on. And isn't that a great thing. Need to bend an ear, need a joke, a story, a distraction, dependability, a book recommendation, someone who cares, a dose of wisdom? Kevin's got you covered. He's the man we all needed over these past few months, and he will help us get through 2021.

And it was because of all this and so much more, that all the former Cabbageheads of the Year banded together with Milltown Tavern to bend the rules a wee bit this year and allow one of their own, to wear this title of honour for 2021. *Kevin, thank you for all you have done, do, and will do. You make our home a whole lot better.*

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Worst**
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A Letter from The Editor



KYLE F. BIDLACK

This edition of *The Cabbagetown Neighbor* marks the thirtieth year of its existence. No small feat for one of the smallest neighborhoods in all of Atlanta.

I view this newspaper as not only a communication tool to keep us all informed on current, vital – and not so vital – neighborhood news, but also as an historical record for the ages.

My admiration for past editors is immense. Back in Feb of 2012, *Justin Von Hanna*

handed me the reins of *The Cabbagetown Neighbor*. Justin and his wife *Sasha* served this newspaper and CNIA admirably for years, and they continue to work their magic in magical little ways. Before Justin, *Duwan Dunn* brought her own brand of wonderful to these humble pages. Before Duwan there was an editor only known as *Hudson*. And that's all I know about Hudson. And before Hudson was *Daniel Bogdan* who got this boulder rolling uphill thirty years ago. I hope I didn't forget anyone. Probably did.

I've also had a second row seat from which, I've watched admirable folks serve as CNIA President, namely *Ashley McCartney*, *Lyn Deardorff*, *Bryan Brunson*, *Katherine Dirga*, *Katie Butler*, and our current CNIA President, *Chelsea Arkin*. They – along with their dedicated officers – have given much blood, sweat and tears through the years.

And there are so many more that give and gave selflessly and never cease to amaze me. Among them; *Esther Peachy Lefevre*, *Joyce Brookshire*, *Ria Pell*, *Natalyn M. Archibong*, *Nan Orrock*, *Grant Henry*, *John Dirga*, *Alicia Forsee*, *Dan Thompson*, *Rev. David DeChant*, *Jack Sobel*, *Tim Pinkham*, *Nicole Seekeley*, *Tracy Garvin*, *Karin Kane*, *Karen Russian*, *Brad Cunard*, *Joe Farr*, *David Chatom*, *Dian Huff*, *Vic Uzumeri*, *Todd Kane*, *Melissa Terry*, *Robert Tubbs*, *Whitney Cheesbro*, *Ed Lindahl*, *Shirley & Robert Tubbs*, *Laura Belinger*, *Julie Stephens*, *Peter Knudsen*, *Tova Rose*, *Michael McPherson*, *Matt & Jocelyn Chen Wise*, *Peyton Stinson*, *Susan McCracken*, *Lisa Hanson*, *Gerry Weber*, *Ronnie & Marshall Edwards*, *Steve Seachrist*, *Rose Barron*, *Karyn Corell*, *Lisa Myers*, *Brandon Sutton*, *James "Slim Chance" Kelly*, *Jake & Nina Elsas*, *Sandra Reuppel*, *Katherine Kennedy*, *Nathaniel Compton*, *Celine Bufkin*, *Bill Mickler*, *Jay Desai*, *John Jarrett*, *Barb Keeney Harper*, *Kendall Rawls*, *Nathan & Whitney Bolster*, *Debbie Weeks*, *Seth Pajak*, *Skyler Minter*, *Dionne & Mikal Gule*, *Genevieve Barber*, *Tom Deardorff*, *Clay Miller*, *David Crowder*, and there are so many more, but time, space, and the fallibility of my foggy mind prevent this list from being complete. Endless thanks to all of you who made your little (or big) bit of the last thirty years so amazing. I love y'all.

As always, *The Cabbagetown Neighbor* welcomes your thoughts, contributions, critiques, and ideas. What do you like about your neighborhood newspaper? What do you dislike? What do you want to see more of (and less of)? Please let us know. You can write to us at newsletter@cabbagetown.com

CNIA Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 7p

PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting via video conference

<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

I. Welcome and announcements

II. Review and approval of the December minutes

III. Atlanta Police Department

IV. City of Atlanta – Valencia Hudson

V. Financial Report – Sandra Reuppel, Treasurer

VI. Committee Reports

- NPU – John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative
- Historic Preservation & Land Use Committee – Nicole Seekely, Chair
- Ctown-Rtown Transportation Committee – Genevieve Barber, Chair
- Cabbagetown Initiative – Kendall Rawls, CI President

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- Film production (Landon Brown)
- Partnership with C'town Toronto (Lisa Hanson/Laura Bellinger)

8:35p: Adjourn

Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

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| <p>1 COLIN JAMES
WALKIN' BLUES</p> <p>2 SCOTT H. BIRAM
BLOOD, SWEAT & MURDER</p> <p>3 THE BEACH BOYS
SURFIN' USA</p> <p>4 BOZ SCAGGS
I'VE JUST GOT TO FORGET YOU</p> <p>5 BOB DYLAN
FOREVER YOUNG</p> <p>6 GENESIS
KEEP IT DARK</p> <p>7 JUNIOR WELLS
HOODOO MAN</p> <p>8 CHARLES WILSON
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HOW BLUE CAN YOU GET?</p> <p>10 HUGH LAURIE
YOU DON'T KNOW MY MIND</p> <p>11 THE ROLLING STONES
TOO RUDE</p> <p>12 WU-TANG CLAN
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BETTER OFF WITH THE BLUES</p> <p>14 INTERSTATE BLUES
WISHIN' WELL</p> <p>15 BILLY JOEL
BIG SHOT</p> |
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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020, 7p via Zoom. Meeting conducted by Chelsea Arkin. Minutes by Laura Bellinger.

I. Atlanta Police Department – Nothing to report

II. City of Atlanta - Natalyn Archibong – City of Atlanta has expanded housing relief to city residents affected by COVID-19. In addition to rent, utility and security deposit assistance, the City will now offer mortgage relief. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure their application is approved by the federally mandated deadline of December 30, 2020. Eligibility requirements have been amended and eligible households may now receive up to \$5,000 of assistance for missed payments and utilities. Property taxes are not eligible. Prior applicants are encouraged to reapply for assistance. To apply or receive additional information, visit:

relief.uwga.org or dial 211 or text C19-ERA (inside Atlanta city limits). Applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify:

- Provide proof of COVID-19 impact on finances
- Live within the incorporated city limits of Atlanta
- Meet household income guidelines
- Provide valid ID
- Provide proof of rent, mortgage and/or utility bills

• Neighbors in Cabbagetown and Inman Park living close to Wylie have expressed concerns about noise and fumes coming from **CSX Hulseley Yard**. Natalyn is going to ask Major Reese to measure noise levels and is working with CSX to set up a community meeting to take place in early January. Some have voiced concerns about fuel being pumped. CSX has confirmed they are not doing fueling and there is nothing combustible there. They are moving dry packages and packing materials. CSX has offered a tour. During the CNIA meeting, a Cabbagetown resident who works as an acoustic consultant offered to go on the tour and measure noise levels. If you have concerns, please send them to info@cabbagetown.com and they will be shared with Natalyn's office.

• Natalyn is working to introduce legislation to relieve taxes on alcoholic drinks for sale in restaurants/licenses. Currently, if a restaurant cannot come up with required fees by December 31, they can be fined. Natalyn's legislation is to pay the late fee for re-registration for liquor license. If restaurants don't pay on time, there is a fine. Council is offering a painless delay, so you can pay later without penalty.

• John Dirga is working with Valencia and Moses to get the new trash cans installed by the Krog Street Tunnel.

III. November CNIA meeting minutes approved.

IV. Financial Report – Sandra Rueppel

- Financial report posted on www.cabbagetown.com
- Some income has been received from newspaper ads, as well as \$482 from a GoFundMe for Cabbagetown Park. A check for the \$482 will be written to Cabbagetown Initiative.
- All expenses incurred have been for the **Atlanta 1000** project, the NPU grant and the CSX grant.

V. Historic Preservation Committee - Nicole Seekley

- Accessory structures staff review for 103 Pearl Street. Would like to build a wooden carport with single slope behind house. Will put a bollard to protect structure.
- Variance to setback sought for screened porch addition for 132 Estoria Street. 19' x 14' screened-in portion and 8' x 10' open area for a grill. HPC provided a general reminder to all that setbacks should be based on the original contributing structure, as many applicants are not using the correct setbacks.
- 186 Powell Street. HPC recommended deferral until owners can meet with neighborhood and address some concerns. Owners have deferred until the January 13th UDC Meeting. No staff report this week as applicant did not provide enough information (compatibility chart).

VI. NPU-N – John Dirga

- December NPU meeting to take place on December 29th.
- Atlanta Police Department is reminding everyone to keep your car clean – no items in sight.
- A new task force has been assembled for drag racing. Police have been impounding cars involved and are monitoring car clubs.

Georgia State Patrol does not have a no-chase policy.

- Atlanta DOT has positioned a flashing red light on McClendon at Clifton as an interim measure.
- **Atlanta Department of Watershed** is reminding everyone that they will never send workers to your house without an appointment. If someone appears at your house and states they're with Atlanta Watershed, call 911.
- A new food truck ordinance is being established. Public input meetings will be held about it.
- There is a new hotline for illegal construction during COVID. Email codebustersdcp@atlantaga.gov. You are also welcome to copy the **Urban Design Commission's** general email inbox at historicpreservation@atlantaga.gov.
- Catherine Woodling from Reynoldstown is the new NPU chair.
- A Comprehensive Development Plan is being finalized. Aiming for February 2021 to round out some of the language.

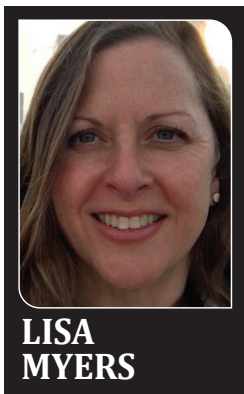
VII. Cabbagetown Initiative – Kendall Rawls – Nothing to report.

VIII. Transportation Committee - Genevieve Barber - Nothing to report.

IX. New Business

- An Ad-hoc committee, led by Lisa Hanson, is being established for Cabbagetown Atlanta to develop a sister city relationship with Cabbagetown, Toronto.
- **Chicken Noodle Network** set up a holiday exchange between secret Cabbage Claus (Cabbagetown volunteers) and kids who live in Cabbagetown to spread a little holiday cheer. Deadline for children to send wish lists is December 11th. Participating children pick-up gifts at **Milltown Tavern** on December 19th.

Helluva Year for the Chicken Noodle Network!



LISA MYERS

Put a bow on it! The 2020 Cabbagetown Clauses are done! The Sunday before Christmas was spent hand delivering gifts to all the children who participated.

Lots of smiles were had and we even got a jiggle from Willow! In addition to several C'town kids, your love and generosity allowed us to adopt (and spoil) the Owens-Freshley Grant Park, *NextDoor* family.

Huge shout out to *Milltown Tavern* for letting us use their space and for helping

guide the Clauses and protecting the loot. Make sure to stop by

this season and toast to their dedication to community!

The Cabbage Claus effort followed a heartwarming project that brought Thanksgiving dinners with all the fixin's to families scattered all around our neighborhood.

As we close out this challenging year, I am glad to report our community is strong, supportive, caring and loving. May peace be with you and yours this holiday season.

On behalf of all the master elves (Anna, Glenn, Dionne, Kyle, Susan & Lisa), I say, thank you for being you.

If you'd like to join the Chicken Noodle Network, please feel free to send an email to: chickennoodlenetwork@gmail.com



Princess Ella receives her gift from The Cabbage Clauses



The Mighty Quinn



Princess Willow

Slim's Pickin's: Party Like It's 1991



**SLIM
CHANCE**

Well, Happy New Year! If you are reading this you have survived one hell of a journey, and it has only made you stronger. Cabbagetown did the holidays as best we could, and even on the small scale it was lots of fun. Let's hope we can actually hear some live music this year, it is the one thing I miss the most. But we have to make sure we do it safely, kapeesh? I have about 40,000 hugs waiting to be given.

When Mr. Bidlack indicated that this is the 30th year of the Cabbagetown Neighbor, I knew I had to do something commemorative and timely. So, I dug in the history books and identified some important and groundbreaking albums that were released in 1991 – 30 years ago. I always learn something new when I dig like this, and it inspires me to listen to records that I either ignored at the time, or have not listened to in, well, 30 years. So follow me, down memory lane...

Metallica (the black album) – In what was a very polarizing departure from their hard metal sound to something more melodic and accessible, Metallica lost some fans on this one, but found a much wider audience. It is still considered the most successful records of all time, with over 16 million copies sold. I still listen to it every now and then, and I love it.

Rumor And Sigh by Richard Thompson – While actually RT's 6th solo album, it was the one that brought him the most commercial success and recognition, after years in **Fairport Convention** and with now ex-wife Linda Thompson. I was at a live preview party for this release, and was talking to a friend, saying "I hope this is good". A voice next to me said "So do I." It was Richard Thompson. It was good, very good.

Nevermind by Nirvana – And with one fell swoop, the horrendous L.A. hair bands infestation was wiped out, pretty much for good. You can claim whatever band suits your mythology as the procreators of the Seattle Grunge scene (there were plenty of good ones), but the big wave was fronted by Kurt

Cobain and his guys. Combining a plethora of influences into something new, Nirvana's short tragic existence left an indelible mark on pop music, and lots of flannel shirts.

Out of Time by REM – Our neighbors in Athens were on the comet to superstardom when this one came out, and the incredible success of the single "Losing My Religion" took them over the moon. 18 million copies sold, 3 Grammys, and after that... well, they seemed to run out of time. Nothing quite captured the power and uniqueness of those first few albums, and after next year's equally wonderful "Automatic For The People" they never quite hit the bell again. Still, one of the greatest bands of all time. Fight me.

Ropin' The Wind by Garth Brooks – As much as it pains me to include this guy, I have to acknowledge that he changed the country music world in a big way. This was the first country music album to ever enter the Billboard charts at #1, and he pretty much turned mainstream country music into an international financial powerhouse. Unfortunately, it created

the whole "Hot New Country" fad, which we are hearing in the absolute dredges of crap on the radio today. And while I dislike Billy Joel as much as I dislike Brooks, the cover of "Shameless" on this album is great.

The Bootleg Series Vols 1-3 by Bob Dylan – I'm cheating a bit here, but this compilation of Dylan's unreleased material was an absolute holy grail for most of his fans. With rarities from 1961 through 1989, this was the first of many more official, top quality recordings that had never seen the light, other than on poorly sourced bootleg releases. Cleaned up and loaded with rare gems, it made the Dylan cult very happy. The series continues with

even more fascinating cuts on multiple volumes, but the first is always special...

Diamonds And Pearls by Prince – What is left to say about one of the most prolific and talented humans to ever walk the planet? Prince created some of the most important dance/funk/pop/rock/soul music of the last four decades, and this jewel from 1991 is right up there. My favorite song is the melancholy but optimistic "Money Don't Matter 2 Night", but there's not a weak cut on it. **I miss Prince.**



Not the Worst or Best



2020 has certainly been a year that most people are ready to have in the rearview mirror. I count myself among them, yet when I look back objectively, this year has been full of personal growth and new experiences. I was recently going through photos from earlier in the year as I worked on a new business plan, and I found myself getting overwhelmed by the emotions of all that has happened this year.

Looking back at 2020, there were a lot of 'firsts' for me. Here are a few: bought and learned to use a chainsaw (I now have

3), helped steward a 700-acre tract of land, rebuilt a fuel pump, learned how to maintain dirt roads in the forest, split and seasoned firewood (even sold some), milled logs into lumber and slabs, visited Central America (Costa Rica), learned to surf, learned about forest management techniques, shaved my head, made friends with some sweet donkeys, built a campsite and trail system in the woods, learned about edible plants in the woods and made tea using foraged plants, cooked a full meal over an open fire (in the rain, no less), drank spring water straight out of the ground, foraged wild mushrooms, germinated pepper plants from seeds, and created a piece of furniture and cutting boards from scrap wood.

Given all the trauma of 2020, I'd like to think I made the most of the year. While this was far from my best year, on balance I can't say it's been the worst year either. There were times that it felt that way, and perhaps if you're reading this you might think 2020 was the worst year for you as well. And maybe it was. I don't know.

For a moment though, consider this: our neighborhood, and the amazing local businesses in particular, came through for us like never before.

Here a few things that came out of 2020 that didn't totally suck: *Little's* stayed open and provided an immense service throughout the pandemic. *Agave* introduced their Fresh Market service and margarita kits to-go. *Milltown* and *97 Estoria* converted their parking lots to outdoor gathering spaces. *JenChan's* offered window pickup service for tasty food. *Mary Todd* gave sidewalk haircuts. *Carroll Street Café* continued to provide their signature sidewalk dining vibes. *Sweet Cheats* and *Nicole Lathouse* provided meals and treats to residents at *AG Rhodes*, and on and on it goes. We even got a new, closer entrance to *Oakland Cemetery*, beautiful new murals from *Forward Warrior!!* and *Stacks Squares*, and the community rallied together to provide meal assistance to neighbors who were struggling to keep food on the table.

All things considered, Cabbagetown was a damn fine place to be during a pandemic. Sure, we missed our favorite events with *Chomp* and *The Crawl* conspicuously missing, and we all look forward to when we can safely gather and do the simple things like giving hugs.

If I could offer one piece of unsolicited advice, it would be this: look back over everything that happened in 2020 and see if you can find some silver linings. Maybe there are glimmers of joy in there somewhere. I hope that you find some and we create many more in 2021. ***Here's to you, Cabbagetown!***

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**ANNA
PFEFFER**

With 2020 behind us and a few vaccines rolling out worldwide, we can start thinking about new things to see other than the latest Netflix series. Hooray!

Concerts, games, beaches, friends we can actually get on a plane to go see! What am I most excited about in the new year? Hugging friends and family, going out to eat, live music, enjoying all of Atlanta's many festivals, and going places!

Right now is a great time to reflect

on what an amazing community we live in. We already knew Cabbagetown was special, but 2020 really showed what our community is all about. Together, we donated thousands of dollars in donations to our favorite small businesses, wait staffs, and bartenders when their doors were closed. We bought gift cards, ordered takeout, and tipped well beyond 20%. And how about *The Chicken Noodle Network*? WOW. The Network has delivered groceries to neighbors throughout the past year, collected carloads of food donations for Thanksgiving to give to ten Cabbagetown neighbors, and also delivered holiday presents to children in Cabbagetown (and beyond). I'm honored to live in such an amazing community.

I can't wait to give back even more to our community this year. I look forward to post-vaccination, in-person, inside stops around Cabbagetown, and with the usual suspects on Carroll Street. All of them! Also looking forward to date night at *MF Sushi* and *Two Urban Licks*, afternoon Beltline strolls that stop for a beer at *Hop City*, a margarita at *Guac y Margys*, a sparkling rosé at *Estrella*, concerts at *Smith's Olde Bar*, comedy shows at *Highland Inn*, and a dirty martini at *Golden Eagle*.

Can you tell I'm ready to party?! And how EPIC will Chomp & Stomp 2021 be?!!! So Epic!

Our first flights out of ATL will be direct to *JFK* to see our best friends and their new baby, *MSY* for some classic creole cuisine and live music on Frenchman Street, and *STT* for some island magic in the Caribbean. We also want to go to Greece, Maldives, and St. Barts... just to name a few! This wish list will continue to grow and will go into 2022 and beyond, but that's what we're thinking about in quarantine! I plan to have many adventures to share in the coming year!

What are you looking most forward to in 2021? And where would you like to go? Keep the masks on and stay diligent with social distancing...but start the daydreaming, start the planning, and get ready to take on our new lease on life! ***So long 2020!***

A Christmas Miracle



**KEVIN
GILLESE**

It's a Christmas miracle! Rubby has been found! Here's how it all went down...

Last month we published a story in this esteemed publication about our missing cat and the response was tremendous. One day mid-month we got a call from some young ladies who thought they had seen our guy lurking around in Stein Steel. Amber went over to investigate, and she immediately realized it was Rubby when she called his name, and he came running over to her! But he was on

the other side of a chain link fence. So, she walked the perimeter of the property to find a place where he might get through, and he dutifully followed her around. Amber found a spot where she could kinda lift up the fencing enough so that Rubby was able to army crawl underneath to get to her. At this point the young ladies started bawling their eyes out. ***"He wants to come home!"***

Amber scooped him up into her arms and realized that he was also very scared and on edge. Maybe it was his six weeks on the streets or maybe he was just coming down from a wicked bender, we'll never know, but Amber knew she had to get him into the cat carrier, unfortunately, Rubby-man doesn't enjoy the cat carrier on a good day... and this was not a good day. When she tried to put him in, he freaked out and started slashing at her like a psycho in a horror film. Amber wasn't about to give in though, and eventually with the help of the teary-eyed young ladies, she was able to get him contained. She staggered home with Rubby in a carrier that was splattered with her own blood. Seriously, you should've seen her hands, they looked like Edward Scissorhands face. It was gnarly.

Once he was inside the house, we got a good look at him and man was he in rough shape. He was skinny, dirty and angry, but he was safe. Since then he's had several baths, many meals per day, and a GPS tracker attached to his collar in case he ever tries to escape this loving prison again. Now he's clean, gaining weight, and back to his old, cuddly self. Also, Amber's hands have been thoroughly disinfected and bandaged. We did it, y'all! After a month and a half, we got our cat back, and we couldn't have done it without the support of this amazing neighborhood. Thank you so much!!!

We were so grateful to the community for all of the help and support we received in rescuing our beloved kitty that we decided we had to do something to express our thanks. This next part requires just a tiny bit of context. See, I'm Canadian (AKA a wilding from north of the wall) and our national treasure is a dish known as poutine. It's cheese curds, beef gravy and fries... and if you've never had it, you've never truly lived. And since the South simply does not know how to do poutine, and since it was my birthday, we decided to do a poutine giveaway from our backyard on Dec. 23rd. We kept everything super Covid safe with masks and distancing as we fried up fries, ladled out gravy and ultimately gave away 65 servings of poutine to friends and neighbors.

So yes, it was a Christmas miracle after all, and we got the only present we really cared about: getting Rubby back. But we also ended up getting a bonus present. We now have a new threat to help keep both of our pets in line: Whenever they're misbehaving, we just tell them ***"you better be good or we're going to send you to live at Stein Steel."***

Walking in a Cabbage Wonderland

On Saturday December 19th, festive Cabbagetown folks baked cookies and cupcakes for the very first *Santa Stroll*, a socially distant, serve-yourself, merry little buffet of candy canes and gingerbread!



Photo by Stephanie Zell

With over twenty merry little homes preparing tiny bites and yummy snacks, plus an Irish Coffee finale courtesy of *Milltown Tavern* on Carroll Street, neighbors were treated to a leisurely walk around the village lookin' at lights and gettin' holly jolly with their quarantine pods. *We ho ho hope next year there's a proper raucous event as we welcome back the traditional Cabbagetown Holiday Crawl!*

PAGE 9 NEWS

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

CREME DE AL WEIRD. Bodybuilder, actor, and self-described "sexy maniac" Yuri Tolochko announced his marriage to Margo, his beloved sex doll, on Instagram on Nov. 25th and shared with his followers their wedding video, in which the joyous couple – wearing a tuxedo and a full-length wedding dress – exchange vows and welcome friends to a reception after the ceremony. The groom identifies himself as pansexual and able to fall in love with "a character, an image, a soul," and said the two became engaged a year ago, after he rescued her from some unwanted attention in a nightclub. "Couples need to talk less and connect more," Tolochko said. "Margo and I realized that it takes more than words to have a conversation."

BRIGHT IDEA. A Washington State Patrol officer pulled over a motorist on I-90 near North Bend on Nov. 30th after noticing the vehicle's "super dim" headlights, patrol spokesman Rick Johnson told *CNN*. Closer inspection revealed the unnamed driver had duct-taped flashlights to the front of his vehicle to replace the headlights, which had been damaged in a crash. Flashlights-as-headlights are illegal in Washington because they don't provide enough brightness, Johnson said, adding that the driver also had a suspended license.

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINAL. Police in Jackson, Mississippi, had little trouble identifying the man who they said passed a threatening note to a teller at *Trustmark Bank* on Dec. 3rd and got away with an undetermined amount of cash, *WAPT* reported. Security cameras in the bank clearly captured images of suspect Richard Jiles, 41, wearing a white shirt and camouflage jacket with a blue face mask pulled down below his chin to reveal his entire face. Jiles was later apprehended.

SKETCHY SCHEME. *The 400 Rabbits* tequila bar in Nottingham, England, has applied to the local registrar general to be declared a place of worship, namely the Church of the 400 Rabbits, in an effort to allow customers back inside the establishment, something that is currently prohibited by local COVID restrictions. *The Guardian* reports that the effort may have been inspired by a similar attempt made by a gym in Krakow, Poland, in October. *Men's Health* reported that Marta Jamroz, manager of *The Atlantic Sports and Fitness Club*, went to great lengths to rebrand her gym as the Church of the Healthy Body. The tequila bar's application is given little chance of approval.

COPING. Seattle dad and self-described travel enthusiast Steve Simao attracted a following after his daughter, Annisa, called him out on her *TikTok* account for his purchase of a pair of first-class leather seats taken from a *Delta* MD90 Jetliner. Simao, who is vice president of sales at *Windstar Cruises*, found the seats on *eBay* in November, reported *The Washington Post*, and has had fun scratching his itch to travel with them ever since, sending his daughter videos of her mother "bringing food to the (tray) table and him just sitting there enjoying it," Annisa said. Delta CEO Ed Bastian has taken notice and given the three Simaos round-trip, first-class tickets to anywhere in the United States. Hawaii is high on their list.

The Stacks Airport at Fulton Cotton Mill

By Kyle F. Bidlack

On Tuesday, the 23rd of December 2020, a vehicle approached *The Stacks*, Boulevard gate in hurried fashion. The lady behind the wheel, beeped her car horn and summoned the courtesy guard with frantic hand motions.

Upon approach, the lady informed the courtesy guard that she was late for her flight and demanded that the guard open the gate straight-away.

The guard was a bit flummoxed and asked the lady for more information. She again stated that she was late for her flight and told the guard to let her into the airport.

The guard informed her that she was not at the airport, to which she told the guard that he was wrong and informed him that her GPS device told her that this location was the airport.

"Ma'am, I assure you that no airplane can land here" the guard replied. To no avail. The lady continued with her demands. The guard told her where she was and asked if she lived here or perhaps had a friend who lived here.

As you might have guessed, the lady told the guard that she most definitely did not live at the airport but that her friends had probably passed through often.

The guard asked her to pull aside, as residents were queueing up behind her causing a bit of a snarl. "*Why should they be allowed in, if I can't get in?*" the lady responded.

The guard repeated his request, and the lady again refused. At which point, the guard summoned the proper authorities who arrived in due time, and properly and gently handled the situation. No further information is available on the lady or if she made her flight.

If anyone has information regarding a secret airport located at The Stacks or Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts, please write to The Cabbagetown Neighbor and let us know.

*Merry New Year to all.
And safe travels.*

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Lady Katherine to the Rescue

By Kyle F. Bidlack

AG Rhodes is a senior living community and they are our neighbors on Boulevard. A few weeks back, they launched a fundraiser to bring a music program to their senior residents.

The fundraiser was severely under-performing until C'town resident extraordinaire Katherine Dirga saw the state of affairs and spread the word far and wide (or at least from the west end of C'town to the east end).

Thanks to Katherine, AG Rhodes hit their goal. Their seniors will thrive through the magic of music this holiday season. Never underestimate the power of one.

Said AG Rhodes "We did it! Thanks to the generosity of our caring community of friends, we surpassed our \$5,000 goal for music therapy program that helps our elders retain their precious memories through the joy of music. These funds will provide music kits, staff training, and personalized playlists for program participants. We humbly thank those of you who helped us give the gift of song to those we serve!"

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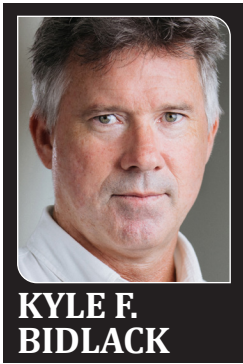
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Side Car: "Crave-Worthy Pub Fare"



Chef Ben Clayton grew up in Athens Georgia. His dad was an art librarian at the University of Georgia and his mom was a school teacher.

Like most kids, Ben thought his mom's cooking was the best. Turns out, her cooking not only tasted great, but was a monumental inspiration for Ben.

Aside from learning from his mom in the kitchen, Ben's early memories in Athens usually centered around Bulldog game days or being on the baseball fields from sunrise to sunset.

But his mind was never far from food. By his teen years, his drive led him to a desire to work in restaurants. It was hard, grunt work, but Ben got to watch and learn from some amazing chefs and always measured their skills against those of his mom's... you can probably guess who Ben thought was better.

By his early twenties, Ben had logged long, rewarding hours at some notable restaurants, among them, *"The Five & Ten"*, and *"Waterside at Cuscowilla"*.

"When I met my wife Maria Locke – and hung out with her in her Cabbagetown Market kitchen – I really started to love cooking and creating food professionally."

From there, Ben started a long working relationship with noted local chef, Bruce Logue. Together, they created amazing dishes at *La Pietra Cucina* and *BoccaLupo*.

Ben has been a loyal patron of *Milltown Tavern* since it's inception. He watched as the food offerings changed over the years, and began to envision what the tavern could be if he brought his talents to their diminutive kitchen.

A food destination. Milltown has a long tradition of being Cabbagetown's living room: a place for neighbors to gather,

share stories and ideas, watch a ballgame, or listen to music. Chef Ben is going to add delicious meals to that winning equation. And the destination has a name – the Milltown kitchen will now be known as *"Side Car"*... a name Ben's wife – Maria – conjured. *Side Car* fits perfectly into Milltown and Cabbagetown: small, friendly, lots of character, predictably great but always changing, with culinary surprises around every corner.

What can we look forward to? Good question. Ben says the menu will consist of a small and frequently changing selection of eclectic bar food and crave-worthy pub fare. Dishes that Chef Ben has been perfecting for many years. *"This is my dream come true. A chance to bring something special to a community that I have been a part of for fifteen years."* says Ben.



Chef Ben in the Side Car Kitchen at Milltown Tavern.

Ben has a deep appreciation and love for the culinary tapestry of Carroll Street and Cabbagetown and feels a tremendous amount of pride and fulfillment to now be part of it all. That long journey brings us to today.

The Side Car Kitchen at Milltown Tavern will be open every day, Monday through Friday, from 4p to 10p-ish, and Saturday and Sunday from 11:30a to 11p-ish. The plan calls for expanding to a lunch and late night menu as soon as possible, and eventually adding to the culinary team which will lead to a bigger and more labour intensive menu.

Tantalizing possibilities. Smoking seafood, chicken, pork, and beef is one of Chef Ben's many culinary talents. He imagines the possibility of adding an outdoor smoker to *Side Car*, and the smell of smoked brisket wafting through the neighborhood.

Getting hungry? Head on down to Milltown & The Side Car Kitchen and see what Chef Ben is cooking today.

Puzzle Dave

Excerpts from an interview by Red Clay Bestiary

The neighborhood of Cabbagetown, just east of downtown Atlanta, sports a stone shark which, were it not for the cover of trees, would be visible from space. A lot of folks know about the shark. Not as many folks know about its creator, one Reverend David Dechant, minister of art. Dave is an artist in the best sense of the word: he undertakes to make wild and bizarre things for absolutely no other reason than that he's a human being still in touch with the creative spark.



Puzzle Dave, a.k.a. Reverend Dave DeChant. Photo by Artem Nazarov.

I met Dave several years ago when he was renting a studio next to that which my band used at the time. He used his space to assemble an 8,000-piece puzzle. My bandmates and I watched his progress with great interest – every time we got together to rehearse we'd go check to see what else he'd gotten done, and since I didn't know his last name at the time I just called him Puzzle Dave. Turns out he has many monikers, but to my thinking Puzzle Dave is perfect, as it conjures up not just the notion of a guy that likes puzzles, but also a certain mischievous mystical quality, which is Dave in spades.

Speaking of spades, Dave used one to dig a giant bunker a dozen yards from the shark. Every few weeks I'd stop by his place and check out the progress of this immense hole he dug out largely by hand over a period of many months, marveling at the staggering effort he was putting into the sort of project most city-dwelling modern humans would not be at all comfortable with. When it was large enough he had a container put into it, and now it serves as his studio, completely invisible from the street and insulated by a blanket of earth from neighbors weary of the sounds of power tools.

That's Dave, at least from the outside. He's a force of nature, making things of beauty. He's not world famous; not American famous, or Georgia famous. He's not really even Atlanta famous, though he's arguably Cabbagetown famous. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't get to know him. ***You owe it to yourself to give him a listen, because you'll find out what a person can do, because Dave is testing the limits.***

Smarty Pants?

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The Great News Quiz of 2020. It's been a newsy year. As 2020 comes to a close, how well do you remember it all?

1. What state voted for the winner in every presidential election since 1964 – until this year, when it voted for President Trump?
2. From which two universities does Kamala Harris hold degrees?
3. When President-elect Joe Biden takes the oath of office, he will become the oldest U.S. president in history. Who are currently the oldest three (based on their age when they took office)?
4. The actor Chadwick Boseman died of cancer at age 43 in August. During his career, he played each one of these figures in a movie except one. Which one? Jackie Robinson, James Brown, King T'Challa, Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall.
5. Which author had the largest number of books (five) on one of The Times's monthly best-seller lists in 2020?
6. Armenia and Azerbaijan engaged in a military conflict this year over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. Name two countries that border either Armenia or Azerbaijan?
7. Of the 115 Americans who have served as Supreme Court justices since 1789, how many have been women?
8. In the fall, LeBron James won his latest NBA championship. How many NBA titles has James now won?
9. In 1950, Black men in the U.S. earned 51 cents on average for every \$1 earned by white men. Today, Black men earn how much on average for every \$1 earned by white men?
10. In 2020, people around the world celebrated the 250th anniversary of a musical genius. Who is he?
11. Which children's show was the single most-watched show on Netflix this year, according to analyses by Forbes and Reelgood?
12. One measure of Covid's terrible toll is deaths per million residents. Canada suffered about 401 confirmed Covid-related deaths per million residents, as of late December. How many has the U.S. suffered?
13. Which company's stock rose more than eightfold between the start of the year and October – only to lose some of those gains in the year's final months, as Covid vaccines gained approval?

Answers: 1: Ohio. 2: Howard and the University of California. 3: Donald Trump, Ronald Reagan, William Henry Harrison. 4: MLKJR. 5: Raina Telgemeier. 6: Georgia, Iran, Russia, or Turkey. 7: Five. 8: Four. 9: 51¢ (unchanged). 10: Ludwig van Beethoven. 11: Cocomelon. 12: About 1,009 per million residents. 13: Zoom.

This is an uber-tough quiz. If you got more than 8 correct, you are a Highly Distinguished Cabbagehead worthy of a "major award". If you got 5 or less correct, report to Puzzle Dave's bunker for a history lesson.



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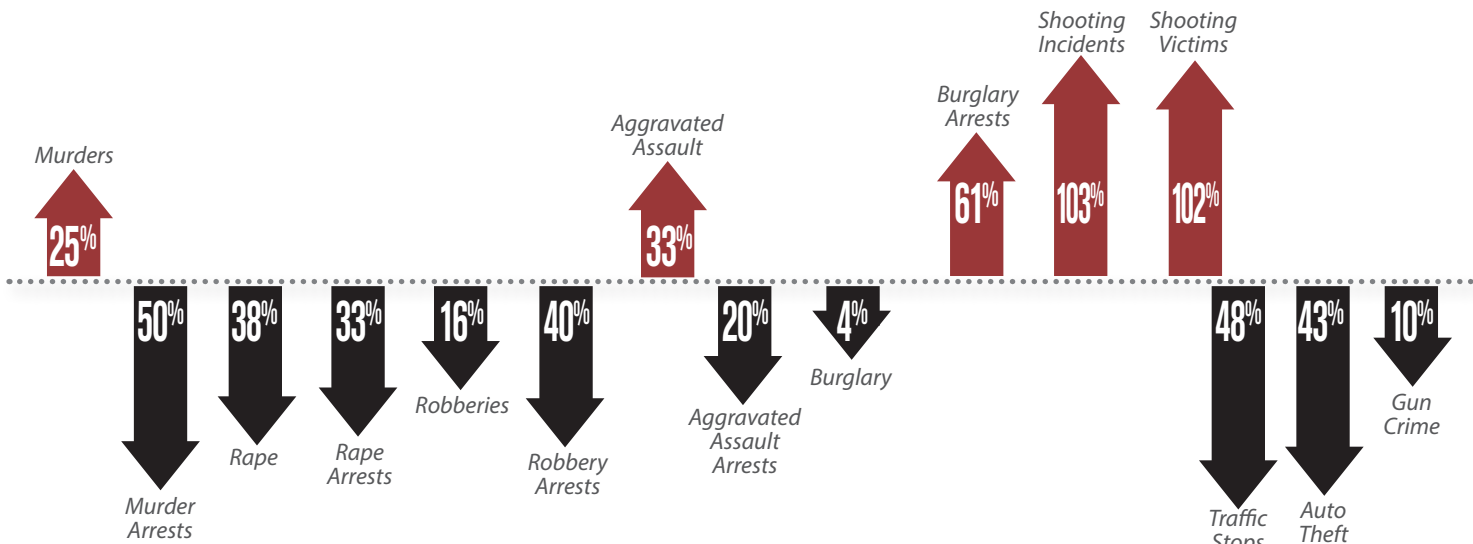
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Zone 6 contains Boulevard Heights, Cabbagetown, Candler Park, Druid Hills, East Atlanta, East Lake, Edgewood, Emory Village, Glenwood Park, Grant Park, Inman Park, Little Five Points, Old Fourth Ward, Ormewood, Kirkwood, Poncey-Highland, Sweet Auburn, Reynoldstown, Virginia Highland and Woodland Hills. Statistics collected from the Atlanta Police Department and are reflective of 01 January through 19 December 2020.

The Real Estate Report

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HOUSES

Pending/UC	Price
677 Gaskill St. 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$709,000
132 Tye Street 4 BD/3 BA	\$661,000
140 Pearl St. 3 BD/3 BA	\$635,000
261 Pearl St. 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$615,000
200 Powell St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$535,000
593 Gaskill St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$475,000
169 Pearl St. 3 BD/1 BA	\$470,000



MULTI-FAMILY

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