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GREATEST CONCERT EVER?

By Kyle F. Bidlack

On a perfect spring evening, well over 300 Cabbageheads packed the Brookshire Amphitheatre, and an overflow crowd spilled into the park. We gathered to be entertained by "Chicken + Pigs", "Rae & The Ragdolls", and "Blair Crimmins and The Hookers. We were not disappointed.

This may go down as one of the best Ctown concerts in recent memory. The vibe was electric. A special night when everyone had a youthful twinkle in their eye, because we were together, and everything came together perfectly.

Chicken + Pigs kicked things off perfectly with a strong, 12 song, bluesy-guitar driven set that closed – appropriately – with Dylan's "Everybody Must Get Stoned".

Did I mention the date of the concert was 04/20? *Rae & The Ragdolls* may have stole the show. A hard-hitting four piece band with slinky jams, an inspired rhythm section, and Willie – the lead guitarist – is one talented dude. Rae led the way with an almost Stevie Nicks like presence on stage.

By the time *Blair Crimmins and The Hookers* took the stage, darkness fell on a moonless night while Blair and the gang lit things up. The man who once owned Carroll Street was back to reclaim his old stomping grounds by singing songs he wrote while walking home – a little tipsy – from *97 Estoria*. This is a band that seems to LOVE their work, which is why – every chance you get – they are a "must see". *Curfews be damned.*

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CNIA President's Letter



ALICIA THOMPSON

Hello Cabbagetown. This is your social calendar telling you this is why you moved to Cabbagetown. What a great month April was for neighborhood get togethers.

Rich Mudafort opened his home to new + old neighbors and a good time was had by all. There were so many new faces. Thank you to Karen Russian and Amanda Bisgard for pulling off another flawless event.

We have these get togethers to obviously meet new neighbors but also recruit great talent to learn what keeps Cabbagetown current with the needs of it's community. If you attended and you have questions or suggestions for CNIA team please email us at info@cabbagetown.com.

Another huge success for C-Town was the Cabbagetown Concert Series event on 4/20. Everyone was there! Thank you to the crew that made that happen. We need a bigger boat if that is going to be the regular crowd. There were people on the rocks, in the trees, and in the moat. If you are interested in curating a line of the series send an email to cabbagetownconcertseries@gmail.com.

Next concert is May 20th with *Leah Calvert* and *Lily Dabbs*. It is the same day as the *Cabbagetown Olympics*. I suggest you pace yourselves this day. It is going to be long one. You can show your street spirit by showing up in the park at 10a. See your street captain for details or email info@thepatchworks.org.

I hope to see you all at our next CNIA meeting May 8th, Cabbagetown Community Center. 6:30p is social half hour then meeting starts at 7p. Thank you for being great neighbors. I love the fact that it can take an hour to go around the block because there is always someone to talk to. *Keep up the good work!*

See you around the neighborhood.

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, MAY 8th, 2023 at 7p

Meeting to be held at the Community Center as well as Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/95657039874>

Meeting ID: 956 5703 9874 • Password: 30316

Find this month's materials at: cabbagetown.com/agenda

6:30 Social Happy ½ Hour

7p: Meeting begins.

I. Welcome: Hospitality Chair: Amanda Bisgard

- New neighbor? cabbagetown.com/membership
- Open Positions: President, Comms Back-Up, Public Safety, Transportation, and Film Liaison

II. Review and approve April minutes.

III. Atlanta Police Department

IV. City of Atlanta: Council Person - Liliana Bakhtiari

V. President Report - Alicia Thompson

VI. Financial Report: Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

VII. Committee Reports

- **Cabbagetown Initiative** – Todd Gandee, CI President
- **Communications Chair** – Naomi Siodmok
- **NPU** – John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative
- **Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee** – Jake Elsas and Naomi Siodmok, Chair
- Tentative 722 Gaskill

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business

8:35p Adjourn



Reunion from years gone by. Photo by Seth Pajak.

CABBAGETOWN REUNION 2023

Cabbagetown Reunion is one of the longest-running events in Atlanta. On Saturday, June 3rd, y'all need to come on down to Carroll Street and celebrate the *Cabbagetown Reunion Day Festival!* All folks who've made Cabbagetown their home – past residents AND current – are invited to hang out, listen to live music, and jaw, jaw, jaw... what else are these mouths good for other than jawing???

The "Vegetable" – which is now firmly older than 50 – was started in the early 70's by mill-era Cabbagetowners who wanted to keep in touch with friends moving out of the Mill Village. Many still return on this day to keep the friendships burning bright. It's a day for all past and present residents to rejoice in the people who have spent part of their lives in this unique and wonderful neighborhood.

The music starts at 11a and doesn't stop until 5p.

But our love for Cabbagetown lasts forever!

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, 7p via Zoom. Meeting conducted by Marinangeles Gutierrez Rivera. Minutes by Lucy Perkins.
Meeting opened at 7:05p.

7:01 Meeting Begins

1. Welcome and Announcements by President Alicia

a. Welcome - come to happy hour before the meeting!

2. Atlanta Police Department

a. There were a few larcenies and grand theft autos. A couple arrests last week – juveniles are prime offenders. Crime is low in the area.

b. Pushing clean car campaign

c. If you see something don't hesitate to call 911 – don't wait.

d. Email or call with any questions.

3. Vice President Marina

a. Membership drive! Emails out to remind more members to come New neighbor? cabbagetown.com/membership

b. Open Positions: we'd love to have you get involved! Public safety to coordinate with police. Transportation chair: lots of things going on – we need someone to take charge.

c. President Alicia is leaving Cabbagetown – we'll need a new president and are even willing to negotiate who does what. Marina met with Lilliana Bakhtiari and discussed numerous things – including the Beltline, Cabbagetown Reunion, campaign for resident Ms. Bertha to fix her porch, discussion on Pearl Street and Colgate development, sidewalks, stop sign on Wylie and Tye – more traffic calming, and Krog street tunnel work. There will be more formal communication to come with the second phase of Krog Street Tunnel work. Waiting on CSX to secure a permit. Work will mostly be on Wylie and Estoria.

4. March Minutes approved

5. City of Atlanta Council Person –

Council Person Lilliana Bakhtiari - represented by Patrick Husbands

a. Every council member gets money for a project that is voted on - neighborhoods will get to vote on what money is spent on.

b. Please send all 311 reports to Lilliana, who will help direct you.

c. There will be a pilot program on closing Carroll Street – DOT is working on a plan and will let us know.

6. President Report - Alicia Thompson

a. New Neighbor Party coming April 14th - this event is meant to be neighbors only. Starts at 7p with snacks and drinks or BYOB

b. All meetings will have pizza and drinks. Please come!

7. Financial Report - Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

a. Adtnl funds from CI to be distributed - adding funds to concert series

b. Payment for New Neighbor Party.

c. See the website for approved CNIA Budget.

d. Bingo and Prom are great examples of new events that have been added by passionate neighbors that have been successful. Please come to meetings if you have any ideas of events for the neighborhood.

e. Neighbor brought up Kaftans and Cocktails as a possible event in the park: request for more money for bingo.

f. Popcorn machine has been purchased and will be used at many events. Huzzah! Money allocated from CI concert event budget.

8. Committee Reports

a. **Chicken Noodle Network** – committee for neighbors in need

i. Lilliana's office coordinated repairs for the house on Estoria that cars have run into (end of the dogleg).

b. Communications Chair - Naomi Siodmok

i. New neighbor party - April 14th

ii. Concert - April 20th

iii. Check out **Milltown Tavern** for events

iv. Plant workshop at **Flora and Fauna** this weekend

v. Check calendar for more events

vi. Reach out to Naomi to have events added to the calendar

c. NPU Cabbagetown Representative – John Dirga

i. Fire Station 12 is being renovated for ADA compliance.

ii. New position to coordinate city departments that are unresponsive

iii. Call 311 before putting bulk trash on the curb – Inman Park asked theirs to be picked up before **Inman Park Festival**

iv. Leaf pick-up every two weeks on thursdays - they are no longer taking wrapped up bundles - only things in a bag - sticks in a bag under four feet - don't block the sidewalk.

v. Watershed Phase II Krog Street Tunnel - will block off parts of Wylie and Estoria in front of **97 Estoria** - Tunnel will remain open. Tentatively scheduled for the fall. Waiting for CSX permission to start.

vi. Follow up with 311 - asked for pressure washing on graffiti on the beltline sidewalk on Wylie.

vii. Action Community Festival / In the Action – June 3rd, Lang Carson - Reynoldstown – supported

viii. Concern of zoning and density

ix. Beltline subarea 4 masterplan supported

x. Supported **Candler Park Fall festival**

xi. Little 5 Points upset about **Vegan Festival**

xii. Next month will recommend no storage units on the Beltline and will discuss **GoPuff**

xiii. Fixing Ms. Bertha's porch – see her interview on the cabbagetown website and consider supporting this project through the donorbox - waiting on donations to get started. Any funds over the amount will go into the **Chicken Noodle Network** - Lilliana is working on getting funds through the displacement fund. \$385 has been raised so far out of \$5,000.

xiv. You can be a guest booking agent to pick bands for the concert series! Looking for bands with original songs.

xv. On May 6th there will be a new Stacks Square revealed with a guest curator – you can select muralists as well! Reach out at info@cabbagetown.com. Application is open until the 23rd.

xvi. Pearl St Traffic Calming - there is a drawing but one missing section of sidewalk. Working on adding another section. Currently, all new sidewalks have to be brick. Consider asking the HPLU to remove that guidance to make construction easier. No companies want to pay for brick sidewalks. They are super expensive.

d. Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee Co-Chairs - Naomi Siodmok and Jacob Elsas

i. 181 Pearl Street - Regina Brewer preservation consultant working with the owners. City approved addition on the back of their house. Applied to the program for historic tax credit – addition must have differentiation from original house to receive the credit. Though the city and its historic tax credit program have approved the changes,

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SUMMERHILL

25 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 34 ▲
 HOMES PENDING
 158 ▲
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$596,000 ▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$327 ▼
 AVG PRICE SQFT

GRANT PARK

27 ▼
 HOMES FOR SALE
 25 ▲
 HOMES PENDING
 88 ▲
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$556,000 ▼
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$368 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

INMAN PARK

08 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 08 ▲
 HOMES PENDING
 51 ▲
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$786,000 ▼
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$424 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

KIRKWOOD

17 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 34 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 65 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$447,000 ▼
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$318 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

REYNOLDSTOWN

29 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 19 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 93 ▲
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$677,000 ▼
 AVG HOME PRICE
 \$353 ▼
 AVG PRICE SQFT

CABBAGETOWN

07 ▼
 HOMES FOR SALE
 06 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 37 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
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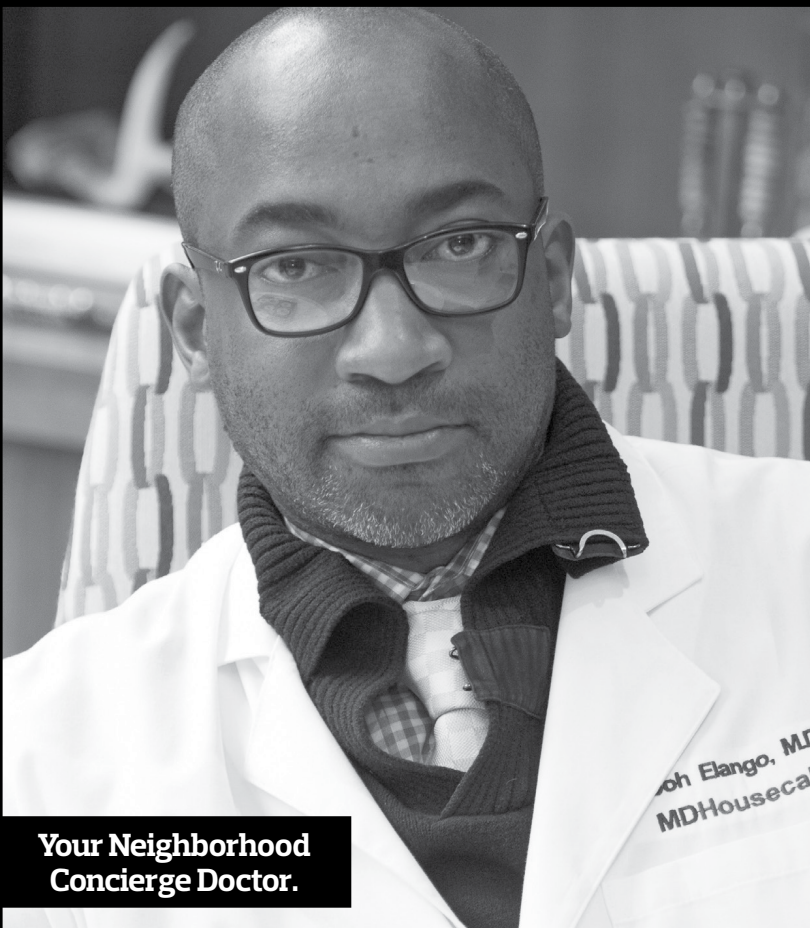
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**STACY
and JAKE**

By the time you read this, Jake and I will be sipping some of Spain's best Tempranillo al fresco (think that's Italian, but c'est la vie) and enjoying a post-siesta jamón ibérico and manchego at the local tapas bar.

That's right, we're in Barcelona and Madrid for the week and wanted to make sure our fellow Cabbageheads didn't miss out on all Atlanta has to offer when it comes to Spanish cuisine. After a bite at one of these spots, you'll leave with a carpe diem

mindset! Wait, that's Latin. Anyway...

A 30-min walk down the Beltline (or a quick 5-min drive) resides **Barcelona Wine Bar** (240 North Highland Ave). This spot is perfect for all occasions – impressing your boss or clients, special date night, entertaining out-of-town guests, or even a nightcap up at the bar. The menu offers an assortment of charcuterie and cheese, an abundance of tapas, select large plates, and of course, a robust cocktail & wine list.

A few standout tapas at Barcelona include Blistered Shishito Peppers (1 in 10 are spicy!), Patatas Bravas (crispy potatoes topped with salsa and garlic aioli), Gambas Al Ajillo (shrimp swimming in garlic olive oil goodness), Bacon Wrapped Dates (sweet, salty, delish), and Jamón y Manchego Croquetas (fried balls of ham & cheese - enough said). And, if you're with a larger group, spring for the Whole Roasted Branzino or Paella Mariscos. Don't forget to wash everything down with one of the many Spanish wines, or a personal summer favorite – Red Sangria.

We'd be remiss to not mention Atlanta staples **Iberian Pig** (121 Sycamore St.) and **Cooks & Soldiers** (691 14th St NW) - both of which are owned by the Castellucci Hospitality Group. The key difference between these two Spanish-centric establishments is **Iberian Pig** takes its inspiration from all of Spain to inform its menu, whereas **Cooks & Soldiers** specializes in cuisine from the Basque region. Both restaurants are sure to impress and satisfy your tapas fix.

Our favorite star dishes from **Iberian Pig** include Pan Con Tomate (a Spanish classic), Pulpo (tender, pan seared octopus), and Braised Veal Shank Ravioli (because who doesn't love pasta stuffed with meat? Well, vegans & vegetarians I guess...oh well).

Taking us to the Basque region, **Cooks & Soldiers'** greatest hits include Bikini (think your mom's grilled cheese but with jamón ibérico and black truffle), Mejillones (mussels soaking in braised leeks, garlic, serrano oil and sourdough for lots of dipping), and Pollo Basquaise (half chicken seasoned with adobo and saffron).

There are so many more hidden gems throughout Atlanta serving up traditional and modern Spanish dishes. So, venture out of the Cabbagetown streets, go find some tapas paired with vino or a cerveza, and you'll be livin' la vida loca! Dang, that's Ricky Martin...



Iberian Pig. Photo by Stacy.

As always, let us know the latest spots we should write up in our next edition at stacy.spector22@gmail.com. Until next time, hasta luego! (nailed it!)

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Chanteuses



JOHN DIRGA

Join us in the Joyce Brookshire Amphitheatre for a special Saturday night songstress extravaganza. May 20th will begin with a soft spoken and gentle pastoral set by Austin TX's *Lily Dabbs*. Cabbagetown enjoyed her set at *Little's Shade Tree* during *Chomp & Stomp 2022*, and she returns with accompanist *Eddie Kessler* to deliver a simple but powerful series of heartbreaking songs (find a shady hammock, some decent headphones, and check out her latest album, "Back Around").

At 8p, we welcome back *Leah Calvert* for a surprise appearance. One of Atlanta's most accomplished singer-songwriters, there's no doubt we will enjoy one of the best performances of the series. Also a talented violin/fiddle player, Leah is multifaceted and not easily defined. Her powerful voice and thoughtful words carry through in whatever configuration she happens to find herself, such as *Dappled Grays*, *Smith & Calvert*, *Bluegrass Brigade*, or perhaps the poppy *Satellite* or jazzy *Calvert Fountain*. Just what exactly does she have in store for this evening? You'll have to wander out and see. Do not miss this dynamic double bill. **FREE SHOW:** www.cabbagetown.com/concerts

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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...

A Robin Hood Moment

Drivers along Interstate 5 near Eugene, Oregon, were startled on April 11 to see \$100 bills floating through the air, Fox News reported. In fact, many cars stopped along the highway to grab the loot. When the Oregon State Police tracked down the source, it was Colin Davis McCarthy, who told them he'd been throwing the money out of his car to "bless others." He said he thought he'd dispersed around \$200,000. The OSP later revealed that McCarthy's family had been in touch; he had depleted a shared family bank account for his Robin Hood moment.

NSFW (or the train)

Northern Railway in England has made a specific appeal to its riders: Please stop watching porn on the train. The Mirror reported that Northern provides "Friendly Wi-fi," which meets (apparently the bare) minimum filtering standards. Tricia Williams, chief operating officer, said people should remember that "some content is not suitable for everyone to see or hear -- particularly children." While the company understands that the ride may be "the first opportunity to view content," commuters should "wait until you get home."

Oh Baby!

Anthony Guglielmi, chief of communications for the Secret Service, told CNN on April 18 that a toddler was able to breach the fence around the White House, setting off security alarms. The "curious young visitor" crawled through the fence posts on the north side and was quickly apprehended by Secret Service police officers, who reunited him with his parents. Perhaps he's considering a bid for 2052.

Maybe Play Scrabble Instead?

A Monopoly game in Belgium on April 2 took a sinister turn, Sky News reported. Four people were playing the game outside their home when a neighboring man and his son, apparently annoyed by the players, came outside with a stick and a Japanese samurai sword in a sheath. A scuffle ensued, and the sword came out of its sheath; police said two men -- one of the players and the son -- were injured by the weapon. The Monopoly player was later discharged from the hospital, but the son was reported to be in critical condition. Both men had been arrested. Large patches of blood and scattered Monopoly cards marked the spot of the dispute.

Least Competent Criminal

On April 3 in Flagler County, Florida, Patrick Vandermeijden-Miller allegedly walked out of a Target store with an electric scooter he had not paid for, WESH-TV reported. Deputies were called to the scene, where they found Vandermeijden-Miller near a cart rack, putting together the scooter. He also had drug paraphernalia in his pockets. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and petit theft.

Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

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| 1 DROWNING POOL
BODIES | 9 TYLER, THE CREATOR
STUNTMAN |
| 2 THE LUMINEERS
HO HEY | 10 LIMP BIZKIT
ROLLIN' (AIR RAID VEHICLE) |
| 3 FLOCK OF SEAGULLS
I RAN | 11 THE CRANBERRIES
LINGER |
| 4 PORTUGAL. THE MAN
MODERN JESUS | 12 THE CRANBERRIES
ZOMBIE |
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A FEW REGRETS



"Regrets, I've had a few, but then again, too few to mention," Sinatra croons in *"My Way."* I've had a few regrets when it comes to gardening. Unlike Frank, however, I mention them to anyone who will listen. I don't want others to make the same mistakes I did.

It may surprise some that my biggest regrets have nothing to do with plants that died under my care. No, my biggest regrets involve plants that thrived and took over. I am referring to invasive species. Years after planting them I am still be trying to get rid of them. These non-native plants can escape from our gardens and harm natural

ecosystems – crowding out more desirable species and not providing as much food for insects, birds and other wildlife as native plants do. I don't have room to explain all the dangers these pose to the environment, but I do want to point out a few I regret planting.

Alstroemeria/Parrot flower (*Alstroemeria psittacina*). I was lured by its green-tipped red flowers. I didn't notice problems at first. Then the patch of it ballooned, and I noticed new patches and saw it sprouting outside my garden. I began digging it out, but its numerous pebble-like tubers break away from the plant and start growing. I've been digging this out for more than 20 years. Because it will grow in the shade, it can become established in our forests and overwhelm almost everything in them.

Italian arum (*Arum italicum*). Like alstroemeria, this attractive plant presented no problems at first. Then it appeared everywhere. Also a shade plant, it presents a danger to forests.

Sweet autumn clematis (*Clematis paniculata*). I succumbed to the beauty of its frothy white flowers and have been regretting it for more than 30 years. The seeds fly and sprout everywhere. It is impossible to pull them up; they must be dug out. Their roots hold onto the soil tighter than a hawk's talons onto a field mouse. They will sprout amid shrubs and take over. They sprout in your lawn and no amount of mowing will kill them. Their leaves are poisonous which could be a problem because they sprout in your lawn where dogs are known to take a mouthful of grass or whatever is growing with it.

Peacock moss (*Selaginella uncinata*). It has blue tinted leaves and a delicate texture. Unfortunately, it also spreads like a bad rash. Weeding is difficult because it breaks apart easily and the remnant keeps growing. To get rid of it you practically have to scrape the ground.

Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*). Yes, it is a versatile evergreen groundcover with eponymous periwinkle blue flowers. I've had it overwhelm daylilies, irises and other perennials, and I've seen it blanket woodlands and smothering wildflowers in its path. And it is a refuge for rats and mosquitoes.

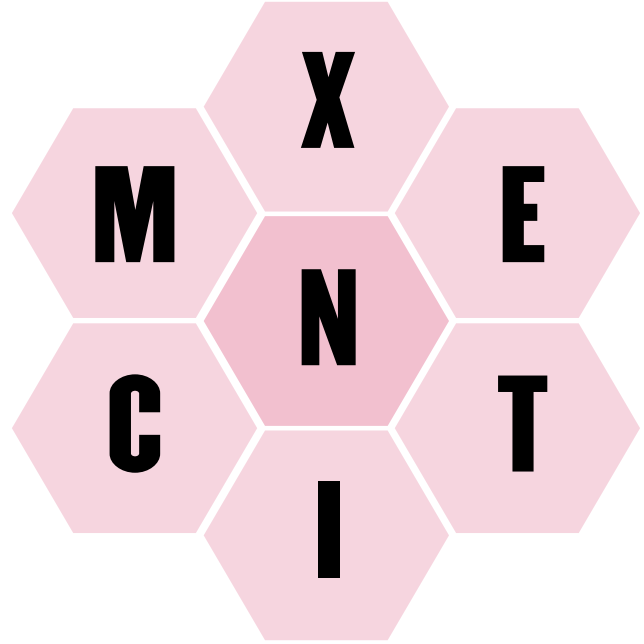
There are plenty more invasive species still being sold. Two of the worst are Bradford pear (and other varieties of Callery pear) and Chinese privet. I'm glad I never planted these, though I have fought them both.

Do not delude yourself that you can control these plants; herbicides are ineffective or of limited use against many invasives, and it can become impossible to weed them out by hand once they have taken over. Don't tell me that you have an area where you want them to take over; they won't stay in that area. Don't tell me how pretty they are; "even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light." Don't tell me they're not a problem; I've dealt with them. Please take a lesson from me instead of having to learn it yourself. Live a garden life without regrets.

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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
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Last month's Pangram solution: Typeface

CATS OF CABBAGETOWN: DAISY, ROSIE, & BIRDIE

By Chelsea and Melissa

We met up with mother Katie and daughter Addilee at home to get the scoop on Daisy, Rosie, and Birdie.

So, this is Daisy and this is Rosie?

Katie: Yes, Rosie and Daisy are the twins.

Addilee: Wait, you're recording? I don't want to be interviewed.

K: Don't be shy. Join us.

How old are they?

K: We got the girls in the fall of 2020, so they're almost three. We got them from a shelter in Charleston when we were visiting my sister. There's this animal shelter called *Pet Helpers* that's somehow on the way from anywhere in Charleston, so we go there all the time. Do you want to tell the story of Birdie?

A: We kept petting him and petting him!

Did you find that out right away when you were petting him?

A: Yes, and the next day we went back and got him, but his brother got adopted the day before so we felt bad that he was all alone. His name was Brady, but I thought it was Birdie.

K: He's very fluffy and orange. He's probably asleep in a pile of leaves somewhere.

A: I'm gonna go get him!
(*Birdie was unable to be located.*)

K: I had two brother and sister cats, and a pug, in my senior year of college, and they all passed away around the sixteen-year mark. Addilee had wanted kittens for her birthday.

A: Actually, I got them the day before my birthday!

K: A woman in Morningside found both Birdie – and Fern, my sister's cat – in the dumpster. I always laugh at that meme that goes, "Dog owners are like: 'He's this particular fancy breed,' and cat owners are like: 'We found him in the dumpster'". She raised them from when they were a few days old, and would send us pictures as they developed.

A: I never saw any pictures!

K: Well, it was a surprise for you. They were itty bitty lovebugs.

A: One time Mommy was in the kitchen, and Daisy jumped on her, climbed up her back, and clamped down on her arm.

K: That was pretty painful. I have a scar.

What are your favorite parts about each cat?

A: Birdie, I love his tummy because when I put my face in him, he's very soft. Rosie is very sweet and doesn't scratch unless you're very rude. And Daisy, I like her because she's my pillow.

So Daisy likes to sleep in your room?

K: They all have different sleeping habits, but they're obsessed with her.

A: Birdie always sleeps on my head.

K: Birdie will never snuggle with us during the day, but as soon as Addilee falls asleep – within seconds – he comes into her room and lays on top of her. Rosie has an autoimmune disease and she's very fragile, but she just started sleeping with us again these last few nights. Daisy also loves to sleep on top of Addilee, using her as a pillow. Daisy is sort of moody, the alpha cat. She loves to steal human food. Her favorite is Thai, especially basil spring rolls. She can smell them from a mile away.



From left to right: Daisy, Addilee, and Rosie.

Do they get out much around the neighborhood?

K: We were having a picnic in the park recently and Birdie insisted on following us, but he kept getting scared of each passing car and would dart in front of it – go back to the house – then back to the park. It was a very stressful picnic because he kept trying to commit suicide.

But they mostly stay in the yard. Daisy likes to go visit Karen and Eli. Birdie's always climbing over the fence – I'm not sure where he goes – but he's always chasing birds. I don't think he's actually gotten one, despite his name. They do like to bring in chipmunks, baby garden snakes, and lizards. We have a cat door in

the back, but I've had to start keeping it closed at night because there's a raccoon family that likes to raid the cat food container. One time we found Rosie just sitting on the counter watching the raccoons feast on takeout containers.

CNA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Continued from page 4.

HPLU recommends denial because it would not match Cabbagetown code. Cabbagetown Code states all renovations should match existing structure while the city asks that they be specifically different.

- 1. Motion for denial based on HPLU's recommendation. Motion approved. 10 in favor, 3 opposed, no absentions.
- ii. 171 Powell Street - Clay Cameron architect renovating and adding an addition, and an accessory structure in the yard. Made adjustments based on HPLU's recommendations. HPLU recommends approval based on changes made. Motion for approval with the modifications presented tonight. Motion approved. All in favor.

e. Cabbagetown Initiative - Todd Gandee, CI President, Alicia presenting

- i. There have been many emails about renting out the community center - CI still processing details on how to rent out the space.
- ii. Work is being done in the park to prevent erosion. Further steps that will be taken to prevent erosion. In the process of getting quotes and grants to help the park.
- iii. Applied to AARP for grants for concrete seating areas, used accessible seating and improvements to the amphitheater.
- iv. Donate to Friends of Cabbagetown Park to help benefit the park. Future perks coming!

9. New Business

- a. There is a Reynoldstown Cabbagetown transportation survey open until April 13th to identify interests and inform how to vote in Liliana's meeting and how we should spend and ask for money. Description is on the page, it's a short survey, please participate! Go to cabbagetown.com to complete.
- b. Kasha Delia - co-owner of *Kupcakerie* - coffee and biscuits are also available, cupcakes starting at 10a. There is a small coworking space and is available for events. Many cupcake flavors – gluten-free, and vegan options!

c. Patch Works

- i. May 6th Georgia Historical Marker ceremony 11a. Submitting permits to close streets for the ceremony but waiting on neighborhood approval. Detour signs will be posted. Street closure 9a to 2p.
- ii. *Olympic Games* set to May 20th - Come and represent your street!
- iii. *Cabbagetown Reunion* set for June 3rd. Established around 1972, many 50th reunions to come (because original date not entirely known). This event encourages past neighbors to come back to the neighborhood. It will occur on Carroll Street with live music and mill era residents.

10. Old Business. none
Adjourned.



HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR!
Please join us as the community supports our friend, Bertha! With cooperation & leadership from Councilmember **LILIANA BAKHTIARI**, Cabbagetown is raising money to repair Bertha's front porch plus a couple other small fix-it's!

Read her article in this edition!
Watch the video!
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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Organization



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DAISY, ROSIE, & BIRDIE

On the previous page, you got to see a precious photo of sweet Addilee with Daisy & Rosie. But where was Birdie? Addilee eventually found Birdie – he might have been napping in a pile of leaves, not sure.



At any rate, Melissa and Chelsea were able to snap this photo of this month's Cats of Cabbagetown – all together.

Big thanks to Katie & Addilee for sharing the story of Daisy, Rosie, and Birdie. The Cabbagetown Neighbor also wishes to thank Chelsea and Melissa for their dedicated, insightful, and entertaining reporting. Cats of Cabbagetown has quickly become one of the most noted features of The Cabbagetown Neighbor.

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RANDOMOSITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE : Thanks to your good feedback, we'll publish the answer key in the same edition. You won't have to wait a month to see the solution to this month's puzzle.

Historic Markers, Games, & Reunion!



Howdy, y'all! For this month's blurb, The Patch Works is tossing history to the bygone wind and is instead shamelessly promoting some upcoming events! That said, these will be some darn good times that'll abso-friggin-lutely knock yer knee-high, 70's-retro, tube socks right off! Plus, as usual, we lied: the first event is actually about history... and oh, so is the last one.

THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Saturday, May 6th, The Patch Works invites all y'all to join us on Carroll Street, right outside the back gate of *The Stacks*, for the "ribbon cutting" of The Mill's very own Georgia Historical State Marker! The Georgia Historical Society has honored us with one of their spiffy markers, which acknowledges *Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills'* lasting impact on Georgia and the United States.

The ceremony itself begins at 11:30a, but y'all can start showing up at 10:30a to hobnob in the street. (In addition, *The Stacks Squares Mural Project* will be happening simultaneously, so y'all should check out the talented artists at work.) Around 10:45a, some of our local musicians will break out their instruments and regale y'all with their sweet tunes. And while y'all wait for the ceremony to begin, feel free to head down to *Milltown Tavern* and *JenChan's* and pick up something to eat and drink.

At 11:30a, guest speakers will approach the podium and talk about Jacob Elsas and Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills, historic preservation, Georgia history, Atlanta history, and our beloved community. Guest speakers are: David Mitchell, Executive Director of the *Atlanta Preservation Center*; Councilmember Liliana Bakhtiari; Elyse Butler from the *Georgia Historical Society*; Sanna Root and Claire Wiggill from The Mill community; Alan Elsas, who spearheaded the effort to obtain the marker; and Hugh Asher, who will represent his father, the late Thomas Asher, who provided essential research for the marker application but sadly passed away at the end of December 2022.

The ceremony will take about an hour, after which y'all should definitely check out the muralists. And celebrate further at one of our local, fine-dining establishments!

THE 2023 CABBAGETOWN WINTER OLYMPICS GAMES

On SATURDAY, MAY 20th, the Cabbagetown O-Games will be returning to the 'Hood, this time with a delightful winter-fresh theme!

Each and every street is invited to compete, because – as we all know – nothing beats a good ol' fashioned Street-vs-Street brouhaha! But listen up, y'all. This next bit is very important, so please, please, PLEASE let the following words sink deeply into yer brains:

1. Each street needs to identify a Street Captain ASAP.
2. Each Street Captain MUST contact The Patch Works by Wednesday, May 10th. This is extremely important, because there are rules and a registration link that we need to share before Game Day.
3. Each street needs to have a team name and flag. Plus – if y'all really wanna get jiggy with it – uniforms and a fight song can go a long way in psyching out those other streets!
4. There is a suggested donation of \$15 per person. The Patch Works relies on yer generosity to keep up its mission to preserve Cabbagetown history!
5. If y'all have any questions, CONTACT THE PATCH WORKS: info@thepatchworks.org



Ctown Olympics. The Carroll Street Slug Eagles. Photo by Nathaniel Compton

And be prepared to endure the rigorous demands of:

- Four-Legged Bobsled
- FB&CM Ice Fishing
- Water Bucket Biathlon Relay Race (no sponges allowed)
- Winter of 2014 Snowpocalypse Brain Freeze Contest
- Figure Skating for People Who Can't Figure Out Skating
- And more!

Remember, if you want to participate... please... CONTACT THE PATCH WORKS: info@thepatchworks.org

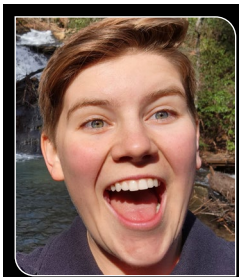
THE 2023 CABBAGETOWN REUNION DAY FESTIVAL

We wanna prepare y'all for one more event, even if it isn't until June... because this event is so darn AWESOME! It's also one of the longest-running events in Atlanta, btw. On Saturday, June 3rd, y'all need to come on down to Carroll Street and celebrate the *Cabbagetown Reunion Day Festival!* All folks who've made Cabbagetown their home – past residents AND current – are invited to hang out, listen to live music, and jaw, jaw, jaw... what else are these mouths good for other than jawing???

The "Vegetable" – which is now firmly older than 50 – was started in the early 70's by mill-era Cabbagetowners who wanted to keep in touch with friends moving out of the Mill Village. Many still return on this day to keep the friendships burning bright. It's a day for all past and present residents to rejoice in the people who have spent part of their lives in this unique and wonderful neighborhood.

The music starts at 11a and doesn't stop until 5p. *But our love for Cabbagetown lasts forever!*

TREAT YO' MICROORGANISMS RIGHT



KATIE MARQUELING

Excess or decaying organic material is typically put in the trash and then taken to a landfill. There, the material begins to break down to its simplest form by microorganisms that need oxygen to survive. When additional garbage enters the landfill and buries organic waste, the microorganisms suffocate and are unable to digest the organic material. As a result, greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane are released into the

atmosphere. In order to prevent these toxic gases from entering our atmosphere, we must keep microorganisms alive during the decomposition process.

What is composting?

Composting is the controlled decomposition of organic waste that promotes healthy microorganisms. By focusing on providing oxygen to the decomposition process, soil structure and nutrient content are improved, and greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

What can I compost?

Much like regular recycling, what you can compost comes down to who your provider is. The Stacks and many members of C'town partner with **CompostNow**. Fruits and vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, eggshells, paper egg cartons, fats and oils, bread, pasta, cereal, coffee grounds, teabags, shrimp and lobster shells, paper towels, rolls, napkins, paper baking bags, bpi biodegradable plastics, pizza boxes, house plants, and pet food are all accepted by CompostNow.

As a general rule, any organic waste is permitted. It is important to note that "organic waste" in the context of composting refers to anything that contains carbon compounds created by living creatures, not material produced without the assistance of artificial agents. So, regardless of your shopping habits, you can compost!

What can I not compost?

Contrary to what can be composted, anything that is not made of organic material cannot be composted. Metal, plastic, glass, styrofoam, rubber, oyster, clam and mussel shells, candles, cigarette butts, diapers (even if they're labeled compostable),

dryer/lint sheets, fireplace or grill ashes, rubber bands, gloves, and pet waste are therefore not permitted.

Just as with traditional recycling, the claim that a product is compostable does not necessarily mean that your local provider will accept it.

Where can I compost?

Good news! You have a wide variety of choices when it comes to determining what composting service best fits your needs. Your first choice is the **Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM)**. Not only do they take your organic waste, but they also accept almost all hard-to-recycle materials. You can quickly book an appointment at this one-stop shop online.



CompostNow offers composting options that do not require you to leave your home. They provide you with a compost bin that they pick up and exchange for compost for your garden. They have weekly and biweekly plans that start at \$19 per month.

If none of these programs appeal to you, additional options include **Terra Nova Compost**, **Goodr**, **the Urban Food Forest at Brown Mill**, and the **Wylde Center**. If you're feeling ambitious, you can even start your own compost in your garden!

How do I compost?

Determine who you want to partner with on your composting journey and learn their laws and restrictions. Set up a dedicated bin and storage area for your compost. Personally, I store my organic waste in a bowl in the freezer. Mix your organic waste every few days to introduce oxygen and keep the microorganisms happy.

Finally, as with all forms of waste, always try to reduce the amount of organic waste that you produce in the first place.

Editor's note: Big thanks to Christoph for the flavourful headline.

4.37" OF RAIN IN APRIL

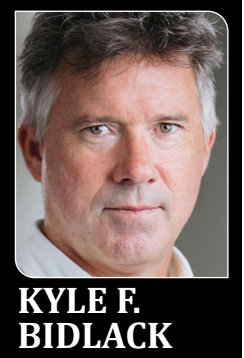
Cabbagetown received 4.37 inches of rain in April 2023.

That's .56 inches above the thirty year average.

For 2023, we are 1.73" above the annual thirty year average.

BOLD PREDICTION

The Return of Political Cooperation



KYLE F. BIDLACK

The last thirty years has witnessed American politics growing more and more devisive, divided, and dibilitating. Has this political pendulum swung to it's maximum amplitude? No one knows for sure, but I will surmise (and hope) that it's getting close.

There are a multitude of reasons to believe otherwise, but I will seek to illuminate some circumstances which might lead us back to an age of cooperation, common sense, common well-being, and intelligent compromise.

America is getting older. According to *Urban Institute*, The nation is aging. By 2040, about one in five Americans will be age 65 or older, up from about one in eight in 2000. According to *The New York Times*, people who are middle-aged and older tend to know more than young adults, by virtue of having been around longer, and score higher on vocabulary tests, crossword puzzles and other measures of so-called crystallized intelligence. With this in mind, we – as a nation – should become better at pattern recognition and form the basis for wise behavior. In other words, we will learn from our historic mistakes.

America voters will become wiser. With the above paragraph in mind – in time, maybe a decade or so – many Americans will vote for political candidates that are more moderate (less extreme). Candidates that work towards the collective good will become more and more popular and more and more common.

A coming revolution in news sources and reporting. I realise this is the most precarious part of the formula, but in time, Americans will become more discerning when choosing their new sources. This will encourage news outlets to report the news with less slant and bias, more facts and straight-forward reporting.

A wide variety of influences. A great number of efforts will make our society more connected and more compassionate. For example, millions of Americans are experiencing loneliness and isolation. This has grave consequences for our mental health, physical health, and collective well-being.

This week, our Surgeon General – Dr. Vivek H. Murthy – is proposing a national framework to rebuild social connection and community in America. By building more connected lives and more connected communities (like Cabbagetown), we can strengthen the foundation of our individual and collective well-being and we can be better poised to respond to the threats we are facing as a nation.

SO HERE'S MY BOLD PREDICTION: Within fifteen years, The United States will experience a new age of political cooperation that is driven by the people, for the people. *The last thirty years will serve as a chapter of our history that we will seek to never repeat.*

STACKS SQUARES: ROUND 11

Though they've yet to paint a mural of their own, all these talented artists are adept in other media. Squares 11 is for First-Timers, but don't let that fool ya. It's gonna be some of the most intriguing and provocative work to grace Carroll Street's favorite, little rotating art exhibit.

Watch them live (weather permitting) on Saturday, May 6th near the corner of Tennelle, in conjunction with the Historic Marker reveal. Guest Curator Angie Jerez has selected an unbelievable roster of diverse minds and you'll want to watch their maiden voyage, tackling a 7ft square on the Fulton Cotton Mill facade.

Special thanks to *TriBridge Residential, The Stacks Lofts COA, and Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association.*
www.cabbagetown.com/squares

Stacks Squares 11 list of artists:

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| Bird Harris @heatherbirdharris | Tatiana Bell @pppeeewwweee |
| Reggie Griffin @royal_light04 | Larkin Ford @larkinford |
| Jalayah Brantley @jbrant28 | Tess Brownson @tessetosha |
| Sarah Al-Khayyal @studioyateem | Nada Osman @nada.dwg |
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By Kyle F. Bidlack

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6. "Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers" singer.
7. Bowling venue.
10. Person with a routine.
11. Play in an informal music session.
13. Lead Singer for Led Zeppelin.
15. Place to drink at a wedding.
17. First president from the first US state.
19. Does the second leg of a triathlon.
21. "I Want It That Way" band.
25. The art of food presentation.
26. "Grand" instruments.
28. Lincoln ____, American luxury car.
29. "Rumors" band.
31. High naval rank.
32. OK Computer" band.
33. "Born in the USA" singer.
34. Inquired.
36. Like emails in the Drafts folder.
37. Ribs, e.g.
38. Element with the symbol B.
40. Airplane seating choice.
41. Crowd scene actor.
43. "Songs in the Key of Life" singer.
44. Tree with smooth gray bark.

47. Ten bowling pins on two tries.
48. "Take my word on this".
49. Stand-in.
50. "___ on Pop" (Dr. Seuss classic).
52. Positive adjective for music, negative adjective for socks.
54. Musician's masterpiece.
55. Bad break in bowling.
56. President Jackson or Johnson.
57. Some people work at it all day long.
58. Cross swords.
62. It might put you in an awkward position.
63. Name that becomes something you sleep on when reversed.
64. Vacation destination.
66. Barbershop service.
68. Many a TikTok trend.
69. Sotomayor of the Supreme Court.
70. It's good to sing in it.
72. Popular brand of hot sauce.
73. "Dancing Queen" band.
75. Madison Square Garden player.
76. Like the numbers 3, 5, 7, 11, etc..
77. Assistant to a Supreme Court justice.
79. Dramatic sort.

80. Typical.
 81. Animal on the state seal of Maine.
 83. It comes 1/12 of the way through the day.
 85. Appears to be.
 87. Country whose capital is Damascus.
 88. Something to read at the table.
 89. Things that cause dings.
 90. Places for science experiments.
- ## DOWN
1. What a bent arrow means, on a road sign.
 2. Stop working.
 3. The limit, it's said.
 4. REM stands for...
 5. Move quickly to another topic.
 7. Tylenol alternative.
 8. Big blaze.
 9. Only president to work on nuclear-powered subs.
 12. Guitarist for The Rolling Stones.
 14. Bassist for The Beatles.
 16. "Licensed to Ill" band.
 18. Tallest U.S. president, at 6'4".
 20. Blacksmith's block.
 22. "Seven Nation Army" band.

23. "Sticky Fingers" band.
24. "The Queen is Dead" band.
27. Like a meeting attendee who's constantly ignored, maybe.
30. Like I.P.A.s.
31. Major Italian fashion house.
32. Board game with a global map.
34. "Back In Black" band.
35. Chicago airport.
39. Eighth planet from the sun.
42. Ward off, as a fencing attack.
45. Snapshots of elections.
46. Largest airport in California.
47. Synonym of "ripped" and "jacked".
49. Network supported by "Viewers Like You".
51. Often-dreaded part of the week.
53. Spirited meetings?
59. Alternative to a quesadilla or burrito.
60. Neighbor of Saudi Arabia.
61. Stuvved ub from a cold?
64. "Beauty and the Beast" heroine.
65. "Aw, darn".
67. Philly NBA player.

68. Category of Lin-Manuel Miranda's Pulitzer Prize.
71. Best friend of Charlie Brown.
74. Preppy clothing brand.
76. Mountain lions.
78. Useless stuff.
79. Insult.
80. Standard.
82. Having a short temper.
84. Brand used by Wile E. Coyote.
86. Word after "stomach," "computer" or "June".

THE DAY THE BABY ARRIVED

By Michael Kaufman

Hello, fellow Cabbagetown neighbors! It's your neighborhood lawyer Michael Kaufman with quite a story to share as we introduce Cabbagetown's newest resident, Goldie June Kaufman.

Our bundle of joy decided to make her grand entrance into the world with a surprise appearance in the hospital's parking lot. Yes, you read that right. Right there on the pavement on the third floor of Piedmont's North Parking Deck.

It all started on a Friday morning last month when my wife, Sophie, woke up around 3:30a, experiencing cramping. It didn't take long for us to realize that she was having contractions. And by 7a, her contractions were getting closer together, so we called her OBGYN, who let her know we could head to the hospital in a few hours to prep for pre-labor. We dropped our son at school and were on our way.

Park the car, check into the maternity ward, meet the doctor-on-call, and let's get this show on the road. It was our second child, so we knew the drill. We'd soon find out that Goldie had different plans and took the phrase, "get this show on the road," a little too literally. We certainly have the concrete evidence to prove it.

As we pulled into the hospital parking deck, Sophie was in a lot of pain. We found a spot at the top of the deck, and I came around the car to open the door for her. It was then that Goldie decided she couldn't wait any longer. Water breaks, pushing starts, and Goldie begins to crown. We were all alone – no meds, no staff, and no equipment. At this point, I was feeling pretty scared. I knew I had to act, but I couldn't leave Sophie alone, so I called 911 on my phone and the OBGYN on Sophie's phone.

They sent out a security guard with a wheelchair, but by that time, there was no moving her. Security radioed inside and called for the STAT team, who came out and told Sophie to relax and not push. Several minutes went by, and the tension mounted. Finally, the Labor Delivery team came rushing out right in time and went

to work. They tried to put Sophie on a stretcher, but again there was no moving her.

That's when the doctor said it was time to push. We were both terrified. Luckily, it was a beautiful April morning with plenty of sunshine. Perfect delivery weather! Sophie pushed with all her might, and Baby Goldie was born.

Like the neighborhood they hail from, Sophie and Goldie showed resilience and persevered in the face of adversity. Also, in traditional Cabbagetown fashion, it took a village to ensure Goldie's safe birth. We are so thankful for all of the people who helped bring Goldie into the world.

Goldie's birth was a whirlwind of emotions – chaotic, frightening, and immensely rewarding. We'll never forget the feeling

of terror turning into elation that April morning in the Piedmont Hospital North Deck.

Sophie's doctor remarked that she rarely sees patients go into labor that quickly – and we are incredibly grateful that there were no complications during the birth.

We're home now, and both Sophie and Goldie are healthy, happy, and ready for Chomp & Stomp this November!

As they say – "we're a mountain clan called Cabbagetown, In the middle of Atlanta, G-A, And if it be the will of God, It's where we'll always stay."



The Kaufman family. From left to right: Goldie, Sophie, Michael, and big brother George.

We're ready to take on all the highs and lows of parenthood for the second time alongside our son George and our wonderful Cabbagetown community. So next time you see us at the park, be sure to say hey to the newest Cabbage Patch Kid, Goldie. **And never forget, there ain't no party like a parking lot party.**

MOST POPULAR NAMES

Olivia was the most popular name for baby girls in Atlanta in 2020. Liam was the most popular name for baby boys.

Springtime Happenings at Oakland

By Angie Wynne

Oakland's late-spring calendar is filled with family-friendly opportunities to experience the cemetery in unique and educational ways. May is National Preservation Month, and to celebrate, Historic Oakland Foundation's preservation team will lead two "Behind-The-Stones" preservation tours. Tickets for these tours tend to go quickly, so get yours now. Informational signage will also be posted throughout the cemetery all month long, giving visitors a chance to roam the grounds and learn about restoration projects on site.

On June 17th, Oakland will host a Juneteenth celebration of freedom from 10:30a to 1p in the Historic African American Burial Grounds section. This family-friendly FREE event will feature live music, food trucks, storytelling, tours and more!

Love Oakland and interested in getting more involved? June is Membership Month, and those who become a member of the Foundation or renew their memberships will be entered to win some great prizes – including Capturing the Spirit of Oakland Halloween tour tickets! Keep an eye out for more information on the perks of becoming an Oakland member during June.

The Foundation is now offering its guided tours on more days of the week than ever. The 75-minute "Sights, Symbols and Stories



of Oakland" overview tour happens Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during May and June, and "special topic tours" dive deeper into cemetery history and lore on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30a. For information and tickets, or if you're interested in volunteering, visit oaklandcemetery.com.

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Atlanta is a "Best City for College Grads"

By Josh Green, Urbanize Atlanta

Atlanta ranks high among 'Best Cities for College Grads 2023'
A "mecca for creatives," ATL notches "the lowest cost of living of any big city" in analysis of 84 U.S. cities

With the season of tassel-tossing just around the corner, a new analysis has emerged that again casts Atlanta in a favorable light as a destination for younger Americans – especially those who prefer living in major urban centers.

ApartmentAdvisor, a national apartment search database, slotted Atlanta in the top five for its 2023 list of "Best Cities for College Grads" – a ranking of the country's 84 largest cities.

Relative affordability, abundant nightlife, a healthy economy, and a robust creative scene all worked in the ATL's favor.

The city landed at No. 4, between Seattle and Salt Lake City, respectively. With its cheap rents, large postgrad population, scant traffic, and abundant breweries, Madison, Wisconsin took the top slot.

ApartmentAdvisor scored each city on economic indicators such as average salaries, employment rates, and rent prices. Other metrics generally important to fresh-faced grads – access to recreation

and nightlife, size of each city's young adult population, and ease of mobility – were also factored in. (Atlanta's overall "Desirability Score" of 28 was good for No.10.)

Analysts found that Atlanta has "the lowest cost of living of any big city" on the list, alongside "a relatively high individual median income," aided by the presence of 16 Fortune 500 headquarters. A booming TV and film industry and overall economy also make the city "a mecca for creatives," as ApartmentAdvisor put it.

The high ranking follows Atlanta's eye-popping 2022 winning streak for positivism – if sometimes questionable – city rankings.

Most famously, **Money** magazine's October issue declared the city proper "the Best Place to Live in the U.S.," citing Atlanta's "booming jobs market and eye on equality," among other factors.

A poll in April last year among 175 organizations in 23 countries determined ATL to be the top target for global real estate investment in the U.S.

British publication **The Economist** declared Atlanta the "most livable" city in the United States in August. A couple of weeks after that, a **CommercialCafe** analysis found Atlanta to be the country's best city for young adults, or Generation Z. And in December, the **National Association of Realtors** anointed Atlanta the "top real estate market to watch in 2023 and beyond" of 179 studied.

The winning streak continues despite a ballooning cost of living in the region – and home prices that have shot through the roof across metro Atlanta.

This week, alongside Washington DC, metro Atlanta is the only place to rank in ApartmentAdvisor's top 10 that also stacks up among the top 10 U.S. metros for population. Their best destinations for 2023 college grads are as follows:

1. Madison
2. Minneapolis
3. Seattle
4. Atlanta
5. Salt Lake City
6. Pittsburgh
7. Denver
8. Austin
9. Washington
10. St. Louis

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If Atlanta had more businesses like Agave, we would be the shining city upon a hill. The Cabbagetown Neighbor declares the month of May as Agave Appreciation Month. From the thousands and thousands that cherish Agave, and the thousands and thousands that will fall in love with Agave in the years to come. *Thank you Jack and Tim.*

AND THANK YOU FOR THE BEST DARN MEALS IN ALL THE LAND!

300,000 "SWIFTIES"

According to The Daily Beacon, from April 28th through the 30th, Taylor Swift visited Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta to perform three sold out shows to nearly 300,000 people over the span of the weekend. Among the throngs were many Cabbagheads, including Brad, Nina, and Fiona Cunard. Ms. Swift's show spanned three hours each night. The highest Atlanta ticket price (for one seat) was \$15,615 for section B on the floor, row 1.

Covalent: Peter Ferrari

*Atlanta-Based Artist Peter Ferrari to Debut 'Covalent',
a Stunning Solo Exhibition at ABV Gallery*

Peter Ferrari, an acclaimed artist known for his exceptional artistic vision, is set to debut a breathtaking collection of his latest creations at ABV Gallery. The solo exhibition, titled 'Covalent', will showcase more than twenty new works by the artist and will open on May 13th. The exhibition will run for three weeks, giving visitors ample time to immerse themselves in the stunning artistry on display.



Inspired by the bonds between atoms in organic compounds, the exhibition's title 'Covalent' represents the base-level reaction that makes life possible. Peter Ferrari's art draws inspiration from the ways elements bond, arrange, and evolve over geological time,

with simple bonds between hydrogen and oxygen, to the intricate arrangements of molecules in living organisms. His artistic vision beautifully reflects how the laws of physics and evolution combine to create aesthetically-pleasing works of art.

Commenting on the exhibition, Peter Ferrari shared, "Both pattern and representation take priority in my artwork, resulting in novel forms that are orderly yet spontaneous." His artwork exhibits his unique interpretation of physics and evolution to create works that are visually stunning.

In addition to his acclaimed artwork, Peter Ferrari is known for founding and curating the annual mural painting event, Forward Warrior. Launched in 2012, the event brings together over 40 artists to paint public walls in the Cabbagetown neighborhood, resulting in a half-mile of evolving public art. Today, the Cabbagetown murals are a beloved Atlanta landmark and an anchor of the local arts community.

*Don't miss the opportunity to experience the exceptional artwork of Peter Ferrari at **ABV Gallery**. The exhibition's opening reception will take place on May 13th, from 6p-10p.*

*For more information, please visit **ABV Gallery's website** or contact the gallery directly. www.abvatl.com*

RETURN OF MOVIE NIGHT!

By Celine Buffkin

*Movie Night in Cabbagetown Park returns Friday, May 12th. We are featuring **LITTLE SHOP of HORRORS!** The movie begins at DUSK – i.e., when it's dark enough to see the screen. Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks, bevs and neighbors for a picnic before the flick! **SEE YOU THERE.***



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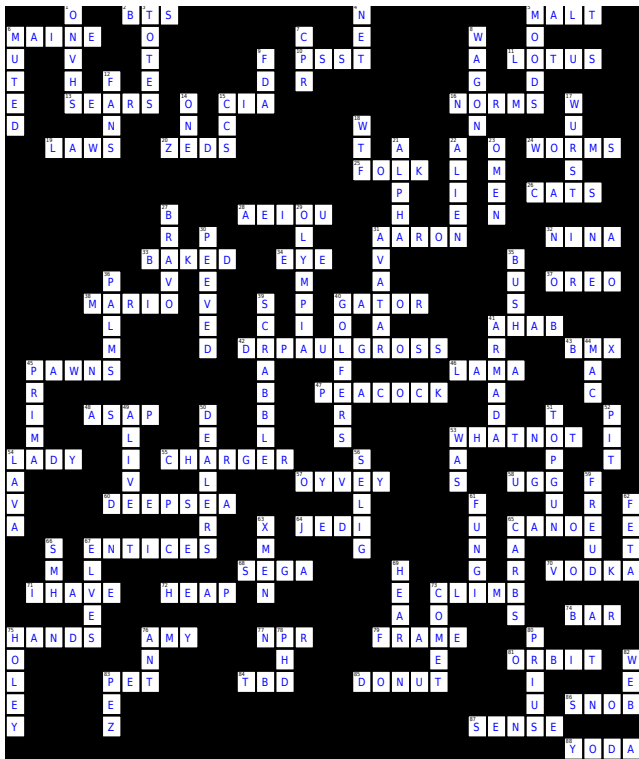
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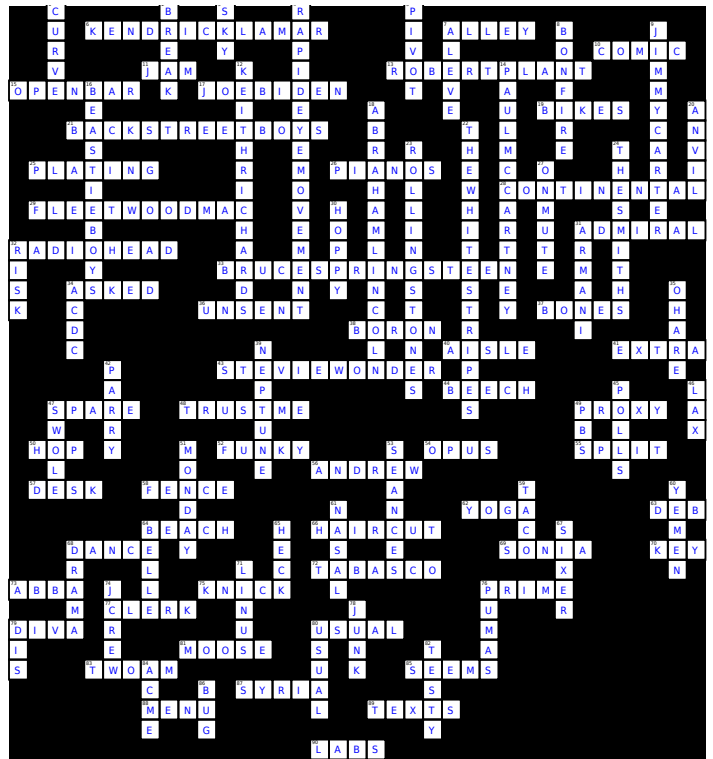
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The solution to THIS month's "Randomosity 16" crossword puzzle.



The Real Estate Report

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Any questions regarding real estate in the Cabbagetown area can be directed to: Chrissie Kallio at 404.295.2068

We wish you happy home hunting!



MULTI-FAMILY

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

LOTS

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

HOUSES

Under Contract	Price
182 Estoria St.	\$599,000

COMMERCIAL

Pending	Price
None this month.	

CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Price
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Loft E412	\$950,000
Loft E209	\$575,000
Loft H114	\$385,000
791 Wylie St.	
Unit 1010	\$450,000

UNDER CONTRACT
CONDOS & LOFTS

The Stacks	170 Blvd
Under Contract	
Loft H308	\$385,000
Pending	
791 Wylie St.	
Unit 408	\$450,000
Unit 1103	\$349,000
Closed/Sold	
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Loft H130	\$490,000
Loft H124	\$435,100
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