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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT KAREN

13 QUESTIONS WITH KAREN RUSSIAN

By Kyle F. Bidlack

1. Karen, what's your favorite Cabbagetown memory?

"The Crawlweens stand out as favorites. Such a wonderful way connect and be creative with friends on group costume themes, costume creation and overall merriment on the big night. We've been: Cat Lady with her Cats, Tiny Tim and the Tulips, The Krogers, and A Bloom of Jellyfish!"

2. Who was your role model?

"My grandmother was a big role model for me. She loved life and was never afraid to try something new and share her life with others. I still strive to be like her."

3. What was your favourite age and why?

"When I was 29 I moved from my hometown of Montgomery to Atlanta. It was the best decision of my life and my 30s in Atlanta was more than I could've hoped for."

4. What's one thing you would change about C'town?

"Mostly I like for things to evolve naturally but if I had one wish I'd love to have a neighborhood pool in Cabbagetown – or maybe The Stacks might share?"

5. What would your perfect day be like?

"A perfect, crisp, Fall day that starts with an early breakfast at Homegrown, heading north and beyond – driving some curvy roads with lots of Fall colors, listening to great music, stopping for a hike and then staying overnight in a small town."

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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 at 7p

PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting via video conference

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Meeting ID: 956 5703 9874

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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. Open Positions: Secretary, Vice President, President, Communication Back-up Chair

III. Review and approve May minutes

IV. Atlanta Police Department

V. City of Atlanta: Council Person - Liliana Bakhtiari

VI. President Report - Alicia Thompson

VII. Financial Report: Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

VIII. Colgate Proposal

IX. 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** - Nicole Seekely, Chair

1. 228 Powell Street

2. 199 Powell Street

X. New Business

XI. Old Business

8:35p Adjourn

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT KAREN

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6. What's your favourite musical group and why?

"Since I'm a part of the group I'd have to say *The Seed & Feed Marching Band*. For me it's the perfect combination of music, dress-up, and dancing, which all equals FUN for me!"

7. What advice would you give to your younger self?

"Be adventurous, always follow your heart, and don't be afraid to try new things."

8. What attracted you to Cabbagetown?

"I started hearing about Cabbagetown in the early 90s. The history and the way of life during the time of the mill was very interesting. I'd come over and just drive around the streets. I stopped in Little's and met Leon, his sister, and even his mother. I also met Panorama Ray on one visit. He showed me his little art gallery on Carroll Street and his racks and racks of negatives at his house. I bought one of his "Butt-ball" prints which has Tad in it several times "butt" you have to look closely. I eventually moved here in 2005 and have loved every minute of living in a small town in the middle of a big city – the perfect combination!"

9. What's the best trip you've ever taken?

"I've been lucky enough to go on some pretty amazing trips and could never pick just one. I love experiencing other cultures and all of my trips have the arts and the outdoors as main components. Some of my favs have been *The Grand Canyon - Hiking from the North Ridge to the South Ridge, sailing the Bahamas, Prague, Africa, Paris, and Croatia.*"

10. What's the meaning of life?

"Kindness, compassion, and respect to all!"

11. What one song means the most to you and why?

"I guess *Happy* by Pharrell Williams is one of my favorite songs because it really does make me happy. It makes me smile. It's got a great rhythm and so easy to dance to. And I love the idea of "a room without a roof".

12. If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?

"Believe me, I like having money but there's only so much you need to live comfortably. So I hope I'd give most of it to good causes and maybe incorporate travel and personal interaction in the giving."

13. If you could have dinner with one person, who would it be?

"Pope Francis."

CITY OF ATLANTA ANNUAL DESIGN AWARDS

Awards of Excellence were bestowed by the Atlanta Urban Design Commission on May 17th. The "Public Works of Art" award was bestowed upon Forward Warrior!! As you know, this annual street art and mural event is held here in Cabbagetown and is run by Peter Ferrari. Also honored with the award was project director John Dirga.

CABBAGETOWN REUNION HELP NEEDED!

thepatchworks.rallyup.com/cabbagetown-reunion-2022

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, 7p via Zoom. Meeting conducted by Alicia Thompson. Minutes by Naomi Siodmok. Meeting opened at 7:08p.

Welcome and announcements

Still looking for a secretary, vice prez, and back-up communications chair. Email Alicia if interested at president@cabbagetown.com. Review and approval of the April minutes. Minutes approved.

Presidents Report:

- Yard sale to be held on May 14th. 25 families contributing. Maps at Sweet Cheats starting May 12th.
- Open positions: Secretary, Vice President, President, Communications

Police Report: No police representative present

City Council Person report by Liliana Bakhtiari:

- Please reach out for any infrastructure issues, concerns, or suggestions and questions.
- Dekalb Avenue Complete Streets happening this summer.
- Can use website www.district5atl.com/ to post those concerns, get involved, and share your ideas.
- Discussion about work being done on Feasibility report. Discussed budget cycle work separating 911 from APD.
- Meeting seniors to make sure they are being treated fairly
- Would like people to attend Public Safety and convey their concerns about traffic and safety. Can find meeting info here www.citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/standing-committees/meeting-agendas/agenda.

Financial Report Jack Cunningham:

- Ameripress invoices corrected
- Received grant from city, need to know his action items for the grant
- Funding Concert in the park next Thursday May 21st. Contact Slim for more info.

Beltline Rail Now Presentation:

- Citizen Advocacy Group to assure and accelerate light on the beltline
- They came before us four years ago. There is funding now with infrastructure bill. Would like us to sign a petition.
- Directed the Mayor and City Council to pressure MARTA to get going with light rail. We did vote for it four years ago.
- **MoreMARTA** Atlanta Program map shows the merits of this local form of travel. Feasibility study was concluded in February of last year.
- Seeking support by signing the petition.
- Brandon Sutton shared his opinion that we have talked about it, supported it, now it is time to make it happen.
- Motion was made to support the Light Rail Project. Motion was passed with no Nays or abstentions.

CICDC Report:

- Chomp committee meetings again. Second Wednesday 7p at the Community Center. Great way to get involved with the 'hood.
- Still working with the City to get the Community Center back. Got the license agreement. MOU next. There are some maintenance issues that first need to be addressed.
- CI looking for suggestions as to how you want to use the Center.

Transportation Committee – Stephanie DowdaMer:

- \$7500.00 awarded for Wylie Lane Calming Project. In the works.

- Can help collect signage that is missing in the 'hood and organize and share with Council Person. Using a Google form. With that info it can be completed at most in 32 days by ADOT.

- Need invoice from the City to get the money to CNIA instead of NPU.

Communications: No report

NPU Report by John Dirga:

- 3 liquor license requests approved. APD caught 2 suspects and 1 person of interest on Beltline homicide incident. Additional homicide where person interrupted a car break-in and was shot. Please do not interact with perps. Call 911 when you see a crime.
- Please contact John Dirga if you want to find out about Code Enforcement questions: Info@cabbagetown.com
- Dekalb Avenue Complete Streets happening this Summer
- Work happening to relieve Bill Kennedy and the **Chick-Fil-A** back up
- ABC reached out about GDOT talking about extending three lane situation past Pearl Street
- TSPLOST vote on May 24th is bond for park projects that can help Cabbagetown Parks so vote to support
- 165 ft tower between CSX and Oakland Cemetery has been suggested as not so good a spot but they could come back and say it is a good as they can get
- 1st Saturday in June is the 51st Cabbagetown Reunion and need \$1,345 for permit. Liliana Bahktiari donated \$1,000
- If you want to influence C'town, the open positions in CNIA are the way to do it.

HPLU – Nicole Seekely:

- 152 Berean Ave: Owners applied to HPLU recommends sending letter recommending it not be approved for demolition.
- 692 Kirkwood Porch Roof Addition: Eric Fiere – With heavy rain the upper deck over historic part of building leaks. The debris that falls collects and blocks the drainage under deck. They want to build a structure over the deck. It will run the rain away, minimalist structure. Shared photo of the structure. HPLU does not support because it does not fit the historic profile. All similar structures are flat roof. A through roof drain structure was recommended. Motion was made to support HPLU decision to not support a structure over the historic portion unless it conforms to the same structure as **Sweet Cheats** extension of the hip roof for the whole length of the roof and mimics the structure of Sweet Cheats and it was passed. 1 nay.
- **97 Estoria** Variance for their parking lot. Katherine Pabst presented Powerpoint. Estoria currently has 26 spots. 97 Estoria would like to propose to have only 18 spots. They need a parking variance to comply with Code Enforcement so they can continue their accessory dining. They are moving Dumpsters for cleaner separation of car and pedestrian area. Evergreen planting for noise buffer. Scooter and bike parking added against fence. Signed ADA parking. Added non-permanent planter barrier to diner seating areas. Discussion points: Michelle Dubois and made a motion to defer the decision. Did not feel there was enough discussion and knowledge shared would like to see them enlarge deck, seating area addition. a neighbor expressed concern that they have a large footprint.

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CABBAGETOWN INSIGHTS: MAY 2022
LOCAL REAL ESTATE STATS

SUMMERHILL

21 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 63 ▲
 HOMES PENDING
 109 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$617,988 ▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$364 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

GRANT PARK

22 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 37 ▲
 HOMES PENDING
 28 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$612,483 ▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$354 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

INMAN PARK

9 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 16 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 38 ▲
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$922,237 ▼
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$375 ▼
 AVG PRICE SQFT

KIRKWOOD

30 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 65 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 164 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$518,594 ▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$365 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

REYNOLDSTOWN

23 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 33 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 74 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$638,609 ▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$337 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

CABBAGETOWN

7 ▼
 HOMES FOR SALE
 9 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 34 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
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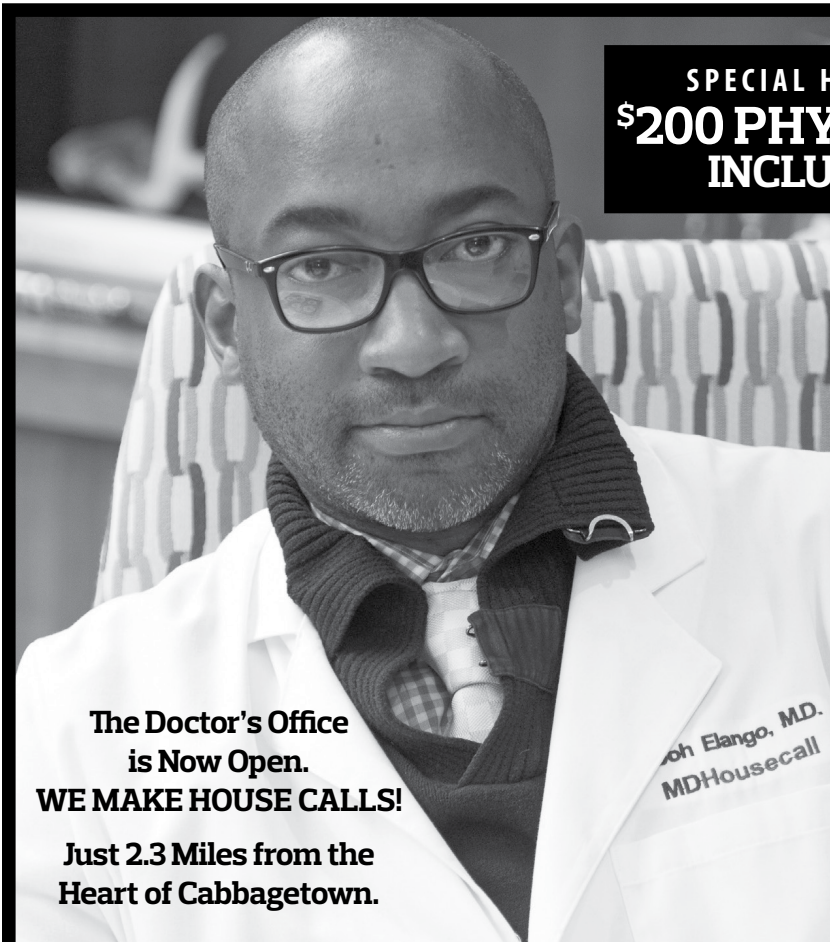
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CNIA Minutes

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Why are they allowed to increase their footprint? They cannot control the noise of 100 people in the parking in the lot. HPLUs recommendation for the variance for parking recommended support if dumpster is moved 30 feet from person residences and cars can maneuver and turn around. Seating area more contained via possibly planters. And the current focus of more space for people and less for cars the recommends support.

• **New Business Concrete Jungle: Food Drive**

The Ramble kicks off with fruit trees tours around Cabbagetown & Grant Park and ends with a fruity party at **King of Pops'** new outdoor space in Old 4th Ward. We'll have fruity games, free pops, and friends! Saturday, May 28th: 3p: Fruit tree tours. Biking tours meet at King of Pops, 552 Decatur St. Walking tours meet at Cabbagetown Park at 4:30p. All tours converge on our PARTAYYY at King of Pops. Tickets: \$35 for adults, \$10 for kids

Call the Mayor's Office for assistance

- Short Term Rental ordinance in effect - need a license to have a short-term rental property.
- Garden Tours - Discussions are in the works.
- Cabbagetown Reunion. Permit is going in soon. Will work with Jacob Elsas to raise funds to close down Carroll Street.
- John will talk to Christine about waivers for murals.
- Working on improving the amphitheater through the concern series. Contact cabbagetownconcertseries@gmail.com if you want to help.
- April 24th will be announcing the winner of the Sophie Scholl mural award: cabbagetown.com/sophie-scholl
- October 20th - Landscaping/stormwater improvements on Wylie St
- Katherine Paist, **97 Estoria**, and **Elmyr** are interested in a candlelight vigil around **Dia de los Muertos**. Could be sponsored by CNIA. Vigil walk from Little Five Points to 97 Estoria in memory of those that we have lost. Will be around October 28th. Moved to support this event moving forward with the assistance of CNIA.

See you next month for the Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association meeting! Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7p.

8:21p meeting adjourned.

\$949,000 AT THE STACKS

By Kyle F. Bidlack

This past month, viewers of Windy City Rehab (HGTV) witnessed the tv show hostess – Alison Victoria – purchase loft E412 at The Stacks for \$490k. Soon there after, her team got to work doing what they do, reimagining living spaces. The loft now allegedly offers 1950sqft.

Ms. Victoria converted a small-ish upstairs closet and bathroom and added custom walk-through storage, an oversized shower, and a freestanding tub. Downstairs, she added a custom banquette surrounded by quasi-period appropriate built-in shelving. If she gets her asking price, it will be the second most expensive home sale in Cabbagetown, only outdone by 692 Kirkwood Ave #A1 that sold for just over one million dollars last year.

Butterflies & Beer




Summer is Here! And there are so many fun ways to get out and celebrate the warm weather. Just a short drive north to Roswell, is the **Chattahoochee Nature Center** who's hosting **The Flying Colors Butterfly Festival!**

Hundreds of beautiful butterflies are released during this annual event. This year the festival has a new "Butterfly Encounter" exhibit to check out! The event is on June 4th and 5th with live music, photo ops, arts and crafts, and face painting. Learn more

about this family fun event at chattnaturecenter.org.

It's not Atlanta if there isn't a drinking festival on the weekend. And it's summer, so the next festival is creatively named **The Atlanta Summer Beer Fest!** On June 11th from 4-8p at the Historic 4th Ward Park, try all the local beers you can responsibly handle, or sip on some wine or bubbles. With a couple stages with live music, a game zone, and some other surprises, this will surely be a fun event. Learn more at atlantasummerbeerfest.com.

Looking for live music? **The Candler Park Music Festival** is back on June 3rd and 4th! Feel safe outside while rockin' to sweet tunes and shopping with local vendors. Check out the Friday and Saturday music lineup and food trucks at candlerparkmusicfestival.com. **Jump into summer y'all! The world is waiting for you!**



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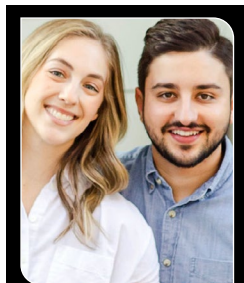
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Cabbagetown is the home of – and surrounded by – some of the tastiest eats in Atlanta. As new restaurants are popping up in and around the neighborhood, we're touring the hottest spots, as well as the tried-and-true joints, and telling you all about it from the perspective of a couple of bona fide food-enthusiasts.

On a typical weekday, you can find us daydreaming about where we're grabbing drinks and food that weekend.

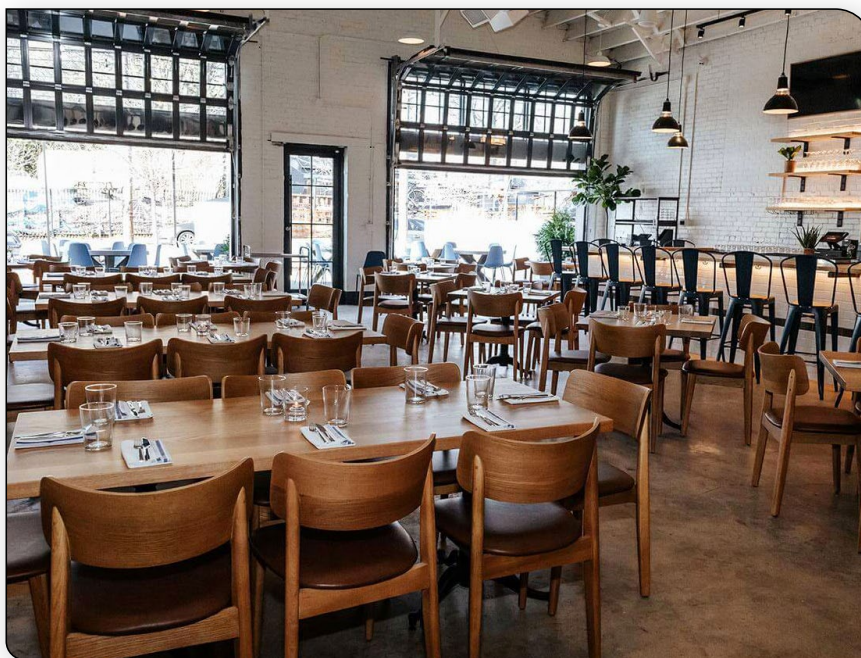
On this particular Friday night, we walked over to Edgewood Ave's newest brewhouse where they're slinging brewskies fresh

from the tap – **Biggerstaff Brewing Company**. After we worked up a thirst, the hoppy Redus West Coast IPA and crisp Pauline Pilsner were exactly what we needed. As for the IPA, citrus notes permeated through this cold one, making this juicy IPA perfect for anyone who's not exclusively about the hops. On a lighter note, the Pilsner went down easy and lived up to its classic reputation.

After our thirst was quenched, hunger was setting in. Time for dinner!

You might've seen a new spot make an appearance right next door – **Adele's Atlanta**. Hailing from our neighboring food-loving city, Nashville, Adele's offers an inviting interior, friendly service and a delectable menu. With all the hype, we had to check it out.

The cocktails are vibrant and refreshing, particularly the 'Over Yonder' made with Gin, Lime, Elderflower, Tonic and something called Blackberry Moonshine (not totally sure what it is, but it was delicious). We also went off-menu and ordered a Mezcal Margarita, which was



Adele's Atlanta on Edgewood Avenue

just the right amount of sour and sweet with a smoky finish. We then ordered an appetizer to start – the Bruschetta served with Housemade Ricotta and Red Onion Jam, which did not disappoint in the flavor department. The fluffy bread was the perfect vehicle to hold the silky, savory ricotta – making for an ideal amuse-bouche to get the meal started.

Moving onto entrees, we ordered the Gnocchi cooked in Cured Lemon, Caper Cream Sauce, Pecorino and Italian Crumbs, as well as the Roasted Chicken dressed with Herb Salsa Verde. The Gnocchi was a real standout dish – pillow-like dumplings so comforting they could put you to sleep, although you'd wake right back up from the brightening finish of the lemon. The Roasted Chicken left something to be desired since it was not accompanied by a side,

which led our gaze to the Pimento Mac n' Cheese topped with Breadcrumbs. For a sleeper side item listed as a shareable, it under-promised but surely over-delivered.

We opted out of dessert and instead dropped in at **Staplehouse Market** next door for a night-cap as they're now open late on Fridays and Saturdays until 10p. We grabbed a bottle of wine and sipped and laughed out on the cozy patio until close (and if we were there any longer, the staff might've asked us to grab a broom!).

If you're in need of a night out with pals or looking for a cool date night scene, this Edgewood Ave trifecta really knows how to deliver. We'll definitely be going back and look forward to trying new things. As for the next stop on our food tour, you'll be hearing from us soon.

We're always looking for our next culinary fix.

Have any recommendations for us to review? Let us know at Stacy.Spector22@gmail.com, or catch us around the 'hood!

THE HANK BURGER IS BACK AT SISTER LOUISA'S

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Illegal Food is bringing one of our favourite burgers to the beloved Boulevard den of iniquity, Sister Louisa's Church of the Living Room and Ping Pong Emporium. Church owner Grant Henry and Chef Steven Lingenfelter conjured this long-awaited match made in heaven some time ago, and now the time is finally right.

Chef Lingenfelter says he plans to keep the menu for Illegal Food at Church "small and easily executable," which will include the world-renowned Hank burger, along with other favourite dishes like a delicious Vietnamese grilled eggplant and the tempting Uncle Mala's fried chicken sandwich.

Celebrate Juneteenth at Oakland Cemetery

By Angie Wynne

Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday that commemorates the end of enslavement in the United States. Celebrate Juneteenth at Oakland Cemetery with two weeks of free programs open and available to the public, June 18th through June 30th. Learn more about these programs at oaklandcemetery.com.

Storytime with LaDoris Bias-Davis: June 18th

In partnership with GEEARS: The Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students, Historic Oakland Foundation is taking part in the Mayor's Summer Reading Club! Join storyteller LaDoris Bias-Davis for a reading of Atlanta, My Home, a surprise activity, and a mini-tour to explore the sights and symbols of Oakland Cemetery! This hour-long program is perfect for children ages 3-5. Registered kids will receive a free copy of Atlanta, My Home. To ensure that each child receives a book, we're limiting the program to 25 children. Advanced registration is required.

We Shall Overcome Walking Tour: June 19, 21, 23, 26, and 30th

"We Shall Overcome" became the anthem of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, but the origin of the song dates back to antebellum days and a spiritual sung by enslaved people, "No More Auction Block for Me." 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. Reservation required.

Black Magnolias Guided Walking Tour: June 19, June 21, and June 26th

This guided walking tour explores the history, lives, and labors of Atlanta's African American women. Reservation required.

Storytelling Hour: June 22nd and June 28th

Join storyteller Deborah Strahorn for an hour of interactive tales and music at Oakland. Recommended for ages 5-12. Meet in North Public Grounds. Picnic blankets are encouraged! No registration required.

Picnic in the Park: June 25th

Join us for a morning of free, self-guided family fun! We'll be at Oakland's main gate passing out activity bags full of coloring books, art supplies, mini-scavenger hunts, and other fun to participating families. Explore Oakland and find a shady spot to create art. We'll also be handing out sweet cold treats, but we encourage families to pack a picnic – just like the Victorians – for their visit to Oakland. No reservations required.

Oakland's Juneteenth celebration is part of the Civic Season, a nationwide initiative encouraging civic participation between Juneteenth and July 4th. Juneteenth reminds us of the immense hurdles in our ongoing journey to form a "more perfect union." Civic Season mobilizes us to connect with the past, take action in the present, and shape the future, through activities and events in our neighborhoods, cities, towns, and social spaces. **The future is up to us.**

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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 us? Read on...

Florida man. For Alexander Leszczynski, 22, of North Redington Beach, Florida, it wasn't enough to be charged with wire fraud, bank fraud, and money laundering, the Tampa Bay Times reported. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Tampa claimed Leszczynski might face up to 30 years in prison for making up charitable entities to receive Payroll Protection Plan loans totaling almost \$200,000 and trying to deposit fake checks to the tune of \$2.7M, among other schemes. But wait, there's more! *"When he discovered that the money had been frozen, he attempted to have it released by producing a fabricated pardon purportedly signed by former President Donald Trump,"* the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a news release. One of Leszczynski's fake charities was trying to seize control of two properties that belonged to Jeffrey Epstein, the disgraced financier who died in prison while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges. Leszczynski is being held without bail at the Pinellas County Jail.

Handy? Ayumi Takada, 37, of Tokyo, has been compared to Elastigirl from "The Incredibles" because of her incredibly elastic earlobes. Oddity Central reports that Ayumi can stretch her earlobes up to about 1.5 inches – enough to wrap them around a selfie stick, a calligraphy brush, or the shaft of an umbrella. It's practically like having another hand. *"People always ask me if it's painful,"* she said. *"But there's no pain at all when pulling them or holding an item. The earlobe naturally bounces right back into place straight away."*

Beer me. Olaf Brewing in Finland is launching a new brew to celebrate the country's likely acceptance to NATO, the Associated Press reported. The "OTAN" lager's blue label, with its cartoon medieval knight and NATO's compass symbol, uses a play on the French abbreviation for the multinational organization, OTAN. In Finnish, "Otan olutta" means "I'll have a beer." CEO Petteri Vanttinen said the new lager has *"a taste of security, with a hint of freedom."* Finland shares an 830-mile border with Russia, the longest of any European Union member.

Florida woman. Dawn LaShawn Laprade, 54, REALLY wanted to get away from cops on May 18 in Martin County, Florida. Laprade allegedly intentionally hit a sheriff's office vehicle as she tried to evade a traffic stop. Next, she drove up to 100 mph, hitting another patrol car and a civilian truck, injuring people inside, and motioned to officers that she had a gun. But the real coup de grace came when officers finally caught up to her and she threw a fake snake at them. Laprade was booked and held on \$90,000 bond.

Tasty? Students at Johns Hopkins University are putting their education to good use. The students have invented Tastee Tape for their school's Engineering Design Day. They hope their invention will help make their favorite foods less messy by taping burritos, tacos and other dishes closed, keeping the fillings inside. *"All its ingredients are safe to consume, are food-grade, and are common food and dietary additives,"* said team member Tyler Guarino. They are in the process of obtaining a patent.

Cats of Cabbagetown The Don of C'town

By Chelsea, Melissa, and Ryan

Anyone who has ever waited for a burger outside Little's will have become acquainted with Dexter, arguably Cabbagetown's most popular resident and one of Atlanta's most famous cats. You've seen him holding court in his special "Cat Goes Here" spot, but do you really know anything about Dexter? To learn more, we spoke with Tad Porter, longtime resident of Cabbagetown and Dexter's current owner. Both Dexter and Tad live on Carroll Street – Dexter in front of Little's, and Tad, above.



From left to right, Tad and Dexter.

Tad, tell us a little about Dexter.

"Dexter is between 15 and 17 years old. Contrary to (semi-)popular belief, Dexter is a fixed boy. He originally lived next door to Little's with Russell, but did not get along with Russell's girlfriend's German Shepherd. After that, he was a mostly outdoor cat, living along Carroll Street and getting lots of food and attention from neighbors and visitors. He had a friend named Dirk that also lived on Carroll Street, but they fought a lot because Dirk would try to eat all of Dexter's food. You may have noticed a lot of black cats in the neighborhood. They could be members of Dexter's family."

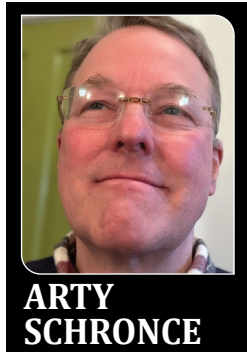
How did he end up with you?

"In the winter of 2016, I noticed that Dexter was coughing a little and seemed a little cold. I took him to the vet, and it turned out he had asthma, so I invited him to stay inside at night. After that, he became a nighttime indoor cat."

Tell us something we may not know about Dexter.

"Dexter was once cat-napped! The story is that a visitor to the 'hood likely thought he was a street cat and tried to take him home. They made it as far as Iswald St, which happens to be the location of a large colony of cats. Dexter was found stuck in a fence and had been attacked by another cat! I took him to the vet, and at first they thought maybe he would need to have his leg amputated. It turned out to be fine, but Dexter did lose the tip of his tail in the incident. Nina Cunard helped set up a GoFundMe to raise money to pay for Dexter's medical bills." If you see Dexter outside Little's, please do not try to take him home. He has a home and is very well fed. Since his cat-napping, he's been spending more time inside, with Tad.

Walk Like an Egyptian Onion



**ARTY
SCHRONCE**

When I hear the Bangles sing "Walk Like an Egyptian" I think of punky-funky 80s fashions and the two-dimensional paintings adorning the tombs of the pharaohs. And I think of onions – Egyptian walking onions.

Egyptian walking onion is a type of multiplying onion that forms bulblets (small bulbs) on top of its stalks where you expect to find a cluster of flowers. The bulblets may even have small stalks of their own giving the plants an interesting Medusa appearance. Sometimes they will have a few small, white flowers, too.

As these bulblets grow and as the stalk holding them ages and withers, the bulblets weigh down the stalk and take root where they touch the ground. In a sense they "walk" across the garden. This is their main way of reproducing. In more than four decades of growing them, I have never seen them set seed. Their reproduction is effective, as I often have to thin them out. If I let every bulblet sprout, I'd be overrun with Egyptian walkers.

The onions can be eaten fresh in the spring as scallions, the leaves can be chopped and used as a topping and the bulblets can be pickled. All parts can be used in kimchi. Raw Egyptian walking onions can be strong and hot, but sautéing or other cooking methods will reduce or moderate their heat.

However, in all my years of growing these onions, I have only eaten them a few times. Don't dislike them, I just think of them more as ornamentals than edibles. And truth be known, while I like growing what food I can, they are inferior to baby Vidalias. Due to their ornamental qualities I have them growing with daylilies, irises and other perennials and in pots with dianthus and violas. Their leaves are blue-green all winter, and the hollow stalks and leaves light up like jade lanterns when morning sun shines through them. And the tops are attractive as well as being a conversation starter.

If you want to plant them in a vegetable garden, I suggest you plant them with another perennial vegetable such a asparagus or tuck them into a corner instead of trying to grow them in rows. They also work well in an herb garden.

Egyptian walking onions will withstand a wide range of growing conditions and are almost as durable as the pyramids. Full sun or half shade is fine. They are not particular as to soil type, and fertilizer is not needed. They are drought tolerant, and supplemental water is rarely, if ever, required. If you are growing them for eating, however, keeping them from drying out in the spring while they are actively growing may reduce their heat and produce a more tender onion.

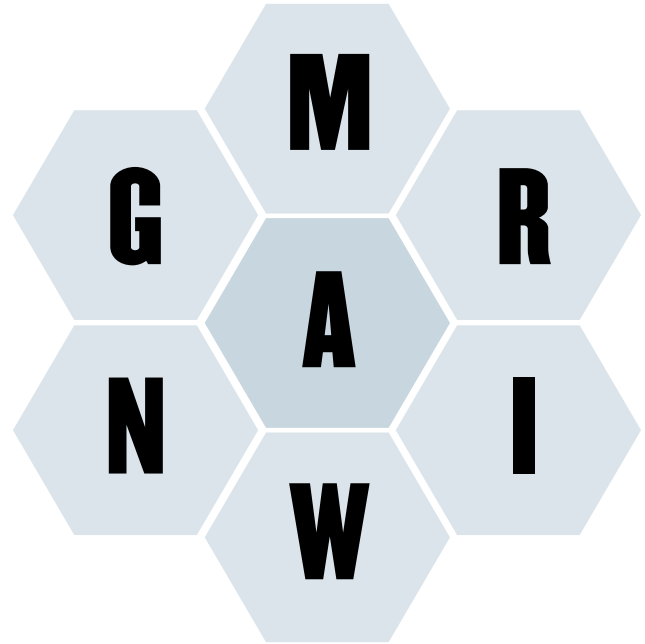
Not many commercial sources sell Egyptian walking onions. *Southern Exposure Seed Exchange* carries them, and *Burpee* did at one time. They are a classic pass-along plant that is handed from one gardener to another. That is how I got them, and I daresay that is how most people acquired them. You may see them referred to as "tree onion," "top onion," "perennial onion," "Egyptian tree onions" and "topsetting onion." Those may be common names elsewhere. I have only seen them in reference books. Egyptian walking onion is the only name I have heard.

One last thing, while the "walking" in the name is easily explained, "Egyptian" is not. No one is sure where these onions originated, although I like to think they are truly connected with the mystic land of the Nile.

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Spelling Bee

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?**



- 1 15
- 2 16
- 3 17
- 4 18
- 5 19
- 6 20
- 7 21
- 8 22
- 9 23
- 10 24
- 11 25
- 12 26
- 13 27
- 14 28

Last month's solution: Hoodwink

WE DON'T NEED YOUR STINKIN' TOWER

By Kyle F. Bidlack

When Jake and Nina Elsas heard about a plan to erect a 165ft. cell tower looming over Cabbagetown and Oakland Cemetery, they leaped into action.

They linked arms with The Atlanta Preservation Center, Easements Atlanta, Historic Oakland Cemetery, City of Atlanta Urban Design Commission, The Oakland Park Homeowners Association, Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association's Historical Preservation and Land Use Committee, City of Atlanta Neighborhood Planning Unit – N, The Stacks at Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts COA, and The Patch Works Art & History Center. A formidable ensemble... not unlike the final scene of *Avengers® Endgame*.

SaportaReport reported that Chamblee-based *CitySwitch* was proposing the 165ft monopole on CSX railroad land directly next to the *Oakland Cemetery, The Stacks, and Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts*, all are historic landmark properties. For the sake of comparison, the *WSB-TV* tower that looms over Freedom Parkway is 1,075ft tall.

CitySwitch consultant *RESCOM Environmental Corp* in April submitted a report to the state claiming the tower would have no visual impact on those sites or other nearby historic districts, including that of Martin Luther King Jr. Jake, Nina, and their small army, took issue with that claim as well as the lack of proper, accessible outreach to our public and adjacent property owners.

"Nina and I founded The Patch Works specifically to focus on preserving Cabbagetown's history. Our visual history is tremendously important, because it's such a rare neighborhood. There are very few inner-city mill town's left in the world that are as historically intact as Cabbagetown, especially since both the village and its mill still remain. Our smokestacks should ALWAYS be the tallest structures in the vicinity. In addition, next door to us is Oakland Cemetery, yet another rare historical gem. THEN, there's Old 4th Ward with MLK's National Park and also Grant Park to the south... every one of these historic neighborhoods and properties would be staring directly at this monstrosity, which would dwarf all other structures and redefine our skyline." Said Jake.

The Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD), a state agency, reviewed the project and in a May 5th letter to RESCOM, HPD Division Director Jennifer Dixon said the agency agrees with the critics.

Dixon wrote that *"it is HPD's opinion that the tower, as proposed, will have an adverse effect on historic properties... due to the tower's incompatible height, looming visual nature, and close proximity to four [National Register of Historic Places] listed districts where the pastoral, park-like setting and low scale, low height late-nineteenth/early-twentieth century suburban residential development is a character-defining feature of their significance..."*

Dixon said the developer now is required to propose alternatives to avoid or minimize the historic impacts, which could include anything from changing the design to picking another site. *"As such, we look forward [to] commenting on those alternatives as soon as they are available,"* she wrote.

John Ruch and *SaportaReport* reported that Jamie Cochran-Smith, RESCOM's vice president of cultural resources, sent an email that same day to several groups designated as official commenters to the HPD to notify them of the decision. Cochran-Smith said *CitySwitch* is working on alternatives and the process could take "some time."

"This client does listen to local feedback, and they have changed or moved proposed towers in the past when possible," Cochran-Smith wrote. *"Due to your concerns and comments, our client has been looking into better alternatives... Our client is working to see if there are any other alternatives that might work here."*

Said Jake, *"On April 19th, Nicole Seekely forwarded an email to the HPLU from Ian Michael Rogers (Executive Director of Easements Atlanta), asking if anyone wanted to tackle the issue. From that day until the submission date of May 5th, I got kinda cray cray... unsurprisingly! The thought of a 165' telecommunications tower going next to The Mill lit a freaking bonfire under my tuchus. I can't say exactly how many loooooong emails I wrote, probably three dozen or more. But... let me put it this way: on my first email, I included seven people. By my final email, I included thirty-four (thirty-six if counting the RESCOM reps)."*

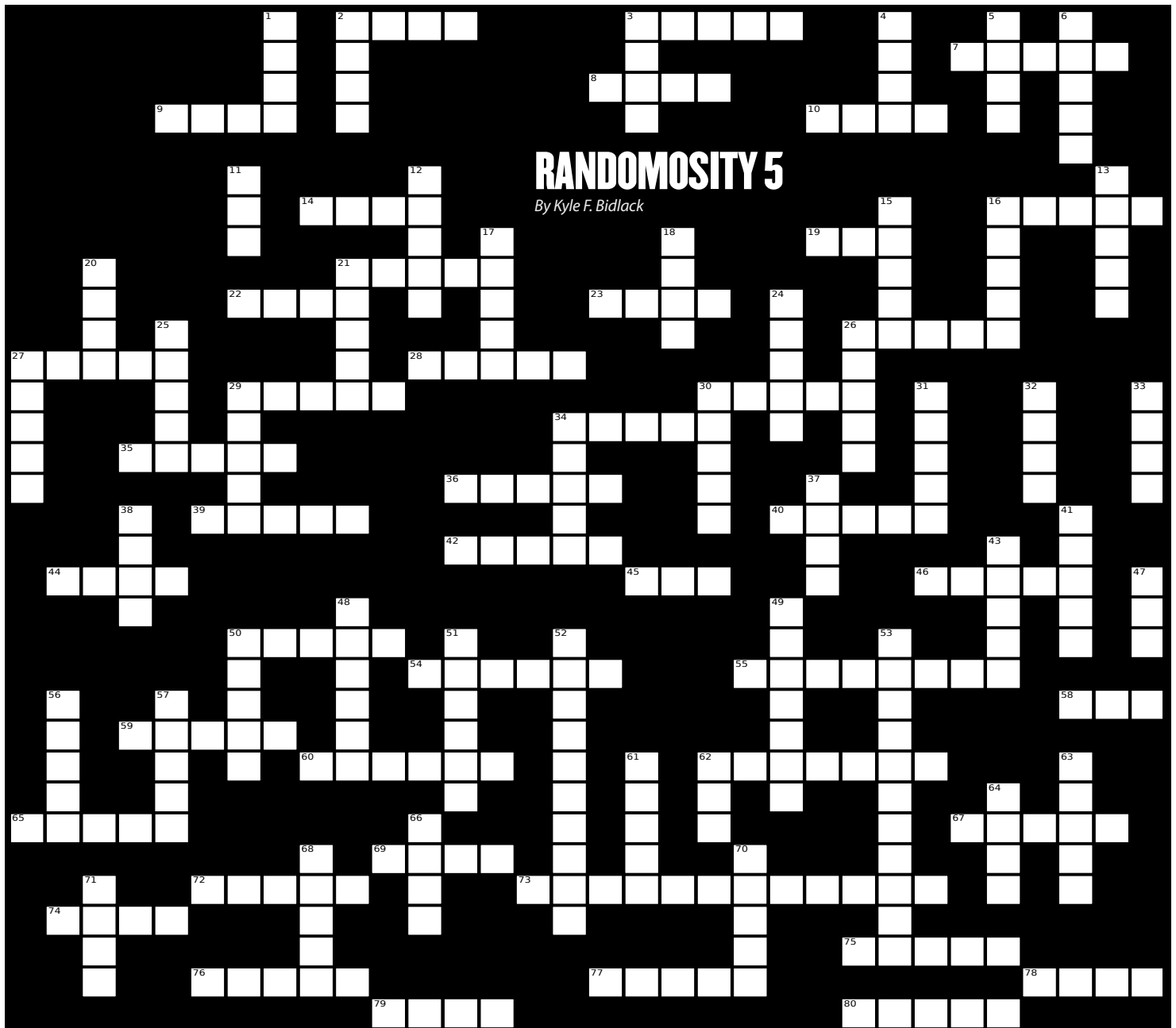
"Success" was achieved by the consistent sharing of information and ideas among all the collaborators, as well as moral support. Going up against Big Business is daunting, so it was important for everyone to assist one another. I know The Patch Works couldn't have done it without guidance from the APC and Easements Atlanta. Also, getting the word out to the public – loudly! – and confidently making a stand, helped tremendously... That being said, I must let you know that this monopole is still being discussed. Our efforts haven't stopped the tower in our area 100%, so we need to remain vigilant.

The proposal of the tower next to the cemetery and Cabbagetown triggered a state and federal review due to the proximity to historic properties. HPD told *SaportaReport* that it currently has no other cell tower projects under historic review within Atlanta.

Is one more Avengers® reference too much? Probably. Oh well. *"Compromise where you can. Where you can't, don't. Even if everyone is telling you that something wrong is something right. Even if the whole world is telling you to move, it is your duty to plant yourself like a tree, look them in the eye, and say, 'No, you move.'" ~ Sharon Carter*

2022 CABBAGETOWN CONCERT SERIES DATES:

7p in the Brookshire Amphitheater at Cabbagetown Park
Thursday, June 16th (Rain Date: 23rd)
Thursday, Sept 15th (Rain Date: 22nd)
Thursday, Oct 20th (Rain Date: 27th)



ACROSS

- 2. Flower that's also a woman's name.
- 3. Mount where Moses received the Ten Commandments.
- 7. "___ So Vain" (Carly Simon hit).
- 8. Tourist ___.
- 9. Word after "bathing," "business" or "birthday".
- 10. Opposite of difficulty.
- 14. Prefix with -crat or -correct.
- 16. Moon-related.
- 19. Guitar hook-up.
- 21. 97-100%.
- 22. The "D" of FDA.
- 23. Dino in "Jurassic Park".
- 26. Country that produces the most wine annually.
- 27. Actress ___ Vergara.
- 28. Birthplace of Muhammad.
- 29. Spanish friend.
- 30. Color for correct letters in Wordle.
- 34. Madagascar primate.
- 35. Name that's Latin for "lucky".

- 36. Not bottled or canned, at Milltown Tavern.
- 39. Chap.
- 40. Say without saying.
- 42. Designer de la Renta.
- 44. Verbally joust.
- 45. Greek goddess of night.
- 46. Dummy.
- 50. Starting squad.
- 54. Rocky's surname in "Rocky".
- 55. Coveted car space in C'town.
- 58. Place to go undercover?
- 59. Double ___ (DNA structure).
- 60. Cursed with bad luck.
- 62. Regal ___ (movie theater).
- 65. Freeloading sort.
- 67. Popular Italian sports car, in slang.
- 69. Sound of traffic frustration on Carroll Street.
- 72. Skippy bathing suit.
- 73. Lead character in Top Gun.
- 74. Vaping implements.

- 75. Avarice.
 - 76. Only country whose name starts with "Y".
 - 77. Small arm of the sea.
 - 78. Big star that's really blowing up.
 - 79. Adjective suggested by this visual pun: YYYY.
 - 80. Doesn't buy, as an apartment.
- DOWN**
- 1. Garnish for a mojito.
 - 2. Browse online without commenting.
 - 3. Medieval laborer.
 - 4. People make them every morn.
 - 5. Structure that might be made of pillows.
 - 6. From ATL.
 - 11. Soccer stadium cheer.
 - 12. Barbies and Bratz.
 - 13. Author Puzo who wrote "The Godfather".
 - 15. Word before personality or peas.

- 16. One who doesn't write with their right.
- 17. Hayes who wrote "Soul Man".
- 18. Uno + dos.
- 20. Wait in a lineup, paddle in, get barreled.
- 21. Everyone's doing it.
- 24. Neighbor of Saudi Arabia.
- 25. Home to Acadia National Park.
- 26. Kind of molecular bond.
- 27. Pop star Taylor.
- 29. Standard Windows typeface.
- 30. Work long and hard.
- 31. Skittish.
- 32. Rice-shaped pasta.
- 33. 52 cards.
- 34. Animal that spits to express displeasure.
- 37. "Present day", for short?
- 38. Onetime leader of Iran.
- 41. Only country whose name starts with "Q".

- 43. Point bonus for using all of one's tiles in Scrabble.
- 47. Bird supposedly hidden in the upper right corner of a \$1 bill.
- 48. Tropical rum cocktail.
- 49. Most populous E.U. country.
- 50. Website overseer, for short.
- 51. Many viral TikTok trends.
- 52. San Fran football player.
- 53. The shape of JenChan's pizza.
- 56. Study of the brain, informally.
- 57. Dog requirement in C'town.
- 61. Word that often precedes "mentioned".
- 62. Courteney of "Friends".
- 63. Meat on a skewer.
- 64. Past the deadline.
- 66. Milltown's IPAs get their bitter taste from what?
- 68. Bring together.
- 70. When you might feast on a slider?
- 71. 3, for the set [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].

“WHERE ELSE DOES THIS HAPPEN?”

By Nina & Jake Elsas, The Patch Works Art And History Center



Dear readers, at the end of last month's article, we left y'all with one of our patented, juicy, nail-biting, cliffhanger endings.

After entralling y'all with yet another mind-blowing account of Cabbagetown's untold story (untold, except for the reams of comprehensive documentation by

Kuhn, Fink, Tech, Emory, GSU, APC, AHC, B.B. King, dig it, dig it), we *sort of* mentioned that THIS month's article would focus on the 1950s. But really, would y'all consider that a promise? Just because we said we'd do something, does that mean we'd actually do it? Did anyone shake pinkies??? Meh. Our pinky remains entirely unshook. So, let that be a lesson to y'all: beware the Cotton-Mill-Industrial-Complex History Center. Anyhoo...

The Cabbagetown Reunion Day Festival is turning 51-ish! Hot patooties!

Since y'all are meta-glancing at this article on June 1st (give or take a day), y'all better glance quickly, because it will self-destruct after June 4th.

Yes, SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH!!! At exactly 11a, this article will combust and turn into illegible ash! (And there was much rejoicing.)

Okay fine. This is a gratuitous plug for our favorite day of the year, when all residents – past and present – hang out on Carroll Street for a day of games, live music, meeting new friends, and catching up with old friends (“old” being the operative word, especially in our case).

“Why is this day so important?,” y'all ask. (Whoa, there. Clearly, y'all have sat through one-too-many, sweet-wine-sodden Passover Seders.) “Because, child, this is yet another example of the uniqueness of Cabbagetown. Dayenu.”

The Cabbagetown Reunion Day Festival has become an intrinsic part of our neighborhood's history. If y'all don't already know the story behind the event, well, we're more than happy to repeat it over and over (and over and over and over). The idea began in the early 1970s, when mill-era residents sought to maintain connections with their close friends, many of whom were departing as The Mill started its decade-long decline.

Remember! Old Cabbagetown was more than just a bunch of houses with faceless, nameless people. It was a community. It was a Family – mostly metaphorically, but many times literally: generations from the same bloodlines existed here. The loss of one person sent shockwaves rippling across the neighborhood, from Boulevard to Pearl. Today, this Family has endured a near-total exodus that has driven loved ones to other towns, cities, and states. They have experienced their own diaspora.

And today, there is a New Cabbagetown. A new community. Another STRONG community. A collection of people who have come to love the neighborhood for the same reason as the past residents: we're Family. And when one of us leaves, a piece of us goes with them.

This is no high school reunion. Nothing that banal. It is a merging of worlds that occupy the same space. A time to appreciate the Past, while enjoying the Present and rejoicing in the knowledge that Cabbagetown is forever.

So, now we ask y'all, “Where else does this happen?”

The 2022 Cabbagetown Reunion Day Festival, Carroll Street, Saturday June 4th, from 11a to 5p. Music. Cake Walks. Giant Jenga. Rock Painting. Living history. Friendship. Be there.

A Champion of Georgia

By Sophie Stepakoff

On May 11th, 2022, Senator Nan Orrock received the Champion of Georgia's Cities Award from the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), an award presented to state legislators who have shown continued and active support for major municipal initiatives and goals.



Senator Nan Orrock (center) with a large group of admirers.

“It is such an honor to be recognized by the Georgia Municipal Association for my advocacy on local issues and for my work to ensure the passage of critical legislation for local issues in our state,” said Sen. Orrock. *“Many long hours were spent considering issues such as tax parity and funding for local law enforcement agencies as well as defending municipal bond ratings throughout the state. I will continue to fight for the local needs of Georgia as they arise. I would like to thank GMA for the work they do each day to anticipate local needs and assist municipal governments in achieving their legislative goals.”*

The Georgia Municipal Association was founded in 1933 and represents municipal governments in Georgia. You can learn more about the goals and initiatives of the association by visiting their website at www.gacities.com/Home.aspx.

Temperatures are heating up just like the summer market! If you have questions about how the market is shifting, let's connect for iced coffee and conversation around Cabbagetown in the current environment.



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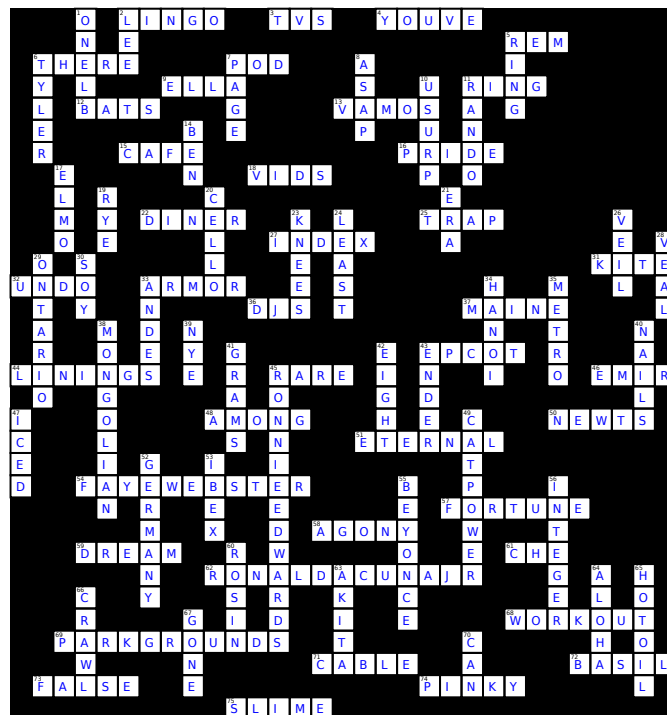
Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

- 1** GRIZZLY BEAR
TWO WEEKS
- 2** RADIOHEAD
HOUSE OF CARDS
- 3** BECK
UP ALL NIGHT
- 4** THRICE
BLACK HONEY
- 5** THE BLACK KEYS
TIGHTEN UP
- 6** PHANTOGRAM
BLACK OUT DAYS
- 7** LORDE
ROYALS
- 8** SMASH MOUTH
ALL STAR
- 9** BILL MEDLEY & JENNIFER WARNES
THE TIME OF MY LIFE
- 10** DEATHCAB FOR CUTIE
CATH...
- 11** MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA
I'VE GOT FRIENDS
- 12** SUGAR RAY
FLY (FEAT. SUPERCAT)
- 13** HARRY STYLES
AS IT WAS
- 14** THE STROKES
THE ADULTS ARE TALKING
- 15** MGMT
ELECTRIC FEEL

The solution to last month's "Randomosity Part Quatre" crossword puzzle.



The Real Estate Report

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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 home hunting!*



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For Sale	Price
111 Estoria St. 3 BD/1 BA	\$599,900
Coming Soon	Price
203 Savannah St 2 BD/1 BA	\$555,000
Pending	Price
205A Carroll St 2 BD/1.5 BA	\$514,900

MULTI-FAMILY

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

LOTS

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
678 Memorial Dr.	\$490,000

CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Price
The Stacks Loft E108	170 Blvd \$475,000
1 BD/1.5 BA	
Loft H226	\$390,000
1 BD/1 BA	
181 Powell St, #1	\$285,000
2 BD/1 BA	
Pending	Price
133 Pearl St, #A	\$629,000
3 BD/3.5 BA	
Under Contract	
The Stacks Loft H102	170 Blvd \$445,000
1 BD/1.5 BA	

SOLD

CONDOS & LOFTS

The Stacks Loft H502	170 Blvd \$514,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Loft E103	\$450,000
2 BD/2 BA	



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