

# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

"The 1980s was the era of the blonde cheerleader." ~ Winona Ryder

## Neighborhood Meeting

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

### AGENDA

7p Meeting begins

- I. Welcome and announcements
- II. Review and approval of June 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

- 220 Berean - Type II Certificate - Solar Panel Installation

Cabbagetown/Reynoldstown

Transportation Committee -

Shaun Houlihan

- Pearl Street traffic calming
- Beltline Rail Now petition

• Cabbagetown Initiative -

Paul Freeman, Acting President

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

8:55 Adjourn

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

## YANKEE DOODLE DANDIES!

Wishing very merry birthdays to James Kelly, Grant Henry, Deanna Grace, Felicia Holden, Tonya Marlatt, Ashley McCartney, Rose M. Barron, Neil Carver, Joe Farr, Erich Nunn, Gray Stewart, Matthew Paul Keelan, Mike Gerhard, Mike Buechel, Vic Uzumeri, Duwan Dunn, Pam Bruce, Brandon Sutton, Joanne Savard, and Patrick Thurston. *We love you guys!*

## A TALE OF TWO EIGHTIES

By Ronnie Edwards

*This is not the article I had planned for this month.* I had it all ready to go, complete with a photo from my personal stash. It's the start of Larry Camp's involvement in CNIA and how they dealt with some of the unsafe houses in the neighborhood. I just felt that I couldn't submit it just yet.

As I mentioned in my last article it's hard pinning down exact dates. I share these stories as a form of remembrance and celebration of the people who shaped Cabbagetown into what it is now, and the more I dive deep into it, the more I want to be as exact as possible.

So, in researching the article I planned, I visited the *Cabbagetown.com* website to seek some insight. I was blown away that there are not only several outright mistakes, but downright inaccuracies as well. Inaccuracies such as this one.

Sparked by an influx of artists in the 1980s, including a photographer, Raymond Herbert, known by many as *Panorama Ray*, Cabbagetown started to witness tremendous growth.

Many had high hopes for the Atlanta art scene and aspired to make Cabbagetown into an art gallery district as well as an overall artistic zone.

It's funny because I actually have an article planned on Panorama Ray, In fact the title of my article series comes from a phrase he coined: "*Cabbageheads*". The thing is that

almost everything about this paragraph is incorrect. The craziest thing is that Ray didn't move in until the 90s.

I decided that I would just incorporate it in my upcoming article about Ray. Jake Elsas from *Patchworks* has been working to get a



*Me and my friend Leslie playing unsupervised in Esther Peachy Park during the early eighties.*

complete history of Cabbagetown. He enlisted volunteers to interview original Cabbagetown residents about the history of Cabbagetown. At this years' reunion, I had the privilege of talking of speaking with one. She was shocked that I kept  
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Locales**  
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# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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# Cabbagetown President's Letter



**KATIE BUTLER**

*Welcome to the dog days of summer.* Hey, do you know why they're called that? *National Geographic* tells me it is because during July and August, Sirius, the dog star, rises just before the sun rises... the hot, burning, sweltering, ball of gas SUN that is the center of our solar system.

Few of us are up early enough to personally verify this, but that may be the only time of day when it makes sense to be outside. Sunrise viewing party in Cabbagetown Park, anyone?

Now that our history and astronomy lesson for the month is over, let's get down to business. First, I want to thank Slim Chance (aka James Kelly), Steve Seachist and John Dirga for coordinating the first four concerts in the newly-christened Joyce Brookshire Amphitheater!

**These three put in a ton of effort:** building a stage (in my basement), getting the word out on social media, finding local musicians, and collecting donations to make sure those musicians were paid.\* When you see these guys, please give them a hearty pat on the back for a job well done and then

ask them what happens this fall! More great music to come, starting in September...

By all accounts, **Forward Warrior!!** was another resounding success. We have fascinating new art along the Wylie Street CSX wall and we welcomed artists and festival-goers in Cabbagetown the way we do.

CNIA owes a debt of gratitude to the Cabbagetown Initiative and to our Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) for helping to sponsor this event. Again, thank your neighbor John Dirga and your former neighbor Peter Ferrari for coordinating and making this happen. I hope we keep this going for years to come!

Our next CNIA meeting will be on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p. We will have free pizza, an opportunity to raise concerns with the city, and plenty of chances for neighborhood involvement at our meeting. 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 find me playing in someone's sprinklers...

*Katie*  
*\*I've never taken a penny for playing, but other bands and musicians have all been paid!*




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# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

*Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7p Cabbagetown Community Center.  
Meeting Conducted by Katie Butler. Minutes recorded by Karyn Corell.*

Called to order by VP Chelsea at 7:05p. 35 people present. Motion to approve May minutes. 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer-Sandra reported a balance of \$10,739. +3k **Forward Warrior!** Grant. Outstanding bills for concert series, Roll Call party, & newspaper printing all paid.

Greg Guiffrida with the **Memorial Project**: Complete streets meeting June 28 at 6:30p at the MLK Recreation Center.

NPU - John Dirga: Should've received increase in solid waste bill. List gripes to Dept of Public Works. Address complaints in bulk. Mentioned East Lake transit plan as model for public input. Forward Warrior! is Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, street closings 11a-5p.

**APD - DJ Crowder**: New evening watch commander for Zone Six. [Djcrowder@atlantaga.gov](mailto:Djcrowder@atlantaga.gov). Had no info on reported gun shot and chase on Tye last night. Reminder: clean car campaign & look out for neighbors. Most of our current crimes are car break-ins, package theft, & bike theft.

**HPLU - Nicole Seekely**: 152 Powell. Couple, Amal & Tricia back with alternate new construction plans, for 2100 sq ft home, that includes a two car garage and pool. Several variances, mostly because lot is very deep & narrow. They met with bordering neighbors for input. HP supports variances with revision of accordion doors. There was much discussion about the appropriateness of a pool for ctown

with a couple neighbors vehemently opposed. There is nothing in our current rules to prevent pools. Motion to support HP rec. 13 yay, 8 opposed, 1 abstain. A neighbor is writing a letter of opposition and will bring it to the July meeting for vote.

146 Savannah: Neighbor presented modest renovations that HP approved. Motion to support. 2nd. Unan in favor. 176 Powell. Not present.

**Care & Comfort Network - Laura**: Needs to hand committee reigns to cohorts. Email [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com) if interested.

**Transportation - Shaun H.**: Next meeting is Thursday, 6:30p at **97 Estoria**. Pearl St. traffic calming project in the works. Meet at our Community Center on July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.

**Prop Tax Committee - Tiffanie for Kendall**: Watch the Nov ballot for HB 820 that caps annual City of Atl increase by 3%. SB 485 increases homestead exemption from 30k to 50k. Expires in 3 years. APS taxes only.

Also, don't forget to appeal taxes! Do it yourself or hire Andy at [yourtaxrep.com](http://yourtaxrep.com) for about \$250.

**CI - Paul**: It's about time to get involved with **Chomp** planning. Announcement of Kendall Rawls as new CI President.

**Old Business - Jim Duffy**: Brought **Solarize Atlanta** rep for Q&A.

**New Business - Kristel**: Short St doing a math themed dance performance with Ga Tech Symphony in Sept at 2p in CT Park. Motion to write letter of support. **Adjourned at 8:55p**

## Pearl Street!

*Come out and help decide what improvements can be made to Pearl Street!* Dedicated funding has been set aside to make Pearl Street safer and more pleasant for everyone.

The Cabbagetown/Reynoldstown Transportation Committee will be hosting a walk and discussion along Pearl to gather ideas about what kind of changes we'd like to see.

**When**: Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p

**Where**: Meet in front of the Cabbagetown Community Center (if raining, we will meet inside).

*Come on out y'all!*

## This Month's Meetings

Your Neighborhood Meetings Calendar for June

*July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7p: Cabbagetown Initiative meeting  
Cabbagetown Community Center*

*July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7p: CNIA meeting, Community Center*

*July 16<sup>th</sup>, 7p: Historic Preservation Committee meeting  
At Our Community Center*

*July 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p: Transportation Committee meeting  
In Front of Our Community Center*

*July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7p: NPU-N meeting  
Little 5 Points Community Center*

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# BeltLine Transit: D-Day Imminent



**BRANDON  
SUTTON**

*We're about to find out where the money we voted for on the MARTA expansion sales tax referendum in 2016 will be spent.*

Unfortunately for Cabbagetown, we're nowhere near any of the proposed spending areas. If the current list of priorities MARTA is considering goes through, there will be no BeltLine loop, and no additional transit on the southeast side at all. **Unacceptable.**

The majority of the funds we voted for are slated to fund the 'Clifton Corridor' – a light rail line going from Lindbergh to the CDC and Emory University. Put bluntly, this sales tax that ALL people in the City of Atlanta pay, would be going to build a corridor that would likely be used primarily by people who do not live in the city, but commute in from the northern suburbs.

Adding salt to the wound, the city annexed Emory AFTER the sales tax referendum. Translation: Emory is effectively 'skipping the line' and receiving the lion's share of sales tax revenue at the expense of other parts of the city (our district included).

The good news is the MARTA vote on the priorities has not taken place. That is expected to happen in August – September. We need to take steps NOW to make sure we don't get the short end of the stick. Simply put, if we don't fight for BeltLine light rail right now, there isn't much hope it will ever happen.

On the list of priorities MARTA is considering are two sections of light rail on the Beltline. The first is from **Ponce City Market** up to Lindbergh, and the other is the Westside trail from xxxxx to xxxxx. No Southside. No loop.

Neighborhoods that have waited for decades for the original BeltLine vision to manifest will be left with a nice sidewalk and no transit options to help them move around the city, get to employment opportunities, etc. If Atlanta is ever going to get

serious about equity, we've got to prioritize projects that enable equity and stop kicking the can down the road.

Imagine what Cabbagetown will look like in three to five years when the Memorial Drive corridor has been completely redeveloped. How are all those people going to get around? We all know the **Krog Tunnel** is a choke point, which will only get worse. And Boulevard will continue to be clogged with cars.

Now, envision light rail along the Beltline corridor (out of traffic) with people moving from neighborhood to neighborhood without contributing to the quagmire of Atlanta traffic. Neighborhoods along the corridor will become much more desirable due to their proximity to this means of commuting.



If you buy into this vision, and/or you would like to see your tax money go toward projects that will actually benefit you, here's what you can do right now:

- 1. Contact Natalyn Archibong's office** and share your support for expanded transit in the district.
- 2. Contact the Mayor's office** and demand more review of the priority list. The Mayor can make a big impact, but she needs to hear from us NOW.
- 3. Contact the MARTA Board** and voice your opinion ([moremarta\\_atlanta@itsmarta.com](mailto:moremarta_atlanta@itsmarta.com)). Ask for more official public hearings before the priorities are put up for a vote. Let them know you're not happy about where your tax dollars are going.

***The future of our city's public transportation spending is happening right now. Please speak up before it's too late.***

# A Tale of ..... Two Eighties

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referring to the 90's as the transitional point in Cabbagetown's history. She said that she had always heard that it was the 80's. That's when I remembered the paragraph from the website, it said "in the 80's". So we're taking a break from the 90's and i'm going were going back to the 80's.

In the summer of 1982, we lived in Lakewood. As most families did, mom had to work full-time, this meant that my grandmother Azillee had to keep me during the day. I'm basically going to tell you how an average day was for me as I recall it, then add some perspective from my cousin Marion, who was a teenager during that time.

I would wake up and Mema would cook me breakfast and I would go out to spend time with my friends David Henry, Ray and Darlene Tims and and a guy named Rusty who's last name I wish I could remember.

I know you all love *Little's*, well I was lucky because back then there were still a couple other old Cabbagetown establishments still open.

The ones I remember most were *Sarah's Grocery* on Tye Street. And there was a laundromat a little further up the hill from Little's. We would spend our days at those places or playing hide-n-go-seek.

We'd also spend time at the park on Powell Street playing baseball. In between, we'd just wander around the neighborhood stopping at different family members houses for lunch or just to cool off.

One of the favorite lunch spots was Rodney Teal's granny Vonnie's house. Our day would always end with all of us at my grandma's or aunt's watching *Happy Days* re-runs and eating dinner.

There were only ever really two stipulations: don't go to Reynoldstown (*because it was pretty rough back then*) and be home by the time the street lights came on.

While this was a typical day for your average five through twelve year-olds in Cabbagetown during the 80s, for teenagers like my cousin Marion and brother Timmy it was quite a different story. A story which surprisingly opened my eyes about how the 90's got to be just as wild as they were. A story to be concluded next month: *A Tale of Two Eighties, part two.*

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# Vekking!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Vek Neal moved to Cabbagetown sometime around 2008 or so, and much like you, he immediately fell in love with it. He settled in on Carroll Street and began struggling with wanting to share his Cabbagetown utopian secret with the rest of the world OR keeping the secret to himself.

Vek is a professional contemporary photographer who expresses his art in the form of illustration, photography, video, and graphic design. His new book, **VEKking** has just been released and it highlights his journey of portrait photography from 2013 -2018.

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Through the lens of Vek's camera comes an eternal and fundamental truth (*that we all too often forget*), that all of us are amazing. Beautiful. Complex. Simple. Worthy of priceless. A life in full. Vek reminds us that we should all look at each other and realize that we are full of wonderment.



Attallah Pamoja. As photographed by Vek Neal.



Jess. As photographed by Vek Neal.

## Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

- 1** SPINNERS  
RUBBERBAND MAN
- 2** LCD SOUNDSYSTEM  
DISCO INFILTRATOR
- 3** TYLER, THE CREATOR  
I AIN'T GOT TIME!
- 4** PEACHES  
BOYS WANNA BE...
- 5** CSS  
ALALA
- 6** DEMI LOVATO  
SORRY NOT SORRY
- 7** CARDI B  
I LIKE IT
- 8** HARRY STYLES  
SIGN OF THE TIMES
- 9** SAGE THE GEMINI  
COST (FEAT. KAP G)
- 10** LITTLE DICKY  
FREAKY FRIDAY
- 11** TYLER THE CREATOR  
SEE YOU AGAIN
- 12** DRAKE  
NICE FOR WHAT
- 13** CHILDISH GAMBINO  
THIS IS AMERICA
- 14** RIHANNA  
ONLY GIRL
- 15** GLEN CAMPBELL  
SOUTHERN NIGHTS



# A Walk-On Part in the War

Photos by @joekingatl

Artists Faatimah Stevens (@thepainterbae), left, and Angie Jerez (@\_angiejerez), right, were two of over forty uber-talented artists participating in the June 16<sup>th</sup> annual mural painting event, "Forward, Warrior!!"

Angie is a proud Savannah Street resident who also designed the 2015 *Chomp & Stomp* T-Shirt! Cabbagetown is very proud of these talented artists and their contributions to the neighborhood. [Facebook.com/ForwardWarrior](https://www.facebook.com/ForwardWarrior)



# Do You Want to Rock? *Slim's Pickin's*



**SLIM  
CHANCE**

*"Ooooh yeah! Hot fun in the summertime!"* – Sly Stone

Yep, the scorch is on and like the afternoon showers, the shows keep rolling into town. A lot of you brave souls can handle the outdoor stuff, but it makes me crazy. So even though you may get drenched in anticipation of the band you love at the outdoor venues, at least you get a free sauna afterward. I'm sticking

with the AC gigs myself. Here is a list of upcoming musical events worth checking out.

**July 7 - Jill Scott @ the Fox.** With a sweet nu-soul style incorporating jazz, blues, funk, and a touch of spoken word, Scott has created her own sound, and her catchy, danceable groove infected songs cover the personal and political realms.

**July 10 - Coheed and Cambria @ Chastain Park.**

Do you want to ROCK? I said DO YOU WANT TO ROCK??? Then get yourself to Chastain Park for this high energy rock show. It will be interesting to hear how they manage to rock with the low decibel limit out there. Modern prog rock has its moments, and C&C can deliver the rock.

**July 13 - Dan Baird and Homemade Sin @ Smith's.**

Baird is a founding member of the Georgia Satellites, and his current act is loaded with fun and energy. He is thankfully bouncing back from a somewhat serious illness, and taking the bar band mentality he created at the old Hedgens' location to a whole 'nother level.

**July 14 - TAKE YOUR PICK! Tedeschi-Trucks Band @ the Fox, Lake Street Dive @ Variety Playhouse, The Isley Brothers @ Mable House, Punch Brothers @ Tabernacle, Robert Cray @ Southern Ground Amphitheater.** Damn.

**July 18 - Violent Femmes & Echo & the Bunnymen @ Chastain.** Park Two of the 80's most intriguing new wave/alternative bands are back on the road. It's hard to fathom that their heyday was 30 years ago, but dammit, they are still great. The combination of the Femmes' jumpy energetic rhythm driven sound and the moody guitar soaked aural landscapes of Echo will make it an entertaining evening.

**July 21 - Rock\*A\*Teens @ EARL** Cabbagetown's own rockin' teenage combo has a brand new album coming out, and are celebrating the release at the EARL. Former Ctown resident Chris Lopez and co. bring it with both a hard edge and melodic style, unlike any other local or regional band out there. It's been a while, guys.

**July 24 - Tony Bennett @ Symphony Hall** The dude is almost 92 years old, and still crooning like a champ. It is rare for such an incredible talent and cornerstone of pop music to maintain the level of success and popularity Bennett has for all these years, but it seems like each decade a new generation discover his charms, and he keeps on keeping on. We should all be so lucky, or even half that lucky.

**July 26 - Digable Planets @ Masquerade** There are still a few of the old school hip hop bands around that never fell into the bling bling trap crap, bands that made interesting, thoughtful, but nevertheless highly entertaining rhymes and beats. Digable

Planets had the jazzy riffs down pat, and when they went political, they went there full throttle. They have come and gone a few times over the years, but it looks like we finally get a taste this time around.

**July 28 - Yes (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Tour) @ Symphony Hall.** In the early 70's prog rock was my jam, and I saw every Yes concert that came to Nashville for many years. They were totally obtuse, with huge symphonic songs that took up whole album sides, flashy capes, psychedelic stage props,

the works. It's hard to believe the band has been around in one form or another for fifty years, but here they are. This particular lineup includes a few of the veterans, but I will miss the late bassist and founding member Chris Squire the most.

**July 29 - English Beat @ Masquerade.** The Ska thing was a blast, combining roots rock reggae and rock steady with soul and a bit of jazz. Energetic, uptempo, and totally danceable tunes were all over the radio, fashion was part of the passion, and they all looked as good as they sounded. Singer Dave Wakeling is an original member, and has surrounded himself with likeminded musicians that have the sound and the style down pat, and I'm betting they will toss out a few General Public songs as well.



*The Rock\*A\*Teens in 1995.*

# Material Girls: Atlanta's Glam-Punks

By Lars Gotrich, NPR

*Material Girls' glam-soaked, goth-smeared rock and roll struts and stumbles like a fish-netted pair of legs breaking in new heels.* The punk ensemble from Atlanta released a promising EP last year via Henry Owings' venerable Chunklet label housing four songs dripping in danger and sweat, like a whiskey-swiggling *Nick Cave* partying with *Captain Beefheart*. It's music for the darkly lit corners of a humid night.

The band is set to release its debut album *Leather* midsummer, just when the cotton starts to stick to your skin no matter what time of day.



Material Girls' *Leather* comes out July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*"Residual Grimace"* opens the album with a guitar riff that haunts a swinging rhythm section, a campy Cramps-ian waltz that bleeds into a ragtag hot-jazz horn section that bursts from

a descending bass line. And while Material Girls certainly evoke the darker shades of late '70s, early '80s punk, its twisted cabaret is in direct lineage with *Smoke*, the mid-'90s weirdos of Cabbagetown, which, at the time, was a derelict haven for artists of Atlanta. Material Girls shares a gleeful morbidity and creative abandon with *Smoke*, and expands that growling beauty with a wild eye.

## Hotlanta Real Estate is Real Hot

By Josh Green, Curbed Atlanta

*Calling Atlanta home just doesn't show signs of getting cheaper anytime soon.* That's certainly not unexpected amidst a surging regional economy, but recent statistics have been jolting. *HotPad's* inaugural report on Atlanta rental trends, for instance, showed city rents are growing three times faster than the national median, outpacing even San Francisco.

Now, on the homeownership front, a *RE/MAX* Georgia analysis indicates that sales prices across the metro have jumped by 8 percent in a single year. That's flirting with twice the national average of 4.9 percent.

*What gives?* Atlanta inventory remains low – currently at a scant 1.8 - month supply, when a supply of six months is considered a balanced market.

Anecdotally, have a look at a popular intown neighborhood like

Cabbagetown, where exactly two non-pending houses are for sale right now, per *Estatefy*.

*"What we're witnessing in the greater Atlanta housing market are the effects of very low inventory—decreasing supply with the median home price increasing 8 percent year-over-year,"* writes John Rainey, RE/MAX Georgia vice president. *"It's simply going to take a bit longer to find an ideal home than in previous years."*

*What's the good news for buyers? Anything?*

Well, a different analysis in December found that metro Atlanta still landed in the bottom quarter of most expensive cities across the land. Buying the average home in metro Atlanta is an attainable goal for anyone making at least \$43,400 per year, according to a study by *HSH.com*, which considered average home price, anticipated mortgage rates, and down payments of twenty percent.

HOME SALES IN  
FULTON COUNTY  
(953 IN MARCH)

-2%

MEDIAN HOME  
SALE PRICE IN  
FULTON COUNTY  
(\$328,000)

-2%

AVERAGE DAYS  
ON MARKET IN  
FULTON COUNTY  
(58)

-3%

# Building Foundations of Hope

By Ed Lindahl



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*For the last dozen years or so, I've been a volunteer and a board member with the Mad Housers.* If you're unaware of what we do, we're a nonprofit that finds folks who are living outside -- typically in the woods in and around the Atlanta area -- and -- if they want -- build a small, lockable, weather-resistant structure and give it to them for free.

This allows them to stay safe when they're at home and keep their meager belongings secure when they're away, both critical elements of a foundation from which they may be able to get help with the issues that brought them to live on the streets.

In order to help more clients, we recently hired our first-ever paid employee who is helping us by coordinating volunteers, obtaining materials for huts, and managing our client list. In the few months he's been helping, we have benefitted from his work in that our activities aren't the catch-as-catch-can endeavor they used to be, but rather something that's stable and predictable and has a good deal of organization to it. All of this will help us apply for future grants so that we can assist even more clients.

With this hired help comes additional expense, of course, and so our income needs are greater than they've ever been. Our annual shoestring budget of around \$10,000 has now more than doubled. If we don't increase our fundraising efforts accordingly, we will have to let our part-time employee go and we'll return to helping one, possibly two clients a month get into a hut. While that's a great outcome for those folks, it does nothing to help the scores of additional clients who would benefit from a hut of their own.

Thankfully, Barb and the crew at *Milltown Tavern* have graciously offered us the opportunity to host two fundraisers in July to help us kick off our ramped-up efforts!

The fundraisers will be at Milltown on July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7p both nights. All proceeds from our dedicated kegs of beer will go towards the Mad Housers.

Additionally, there will be raffles for gift certificates from amazing local businesses that have stepped in to help like *Agave, The Brickstore Pub, Little Tart Bakeshop*, and others. Mad Housers board members will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about us and discuss any volunteering opportunities that may be of interest.



*The Mad Housers volunteers building a home for a homeless person.*

Our goal is to raise \$1,000 over the two nights. Come out to Milltown on either the 12<sup>th</sup> or the 19<sup>th</sup> to help us reach that target. ***We hope to see you there!***

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## Leading from Behind

By Kyle F. Bidlack

*Our nation's leaders might look to the youngest among us for inspiration and guidance.* When Shannon Cofrin Gaggero explained the struggle of families on our southern border to her two young kids, they told their mom that they wanted to help.

So last Sunday, they went to work selling lemonade at their homemade lemonade stand in the Virginia-Highland. After the first day, the two kids had raised more than \$1,100.

From that lemonade stand and an online fundraiser, more than \$13,000 has since been raised. In all, more than 200 donations have rolled in. Proceeds will benefit the Refugee and Immigrant

Center for Education and Legal Service, a nonprofit in Texas that offers free and low-cost legal services to immigrants.

Let us never forget that we all have the power to right wrongs, and help those that need it. These two small kids showed us that positive action is so much better than idle commentary from the sidelines. We can all create the kind of change we seek. Pick a problem and brainstorm a solution. They did it. So can you.

Upon learning of separated families, many people in the U.S. have raised money to help migrants. One Silicon Valley couple has raised more than \$20 million.

# Any Given Night at Little's

*Take a walk to Little's on any given night (hint: especially Wednesday nights) around 7 or 8p, and you might walk right into one of the coolest, most disjointed, harmonious, disorganized, and beautiful jam sessions this side of the dark side of the moon.*

Sometimes there's only two or three folks. Other times there is seven or eight, or more. The one thing they all have in common (*other than being sinners*) is that they all love music.

Jamsters usually come armed with string instruments (guitars, banjos, mandolins, etc...), but in typical Cabbagetown fashion, no one and no instrument is turned away.

It's an organic creation that attracts everyone from novices who are just learning their art, to more seasoned professionals like Tommy Thompson, who has been touring the nation and writing songs since the 90s.



*Little's Jam Session. Photo by Patrick Thurston.*

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## Egypt, Italy, Australia, Chile, and...

By Kyle F. Bidlack

*Traveler.com just published their list of best places to visit in 2018.* Amazing locations like the ones above, and joined by even more intriguing spots like Rwanda, Uzbekistan, Spain, and The Republic of Congo.

*And wouldn't you know it... Atlanta, Georgia made the list!* I kid you not. Why did Atlanta make the list? Apparently, because of you!

*"Increasingly sophisticated dining options, emerging trendy neighbourhoods, stunning state parks - Atlanta is the new star of America's south, largely thanks to its film production boom. Head to Marcel for high-end French fare and Taqueria del Sol for scrumptious Mexican, explore the artistic suburbs of Cabbagetown and Inman Park, and spend an afternoon hiking in Sweetwater and Chattahoochee parks." says Traveler.com*

So maybe a "staycation" is in line for you this summer? Imagine going back to work after a couple weeks off. Your workmates ask you where you went. You tell them you explored Estoria. And they say "Wow! sounds exotic!" Exotic indeed.

But we're betting that some of you have seen just about all that Estoria has to offer. You've even ventured as far as Carroll to the west, and The Pearl in the far east. If that's the case, Traverler.com might have just the spot for you...

*"Beneath the hills of a faraway land in Eastern Europe, there's an underground city overflowing with wines. With 200 kilometres of tunnels and more than 1.5 million bottles, this limestone labyrinth is the largest wine cellar in the world. Visitors drive cars through streets named Sauvignon or Pinot and finish with a tasting. Intrepid Travel offers a 13-day tour of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine."*

That sounds like the perfect destination for a few Cabbageheads we all know (Celine, Patrick, Debbie, Dwan, Greg, Karen, Roz...etc...). Get your passports ready!

Who knows, maybe they will retrace the steps of **Rochelle Rochelle**, the story of a young girl's strange, erotic journey from Milan to Minsk.

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# Amazon's HQ2 Update

By Kyle F. Bidlack

*Sportsbettingexperts.com* says Atlanta is a 4 to 1 semi-favourite to win the Amazon HQ2 sweepstakes, but their odds-on leader is Northern Virginia with 7 to 2 odds.

One of Amazon's major criteria for locating its East Coast headquarters is transit. Governor Nathan Deal recently updated Amazon about Atlanta's new rapid transit plan.

"I think that the fact that they see good faith on the part of the state taking these kinds of moves hopefully will give them and others confidence that we're ready to address not only the current needs of our citizens, but also those that we may anticipate in the future," said Governor Deal.

Amazon sent emails to all twenty finalist cities saying it still may take a couple of months to whittle down the finalist list to around three cities. Amazon's East Coast headquarters would bring 50,000 jobs and \$5 billion in investments.

Says *thinkrealty.com* "A recent panel of housing experts weighed in on the topic of the eventual HQ2 winner. Those experts ranked Atlanta, Georgia, and Northern Virginia as the top two most likely to be chosen. Atlanta could get an extra 0.4% boost to rent appreciation over its projected 3.2% increase."

*Geekwire.com* (based in Seattle, WA) did an online poll recently. Raleigh, NC led the way with about 11% of the vote. Atlanta was a close second.

Newark is the hard-knock contender. It has the highest poverty rate, high tax rates and low numbers of college graduates and tech workers. For those reasons and more, bookies will give you 50 to 1 odds on Newark.

So Newark is going in big. They are offering Amazon a \$7 billion incentive package. A ballsy attempt to even the odds. The offering is among the most lucrative of any known Amazon bid and among the largest that experts say they've ever seen extended to a corporation.

## 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 at 404.272.1906.

*We wish you happy house hunting!*

### HOUSES

For Sale	Price
136 Estoria St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$579,000
266 Iswald St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$475,000
624 Memorial Dr. 3 BD/2 BA	\$450,000
180 Berean Ave. 1 BD/1 BA	\$299,900
Conditional	Price
716 Gaskill St. 3 BD/1 BA	\$435,900
224 Carroll St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$389,900
Sold	Price
209 Powell St. SE 3 BD/2 BA	\$560,000
172 Berean St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$490,900
642 Bryan Street 2 BD/1 BA	\$305,000

**SOLD**

### CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
The Stacks Unit H116 1 BD/1 BA	\$320,000

### CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Asking
The Stacks Unit E315 2 BD/2 BA	\$519,900
Unit E320 2 BD/2 BA	\$514,900
Unit D205 1 BD/1 BA	\$290,000

### MULTI-FAMILY

Sold	Price
None this month.	

**PENDING**

### CONDOS & LOFTS

Conditional	Price
212 Berean St. Unit 4. 2 BD/1 BA	\$279,000
Pending	
The Stacks Unit E201 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$415,000
Unit H217 2 BD/2 BA	\$359,900
Unit H301 1 BD/1 BA	\$250,000

### LOTS

For Sale	Price
0 Powell St. SE .19 Acres	\$495,000

### COMMERCIAL

Sold	Price
None this month.	





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