



*"Heard a singer on the radio, Late last night, Says he's gonna kick the darkness, Till it bleeds daylight." - Paul David Hewson*

## Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

### Agenda

6:45 to 7p: Networking & Snacks

### 7p: Meeting

#### 1. Welcome & Announcements

- Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison
- Atlanta Police Department

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Christina Bonaccorse
- Kelbi McCumber

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Julie Stephens

#### 4. Committee and Other Reports

##### Historic Preservation/Land Use

- Matt Wise

##### Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch

- Mitchel Watkins & Laura Belinger

##### CI Connect

- Lynne Splinter & Barbara Harper

##### NPU

- Ed Lindahl

##### Hospitality Committee

- Karen Russian

#### 5. New Business

- Parking Think Tank

#### 6. Public Input

The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street. If you have an item to add to the agenda, please email [cniaboard@gmail.com](mailto:cniaboard@gmail.com).

# Journey to Cuba



*Cuban painter. Photo by Michael "Mikey" Benford. March 2015*

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Cabbageheads travel the world over. We are CDC workers in Africa, troubadours in Europe and photographers in Cuba.

Last month, Mikey Benford traveled to Cuba and took some stunning photos. Said Mikey "As I walked through the streets of Havana for the first time I didn't know where to begin. I wanted to photograph everything. Beautiful hand

*lettered typography, distressed textures, decaying architecture, classic American cars, bright and vivid colors everywhere... when I started looking through the photos I took it was clear that it was the people that inspired me the most."*

Job well done Mikey! To see more of Mikey's photos, visit: [michaelbenford.exposure.co](http://michaelbenford.exposure.co)

## 16 YEARS AGO...

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999, The Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill Bldg No.1 was ablaze and tower crane operator Ivers Sims was trapped in the crane above the blaze. Atlanta Firefighter Matt Moseley attached himself to a lifeline connected to a helicopter and rescued Mr. Sims from his 220ft high perch.

**CNIA  
Budget  
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# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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# Boosting Your Home security

By Duncan Cottrell, *The Entry Enforcer*

This month we'll share some tips for boosting home security, as well as detailed information about the best way to prevent door kick-ins, courtesy of Duncan Cottrell, *The Entry Enforcer*, 404.289.6960.

Kicking in doors is the main way burglars get into a house. The force typically shatters the wood of the door jamb, although sometimes the door itself breaks (especially if it's a fiberglass door), and less often the hinge side is kicked in.

## **There are three ways to prevent this:**

1: Reinforce the door jamb, hinges, and door lock area with steel hardware. This is the least obtrusive way and is my specialty.

2: Install a security storm door (Larson & Anderson both make one of these special doors). This serves two purposes, though it's more expensive. As a handyman, I can do this.

3: Install a wrought iron "burglar bar door." I have installed several of these for clients, particularly on back doors where looks aren't as important. A double burglar bar door is available for double/French doors.

Although double doors are more difficult to secure, I reinforce them effectively by stabilizing the stationary door with force-resisting hardware top & bottom and installing a "jamb shield" on its edge to prevent wood breakage at the deadbolt & knob.

The reinforcement hardware are visible on my website: [entryenforcer.com](http://entryenforcer.com). I'm happy to offer a 10% discount if multiple doors are reinforced on the same day.

If folks also need other home repair or home improvement work, I'm a full service handyman, licensed and insured. Some of the other security measures I do for people include installing motion-activated floodlights, window security film on glass doors & windows, and installing bars on windows.

Please let me know what I can do to help you and your neighbors. Duncan Cottrell, *The Entry Enforcer*, 404.289.6960.

# Homicide Arrest

By Elizabeth Espy

The Atlanta Police Fugitive unit along with members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Mr. Demarius Thompson (B/M, DOB 12/26/85) in the murder of Mr. Joshua Richey. Mr. Richey was shot and killed in the Kroger Grocery Store parking lot at 725 Ponce de Leon on March 10<sup>th</sup> after he attempted to stop the theft of his vehicle. Mr. Thompson was taken into custody without incident. He was charged with homicide and transported to the Fulton County Jail. The suspect has a lengthy criminal history.

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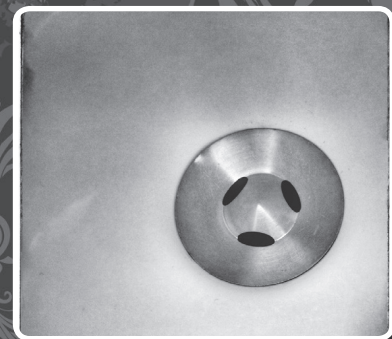
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# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center).  
Minutes Recorded by Christina Bonaccorse.

## **Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison**

- Barb mentioned the water meters again. Discussed the possibility of a traffic study. Perhaps one-way on Carroll St? Matt Wise suggested that HP might be able assist.

- 600 Memorial Drive: A concerned citizen asked again. Valencia was told that this building is not a priority at this time.

- A citizen mentioned that rattlesnakes are present in the area.

- A citizen mentioned that dogs are using his yard to defecate. This is not illegal. Also, mentioned that he has video footage of dogs off the leash.

## **Atlanta Police Department – Lt. Floyd**

- Robbery in the area of 323 Berean - No trend as this is the first incident in a month. Evidence was gathered and the department is hopeful that someone will be apprehended. A stolen vehicle was used in the robbery.

- A citizen mentioned there have been several mentions on *Nextdoor* about auto's being entered. Is APD being notified? Lt. Floyd said that they are aware and that typically this is a crime of opportunity.

- A citizen asked about what call should go to 911. Lt. Floyd said to call 911 and they will transfer your call if it's a non-emergency call.

- A citizen mentioned that he thought there is a place to report crime online however Lt. Floyd is not aware of this.

- Mitch asked if perhaps neighborhood patrols are under-reporting?

## **Minutes of Last Meeting – approved**

**Treasurer's Report** – Was not able to hear the Treasurer's Report

## **Committee and Other Reports**

**- Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch – Mitchel Watkins**

- Matching funds for March Madness. Milltown is hosting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **CI Connect – Lynne Splinter & Barbara Keeney**

- Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. Budget overview is in the newspaper this month. Chomp 2014 was not as successful as previous last year so the year started with a negative balance. Barb mentioned the fundraiser of the Kitchens of Cabbagetown cookbook for CI. The goal is 200 recipes and CI is still short by 100. Chomp and Stomp 2015 is already in planning mode. Seed money is limited. A discussion was had at the recent CI meeting to have someone come in to help facilitate Chomp. Money has been committed from CI to have mulch put down in the Cabbagetown Park. A citizen asked if there were a consultant hired and would they be paid? Barb answered yes, it would be \$600 per month for the next 6 months and 20% of profit of Chomp.

## **Hospitality Committee - Karen Russian**

- New Neighbor Welcome Party at 7p on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> with twenty new neighbors currently on the new neighbor list.

## **NPU - Ed Lindahl**

Intent to amend the NPU bylaws. Little 5 Points to change their name. Renew Atlanta referendum week from tomorrow. No list yet but will have a ref. to vote on for \$250 million. Discussion about voting center. A citizen mentioned timing the lights downtown

## **Historic Preservation/Land Use – Matt Wise**

**Memorial Drive Improvement** – In attendance to give info. More approval in the future. Andrew Rutledge originally designed the project. Set dormant for past 5 years. Looking to build townhomes on property frontage. 1 parking space is required per unit. The developer will do 1 parking space per bedroom. 27 residential units and 5 townhomes on Estoria. Matt mentioned variances. Parking is the biggest issue. The developer moved the parking to the top of the building. Currently the building is within height variance with the exception of the elevator core. A citizen asked about reapplication for variance and mentioned that there are different requirements for parking for residential and commercial. Permits need to be taken out for parking count for the necessary requirements. All business parking would be on-street parking. A citizen asked about the dumpster and where the delivery access is. Andrew said the dumpster is not in the correct space on the drawing, it will be in the middle of the property. The retail is going to start in July. The developer is hoping to start delivering units in June of 2016. Permitting not until November of 2015. Looking to have price point at \$200 per sq. foot. A citizen asked if the developer has a vision for all of Memorial Drive. A citizen asked if there would be a liaison on-call for the property for Cabbagetown residents. Andrew said that Charlie will be the point of contact.

**261 Iswald** - Has undergone UDC review and will recommend approval. Only concern is window placement. Current structure is 830 sq. feet. A motion to approve the project. All approved!

Forwarded a letter from CI about the GDOT about the improvements on Memorial from **Augustine's** to Chastain. Sidewalks, striping, etc. Matt let us know that it's in the future but no timetable.

The owner of 265 Iswald has submitted plans to HP.

## **New Business**

**Dog Park Committee:** No vote tonight as it's going to be explored as a non-profit. A citizen asked if it would have to be presented to HP or UDC. Matt Wise said yes, it will have to come through HP & CNIA eventually. A citizen asked if it would matter if the park were at The Stacks. Matt said yes. Lisa Meyers invites everyone to join the dog park page. Someone asked about the hole at Blvd. and Carroll Street. Matt said it was not addressed, and advised to contact Valencia.

March is CNIA membership renewal month. One vote per person no matter how you qualify as a resident or per business vote.

Nominations and vote for new boards members. Open position – President – Katherine Dirga: Resident for 9 years. She has run Chomp for many years. A motion was made. Unanimous vote to approve Katherine Dirga as President.

## **Public Input – NA**

I apologize in advance as it was hard to hear what folks were saying due to the AC unit.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.**



# I Scream. You Scream.

By Bill Phillips, Cabbagehead from The Stacks



**BILL  
PHILLIPS**

*My job is a little odd.* Not because the work is odd, but because my colleagues are odd. I'll show you what I mean.

Right now, we've got a running joke on the whiteboard. Something like this is written at the top of it right now:

*Paul" -Paul" -Chris" -Susan" - Kar*

The joke is that when, say, Jeff sees this for the first time, they usually ask, "What's that for?" We reply, "Read it aloud." And Jeff replies, "Okay: Paul, Paul, Chris, Susan, Kar."

And then we add another name:

*Paul" -Paul" -Chris" -Susan" -Kar" - Jeff*

And Jeff does a "You got me!" grin while we laugh.

Anyway, I walk in the office the other day and see my colleague Jess has her name up on the board. "You guys got Jess! How'd she react?"

She did not react! Here's what happened: She came over to ask if we would try some ice cream. We all responded by ignoring her ice cream taste test request and catching her in our stupid prank.

This was bad. An amends needed to be made, so I went over to Jess, apologized, and volunteered.

This is how I ended up sitting in our break room the next day with a T-shirt tied around my head, at an event labeled "Mystery No-Scary Ice Cream Taste Testing" on my calendar. We were given little cups of ice cream to eat, and were asked what color and what flavor the ice cream was.

I don't care how you name something like this: Being blindfolded and asked to eat and identify things you put in your mouth is terrifying, even when you know ahead that they are all ice cream. Actually, no: **ESPECIALLY** when you know that they are ice cream.

See, most things I would rather have fewer choices of. Computers? Give me a Macbook. Pizza toppings? Ugh, do I have to pick each one? Puppies? Wiener dog puppies, every time. But I will happily spend ten minutes perusing the freezer at **Little's** because I believe that there is a "right" ice cream flavor there.

What a fool I was. Not only do I have no idea how to match color with flavor, I also have no idea what flavor any ice cream is. If you blindfold me and put ice cream in my mouth, I will tell you it is one of two things: chocolate mint, or vanilla.

*I guess that's my lesson for the month:* my decisions matter even less than I thought they did. Thank God things seem to work out anyway.

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# Flashback: 1984

Cal Cole recently posted a photo on Facebook. Cal was our Cabbagetown beat officer over thirty-one years ago. Said Cal, "This was back when it (Cabbagetown) was not so fancy."

"I had that beat from 1983, until I made Detective in December of 1988. It was a rough place, but there were a lot of very good people who lived there." Said Cal. The Cabbagetown Neighbor thanks Cal for sharing his memories and photo.



## 2015 Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association Budget

By Julie Stephens, Treasurer

### REVENUE

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual
Advertising Income .....	\$8,370	\$9,284	\$9,000
Christmas Crawl Income .....	\$1,149	\$2,578	\$2,000
License Plate Sales .....	\$0	\$840	\$0
Prom Income .....	\$0	\$1,145	\$500
<b>Total Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$9,519</b>	<b>\$13,847</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>

### EXPENSES

Newspaper Printing and Postage .....	(\$8,074)	(\$9,348)	(\$8,000)
Christmas Crawl Expenses .....	\$0	(\$336)	(\$336)
Hospitality Expenses .....	(\$857)	(\$903)	(\$900)
Softball Team Support .....	\$0	\$0	(\$200)
Office and Admin Expenses .....	(\$346)	(\$355)	(\$355)
Liability Insurance .....	(\$750)	(\$750)	(\$750)
Insurance Reimbursement Adjustment .....	\$0	\$750	(\$750)
Legal, Licenses, and Tax Fees .....	(\$50)	(\$750)	(\$30)
Advertising Write-Offs .....	\$0	(\$500)	(\$200)
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>(\$10,077)</b>	<b>(\$12,192)</b>	<b>(\$11,521)</b>

<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>(\$558)</b>	<b>\$1,655</b>	<b>(\$21)</b>
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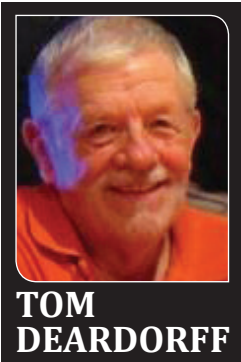
### Account Balances as of January 1, 2015

CNIA Checking .....	\$7,996
CNIA Savings .....	\$312
BTI Reserve Funds .....	\$516
Neighborhood Watch Reserve Funds .....	\$2,196
<b>CNIA New Balance (Excludes Reserved Funds) .....</b>	<b>\$5,996</b>



# Old School: *Ben Dewberry's Final Run*

By Tom Deardorff



**TOM  
DEARDORFF**

***"Ben Dewberry was a brave engineer".***

That's the first line in a song called "Ben Dewberry's final run." It was written in 1927 by Blind Andy Jenkins, a Methodist preacher.

Ben Dewberry was a locomotive engineer on the good ol' Southern Railroad. One fateful August day in 1908, Ben was at the throttle of old number 38 headed north out of Atlanta, pulling a string of passenger cars. Beside him was his fireman, Mayson Wadkins.

They were right on schedule as they rounded a slight curve just about a mile south of Buford. That's when the wheels of ol' number 38 struck something. Turned out it was a big bolt that had been intentionally placed on the track. That bolt tipped the engine and Ben and Mayson struggled to try to right her.

Both men stayed at the controls in order to keep the passenger cars on the track. And they succeeded. But they couldn't save the engine. It jumped the rails and tipped on over on its side with Ben and Mayson still in the cab.

The boiler split open and sprayed the two with scalding hot steam from head to foot. Both perished.

But they had managed to keep all the cars upright and not a single passenger was injured. Ben managed to stay alive long enough for his wife, Effie, to get to the scene and give him a goodbye kiss.

Ben was one of the most popular of all the engineers on the line. He loved kids and the kids loved him. It was not unusual for dozens of

boys and girls to line the track when Ben came thundering by just to get a wave from him. Sometimes Ben would bring along a big sack of apples and toss them out the window to the kids.

The song I referred to was recorded by several well-known artists. The first was Jimmie Rodgers in the late 1920s. Johnny Cash and Hank Snow did later versions. This was a time when "train wreck songs" were very popular, the most notable being "The Wreck of Old 97."

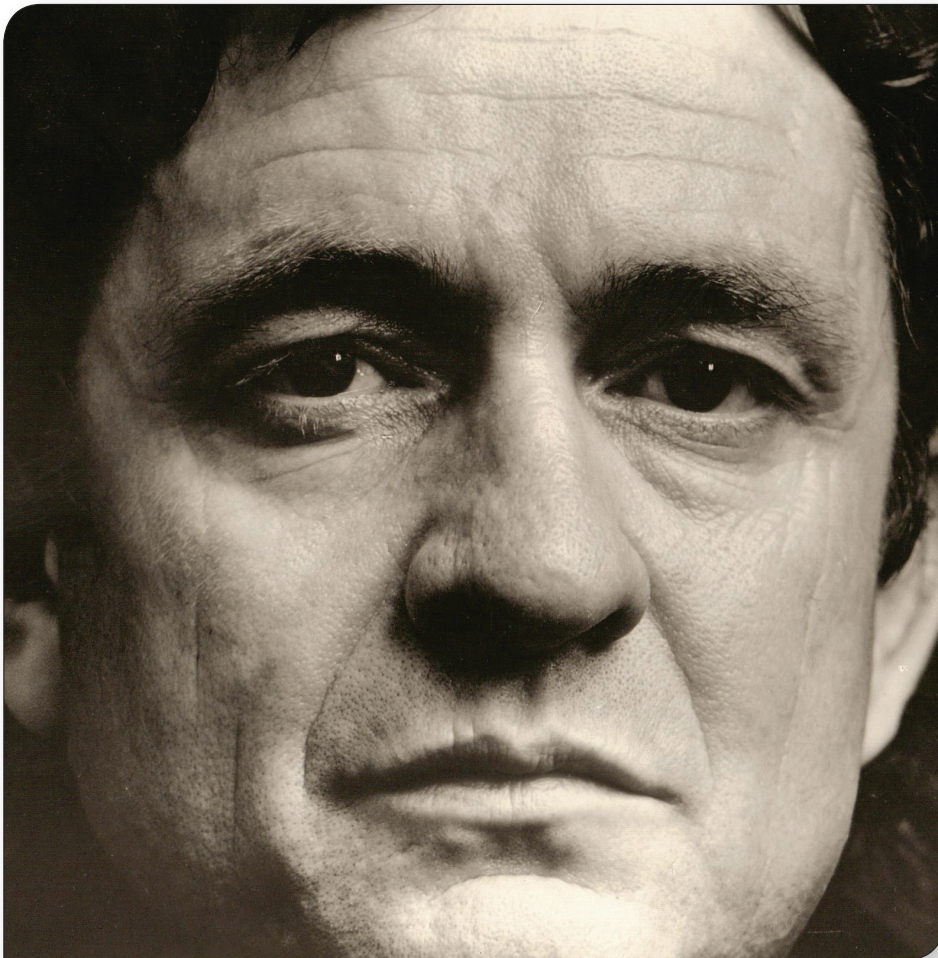
Here's the final verse of the song:

***The big locomotive leaped from the rail.***

***Ben never lived to tell that awful tale.***

***His life was ended and his work was done***

***When Ben Dewberry made his final run.***



*Johnny Cash, Hank Snow, and Jimmy Rodgers all recorded versions of "Ben Dewberry's Final Run"*

An investigation found that a 12-year-old boy named Lewis Cooksie had placed that huge bolt on the track. He said he just wanted to see what a train wreck would look like. He was released because he was so young and was never punished for his crime despite having made a full confession.

If you enter **Oakland Cemetery** at the pedestrian gate directly across the street from **Six Feet Under** Restaurant, you'll find the Dewberry plot about forty yards down on the left.

Ben rests there with his first and second wives. Interestingly, Effie, his second wife

remarried after Ben's passing, but she stipulated that when her time came, she wanted to be buried next to Ben, her "real true love."

If you'd like to hear the song by Jimmy Rodgers, you can find it on YouTube at:  
[YouTube.com/watch?v=R2VQabPMkKE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2VQabPMkKE)



# GPCP Summer Camp 2015!

By Gracie McDonald

**There's still time to enroll in GPCP Summer Camp 2015.**

Registration is now open until camps fill up! Our regular summer camp for our preschool age children will be held at the Grant Park Campus. This year, we will also be offering summer camp sessions for SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN at the Cabbagetown Campus.



The theme for this year's summer camp is Sustainable Living, as a way to continue with our focus on sustainability. At our school, we are gardening, cooking our daily lunch, recycling, composting, and learning more about our environmental resources.

This summer our camps for younger children will focus on aspects of sustainability and healthy living through familiar children's stories. The sessions will focus around children's popular books, like Jack and the Beanstalk, The Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Little Red Hen and Diary of a Worm. In addition, we will offer our popular Swim camp, Spanish and Music Camps and Sewing/Fashion Camp. New this year, are Hula Hoop Camp and the School Age Camps at Cabbagetown Campus.

We will create garden spaces, make bean teepees, start lettuce patches and herb gardens, grow Sunflowers that we will use to make birdseed, and explore the garden as a factory. We will delve into the smaller world of worms with tools of science like the microscope, magnifying glasses, and field journals. We will focus on real life lessons about the garden as an ecosystem and how gardeners cope with plant problems while we work in our garden

at the Grant Park campus and our plot in the Cabbagetown Community Garden.

As food production is one of the building blocks of sustainability, we will emphasize weeding, watering, shading, guarding and harvesting as caretaking aspects of helping plants grow to their full potential and produce our food. Common throughout all the camps will be the language of drawing, storytelling, and the use of materials that can be easily repurposed. For example, we will be sewing wearable clothing and making hula hoops. We would like to begin an exchange with our neighbors for vegetables. If you are interested please let us know!

Our educators are looking forward to welcome back some of our alumni for fun camp sessions with children ages five and up. The camps include an Upcycling Fashion Camp, Hula Hoop Yoga Camp, Farm to Table Laboratory, Deconstruction Camp and Repurposed Materials Music Camp. Comprehensive explanations of the summer camps are available on our website but here is a brief overview of the sessions so you can get as excited as we are!

For more information, please visit our website at [www.gpcp.org](http://www.gpcp.org). We can also be reached at 404.525.3578 (Cabbagetown Campus) and 404.521.0440 (Grant Park Campus).

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# Recycle. Reuse. ReStore.

By Cher Hains

Spring is in full swing, and the next few weeks are a perfect time to get outside and enjoy the season. It's also the time of year when many of us are thoroughly "spring cleaning" our homes.

Before throwing away your unwanted items, remember that the **Atlanta Habitat for Humanity ReStore** accepts household items like furniture, home accessories, lamps and appliances.

Since its opening in 2001, the Atlanta Habitat ReStore has diverted more than 7,700 tons of materials from local landfills. The donated materials are sold to the public for reuse, and net proceeds directly support Atlanta Habitat for Humanity's affordable housing mission.

Because of these household donations, Atlanta families are able to achieve their dream of owning their home. For more information, visit the ReStore website: [atlantahabitat.org/restore](http://atlantahabitat.org/restore)



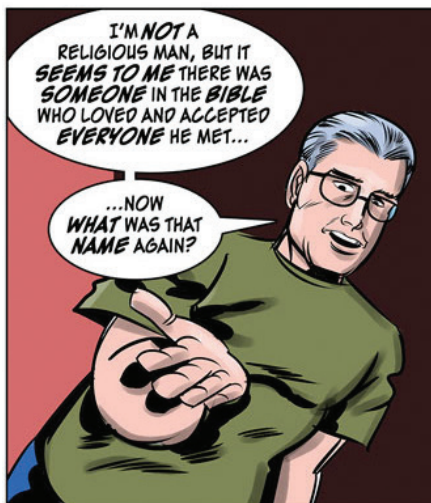
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## GRUMBLES

THIS WEEK'S TRUE EPISODE:  
RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY LAW...

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# The rear view mirror

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Cabbageheads possess the useful ability to look and plan towards the future. But it is also to our advantage to look back on the past and see just how far we've come. Here is a look back on the month of April through the years...

1985

Cabbagetown had more than fifty (50) vacant homes, many of them in disrepair and nearing condemnation.

1994

APD chased some bad guys in a van down Pickett's Alley (next to **Carroll Street Café**). The van crashed into a telephone pole on Carroll St. The two bad guys bailed out and hid in the decrepit **Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill**. An 89 year old security guard (and his trusty dog) cornered them and held them at gunpoint till APD arrived.

1995

Cabbagetown was trying to work with the UDC to improve the old gas station property at 600 Memorial Drive. Twenty years later, not much has changed on the property.

1996

Car phones were the most frequently stolen items from cars in 1996. School truancy was a big issue that year. There were 961 truancy pick-ups in Zone Six that year.

1998

**The Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts** were welcoming it's first renters. Monthly rent ranged from \$552 to \$1,300. 730 Mollie Street sold for \$37,500 (Zillow estimates it's value today at \$214,511.)

1999

Jane Fonda visited **Cabbagetown Grill** (Little's) for a bite to eat. Cabbagehead Scott Montgomery lassoed a possum after his dog "Sampson" cornered it in an old tree stump. Mr. Montgomery took the possum to the area near the **Carter Center** and released it. 159 Savannah Street sold for \$60,000. Zillow estimates it's value today at \$269,549.

2000

Bertha Wise Jr., was reproducing the "Historic Cabbagetown" signs at a cost of \$35 per sign.

2001

**Wilderness Works** was celebrating it's second anniversary. **Agave Restaurant** recieved it's first review. It was a glowing report by Gretchen Dingler and Cherish Best, though they *did* feel the prices were abit high for Cabbagetown. Neighbors were complaining about kids riding go-karts in empty lots on Powell and Tye Street.

2002

After many years of struggle, the Atlanta Board of Education finally voted to sell The Grant School Property (Cabbagetown Park) to the

City of Atlanta. Inspired by Cabbagetown's tenacity and dedication, Natalyn Archibong stepped up and got then Mayor Shirley Franklin to throw her political weight behind the project. **The Crazy Horse Saloon** (formerly Bar One) was celebrating it's 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a free buffet, karaoke competition and pool tournament

2003

800 Fulton Terrace sold for \$110,000. Zillow estimates it's value today at \$185,115. **Oakland Cemetery** was seeking \$25 million for a major restoration project.

2005

The Cabbagetown Community Center got a television AND cable tv access. We were working on getting a computer and internet access. Cabbagetown mourned the death of artist Mick O'Dowd. His house on Powell Street was referred to as "the mystical portal of Cabbagetown."

2007

Cabbagetown was celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of David Thayer. Reed LaPlant and Holly Groom were getting ready to welcome a new baby. They were hoping he/she would become an "Appalachian Rapper." They were considering the name "*Lil' Cabbage*" for their little bundle of joy. John Pinone bought a home on Savannah Street for \$1.2 million: The first million dollar home in Cabbagetown.

2008

A refrigerator and stove was stolen from a home on Powell Street. APD apprehended the bad guy and returned the property.

2010

**Milltown Tavern** played host for an art show displaying the works of Neil Carver. An ATM machine was stolen from **Savi Market** on Elizabeth Street. **Milltown Tavern** raised \$1,020 during an art show called the "Twisted Art Fest". The monies were earmarked for making **Chomp and Stomp** more environmentally concious.

2011

Loft H209 at **The Stacks** sold for \$94,000. Zillow estimates it's value today at \$172,300. **Sweat Cheats** added outdoor seating. Cabbagetown mourned the death of Jeremy Smith from The Stacks.

2013

**Little's Food Store** hosted a "Crawfish Fest" and Cabbageheads chowed down on over 100lbs of Crawfish. **The Boulevard Tunnel Initiative** organised it's first tunnel clean-up project. Ronnie Edwards was profiled in **Creative Loafing**.

2014

The Edgewood Bridge reopened after a one-year restoration project. The Stacks was the film site of a Vince Vaughn movie titled: "**Term Life**." Cabbagetown got a new street lamp at the corner of Tennelle and Carroll Street.



# President's letter: Drop us a line.

By Katherine Dirga, President, CNIA



**KATHERINE DIRGA**

## Neighbors, hello!

This is my first president's column since being elected at the March meeting of the Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA), and I'm told it's part of the job, so here goes.

I know not everyone in our community is online, so just a quick introduction (for those of you who already heard this at the CNIA meeting or on **Facebook**: close your eyes and hum to yourself for the next paragraph, this won't take a second).

I've lived in the neighborhood about nine years, and after I'd lived here about a year, I got started volunteering with planning for the **Chomp and Stomp**.



Katherine at the 2011 Chomp and Stomp in Cabbagetown Park

From there, I worked on the Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) Board for a few years, and all told I've been serving Cabbagetown in some capacity since 2008. Except I took 2013 off, and it was glorious. But I'm re-energized after some light Chomp planning last fall, and I'm ready to jump back in!

My big focus this year is going to be getting neighbors more involved in our two neighborhood organizations: CI and CNIA. It seems like most people I talk to either, a) Can't tell the difference between them and don't know what each one does; or b) Think the same people rotate around the same positions and new folks aren't welcome.

That is actually half-true, because the same people do rotate through the same positions. (See "A.") But everyone is welcome (that's right, renters—you're not off the hook either). I will know our plan was successful if in 2016 we have to hold the first ever CNIA Presidential Debates in the Conroy Amphitheater at the park, with Kyle F. Bidlack moderating.

Newcomers to our community say that they love how it feels like people actually know each other and take care of each other here, whether that's being part of a cleanup day, hanging up a sheet and showing a movie for whoever shows up, or jumping up from a table to direct traffic during one of our world-famous Carroll Street Standoffs. I believe this attitude of belonging is the reason people continue to want to move in. That and the **Little** burgers.

**So what is it about Cabbagetown that gets you excited or gets your goat?** Is it the Memorial Drive development? The street parking? The Chomp and Stomp? The parks? Think we ought to build a rollercoaster at the end of Mollie Street?

Whatever it is, trust me, your friends are tired of hearing you rant about it, but we're not! To that end, we've created an email account so our neighbors will have direct access to the CNIA Executive Committee: [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com)

## So drop us a line.

We'll get back to you within 24 hours about your question, complaint, or magnificent scheme for world domination. Alright, see you around and let's get to it!

## Spring Cleaning?

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# Plant a Row

By Angie Clawson

**Spring is a time of renewal and new life.** What better way to chase the chills of winter away than to bring warmth and enrichment to the lives of others?

If you are a gardener, you can help get healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables to those struggling with hunger. Lend a helping hand and a green thumb to the **Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB)** as it kicks off this year's **"Plant a Row for the Hungry"** campaign.

To participate in Plant a Row, simply plant an extra row in your garden for donations, or just bag up any of your extra harvest. It's easy to locate a designated drop-off site at: [acfb.org](http://acfb.org)

Plant a Row for the Hungry was launched in 1995 as a national, public service campaign of the Garden Writers Association (GWA) and the GWA Foundation. ACFB executed the first local campaign in 1996, yielding nearly 160 pounds of fresh-from-the-garden foods to benefit local hunger-relief organizations.

Since that first year, approximately 613,084 pounds of produce have been donated locally through Plant a Row. We would like to make this year our biggest year yet. We only grow if you GROW!

To learn more about participating in Plant a Row, visit: [acfb.org](http://acfb.org) or call 404.892.FEED (3333) x1216.

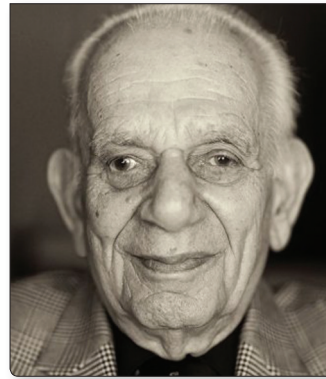
# A Role Model

By Dexter Chambers

**He doesn't call himself a hero.** He calls himself a humble messenger in today's society.

His message is just as relevant today as it was more than 80 years ago. Henry Friedman, a survivor of the Holocaust during World War II, was honored on March 16<sup>th</sup> by City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond at Atlanta City Hall.

Mr. Friedman said he believes he survived the war for a reason. He said it is important for him to tell his story, regardless of how painful it is for him, so that the Holocaust and millions killed are not forgotten.



In 1944, when Henry Friedman was 21 year old, Nazi troops invaded his Hungarian town. Shortly after, Henry was forcibly drafted into the Hungarian Army. Before he left, his grandmother took him to an old man who wore a tallis, or prayer shawl, and blessed Friedman. He is convinced this blessing protected him throughout the war.

During World War II, Friedman with two other men were taken by Nazis to a cemetery and lined up in front of a firing squad. Friedman heard the rifles, then blacked out. When he regained consciousness, he was under the two other men. He was wounded but had survived the shot.

Friedman found a hiding place in a hospital coal room until the Soviet Army arrived. Henry surrendered to them. Two weeks later, he was marching under Russian guard on handmade crutches.

While marching, a girl informed Friedman he was headed for Siberia. Friedman left and was able to find a place to stay. Two day later, he made it home and had his legs treated immediately. Friedman soon learned that his brother, father, mother, sister, and grandmother had all died. He tried not to think about what had happened during the Holocaust and decided he needed to start a new life.

In 1947, Friedman moved to Milan and saw "Via Col Vento", or **Gone with the Wind**. He noticed many parallels between the movie and his own life. Friedman was sponsored by the Jewish Federation to come to Atlanta in 1950.

Mr. Friedman is featured in the documentary series entitled **"They Shall Be Remembered."** The title represents the survivors' promise to their families and the producers' promise to the Holocaust survivors, many of them living in metro Atlanta.

*"Mr. Friedman is a great humanitarian for sharing his story of remembrance,"* Councilmember Bond said. *"He is a role model to all that have the honor to meet him."*

Only an estimated 500,000 Holocaust survivors remain alive today.

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# Your Bucket List

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

## The BeltLine Boil

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 a-8p at O4W Skate Park**

The Beltline Boil is a neighborhood festival focused on the local community, urban accessibility & low country cooking! Join thousands of your neighbors for a day in the Old Fourth Ward Skate Park alongside the Beltline's Eastside Trail for live music, local eats and cold drinks! [beltlineboil.com](http://beltlineboil.com)

**Run Like Hell Pushing Up Daisies 5K and 1K Run Like Heck Fun Run Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 9a at Historic Oakland Cemetery**

Lace up your race shoes and get ready to sprint towards good times amidst the Spring blooms and the beautiful Grant Park area. New this year, runners can now set the pace earlier with the beloved event's new April date allowing the race to serve as a Peachtree Road Race Qualifier. [oaklandcemetery.com](http://oaklandcemetery.com)

## Grant Park Farmer's Market Opening Day

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30a - 1:30p at Grant Park**

Join us for opening day! With your favorite vendors, activities for kids of all ages, celebrity cooking demos, and more there is something for everyone at the market! We can't wait to see you there! [grantparkmarket.org](http://grantparkmarket.org)

## Atlanta Streets Alive – West End

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2p - 6p in the Historic West End**

Join the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition and thousands of Atlantans for the West End route. The 3.5 mile loop connects three neighborhoods and opens up the streets to people of all ages to walk, bike, skate, or use any human-powered means of transportation. [atlantastreetsalive.com](http://atlantastreetsalive.com)

## Inman Park Festival

**Saturday and Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> in Inman Park**

Inman Park Spring Festival takes place in one of Atlanta's oldest and most scenic neighborhoods. Now celebrating its 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the festival offers something for everybody - three stages of live music, kids' activities, a tour of homes, a marvelous street parade, an artists' market and some of the city's best people-watching! Come early, stay late, and be our guests at Atlanta's best street festival. [inmanparkfestival.org](http://inmanparkfestival.org)

## Fire in the 4<sup>th</sup> Festival

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2p - 10p – at Edgewood and Auburn Avenue**

The inaugural "Fire in the Fourth Festival" will pay homage to the Great Atlanta Fire of 1917 that devastated the Old Fourth Ward while celebrating the resurgence of the community through a one-day event for all ages featuring fire rescue competitions, showcasing departments from around Metro Atlanta, fire installations and performances, live music and more. Fire in the 4th is looking to be an annual staple for one of Atlanta's most recognized neighborhoods and is fueled by the O4W Business Association. A portion of the proceeds from Fire in the 4<sup>th</sup> will benefit the Atlanta Fire Foundation and American Red Cross. [fireinthe4th.com](http://fireinthe4th.com)

# Peter's Beer Can

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Atlanta-based *Orpheus Brewing* knows exactly where to find a top-notch artist to design a label for its new Lyric Ale: Cabbagetown. Cabbagetown artist Peter Ferrari's work can now be seen on the shelves of *Little's Food Store*. "Part of what we love about beer is the stories that happen around it, and their art really heightens that experience." Said Jason Pellett of Orpheus Brewing.



All of Cabbagetown congratulates Peter for his fine work. And all Cabbageheads can enjoy Peter's beer can and a new line-up of Spring beers and fine Spring wines on the shelves of *Little's*.

**Got a question,  
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# Light from the cracks of darkness

By Kyle F. Bidlack

The Cabbagetown Neighbor tends to illuminate the brilliance and goodness of Cabbagetown. We have moments when we'd like a "do-over", but by-and-large, we are a good lot. It wasn't too different for the Cabbagetown of the 1940s and 50s.

Back then we had the Ku Klux Klan living among us, and thugs masquerading as cops for the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill. We had abandoned orphans, moon-shiners, jackleg bootleggers, prostitutes, and child-labor exploitation.

But even in our bleakest moments, even amidst our darkest actions, rays of light emerged from the cracks.

Recently, *Atlanta Magazine* (who's deputy editor is Cabbagetown's own Rebecca Burns) republished a story it ran back in 1998. It is a riveting tale of a young orphan boy named Gene-Gabriel Moore. Mr. Moore grew up in Cabbagetown and he details in vivid account, the darkness (and the light) of our Cabbagetown history of decades past.

We highly recommend you pour yourself a glass of sweet tea and dedicate ten minutes or so towards reading this engrossing piece: You'll be happy you did. Trust us. Visit: [atlantamagazine.com/from-the-archives/an-urban-mill-town](http://atlantamagazine.com/from-the-archives/an-urban-mill-town)

## The Real Estate Report

This information is provided by Chrissie Kallio using the First Multiple Listing records and data from Housing and Urban Development postings. The information is not guaranteed or warranted. Any questions regarding real estate in the

Cabbagetown area can be directed to the following resident agents: Chrissie Kallio at 404.295.2068  
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We wish you happy house hunting!



### MULTI-FAMILY

Closed	Price
243 Iswald St. 2 Units: 3 BD/2 BA	\$220,500

### HOUSES

Pending	Price
159 Savannah St. 1 BD/1 BA	\$199,900
102 Estoria St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$299,900
141 Pearl St. 4 BD/3 BA	\$599,900

### CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Asking
<b>The Stacks</b> Unit H510 2 BD/2 BA	<b>170 Blvd</b> \$299,000
Unit H427 1 BD/1 BA	\$230,000
Unit H316 1 BD/1 BA	\$229,900
<b>Milltown Lofts</b> Unit 707 1 BD/1 BA	\$165,000

### COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
582 Decatur St.	\$4,500,000
1270 Memorial	\$399,000
1270 Memorial	\$319,000
1072 Memorial	\$189,900
616 Memorial	\$340,000
Sold	Price
195 Howell Dr.	\$30,000

**PENDING**

### CONDOS & LOFTS

Contingent	Price
<b>Milltown Lofts</b> Unit 510 1 BD/1 BA	\$174,900
<b>The Stacks</b> Unit H114 1 BD/1 BA	\$210,000
Pending	Price
<b>The Stacks</b> Unit E315 2 BD/2 BA	<b>170 Blvd</b> \$459,000
Unit H525 2 BD/2 BA	\$379,000
Unit E210 2 BD/2 BA	\$299,900
Unit E310 2 BD/2 BA	\$299,000
Unit E203 2 BD/2 BA	\$290,000
Unit H127 1 BD/1 BA	\$210,000
Unit H412 1 BD/1 BA	\$210,000
<b>Milltown Lofts</b> Unit 1102 2 BD/2 BA	\$257,750
Unit 601 2 BD/1 BA	\$210,000

**SOLD**

### CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
<b>The Stacks</b> Unit E220 2 BD/2 BA	<b>170 Blvd</b> \$291,750
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**Thursday, April 29, 2015**

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This year will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Agave has participated in this wonderful charity. Project Open Hand delivers fresh meals for people with terminal illnesses.

For more info: [diningoutforoh.org/home.html](http://diningoutforoh.org/home.html)

**Congratulations to Katherine Dirga on her new position as CNIA President! Best wishes!!**

**Spring is here and our Chefs are working hard experimenting with some exciting new menu items! Follow us on Facebook or Twitter for updates!**

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