

OUR SPECIAL NOVEMBER 2023 CHOMP & STOMP & ROMP EDITION

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Get busy livin' Cabbagetown! Let's break some rules, cross genres, and obliterate boundaries this year. Each of our six stages feature unexpected sounds to spice things up and help y'all cut loose. Our little 'bluegrass' festival turns twenty years young today, and the ever-expanding menu serves up some sonic twists with Delta Blues, Dixieland Jazz, New Orleans brass, and alt-everything. Find the full schedule in this issue, or chompanstomp.com/music with maps!



JOHN DIRGA

There's lots of new styles to see and hear, you just might surprise yourself! We've got a heaping helping of string music for you today, but this ain't all old timey. Stick around for the Chili Awards and you'll get a red hot treat from Atlanta's *Tyler Neal*

(5p, Park Stage), scorching through an amped up set of electric blues with searing slide and thumping rhythm. Head over to *97 Estoria* to catch glam rock with *Half Hot* (2:30p), some psyche punk with *Room 213* (1:30p), or instrumental prog with *Challenger Deep* (5p).

Looking for something with a little bit of twang? Nashville's *Eliza Thorn* (5p, Amphitheatre) fronts a trio of women with a great big honky tonk sound.

Head downtown Cabbagetown for *Reverend Hylton* (3p, Carroll Street), or get your pedal steel fix with *Slow Parade* (5:30p, Carroll Street). For some jazzy tunes, check out *Blair Crimmins* (3:30p, Park Stage) jumping head first into that old Dixieland rag under the big top, while *Wasted Potential* (3p, Peachy Pavilion) belts out authentic New Orleans brass band faves. Get your vibes by exploring the *Gaskill Street Artists' Market* to find *the Future Perfect Stage*, featuring a hidden liquor bar and some laid back porch jams.

Thanks for dropping by, Atlanta! We love doing this event for you, and we hope you discover some music that makes you smile, hold hands, and spin around.



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CNIA President's Letter

By *Marinangeles Gutiérrez Rivera*

Thanks to you,

the neighbor who reads our newspaper.

Thanks to those who attend our events.

Thanks to those who volunteer.

Thanks to those who serve on a committee
or serve on our boards.

Those who plan.

Those who give their time.

Their money.

Thanks to those that support our local businesses.

Thanks to those who check on their neighbors.

And those that uplift others.

Thanks to those who seek community.

And those who foster community.

There's one final special evening to close out the year:

The Holiday Crawl!

Save the Date Update: Saturday, December 16th.

Gather your recipes and we'll see you there.

As winter weather rolls in, please consider
extending a hand to those who may need it.

With gratitude,

Marinangeles (aka Marina)

Marinangeles Gutiérrez Rivera

Vice President and Acting President

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association

HELLO DARKNESS MY OLD FRIEND

Love the extra hour of sleep? Dread the early sunset? Loathe the coming of cold weather? Whatever the case, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th (the day after Chomp). The sun will set at – gulp – 5:42p that day.

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2023 at 6:30p

Meeting to be held at the Cabbagetown Community Center (177 Estoria Street). Find this month's links & materials

at www.Cabbagetown.com/agenda

6:30p: Neighbor Meet & Greet with drinks & food

7p: Meeting Begins

I. Welcome!

II. Review & Approval of October Minutes

III. Atlanta Police Department Updates

IV. City of Atlanta: Council Person, Liliana Bakhtiari's Office

- Pearl Street Traffic Calming Project Updates

- City Updates

V. President/Vice President Report: Marinangeles Gutierrez

- Transportation Committee Updates

- CNIA Membership Campaign: Open Positions include

Communications Chair, Transportation Committee Chair, and other Member At-Large positions.

- New Neighbor? Get connected, cabbagetown.com/membership

VI: Financial Report: Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

VII. Chair Reports:

- **Upcoming Cabbagetown Events:**

Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair

- **Historic Preservation & Land Use Updates:**

Jake Elsas/ Anya Warren , HPLU Chairs

- **NPU-N Updates:**

John Dirga, NPU N Representative

- **Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) Updates:**

Todd Gandee, CI President

Cabbagetown Park - Amphitheatre Park Pride Grant, John Dirga

Folks Needed! Volunteer Today

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business

~8:30p: Adjourn

SENDING OUT A GREAT BIG CHOMPIN' BIRTHDAY TO THESE CABBAGEHEADS

Scott "PorchFest" Doyon, Katia Cummings, Tim Andrews, Wesley "Coach" Kelley, James Murray, Lee Eddie

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Angel Luis Poventud, and Jamalia van Rijssen.

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, 7p. Meeting conducted by Marinangeles Gutierrez Rivera. Minutes by Lucy Perkins. Location: Cabbagetown Community Center.

1. 7:03p Meeting Begins

2. **Welcome!** - *Marinangeles Gutierrez, CNIA President*

3. **Review and Approval of September Minutes. Minutes approved!**

4. **Vice-President Report – Marinangeles Gutierrez**

a. CNIA Membership Campaign: Open Positions include Comms Chair, Transportation Chair, and other Member At-Large positions.

b. Transportation Committee Updates: GDoT project on Memorial to include bike lanes, road diet, and curb cutting - hopefully pedestrian crossing from here to TacoTown. **Propel** is pushing a campaign to support bike lane project - follow them for updates. We are proposing that we sign a letter of support for the bike lane project and to advocate for safer roads for pedestrians and cyclists.

Q: Is the bike lane going to be protected? How will that affect the entrances into the 'hood? How will it affect Cabbagetown?

A: Because it's not about historic preservation or going through the 'hood they didn't think they needed to ask us. We gave pushback about that and got a letter saying we've been added as a consulting party so we get to make public comments. **Q:** Any idea on timing? **A:** We don't know! They already moved with the

106 process so it's at least actually happening. We'll see some level of design soon. Pearl Street to Grant – passed Oakland. **Q:** Will they make Estoria and Memorial safer? Motion to send the letter? Seconded! New Neighbor? Get connected, cabbagetown.com/membership

5. **City of Atlanta Council Person Liliana Bakhtiari**, Patrick representing

a. Pearl Street Traffic Calming Project Updates – found the \$75k that was stashed away. We accepted a plan and there's no watershed issues so we're waiting on a bid for it to be done. Liliana is going through Cabbagetown Park with Watershed and Parks & Rec to look into flooding (Thank you, John Dirga). There's been a request for more woodchips for the playground. Mural tagging - investigator is on the case. Council member working with higher-ups at APD. **Q:** When will we receive bids for Pearl Street? **A:** It depends on who wants to do it and if they can do it at the right place. Bids have come down later so we're not expecting too much of a delay. **Q:** Can we hear about the date when it's announced? **A:** They'll stay in touch as soon as they get info. **Q:** Can we hear about the bids? **A:** In the future we will be able to bundle bids but right now it's individual. **Q:** Will final construction plans be shared? **A:** Yes. **Q:** concerns on sidewalk connectivity - update? **A:** Not sure.

6. **Financial Report – Jack Cunningham, Treasurer**

a. Business as usual - cniatreasurer@cabbagetown.com

b. Final numbers for Tour of Homes

Q: Where does the money come from? **A:** We self fund all of our events - check the website for itemized list

7. **Committee Reports**

a. Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) - Todd Gandee, CI President
Our 20th Chomp & Stomp! Please volunteer! CI Updates - Parks & Community Center - CI has come to an agreement with COA

to formally lease this space. We'll have the ability to rent out this space (birthday parties, weddings, etc.) Shout out to Richard Smith for pushing it through with the city. City will take care of utilities and capital maintenance projects. 3 year lease with two one-year extensions. **Q:** Do we have to pay the city for 'hood events? **Q:** No. CI gets the money. **Q:** Will CI charge for events? **A:** We're working on it but goal is to use money for cleaning and maintenance; it's not to be a money maker. The city is not paying for alarm or internet. CI voted to approve lease and will sign it in the next couple of weeks. Seeking Volunteers/New Members.

20th **Chomp - Nikki Farr representing**

Need volunteers! Tell your friends! Music, beer, liquor, artists, chili - record number of restaurant chili! Spirit award costumes! Posters were printed this week - ask if you want to hang some up. Artists market is full - next year we'll curate, so it's more handmade items. Chili is set but there are still some spots left if you'd like to make chili. Kids Area this year! Trying to be more environmentally friendly - more compostable materials - commemorative cups available. Beer cups will be compostable. Street closures similar to last year Get your spoons early from **Little's** or **Sweet Cheats** for a lower price. Chili horn sounds at 12:30p!

Upcoming Ctown Events - Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair

September was wild - lots of events. Tour of Homes was very successful. Final Movie Night in the Park on Saturday. Crawl-O-Ween - October 28th - bar crawl down Carroll St., 30 minutes at each bar, photo opportunity. Start at 6p. Funds are \$850 to cover DJ at **Milltown**, posters, photobooth, prizes for the winners. All restaurants are involved and helping with prizes. Motion to move funds. Approved. **Holiday Crawl** is December 9th - want to donate your house, or help? Please contact Amanda.

NPU-N Updates - John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative

Recommended approval for **Bread and Butterfly** license. Little 5 Points voices festival supported. Visits from elected officials - they said there was no suspect for mural vandalism. ATAG has recs for liquor licenses in the future - it's very hard at this point to take a liquor license away once you have one. Update from Department of City Planning - comprehensive development plan starting this spring. World War I memorial update. **Painted Park** liquor license update. Reynoldstown is trying to get code violations for businesses that have boarded over windows.

Forward Warrior!! had a rainy start but a great day. Vintage market was great success. Looking forward to doing it again. Donate online if you are interested. There was a small altercation Friday where a guy defaced some of the murals before Forward Warrior!! **Q:** Why is this not a hate crime? **A:** we don't think they knew about it until today. **Q:** Can we close the streets for Forward Warrior!! for both days? **A:** It's very **expensive to close the streets, so probably** not. And the artists need Sunday to actually work. Parks - John organized the watershed parks walkthrough! **Park Pride** grant to redo the amphitheater. Circular wooden deck with retaining wall and electrical upgrades. *Continued on page seven*

CENTER YOURSELF!

Cabbagetown Community Center

Cabbagetown Initiative 501c3 has signed a new lease!

Thank you, Councilmember Liliana Bakhtiari and Commissioner Justin Cutler, Parks & Recreation, for trusting our nonprofit Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) with this important responsibility.

The Cabbagetown Community Center will facilitate community meetings, empower organizations to provide programming, and offer safe, equitable, and accessible event space to the people of Atlanta.

Join us at the Park Stage at 3:30p for a dedication celebrating this newest chapter while honoring the sage foundational work of Natalyn Archibong, who shepherded the neighborhood through creation of Cabbagetown Park almost twenty years ago, culminating on this very special anniversary of Chomp & Stomp.

I'M ONLY HAPPY WHEN IT RAINS

Cabbagetown has received 35.35" of rain in 2023.

Our thirty-year average to date is 41.88".

That means we are

6.63" Below Normal Rainfall.

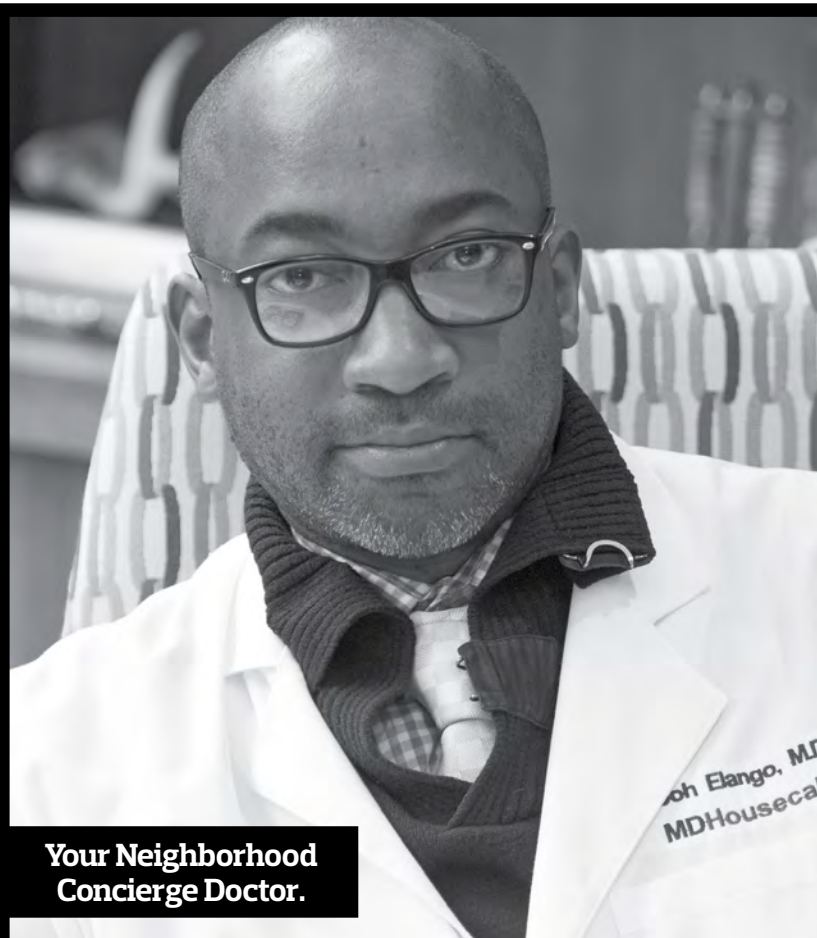


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 10AM Sunday Worship Service

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HOW TO RUIN THE HOLIDAYS



**ANNA
PFEFFER**

The holiday season is upon us! And we have just the holiday treat cooked up right here in Cabbagetown by one of our neighbors! *How to Ruin the Holidays* is an amazing holiday movie written and produced by Kevin Gillese. He even filmed some of his holiday masterpiece right here in Cabbagetown!

I can't wait for everyone to see this movie. It's a story about a comedian trying to make it in Los Angeles, who comes back home to Atlanta for the holidays after many years of not coming home.

I can't express how real this movie is. it's a movie that reflects a real family, with real problems. and different personalities. Kevin's writing for the actors really captured what a real family is like. Not a sugar-coated *Lifetime* version of life. Real life. A real family that speaks (or yells) the uncomfortable truths to each other and still come together in ways that even the most broken family can. You'll laugh a lot. You'll cry. You'll get all the holiday feels!

Kevin's writing and ability to tell a story and bring that story to life on screen is incredible. *How to Ruin the Holidays* is Kevin's first screenplay written for the big screen. It took him about a year to write and four years to make it with *Krog Street Productions* and *Dad's Garage*, plugging away on this dream through Covid.

So, who is this witty and talented neighbor of ours? I had the pleasure or meeting with Kevin about his movie and he is a gem of a human! He was born in Canada, so it makes total sense that he lives in Cabbagetown now. Canadians and Cabbageheads are the nicest people on the planet!

He was always the class clown. Always loved making people laugh, so when he discovered improv at the tender age of fifteen, he found his place to shine. Kevin moved to Atlanta in 2010 and worked at *Dad's Garage* as their Artistic Director for ten years. He was responsible for all programming and shows, a lot of which he was featured in.

His years of being in the business and booking talent helped him score some well-known names for his film, including *Colin Mochrie*, *Aisha Tyler*, and *Ronny Chieng*. Kevin's wife, *Amber Nash* is the main character – Michelle – in the movie. Her role reflecting Kevin's personal experience with the life of auditioning and trying to get your big break.

Kevin pulled from his personal life by including a character inspired by his brother. This character – Mark – was my absolute favorite. There's a scene where Mark is so innocent and selfless, and I cried in a way I've never cried before! It's such a sweet moment in the middle of chaos in the movie. I won't say any more as I don't want to give anything away!

You may be wondering...how can I see *How to Ruin the Holidays*? Well, you are in luck! The Atlanta public premier is November 15th

at the *Plaza Theatre*. It will be running every day from November 24th through November 30th.

Scan the QR code (below) to get your tickets to *How to Ruin the Holidays* at the Plaza Theatre!

There's only so many sleeps until Christmas, so get your tickets to see *How to Ruin the Holidays* at The Plaza!

Can you spot which famous Cabbagetown street is featured in the film? Will

Christmas be ruined? Will Michelle get her big break? Will the elf costume come out? There's only one way to find out and you get to support our incredible neighbor! *Who's in the holiday spirit?!*



Kevin Gillese in a scene from How to Ruin the Holidays.

Here's the QR code to get your tickets.



Just focus the camera of your smart phone on the code, touch your screen, and your phone will automagically take you there.

Want to check out the official movie trailer? Go here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVEEwa1sPSg> or

simply Google "How To Ruin The Holidays official movie trailer" on your Google machine, and we'll see you at the gloriously old-school, Art-Deco style, Plaza Theatre on Ponce DeLeon Avenue (just 2.5 miles from Ctown).

TYLER NEAL FOR REAL

by John Dirga

Are we digging deeper into our roots? Or blazing forward at breakneck speed, both feet stomping on the overdrive? Blues is the essential American art; the wellspring of jazz and rock, the refrain of hip-hop's soul, and in our context, utterly foundational to bluegrass.

As we explore rural culture and past struggles streaming through Cabbagetown, one finds that old string band music we typically center at Chomp is nothing without the folk traditions, symbols, and language of African instruments, and spiritual songs yearning for freedom.



Tyler Neal. Photo by Donna's Pics.

For guitarist Tyler Neal (5p, Cabbagetown Park Stage), the quest leads in both directions: a rich of discovery of America's past, plus a serendipitous search for potential and selfhood. By opening ourselves up, we allow those forms and sounds to enter us through a process of cosmic healing that feeds the spirit. If music is on the menu, we're about to eat a feast! Gospel, funk, southern blues rock, frenetic fusion. Equally comfortable on keys and drums, Neal is accomplished at reading the room and sailing the prevailing vibes. Most importantly, he's learned to understand space, and making room for the moments between notes.

Immediately award the Chili Awards, we're gonna let his band turn up the heat and get down. Chomp & Stomp acolytes might recognize Tyler from his 2017 appearance beside *Rev Jeff Mosier*, but he's more widely known for collaborations with the late *Col Bruce Hampton*, and mentor *Yonrico Scott*, both gentle giants of music. Lucky fans may have caught Neal's residencies at *Northside Tavern*, and *The Bitter End* (Greenwich Village). But the luckiest people are here right now: at the edge of Cabbagetown Park stage, circa sunset November 4th 2023, open to learning and loving, being no one going nowhere doing nothing.

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THE REARVIEW MIRROR

by Kyle F. Bidlack

For the past twenty years, the month of November in Ctown has meant one thing and one thing only: Chomp & Stomp & Romp! But a quick peek in the rearview mirror shows us that other things were also going on, in years gone by....

2012

The Good Rev David DeChant was writing about his love for daytime TV and his disdain for computers. We said goodbye to a longtime Cabbagehead; *Grady Gunn*. We were gearing up for a work day to spruce up *Three Points Park*. *Mayor Kasim Reed* took to a bike and christened the Beltline Eastside Trail.

2013

Neil Carver was commissioned to handcraft some beautiful, wrought iron benches along Tennelle. They're still there to this day. *Lady Ashley McCartney* was organizing us for The Christmas Crawl.

2014

Shirley Hughes Tubbs & Robert Tubbs were recognized for creating "Movies in the Park" in Cabbagetown Park. "*Dumb & Dumber To*" transformed the corner of Kirkwood and Pearl St into a Rhode Island streetscape. *Jim Carrey* and *Jeff Daniels* were spotted at *Agave Restaurant* and *Little's Food Store* in character as Lloyd and Harry. And they never broke character. Under *Ed Lindahl's* leadership, Ctown added lights to Esther Peachy Lefevre Park.

2015

Organizers for "*Krog Masquerade*" were facing mounting resistance from Ctown and local 'hoods. Despite opposition, the city approved their permit and allowed them to host a pay-to-enter party in the tunnel. *Michael McPherson* won a "Stein Hoisting Competition" at *Milltown Tavern*. He held a full stein of beer – perpendicular to his body – for a record 5min 8sec.

2016

Thanks to *Karin Kane*, *Melody Trivisono*, and *Barbara Keeney Harper*, Cabbagetown published "A Cabbagetown Cookbook", packed with over 100 recipes from the 'hood. *Dr. Paul Gross* set up shop on Carroll Street.

2017

Jack Sobel and *Black Swan Lane* were getting ready to release their seventh album, *under my fallen sky*.

2018

Jake Elsas spotted a production assistant wearing a Little's Food Store hat – while watching *Avengers: Infinity War* on Blu-Ray. *Mary Todd Hairdressing Co.* celebrated their 6th birthday.

2019

Ctown and surrounding 'hoods put the finishing touches on a *Master Plan for Hulsey Yard*. *JenChan's* was gearing up for their grand opening on Carroll Street.

Stomp Music Line-Up

Cabbagetown Park Stage

11:00 a Blackfoot Daisy
12:00p Clawdad
1:30p Greenwood Rye (Nashville)
2:30p Smith & Calvert
3:30p Blair Crimmins & the Hookers
4:30p Tyler Neal

12:30p
*The Chili
Cook-Off
Begins!*

Brookshire Amphitheatre

12:15p Slim Chance & The Convicts
1:30p Lily Dabbs (Austin)
2:30p Russell Cook & Sweet Teeth
3:45p Cody Bolden & The Road Hands
5:00p Eliza Thorn (Nashville)

*The
Amphitheatre
is located at
the south end of
Cabbagetown
Park*

5:30p
*Chili
Winners
Revealed!*

Carroll Street

1:00p LSDaniel (Troy)
2:00p Heather Luttrell & Possum Den
3:00p Reverend Hylton
4:00p Jeremy Ray & The Howdy Men
5:00p Slow Parade

97 Estoria

1:30pm Room 213
2:30pm Half Hot
3:45pm Tyler Key & Strangers
5:00pm Challenger Deep

Peachy Park

2:00pm Captain Crimmins & The Story Boat Band
3:00pm Wasted Potential Brass Band
4:00pm Eddie & Jessie
5:00pm French People

AND MORE!
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AMENITIES: Volunteer Check-in, First Aid, Music Stages, Beer & Water, Cocktails, Merch, Kids Area, Bathrooms, Bike Parking.

C'town Chows: Chomp & Stomp Chows



STACY
and JAKE

With the weather cooling down, and Chomp & Stomp rapidly approaching, we are beginning to enter some of the favorite months of the year for many of us. Everyone loves a brisk fall morning walk or a chilly autumnal sunset, but that's not what I look forward to the most about fall. What I love most (and if you're thinking it might have something to do with food, you're right!) is the hearty eats that have become associated with the cooler weather, and one dish in particular

that our shitty little neighborhood is famous for: Chili!

As we gear up for the most famous Southeast Atlanta, fall scheduled, neighborhood hosted, Chili cook-off, and Bluegrass music festival (there's got to be at least like 5 others, right?) we wanted to recap some of the most highly regarded restaurant



Stacy & Jake at Chomp & Stomp 2022.

Chili from last year, and give a taste of what we might be looking forward to in 2023. Grab your spoon and that muffin tin, and let's dig in.

One of ATL's most beloved BBQ joint's, **Fox Bros. BBQ** (1238 DeKalb Ave) doesn't just know how to make some unbelievable bar-b-que, but apparently they know how to make some serious Chili too,

coming in third in the cook-off in 2022. Very impressive from these folks, and not a bad safety net to know you could always just house a plate of their Chicken Fried Ribs to numb the pain if you don't win it all. But, maybe 2023 is their year. From what I've heard it's been a great year for meats, so will they chuck up to first place this year? All I'm saying is, don't sleep on the Bro's.

Second place was well earned last year by Candler Park burger joint, **Moxie Burger** (1660 DeKalb Ave). Famous for burgers like "The Heater" topped with jalapeños and a house made jalapeño ranch, they're definitely known to bring the zip. Do they have what it takes to make the podium in back to back years? Will their second place finish drive them to come back even hungrier for the win?

As many of us might remember from last year, **Grindhouse Killer Burgers** (701 Memorial Dr) took the cake, securing back-to-back wins in both 2022 and 2021. These guys have got some serious momentum, and surely could be a favorite for the three-peat. Although, the fans are asking themselves if perhaps their new block-busting venture, **Breaker Breaker** (921 Wylie St) might be a distraction from the world's most prized competition cook-off. Who knows? Will they make history? Or will they open the door for a newcomer or perhaps even a historic favorite to swoop in.

Local buzz suggests throwing **Jen Chan's** (186 Carroll St) back up there as a favorite too. These peeps can cook everything, and Chili is for sure something they know how to crush. Coming in 2nd place in 2021, I think they've got the fire within them to take it all this year.

Lots to look forward to, and the best way to find all the deets and get involved is to head over to **ChompandStomp.com** or visit them on Instagram **@ChompandStomp**.

Get your spoons early and meet me at the back of the 5k crowd at 9a :) I'll be the one fighting for my life up the Wylie hill to earn my booze and bites, but dear God will it be worth it.

As always, drop us a line at stacy.spector22@gmail.com if you want to give us a shout at what we need to write up next!

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CNIA: Meeting Minutes

Continued from page four. Site visit to show that erosion is watershed's problem. Watershed will walk through 24th - invited councilperson to come. Watershed will hopefully take \$80,000 off plate so we can spend that money making it pretty. It may be rented out in the future. The park belongs to the city of Atlanta. Concert series this Friday the 13th - hopefully no rain! Free backstage passes to Chomp if you help put things away. Also need volunteers for beer and popcorn - free!

Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee - Jacob Elsas and Anya Warren, Co-Chairs

We are historic and follow the guidelines to keep our historic status. Check the website for guidelines. Reach out with questions before you change your house. Working with Matt Adams at **Historic Preservation Studio Urban Design** - he lets us know when residents have issues. Please talk to your neighbors first before submitting a complaint. Many houses in the neighborhood have stop work orders submitted. **8.** New Business - none. **9.** Old Business - none. **10.** 8:32p meeting adjourned.

PAGE 9 NEWS

WE KNOW! This is page 11, not page 9. But we needed page 9 to make sure y'all didn't get lost while at Chomp, so... Cabbagetown has it's fair share of weirdness and funk. But step outside of our friendly confines, and things get even weirder and funkier. Don't believe us? Read on...

Secret Sauce?

A restaurant in Tokyo, recently revealed the secret behind its popular pork skewers, **Oddity Central** reported. The skewers are dipped in a sauce jar that hasn't been cleaned in more than 60 years and is covered on the outside with a hardened goo. Each day, cooks pour new sauce over the previous day's sauce, as they have throughout three generations of owners – a practice they say contributes to its rich flavor. Experts said as long as the concoction is heated, there shouldn't be any bacterial growth.

Has Tad been to London lately???

People in London have been perplexed by a bale of hay hanging from the Millennium Bridge, a modern structure that spans the River Thames, **Sky News** reported on Oct. 18. The bridge is undergoing maintenance that will reduce its headroom. When social media lit up with questions, the City Bridge Foundation, a charity that benefits crossings over the Thames, came to the rescue: "*In accordance with ancient tradition (and the Port of London Thames Byelaws), a bundle of straw is dangled from the Millennium Bridge to warn shipping of work under the bridge (we're not making this up, honest).*" At night, workers hang a white light to warn ships. Work is expected to be completed by the day after Chomp & Stomp.

Least Competent Criminals

Three Florida men were arrested on Oct. 14 in Pompano Beach, Florida, after a hapless kidnapping attempt, **KMOV-TV** reported. Raymond Gomez and brothers Jonathan Arista and Jeffrey Arista grabbed a man outside his apartment in Plantation, Florida, and drove him to a home nearby – but then realized they had the wrong guy, police said. They threatened him with an electric drill and a firearm and attempted to waterboard him before deciding he might be able to lure their intended victim to them. The kidnapers drove him to his place of business, where the other man was, but the original victim phoned in a bomb threat (to get an immediate response), and the suspects were arrested. They face life in prison.

Bright Idea!

Japanese milk producer **Seki Milk** has devised an entertaining solution to a growing problem, **Oddity Central** reported on Oct. 11. The company did research showing that 65% of students weren't finishing their milk at lunch, so it partnered with a manga studio to produce an original comic series and print it in white on its glass milk bottles. As they drink, kids are compelled to finish the beverage so the artwork is revealed. The company says **Milk Manga** encourages healthy behavior and reading, and gets kids thinking about food loss.

CHOMP & STOMP PARKING INFO

By Lauren Appel

**Look out for NO PARKING SIGNS
starting the week of October 22nd**

Wylie Street from Estoria Street to Tennelle Street

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 8a - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Estoria Street from Wylie Street to Gaskill Street

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 8a - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Tye Street from Wylie Street to 251 Tye Street

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 8a - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Powell Street from Tennelle Street to just past 245 Powell

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Gaskill Street from Estoria Street to Powell Street

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Short Street

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Kirkwood Avenue from Pearl Street to Powell Street

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Mollie Street

(No parking Saturday, Nov 4th 6a - 10p)

Carroll Street

(No parking Saturday, Nov 4th 6a - 10p)

**Please note: Pearl St between Wylie St and Fulton Terrace
will be closed to non-residents, and the above
no parking times will be enforced.**

CABBAGEHEAD?

By Kyle F. Bidlack

I was sipping some whiskey at Milltown Tavern on a beautiful early evening last week, when Barry Hesterman saddled up and asked me if we could run a great big story on a great big chunk of newspaper space, and encourage folks to volunteer for board positions on CNIA and CI.

I think I told him that we've run articles in the past, but that I would happily do it again. Sadly, we didn't have "a great big chunk of newspaper space" in this month's edition.

As you enjoy the 20th anniversary of Chomp & Stomp & Romp, take a look around and think about the eclectic beauty of our neighborhood. A lot of it happens because your neighbors step up and make it happen. They bring their skills, but most importantly, they bring their passion for our magical little village. *Your time is now. Make Barry happy. Please volunteer and solidify your status as Cabbagehead-Excelsior.*

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of Homes in Cabbagetown.

BUSINESS IS A BOOMIN'!

According to Jennifer Liu and CNBC, the home of mega-corporations like Coca Cola and Delta Airlines is also the best place to start your own business, according to new LinkedIn data.

Atlanta was recognized as the No. 1 U.S. metro area with the fastest year-over-year growth, 92%, in people founding their own companies, per the job search site.

The Atlanta metro area is growing “at a breakneck pace” thanks to a strong job recovery since the pandemic, reports Fox 5 Atlanta. And it was also recognized as the No.1 place for young professionals to start a career, according to a report from Wallethub, based on metrics like availability of jobs, average starting salary, unemployment rate, median annual income, housing affordability and family-friendliness.

Also down south, No.2 Austin has seen its own entrepreneurial boom during the pandemic as people fled pricey cities like San Francisco and New York, lured by the city’s warm weather, low cost of living and lack of state income tax. In the last year, it saw an 84% increase in residents becoming founders.

Seattle rounds out the top three, with 75% year-over-year growth in its founder community. The city’s outsized tech scene may be a potential breeding ground for the entrepreneurial to launch their own startups.

Here are the top 10 metros seeing the fastest growth in people starting their own businesses, according to LinkedIn:

- Atlanta
- Austin, Texas
- Seattle
- San Francisco
- Chicago
- Boston
- Miami-Fort Lauderdale
- New York City
- Los Angeles
- Denver

Atlanta and Austin are both seeing a lot of inward migration, says George Anders, LinkedIn’s senior editor at large, “as people in all kinds of professions decide that these are the Grade-A destinations in terms of finding success for their careers, families and work-life prospects.”

Some newcomers may become entrepreneurs themselves, while existing residents may also see new people as prospective customers. “They don’t have favorite restaurants or stores yet, so they’re more willing to try yours,” Anders says.

“They also need help buying homes, choosing schools, finding contractors and a whole lot more,” he adds. “So that translates into a very promising customer base that new entrepreneurs can tap into.”

Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Is Cabbagetown listening to Bluegrass? Good question. Here's October's hottest songs on the Milltown Tavern juke box.

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LET HER GO</p> <p>2 DEF TONES
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Horticulturists are sometimes criticized for using botanical names. A common question is "Why don't you use common names everyone understands?"

There are some good reasons for using botanical names. Some common names can be confusing. For example, a Lenten rose is not a rose, and a flowering maple is not a maple. Several species of plants may be known by the same common name.

On the other hand, some plants have so many common names that it can be difficult figuring out which plant is being referred to even with someone speaking the same language you do.

That brings up another reason for botanical names – they are universal. *Centaurea cyanus* is *Centaurea cyanus* in Albania and Zimbabwe and Valdosta. Its common names will vary around the world, and it may have several common names in one language. In the United States it is called cornflower, bachelor buttons, raggedy sailors and ragged robin. A Scotsman told me that what they call bachelor buttons are what we in America usually call English daisy!

Having one botanical name simplifies matters by allowing gardeners everywhere to know exactly what plant is being referred to. And because botanical names are in Latin, a "dead" language, no modern language is given preference, and words do not take on new meanings the way they do in a living language.

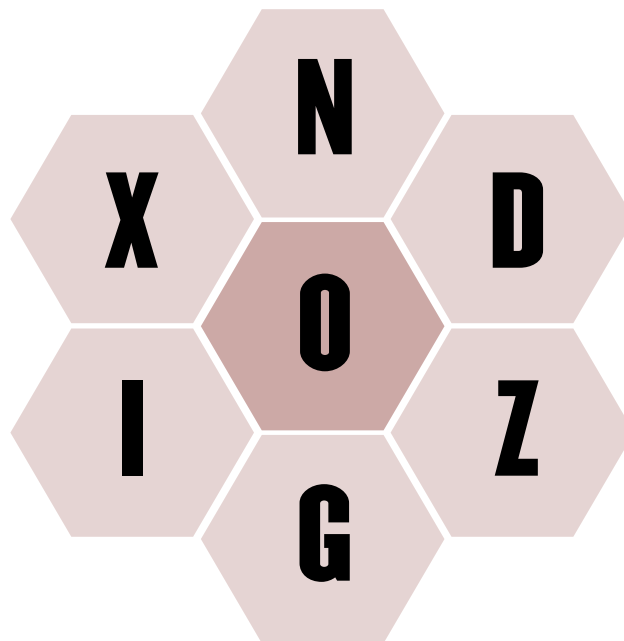
Some botanical names may sound strange, but all of them are not as unfamiliar as you may think. Magnolia, phlox and rhododendron are three plants whose genus names also serve as their common names. (The genus name is the first part of the botanical name. The species name is the second part as in *Magnolia grandiflora*.) Others are not difficult to decipher. For example, the genus name of tobacco is *Nicotiana*, and *Rosa* is the genus name for rose.

I love common names of plants and try to learn all of them. They are a sort of folklore. Many are beautiful and poetic. Others are humorous or give insights into how the plant was once used. When I refer to a plant by one common name over another it is not to imply that one name is superior. It is simply not convenient to mention them all. When gardeners use botanical names it is to be clear and understood, not to be horticultural show-offs. Although I have to admit that *Oxydendron arboreum* does sound a little more high-brow than sourwood!

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

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 "panagram," which uses every letter at least once. *How many pangrams can you find?*



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CANINES OF CTOWN: ZOE



This month I had the privilege of sitting down with Lucy & Spencer to talk about their dog Zoe.

Katie: *Hi! So this must be Zoe!*

[Zoe: showering me with kisses]

Lucy: Yes, the social butterfly of our family.

Katie: *So, tell me how you got her.*

Lucy: We adopted her in January 2019. She was born in a shelter and later returned.

We found her at Paws in Decatur after a

tough visit to the Fulton Animal Shelter. It was late, almost closing time when they brought out Zoe. I looked at Spencer and asked, "Do you want this dog?" He said, "Yes." So, we rushed to PetSmart at 9 o'clock at night to get all the dog supplies.

Katie: That's awesome.

Lucy: Shortly after adopting her, we discovered that Spencer was allergic to dogs, which was heartbreaking. We didn't know what to do because we couldn't return her. We considered giving her to someone we knew. Eventually, he started allergy shots and takes Zyrtec every day.

Katie: How's that going? Spencer: It's okay. Better over time.

Katie: You must really love this dog. [Zoe: continues to shower me in kisses] Katie: I see we are really friendly.

Spencer: Yes, aggressively friendly. Lucy: Which is not the best for us because we are not super social.

Katie: I understand that. Lucy: Since she was born in the shelter, we know her birthday. We throw a birthday party for her every year, and I honestly think she needs it. During our Thanksgiving gathering, with around 16 people over, she was the happiest she has ever been. She truly loves having as many people as possible in the house.

Katie: *Tell me about these birthday parties.*

Spencer: For her 2nd birthday, we had her quinceañera.

Lucy: For her 3rd birthday, we threw a kegger, complete with beer pong.

Spencer: Then, for her 4th birthday, we actually had it catered.

Lucy: Her 5th birthday was a wine mom party. We had doggie and adult charcuterie boards. Spencer: This March, she is going to have her "over the hill" birthday.

Katie: So the parties are extravagant? Spencer: Yes, they are big parties. Katie: Well, she seems like she deserves it. Lucy: She even has a party trick! Katie: No way! Lucy: Alright, Zoe, are you ready?

[Lucy: starts to play the harmonica][Zoe: howls along in key]

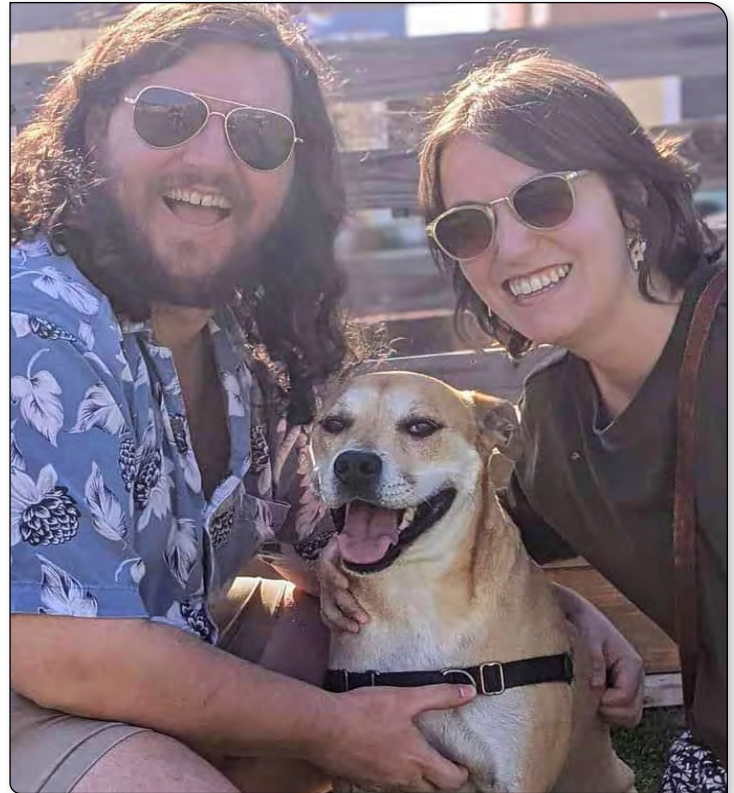
Lucy: Very good! [Zoe: continues with an encore]

Spencer: So, we can't learn the harmonica. Katie: I mean, you could. Spencer: We can't learn the harmonica, solo.

Katie: Haha, that's amazing! Lucy: There is something about the harmonica that echoes the frequency of a howl, so it encourages dogs to play along.

Katie: *Interesting! Seems like she has some energy.*

Lucy: I take her to the park every day. I know I'm not supposed to, but I take her off the leash, and we throw the ball. If anyone comes, I put her back on the leash because she is so friendly that she will literally go up to them. Sometimes, I'll ask, "Do you like dogs?" and if they say yes, she will run over and say hello to everyone who walks in the park.



From left to right: Spencer, Zoe, and Lucy.

Spencer: There is someone who calls her the "park greeter," because she will go and lick him and give him all the love.

Lucy: If you see us in the park, please, please come say hi because she lives for it! Katie: We will make sure all the people come see you.

Lucy: I was thinking about getting one of those harnesses that say, "Please pet," instead of "Do not pet." Because sometimes we pass people, and they do not smile at her, and she is a little disappointed. She really wants everyone in the world to say hi.



[Zoe: delivering on the kisses.]

Spencer: "Endearing but slightly disappointed, Zoe."

Katie: She really is the friendliest pup.

Want your canine featured?

Contact Katie at katie@marqueling.com

The Original Deck Star

By Kyle F. Bidlack

For more than fifteen years, Dexter affectionately greeted Carroll Street visitors, and got as much love as he gave. Tad, Nina, Brad, and a long list of others, gave Dexter all the special attention he needed, and when his time eventually came, they made sure Dexter knew that he was not alone in this world.



A memorial to Dexter. Photo by Cassie Clinton.

Upon learning of his passing, Cabbageheads created a memorial on his perch, just outside the door of Little's Food Store. "R.I.P. Dexter Kitty, the king of Carroll St. Thank you for being the soul of my beloved Cabbagetown for all the years I've lived here. You were not a pet or a mascot – you were an independent operator and a survivor – but you always offered a warm welcome and a reminder of the remaining scruffy spirit of this unique neighborhood." says Rick Perera.

"Forever an icon. Rest in peace you absolute rock star." says Tyler Lund.

"I was so happy to see Dexter up [on his perch] here last week, even though I was pretty sure it was one of his last times. He hadn't been able to get up and down in a while, so I had missed his little head peeking in the window at us letting us know he needed his turkey, bacon, or kibble treats. It was always so humorously cute to see those expecting eyes peering in, his little head tilting to let us know he was there and ready to be served. I'm really going to miss Dexter, he was the most amazing street survivor." Says Brad.

Matthew Colman posted a photo [courtesy of Mike] on Facebook; "Rest in peace Dexter, you were a cat, but you were also my dawg."

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CATS OF CTOWN: EBHEY & MERLE

By Chelsea and Melissa

This month we caught up with newish Berean residents Grace and Dylan to learn more about their indoor-only babies, Merle & Ebey.

I was definitely called Ebey “eBay” in my head before I heard you say it out loud. Tell me more about their names.

Right before we moved to Atlanta, when Grace was living in LA, I drove out there and we went out to King's Canyon National Park. It was July in SoCal and my car's AC had given out on the drive from Dallas, so it was pretty unpleasant. Our drive went straight through Bakersfield, and there's this section where every cross street we hit was named after a country music star with a Bakersfield connection. While we were waiting at the stoplight at Merle Haggard Drive, we both at the same time said Merle would be a great cat name.

Ebey (pronounced like E.B.) is named after Ebey's Landing, a state park on Whidbey Island, Washington, which is where we met. People have a hard time with her name for some reason. During one of her first vet visits, the receptionist told Grace that it was "a really interesting way to spell eBay."



Ebey

See it's not just me! How did you two end up with them?

Ebey & Merle are both from the same litter. We'd told a friend of a friend who was working for *LifeLine* that we were looking for a bonded pair, and she tipped us off to a very fresh litter. We went over to the foster's house probably four or five times to see the whole gang and just fell in love with Ebey & Merle pretty quickly. Grace definitely gravitated towards Ebey first, and I gravitated towards Merle. They weren't absolutely inseparable or anything, but they played and napped together a lot. It seemed like they took good care of each other, which is what was important to us. Grace almost didn't want Merle because she thought he was "too pretty" and "knew it," but he's got some deep ennui that really balances it out.

Did you know that a litter of cats can have multiple fathers? Maybe that's why they look so different! Do they ever go outside?

We give them some supervised real outdoor time every once in a while, but it gets overwhelming pretty quickly for them.

They do love a protected outdoor space, and if we're home they'll probably spend 60% of their day out on our balcony. If you walk past our place on Berean, you'll probably see Merle sitting up on the railing and Ebey sitting in a chair.



Merle

Do you know anything about their past?

They were born around St. Patrick's Day. When they were still being fostered, their whole litter had Irish names. Ebey was Niamh and Merle was Kieran. Neither of us can remember what 'hood they were found in, but we both vaguely remember it being on the east side of town. So many of the neighborhood cats think Dexter looks like Ebey. They have that same exact shade of black that turns into a chocolate brown in the right light. We like to pretend that maybe they were born here in Cabbagetown, but we don't know for sure.

You really never know! We have learned so much about all the Cabbagetown cat colonies from doing this column. How have long have they/you been in Cabbagetown?

We lived in a house just on the other side of Pearl St for about 11 months starting in July of 2022, and we moved into Ctown proper this May. Ebey & Merle aren't really part of the Ctown Cat Community, but they're known entities for sure. Pearl used to come around to stare at them (especially Merle, who we're pretty sure had a one-sided crush on her) through the porch screen when we lived in Rtown, and the cats that live around the Gaskill/Berean intersection will come by to look at them pretty regularly.

Anything else you'd like to tell us about them?

Ebey's favorite toys are those neon green foam earplugs. She goes crazy for them. She'll actually play fetch with them! Merle loves anything knit. He'll walk around growling with a winter cap in his mouth, and he gets pretty upset if you try to take it away. Grace made this little knit koozie a couple years ago, and he plays with it so much that it's basically felted by this point. When he gets really worked up, he'll throw it four feet in the air and jump and catch it. He kind of plays fetch with himself, which is very Merle.



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT OAKLAND!

By Madelyn Livingston

As the end of the year approaches, Oakland Cemetery is excited to bring back two iconic scavenger hunts: the Harvest Hunt and the Holiday Hunt. The Harvest Hunt runs from November 1st-30th and the Holiday Hunt runs from December 1st-31st. Both scavenger hunts are great for groups and are the perfect seasonal activity to complete with family or friends visiting for the holidays.

Back again this year is Oakland's Wreath Sale. From November 6th to December 9th, order your fresh and fragrant Fraser fir wreaths and greenery to decorate your home this holiday season. Orders can be placed online and picked up as early as the week before Thanksgiving.

On December 2nd and 3rd, Oakland will host its new Holiday Spirit event, a free and festive day of wintery activities including a holiday market, an "Eternal Tour of Homes" with mausolea decorated for the season, and much more. Learn more about all these events at oaklandcemetery.com/events or oaklandcemetery.com/calendar.

November's tour schedule at Oakland is stacked with unique opportunities to learn about and experience one of Atlanta's most historic sites. The new tour series, "Nightfall Chronicles" allows attendees to experience the mystery and enchantment of Oakland as the sun sets while enjoying a complimentary beverage and listening to tales of the cemetery and some of its most fascinating residents.

And speaking of beverages, coming up on November 16th is Nightfall Chronicles: Malts and Vaults, a tour of Atlanta's brewing history which also features a complimentary adult beverage. Other upcoming tours include Black Magnolias on November 19th, Fear and Accusation: the Leo Frank Story on November 25th, and History, Mystery, and Mayhem on November 26th. To get your tour tickets, visit oaklandcemetery.com/tours.

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A.I. CABBAGETOWN

By Chat GPT and Open AI

You are about to read the **FIRST (and probably last) A.I. generated story in The Cabbagetown Neighbor. We asked Chat GPT to write a factual story about our 'hood.** Here's what it spit out...

Nestled in the heart of Atlanta, Cabbagetown is a neighborhood steeped in history, characterized by its unique name and a vibrant community. Ctown's history is rooted in the late 19th century, when it was home to mill workers from the nearby **Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill**. The 'hood's name, however unusual, is a nod to its history. Legend has it that impoverished workers would grow cabbages in their front yards to sustain themselves, giving the neighborhood its moniker and smell. Today, the remnants of the mill have been transformed into loft homes, and art studios, providing a unique blend of history and modernity.

The 'hood's architecture is a testament to its industrial past, with rows of colorful mill houses lining the narrow streets. These shotgun-style homes, characterized by their simplicity and narrow layout, have been lovingly restored by residents, giving Ctown its distinct charm. Walking through the streets, you'll find a mosaic of vibrant colors and unique artistic touches, showcasing the creativity and character of the community.

Art is at the heart of Cabbagetown, and its residents take great pride in their creative endeavors. The Krog Street Tunnel, adorned with ever-changing street art, is a testament to the neighborhood's artistic spirit. The tunnel has become a symbol of Cabbagetown's commitment to self-expression and individuality.

Cabbagetown is also home to the annual Chomp & Stomp, a chili cook-off and bluegrass festival that draws thousands of visitors from around the nation. This beloved event embodies the neighborhood's tight-knit sense of community, where neighbors come together to celebrate their love of good food, music, and, most importantly, each other.

The people of Ctown are as diverse as the neighborhood's history and architecture. In this eclectic melting pot, you'll find artists, musicians, young families, professionals, and lifelong residents who have seen the 'hood evolve over the years.

One of Ctown's most famous residents is the street cat known as "Dexter." This beloved feline wandered into the neighborhood and became a cherished member of the community. His story, as well as the community's dedication to caring for him, is a testament to the compassion and warmth that define Cabbagetown.

Ctown is not just a 'hood; it's a tight-knit family who value community, creativity, and authenticity. Neighbors regularly gather for potlucks, participate in clean-up events, and support local businesses. The Carroll Street Cafe, a neighborhood institution, is a popular spot for residents to come together over coffee or a meal.

The people who call this harmonious neighborhood home are dedicated to preserving its unique character and creating a welcoming, inclusive space for all. As you stroll through the colorful streets, you can't help but feel the sense of unity that defines Cabbagetown, making it not just a place to live but a place to belong.

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STORYTELLING

by John Dirga

SUGAR & SPICE; Lily Dabbs (1:30p Amphitheatre) and **Jessie Almand** (Eddie & Jessie, 4p Peachy Park)



Lily Dabbs



Jessie Almand



Ladies love Eddie. You can too: eddiekesler.com

Eddie Kesler is on a journey, and it's quite the tall tale. Would you believe it? From an epic dad-daughter roadtrip (7,000 miles, 20 states), to far flung photo shoots, to the fantastic journey of his mythical $\frac{3}{4}$ **Time Band** (who charted before they existed), he's collecting wild adventures any which way he can: straightforward, upsidedown, backwards, and full-speed ahead. As Senior Creative Director, he's a beast at the editor's desk, adept at telling stories in both film and video. On mandolin & guitar, he'll sing you a song or two about what he's seen.

Through it all, this author and multi-instrumentalist claims he's always made it back to Cabbagetown each November to hop on stage at every. single. Chomp! Whoa, really? Gonna have to let the fact-checkers get to the bottom of that bold statement; we've been at this for 20 years and frankly some of it was a blur. One thing's for sure: You can count on Eddie. Just ask his bandmates!

Today, you'll find him subtly supporting the delightful **Lily Dabbs** early afternoon in the Brookshire Amphitheatre (1:30p) as she performs original songs from her debut album **Back Around**, and then up front in the new songwriting duo, **Eddie & Jessie**, performing in Esther Peachy Park Pavilion (4p) on Wylie Street at Powell. **All agree: He's an amazing musician, intrepid traveler, and wonderful human. We're lucky to know him.**

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Chomp has hosted more than 150 bands over 20 years.

193k

Chili spoons used over 20 years.

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42k

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1943

We've consumed this many kegs of beer.

700

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WANNA BUY A HOUSE?

Unless You Make \$107,731, Fuhgeddaboutit!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Waaaay back in 1985, you could rent a house in Cabbagetown for \$100 or less (That's \$278 in 2023 dollars) per month. In 1990, you could easily buy a house here for less than \$25,000 (\$66,000 in 2023 dollars). Today, finding a home under \$300,000 is almost impossible and some rents are pushing \$4,000 a month.

And if that wasn't disheartening enough, mortgage rates today are hovering around 8% (if you have good credit) and home prices are near record levels. Put all that together, and according to Redfin, you now need an annual income of \$107,731 to afford a median priced home in Atlanta.

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\$107,731

ANNUAL INCOME REQUIRED TO AFFORD MEDIAN-PRICED HOME

19.4%

YOY CHANGE, SALARY REQUIRED TO AFFORD MEDIAN-PRICED HOME

\$2,693

MEDIAN MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENT

\$395,000

MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Feel like drowning your sorrows in a vat of tequila at Agave? Well, here's a little perspective to make you feel better. Back when your mom and dad were trying to buy a home in 1981, the mortgage rate was a whopping 18.63%, and it stayed above 10% until the 1990s. If the mortgage rate were THAT high today, you'd need to make almost \$250,000 to buy a home.

Want to feel even better? Look at it this way, IF home prices continue their current trajectory, the median home sale price in Atlanta in 2034 will be \$593,500. Sounds daunting right? But if you are able to buy in the next couple years, that same rise in home prices will mean a massive increase in your personal wealth. AND most reputable sources believe mortgage rates will be back around 3.5% by 2027, so theoretically, relief is on the way.

Still not feeling so great? Fair enough. Ok, consider this. At least we all aren't living in San Francisco. Why, you ask? Good question. In San Fran, you need to make over \$400,000 to buy a home that is 23% more expensive today than it was a year ago. Your monthly mortgage in San Fran would be over \$10,000 a month, because the median home sale price is \$1,482,500. Feel better now?

When is the best time to plant a tree? Twenty years ago.

When is the second best time? Today.



Three Ghoulish Cabbage-Brides. Crawl-O-Ween 2023.



Ed and Gerie on Carroll Street at Crawl-O-Ween 2023.

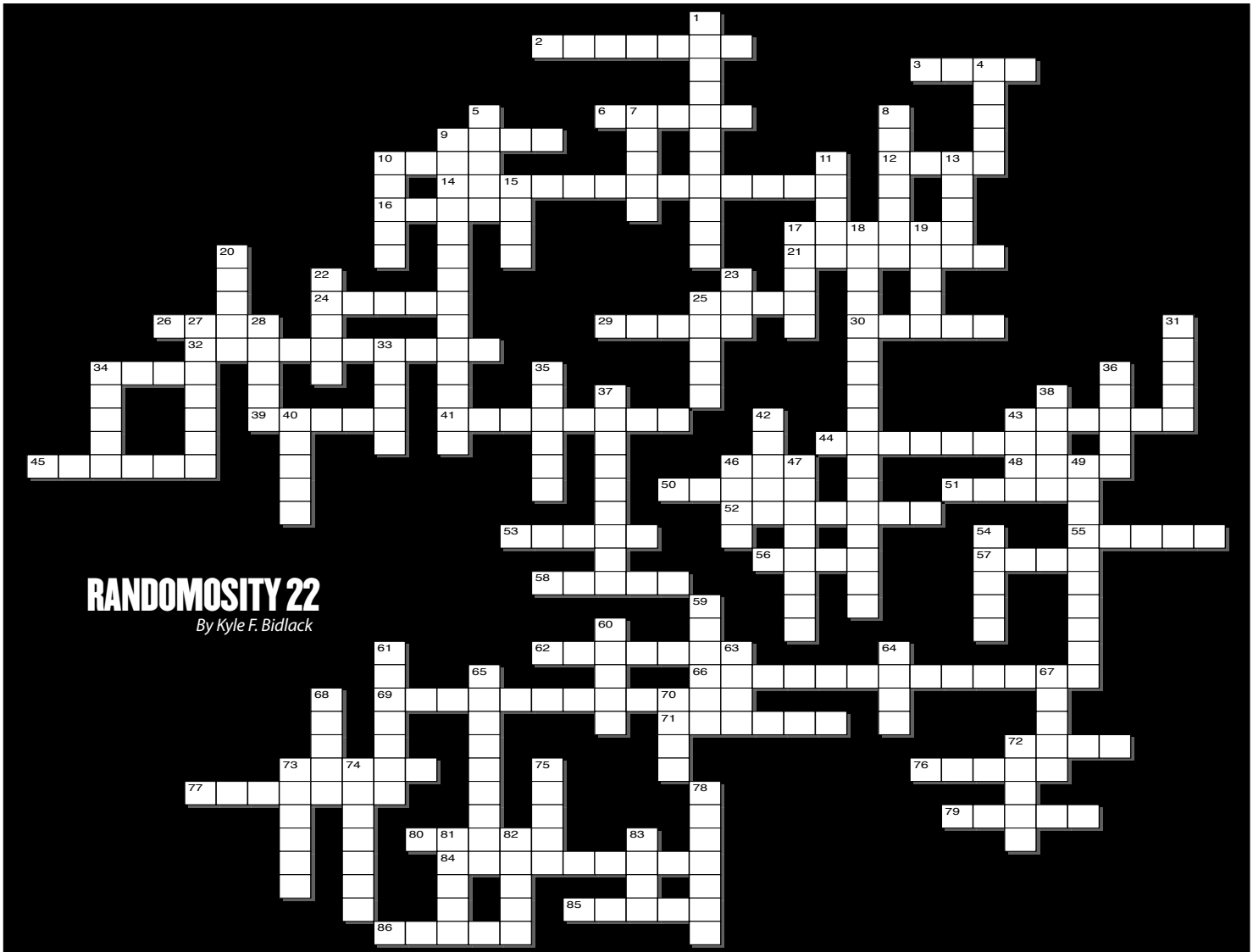
CTOWN CRAWL-O-WEEN 2023

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Crawl-O-Ween seems to get better and bigger every year. The 2023 edition of our annual event saw upwards of 173 (mostly-living human) participants, crawling from *Agave* to *Carroll Street Café* to *Little's* to *JenChan's* to *Milltown Tavern*. Along the way, they were treated to tasty and potent specials, AND an extra special Pho-TO-Ween photo spot in *Little's Shade Tree Park*. Our neighbor – *Tad Porter* – creatively creates all kinds of stuff. He REALLY outdid himself with a perfect GIANT jack-o-lantern. At Milltown, *DJ Soules* spun the tunes (with an assist from *Rev Dave DeChant*) while *Clay, Cooper,* and *Jason* kept the crowd fueled.

Six prizes were awarded during the Costume Contest that was made possible by *97 Estoria, Kupcakerie, Agave, Little's, Carroll Street Café, Reynolds, JenChan's, Sweet Cheats, Future Perfect,* and *Petit Chou*. Sadly, this reporter got too whizzed up and he can't remember all the contest winners. Word on the street is they were all pretty darn good. Special Shout-out to "The Magnificent Seven" who made it all happen: *Karen, Dian, Anne, Susan, Karin, Amanda,* and *Barb*. Double-Special Shout-Out to *Herbie* at *Agave,* and *Alejandra* at *Carroll Street Café*... thanks to them, many of us woke up on Sunday morning with the greatest hang-overs of all time.





RANDOMOSITY 22

By Kyle F. Bidlack

ACROSS

- 2) Helsinki's country.
- 3) Part of a foot.
- 6) What connects these four – FINANCE, SNOW, RIVERS?
- 9) Gunk.
- 10) Cranky crustacean.
- 12) Singer Fitzgerald.
- 14) The "mayo" of the South.
- 16) "Whole ___ Love" (Led Zeppelin song).
- 17) Cause of early hair graying.
- 21) What "X" might mark.
- 24) Birthplace of Muhammad.
- 25) Purple root vegetable.
- 26) "Star Wars" character who asks "Judge me by my size, do you?"
- 29) Norwegian coastal feature.
- 30) Place to exchange rings.
- 32) An alley or old Atlanta night club.
- 34) Something with a set-up and punchline.
- 39) Shakespearean protagonist ... or a European capital plus a letter.
- 41) Shredded cabbage dish.
- 43) Church district ... or a European capital plus a letter.

- 44) Unlucky thing to cross your path, it's said.
- 45) Popular instrument on Chomp stages.
- 46) 500+ pound resident of the Rockies.
- 48) Offering at Milltown Tavern.
- 50) Joster's weapon.
- 51) Disco singer ___ Summer.
- 52) Copenhagen's country.
- 53) Only known predators of great white sharks.
- 55) What connects these four: NIGHTLIFE, CARDS, GOLF, EXTRACURRICULARS?
- 56) Carmaker with a four-ring logo.
- 57) Before "nice," it's a verb – after "nice," it's a noun.
- 58) Cocktail made with vodka and cranberry juice.
- 62) Music that's illegally copied and sold.
- 66) Nickname for a rich, kindly benefactor.
- 69) At Chomp, you eat your chili with this.
- 71) Stockholm's country.
- 72) Slowly but surely, it grows on you.
- 73) Missouri's ___ Mountains.

DOWN

- 1) Nickname for a dumb, ignorant person.
- 4) Country whose name is a facial feature + A.
- 5) Moon's path.
- 7) Metallic mixture.
- 8) Brings up from the depths.
- 9) Nickname for a patriotic, heroic person in the USA.
- 10) Popular instrument on Chomp stages.
- 11) Most babies (hello Ella & Arden) get them around six to twelve months.
- 13) Rodeo rope.
- 15) Willie with 660 career home runs.
- 17) Palindromic college course.
- 18) Chilling time.
- 19) Break up.
- 20) Cheese that's not "badda"?
- 22) Horse-and-buggy riders in

- the Pennsylvania countryside.
- 23) Most Cabbageheads make it every morning.
- 25) Opposite of loaded.
- 27) Liberal arts college in Ohio... or a European capital plus a letter.
- 28) Thespian.
- 31) A musician's might be perfect.
- 33) Overly long sentence.
- 34) Jiggly dessert that was once served at Ellis Island as a "Welcome to America" gift.
- 35) How many years has Chomp & Stomp been around?
- 36) Most popular food on November fourth.
- 37) Combines old-time mountain music, square dance fiddling, blues, gospel, jazz, and popular music.
- 38) Word before "America" & after "Pig".
- 40) Counterpart of a renter.
- 42) Travis ___, NFL star in a high-profile relationship with Taylor Swift.
- 43) Game piece that's a synonym for "puppet".
- 46) What connects these four – LOOSE, SPLIT, DEAD, BOOK?
- 47) Bluegrass music is most popular in this state.

- 49) Nickname for an overly swanky person.
- 54) Winners of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.
- 59) Wall Street average.
- 60) Item for a painter or pet groomer.
- 61) Temporary vehicles given by auto repair shops.
- 63) Person from Denmark.
- 64) Something thrown at the wall at Milltown Tavern.
- 65) Person from Norway.
- 67) Supreme Court justice Elena.
- 68) "I'm blown away!"
- 70) Capital of Norway.
- 72) Reddish-brown skin dye.
- 73) Like the logos of Nickelodeon, Dunkin' and Home Depot.
- 74) Liberal arts college whose name anagrams to 77-Across and 78-Down.
- 75) Non-Ken doll in "Barbie".
- 78) Pet that might have a wheel.
- 81) Popular instrument on Chomp stages.
- 82) Many ___ (a long time).
- 83) Jack Ryan, for Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck.

BOCCALUPO EARNS MENTION IN MICHELIN GUIDE



The culinary team at Boccalupo.

By Kyle F. Bidlack

In late October, Rumours were flying fast and furious that *The Michelin Guide* was in and around Cabbagetown. What's The Michelin Guide? Good question. Michelin is a highly regarded French company founded in 1900. The guide they publish awards up to three Michelin stars for excellence to a select few establishments. The acquisition or loss of a star or stars can have dramatic effects on the success of a restaurant. A mere mention in the Micheline Guide is an extremely notably accomplishment.

Here is what Michelin has to say about our friends at Boccalupo. "What's not to love about a place that doesn't take itself too seriously yet cares deeply about their food? Chef/owner Bruce Logue is at the helm of this cute and casual spot where smart cooking and modern takes on Italian-American classics lure a steady stream of regulars."

"It's comfort food at its best (think Southern fried chicken parm with pasta and creamy collards). Order a la carte or tuck in to a four-course tasting menu, with pasta tagging along on the savory courses. Fresh, local produce stars in many of the dishes like garganelli pasta with seared scallops and sugar snap peas in a tomato water sauce. Quirky cocktails, such as "What are you, the police?" are conversation starters (it's a gin-based milk punch clarified with Greek yogurt)."

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
MARINA SAYS "GATHER YOUR RECIPES
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SUMMERHILL

19 ▼
 HOMES FOR SALE
 20 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
 96 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$664,000 ▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 ▶ \$344 ▼
 AVG PRICE SQFT

GRANT PARK

35 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 46 ▲
 HOMES PENDING
 76 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$567,000 ▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 ▶ \$314 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

INMAN PARK

10 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 07 ▲
 HOMES PENDING
 36 ▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$707,000 ▼
 AVG HOME PRICE
 ▶ \$480 ▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

KIRKWOOD

34 ▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 22 ▼
 HOMES PENDING
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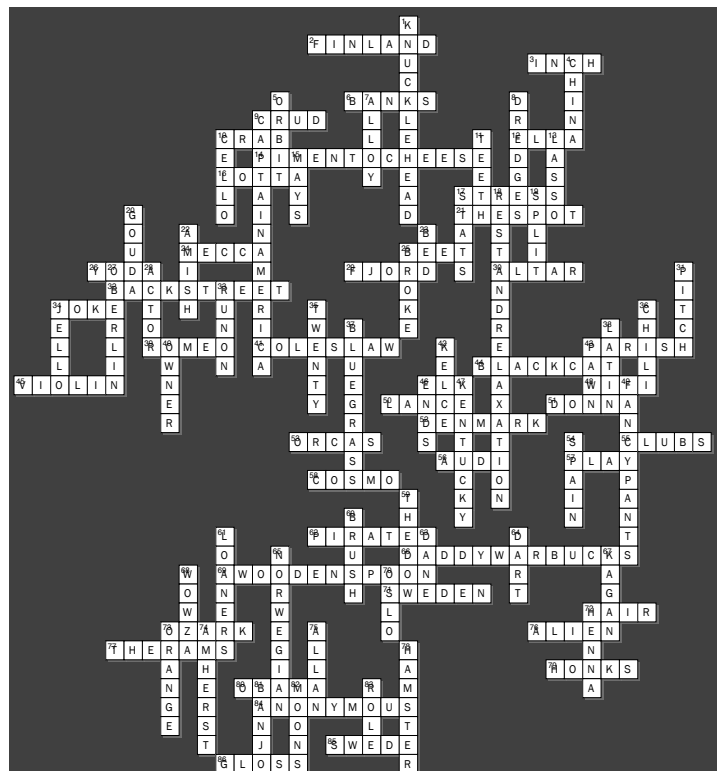
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CABBAGETOWN

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 HOMES FOR SALE
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The solution to this month's "Randomosity 22" crossword puzzle.



WHO IS THAT?!!!

CAN YOU IDENTIFY ALL THESE CABBAGEHEADS?

Maybe we're making this too hard. Cabbagetown is full of characters, right? We all see (and recognize) each other almost every week. But can you identify these current, former, and honorary Cabbageheads based on photos from years gone by? To submit your guesses (in order), email them to The Cabbagetown Neighbor at: newsletter@cabbagetown.com

The first person to submit all correct answers in proper order will win one beverage of their choice at Milltown Tavern, courtesy of The Cabbagetown Neighbor. Once again, no one was able to identify all nine Cabbageheads from last month's edition. Here is the solution: 1. Cyndi Carpentieri 2. Barry Hestermann 3. Brian Halloran 4. Karyn Correll 5. Lilliana Bakhtiari 6. Sam "Dubie" Cook 7. Steve Seachrist 8. Tory Soesbe 9. Whitney Reed Bolster.

