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"In a neighborhood, as in life, a clean bandage is much, much better than a raw or festering wound. ~ Ed Koch

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

Agenda

6:45p: Networking and Snacks

7:00p: Meeting

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 - f. *GEM* – Tova Baruch/Rachel Peric
 - g. *Parking/Traffic Committee* – Katherine Dirga
11. *Community Input* – New Business
12. *Adjourn*

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

Thanks Butch!

The Cabbagetown Neighbor would like to thank Butch Teal.

For the past couple years, Butch has voluntarily nurtured the wild flowers around the Neal Carver bench at the corner of Tennelle and Wylie.

Thanks in part to Butch, that corner looks better than ever.

Magical Village



At the corner of Tennelle and Wylie.

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Maybe you are reading this on your porch. Maybe you are sitting at the counter at *Little's*. Or maybe you are reading online, at one of the infinite corners of the globe. Wherever you may be, you are here. Or have been here... or want to be here, even if just for a short visit.

Cabbagetown has that affect on many folks. I sometimes think our "magical little village" was blessed a long, long time ago. And that blessing gave fruit to the land, a brilliant glow to our vibe, and warmth to the souls who feel a kindred spirit to our friendly confines.

Souls from yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Most of us feel that warmth. And we might wonder how we got so lucky. And for some, it

is pure luck. Others have worked very hard for that "luck". But let us not forget that blessings should not be taken for granted. They should be nurtured, cherished, and they should be preserved like the holy grail. We must ensure that our blessings endure for generations to come.

What can you do to make things better? We all have that power. Small things. Big things. It all adds up to our Cabbagetown. So place your shoulder against the millstone and give a mighty push (or gentle nudge).

And somewhere among the stars an angelic look-out is smiling down upon us. And her name is Judy Staples. *You are here.*

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President's letter

By Katherine Dirga, President, CNIA



**KATHERINE
DIRGA**

Happy hot and humid August, Cabbagetown. Can you peel yourself away from that cold drink long enough to chat with me for a second? Never mind, you hang onto that.

So first off, it's been great to see new faces at the neighborhood meetings. If you haven't been yet, please consider coming to the August meeting. This time I won't have any open positions to fill and

I promise we won't have you stand up and introduce yourself.
What will we have? Pizza, free.

August is a good time to stay the heck inside, and what better thing to do inside than read and revise (if necessary) the bylaws of the *Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association*? So that's what your loyal Board members are doing on Saturday, August 15th from 10a to 2p. This will be an open meeting at the Cabbagetown Community Center, and you are more than welcome to bring your own proposed revisions to that meeting or to just come and participate. You could also email any proposed revisions to us at cabbagechat@gmail.com and we'll vote on them at that meeting. Please include a brief explanation of your revision if you cannot attend. The bylaws are found at www.cabbagetown.com.

Cabbagetown is back in the news with the upcoming *Krog Masquerade*, and we look for organizers to attend either the August or September meeting. I'll let everyone know via **Facebook** and **Nextdoor** as soon we know which meeting they will attend. If you have questions in the meantime, the organizers have offered to answer them via email, so feel free to send them to me and I'll forward them along.

In these sweaty, doggy days, let's allow our minds to drift toward a happier time, a cooler time, a drier time: the first Saturday in November: **Chomp and Stomp**. We have all the chair positions filled with the last minute addition of a few Cabbagetown heroes, and are chugging along with planning. If you have a local business and want to support our cause, please consider becoming a Sponsor! We have several "neighbor" levels to choose from.

The Chomp and Stomp celebrates our neighborhood's casual friendliness and pitch-in attitude while fundraising to cover the annual maintenance fees on Cabbagetown Park and the Community Center, so any help you can give is appreciated. Email cabbagechat@gmail.com for more information on Sponsorship of this workhorse of a festival!
And stay cool, neighbors.

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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, July 14th, 2015, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center.
Meeting conducted by Katherine Dirga. Minutes recorded by Jocelyn Chen Wise.

1. *Welcome and Announcements*

2. *Valencia Hudson, City Council Liaison*

Request to fill potholes in Krog Tunnel has been submitted to city. Resident reports bloody bicyclist injury on Carroll St due to pothole. Resident asked to send photo of pothole to Valencia so she can get that prioritized. Gaskill pothole too. **Krog Masquerade:** NPU submission goes to Mayor's Office of Special Events and Mayor is only one who can stop the event. Based on last year, they said as long as they adhere to regulations, event is unlikely to be stopped. Ed Lindahl (NPU rep) will send results of NPU vote, Valencia will ask Natalyn Archibong (City Councilperson) to send letter following NPU vote. Valencia will resend notes from last year's discussion about Masquerade. This info will be sent out to the neighborhood. Potential strategies/arguments: ingress/egress of the neighborhood and safety, L5P parade same day, loss of revenue to local businesses. Permit events are on a first come first serve basis, neighborhood events don't get priority.

3. *Atlanta Police Department, Lt. Floyd (Zone 6 Precinct)*

There was a 4% increase in crime in past 28 days in Area 606 (Reynoldstown, Cabbagetown) with a total of 6 robberies and a few vehicle break-ins. 1 arrest at 140 Short St, 5 others still being investigated. Most but not all crime is occurring 8p – 4a. Vehicles involved in recent vehicle robberies include a gray Dodge van, white van, blue Jeep Cherokee. Lt. Floyd supervises the "Crime Suppression Team" with zero tolerance patrols, bike patrols, and Segway patrols. Other centralized units are coming into the zone. If you see something suspicious, please call 911 to help police stay ahead of the crime. Resident asked about robbery at corner of Pearl and Wylie on morning of 7/14/15 - it is being investigated. Resident asked about how often she should expect to see a police cars drive down a street? Lt. Floyd - Should see police car patrolling. One beat officer is assigned 24 hours per day. Additional resources have been added. Truancy officers have been assigned as well. Resident reports that a police officer is always stationed at Boulevard & Memorial, although police coverage is appreciated, sirens go off all the time, making it hard to sleep. Resident had complained to police officer on motorcycle about noise, officer threatened to arrest her. Lt. Floyd – that threat of arrest should not have happened.

4. *Approve minutes of last meeting – all in favor.*

5. *No Treasurer's Report – Julie Stephens not present.*

6. *Krog Tunnel Masquerade Discussion*

Resident asked how much coordination goes on between L5P and our neighborhood. Lt. Floyd - Last year during Krog Masquerade, there were police on both sides of tunnel to assure safety. Resident asked about neighbors being forced to walk a dangerous path back home from L5P events. Lt. Floyd - It's up to Zone to manage overflow around Masquerade. Resident suggested requiring one of the Krog sidewalks to be open during the event to allow for pedestrians? Lt. Floyd - This would be determined by Mayor's office. Resident asked how we make sure police are aware of the competing issues/conflicts that will require resources that night so police can include it in planning. Lt. Floyd - Permits go through APD as a formality and is unlikely to influence

approval. Resident suggests that letters should be written to NPU/ Mayor's office/Councilpersons (Kwanza, Natalyn) regarding this issue because NPU doesn't even have to approve the event for it to happen, all power lies in the Mayor's Office. Resident encouraged residents to appear in person at NPU meeting demonstrate neighborhood's concerns about the event.

Katherine Dirga reviewed permitting process: Event organizers must say where it will be held, what streets to be closed down, alert neighbors and businesses about event, toileting, etc. Application is then routed through police, fire, public works, other agencies to assign resources but they don't really evaluate it. The event organizer presents to neighborhood (Randall Fox will not do that this year). Neighborhood Planning Unit, our "voice to the city" through the neighborhood association (Thur, July 23th) for NPU vote.

Permit request is public, permit lists event for Oct 17th but also references Oct 24th. Resident has reviewed "Impact Section" of permit, a copy must be provided copy to Councilperson but doesn't seem like event organizer has done this. Resident has looked for some evidence that this "nonprofit" has helped any artists but found none. Resident suggests that neighborhood also look to Inman Park since they are on opposite side of Krog Tunnel. NPU rep will request that representative from Mayor's Office of Special Events attend the July 23th NPU meeting.

Would be helpful for residents to show up at NPU meeting next week. City is putting together a committee to revise special events planning (festivals, film permits), there has been some progress. NPU elected its 4 representatives, a few Councilmembers. There is a Halloween event that will close Wylie, Tennale, etc. Motion that NPU Representative present Cabbagetown safety concerns to NPU and make recommendations to the Mayor's office, approved unanimously.

7. *Eastside Tax Allocation District Representative*

Need a new representative who goes to meetings, citizen's review and comment board, a certain percentage of taxes goes to TAD to spur development, distributes grant money, influence architectural design of new buildings, appointed by Natalyn. Libby Quattrocchi nominates herself, seconded, unanimous vote. Community Improvement District (CID) allows for businesses to contribute money based on property value assessments and use it for projects dictated by board members (commercial property owners) on Memorial Drive, may overlap with Cabbagetown businesses. i.e. streetcar might have CID. Cabbagetown businesses may be very interested in the CID.

8. *Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) Board Member Election*

CI is the neighborhood nonprofit that takes care of the community center, Wallkeepers initiative, Cabbagetown Park, Esther Peachy Park, Neighborhood Watch, and organizes **Chomp & Stomp**. It's the financial arm of the neighborhood. There are monthly meetings on 2nd Mondays at 7p, with spirited email communication. Since May, CI has been short 2 members – one must be from CNIA, the other can be nominated internally. No nominations but Rachel Peric and Clayton Adams volunteer to attend next meeting to check out CI. There are also unfilled Chomp positions: Chair, logistics committee, individual chili judging. Those interested please contact Katherine Dirga.

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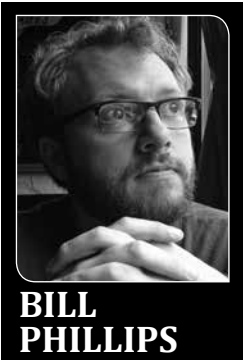
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The Beach

By Bill Phillips, Cabbagehead from The Stacks



As nice as lovely old Cabbagetown is, I go crazy if I don't go away on occasion. I've gone off the rails before, and when I do I forgot to take vacation, like one might forget to eat or do laundry. When I was drinking alone upstairs in my old apartment across from *Little's*, for example, I don't think it ever occurred to me that I might need a change of perspective.

So it's nice to go to the beach for no good reason every now and then. That's good news for the beach, because there are no good reasons to go to the beach. The real estate is expensive, you can get better food for cheaper here in Atlanta, and the traffic can be as oppressive in the summer as the heat and humidity.

There is one industry in a beach town: the industry of being at the beach. Cabbagetown has no equivalent industry, because people do other things here besides just be here. Not at the beach. You could write a postcard of it: *"The Beach! Where being there is all there is."* One must be very centered there to not be completely adrift.

This lack of purpose means that for all of its beauty, the beach is a bit of a wasteland, an elongated desert with running water, marginally sufficient housing, and a giant water feature. It is so easy to fall into the pit of ego there, doomed to nibble on sponge cake and watch the sun bake. To go there, survive, and still maintain one's sanity, certain necessities must be brought along.

My family survives by bringing ourselves along in a big group. We rent a house filled with white furnishings and stuff ourselves inside of it. The house is always filled with decorative seashells by an attractive family from Marietta, who one can see together covered in white linen in a professional beach picture on the wall in the hallway.

Established there, we do whatever it is we do, minus all of the things that people would like for us to do. That leaves three things: reading, entertaining the kids, and disturbing the peace by arguing about religion and politics.

The beach does serve as a reminder of one important thing, though: You don't have to do anything you don't want to do. Civilized, comfortable people forget that. They forget they can run screaming into the wilderness and eat rabbit with their bare teeth, or starve to death, simply because they are too narrow-minded to see the appeal. They forget how many generations lived and laughed and sang without sunscreen. And then they forget to wear sunscreen and get a nasty burn, and then they leave the beach where it is and go home. And then they show up at work on Monday wondering, *"What is it that I do here, anyway,"* a feeling well worth the trip.

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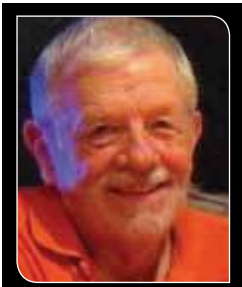
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Where ya been? Where ya going?

By Tom Deardorff



**TOM
DEARDORFF**

Two-wheeling the low countries.

On July 1st, three intrepid Cabbagetown adventurers boarded a big *Delta* bird and flew overnight to Brussels, Belgium. The travelers were Lynne Splinter, and Lyn and Tom Deardorff. In Brussels, we were met by a nice man in a Mercedes who whisked us to the city of Bruges. We stayed two nights in a charming hotel right in the heart of Brugge and had a day and a half to tour the city and get past the jet lag. It's

a marvelously charming old city with excellent restaurants, and spectacular medieval churches. **AND WONDERFUL BELGIAN BEER! AND CHOCOLATE! AND CHEESE!**

On July 4th, we took a stroll through Brugge and ended up at the harbor where we boarded the "*Sailing Home*", a barge that would be our base for the next seven days. We were greeted by the crew: Captain Bert, Rina, our hostess, Ayelt, the first mate and Markus, chef extraordinaire. We also met two guys who would serve as our guides – "Ferry" and Ed. Both native Dutchmen.

After getting settled in our cozy cabins, the group met with our guides and got fitted out with bikes. There were 23 of us, eager to get started biking through Belgium and Holland. Once we'd gotten the bikes sorted, we took off for our first ride – 13 miles on bike paths and country roads.

It's worth noting that both Belgium and Holland are as flat as a pancake – no hills. Generally, both countries are at or below sea level. And *everybody* rides a bike. There is a system of nicely paved bike paths throughout both countries.

We returned to the barge and set sail down the canal to Ghent while we ate our first dinner prepared by the Magnificent Markus, a German chef whose culinary skills are matched by his very dry sense of humor.

Next morning we took a walking tour of Ghent – another charming town and then set off on our bikes through the countryside. Twenty-one miles of peaceful farmland following canals to Dendermonde. On all our rides, we had one of the guides at the back of the pack (the sweeper) and the other guide driving a van with a trailer. At designated points along our route, we would encounter the van with cold drinks and snacks. If a rider was tired, he/she could simply hop on the van and ride to the barge at its new location.

Each day brought its own adventure. We arrived in Antwerp just a few hours after stage three of the *Tour De France* had departed. Needless to say, the city was crazy. Our barge was moored near the city center and we got to enjoy some of the festivities surrounding *Le Tour*. Also got some cool *Tour De France* t-shirts and biking jerseys. Unfortunately, Ed, one of our guides, injured his hand on the barge and had to leave. A replacement was brought in almost immediately. Caroline was just as knowledgeable and professional as Ed. And way cuter!

After Antwerp, we crossed into Holland. We cycled to Tholen and after another Markus Magnificent Meal, we divided up into groups of four and went to visit the homes of some local families. It was a intimate look into the culture and lives of folks in a small Dutch town.

The next day, Lyn Deardorff proved to be the smartest person on the trip. She chose to spend the day riding on the barge through the canals. The rest of us set off on our bikes. Five minutes after starting our ride, it began to rain – hard – and blow. We were a good hour from the van pickup point so there was nothing to do but put our heads down and ride. A few intrepid souls rode the entire 28 mile leg. Lynne Splinter and I jumped into the van at mile 17 and went back to the barge for hot showers.

One of the highlights of the trip was a stop in Kinderdijk where we saw the famous windmills of Holland. We even got to go inside one of them and see how these giant pumps moved millions of tons of water to create more land. Sadly, most of the windmills are just there for show these days. But it was amazing to ride through the countryside and see them scattered throughout in the distance.



Tom, Lyn, and Lynne, on-board and in Holland.

We finally made it to Amsterdam by traversing the original Breukelen Bridge (that's Dutch for Brooklyn). We left the barge and spent three glorious days headquartered at the Vondel Hotel. Walking distance to world class museums such as the Rijksmuseum (Rembrandt, Vermeer, De Groot and many others) and the Van Gogh Museum. We toured Amsterdam by canal boat, tram and on foot. **Of course, we had to take a stroll (without stopping, mind you) through the notorious Red Light District.** To the Dutch, it's just another business district. And of course, you can avail yourself of certain recreational substances without looking over your shoulder (if that's your thing).

Lynne Splinter logged the most miles of the three of us (nearly 200). But it wasn't about distance or speed. It was about fun. And WOW! Was it ever!

Minutes continued...

9. CNIA Bylaws Amendments: August

Open call to residents to review by-laws and email potential amendments to cabbagechat@gmail.com. Meeting on bylaws will also be an open meeting, bring concerns to that meeting (date TBD). **Chomp & Stomp Cookbook** is in progress and will be available for this year's festival. Carroll Street commercial businesses raised money and are building a pedestrian gate at **The Stacks** to allow for safe walking route.

10. Committee Reports

a. Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch – Peter Knudsen/Mitchel Watkins

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Tower Package Store is changing ownership and Reynoldstown is supportive. NPU got a small grant and decided to make large maps for each neighborhood, each will get one large street map and one large zoning map to be used in neighborhood association meetings. NPU representative to special events permit steering community were nominated from Candler Park. If you think about things that should be changed in the permitting process, please contact Ed.

d. Historic Preservation/Land Use – Matt Wise

Presentation from Adam Stillman and Robert regarding large lot on Pearl & Kirkwood that has been subdivided into three lots. There were concerns that set back requirements would require variances. Presents plans to group, ask questions, vote will be in August. HP feels it is consistent with historic homes but main concern is parking. Regulations will require off-street parking for new construction. UDC said cannot apply for variance for shared driveway until next spring. Proposing a "bump out" on side of the corner lot house to make front façade the right size with correct set back requirements. 228 Powell owner could not attend today's meeting but will come for August 11th meeting, they are scheduled with UDC for later in August. Will bring proposed signed, shared off-street parking agreement to August 11th CNIA meeting.

e. Hospitality Committee – Karen Russian

New neighbor party will be end of September, anyone interested in hosting please contact Karen. Also submit names of new neighbors so they can be invited to the party.

f. Gaskill Estoria Memorial (GEM) Committee – Tova Baruch/Rachel Peric

Shared mission statement for GEM committee: *"To work in partnership with the neighborhood and CNIA to shape and implement a vision for the Gaskill, Estoria, Memorial land that advances the social, environmental and economic interests of Cabbagetown."* Seconded and vote to make GEM a committee passed unanimously. The corner lot at Tye & Memorial (east of Tye) has been sold. The developers met with HP but had no details on development yet. Developer is **Enfold Properties** (also doing **Atlanta Dairies** project). GEM meets 1st Tuesday of the month. Those interested in joining GEM, please reach out. A survey will be disseminated to the neighborhood to gather interest on how people want to be involved in GEM and how info should be shared.

g. Parking/Traffic Committee – Katherine Dirga

No update this month. Before next meeting, announcements will be made on social meeting and then discussed at August CNIA meeting.

11. Community Input – New Business. Elizabeth Jarrett from **Deer Bear Wolf** artist organization hosts a variety show called *"Natural Selection"*. Proposing an event in mid-Sept. Poetry, music, dance, puppetry: 1.5 hours total. Considering the use of Cabbagetown Ampitheatre. 5/7 person all proceeds will go to artists. It's a family friendly show with 150 attendees. If you have residents who might want to perform, please be in touch. Small event, has not gotten permit yet. Ejarret2@gmail.com.

12. Adjourn

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Atlanta Prioritizes Sidewalk Repairs

By Dexter M. Chambers

The Atlanta City Council approved an ordinance this past month authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to create a prioritized list of sidewalk maintenance and repair locations throughout the city utilizing a portion of the Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement Account and all other applicable and available funding sources to pay for city sidewalk repairs and maintenance, until such funding is exhausted.

The legislation was introduced by citywide Council Representative Mary Norwood, a longtime neighborhood advocate. It was approved unanimously by the city council.

"I would like to commend my colleagues for approving this legislation that will ease the burden that has been placed on our residents for too long," Norwood said. *"The city's sidewalks are public assets that provide benefits to the entire community, not just property owners or abutting property owners near sidewalks."*

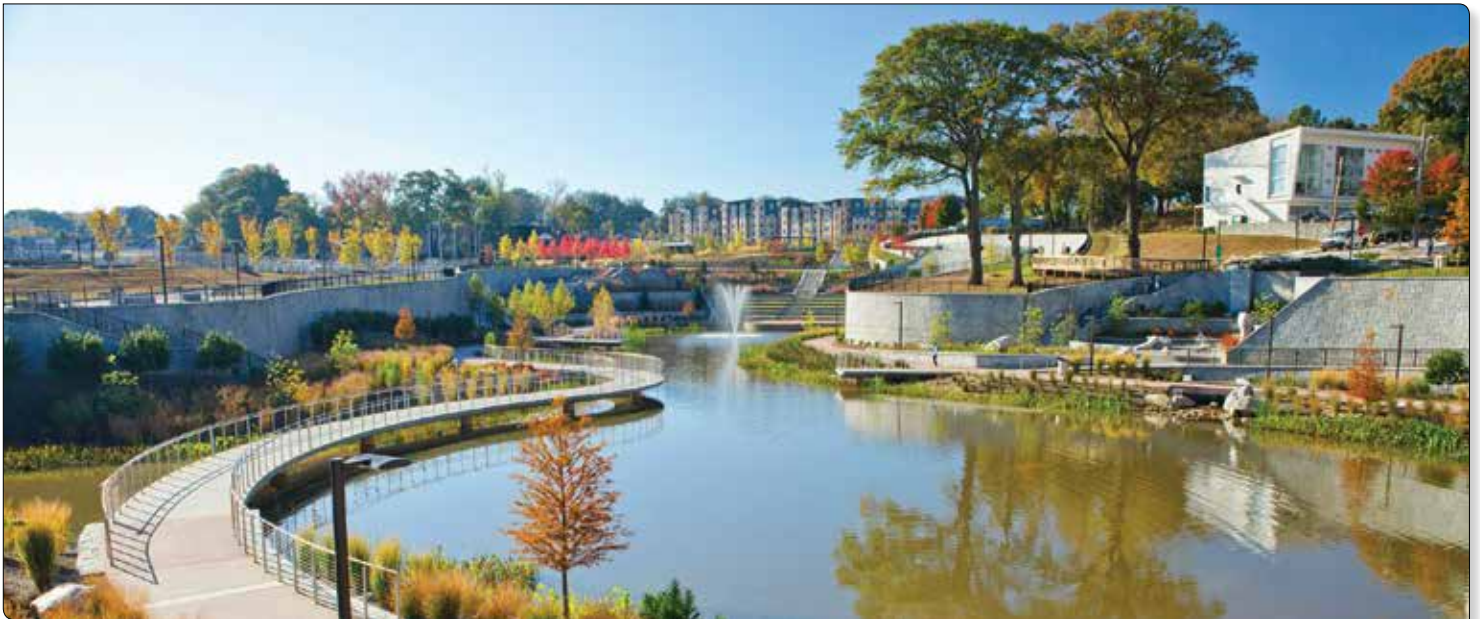
"This legislation will enable departmental management to manage repairs efficiently and deliver repairs much more cost effectively,"

said Peggy Berg, Co-chair of the City Council Sidewalk Task Force sub-committee.

"It will also enable management to address the red tape that has plagued the sidewalk repair process because of its prior lack of official status. With the legislation, DPW will set formal priorities for selecting and implementing sidewalk repairs. This will make the process fair and clean for the first time in over 40 years." Berg said.

City Code Section 138-14(d) and certain provisions contained within Section 138-103 have previously required that private property owners maintain sidewalks that abut their property. Historically, many neighborhoods and residents have been unaware of their responsibility to maintain the sidewalk that abuts their property.

Sidewalks can improve pedestrian safety, encourage walkability, and enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Safe and accessible sidewalks are essential to the health and mobility of Atlanta's residents.



Old Fourth Ward Park in the Autumn of 2014.

Old Fourth Ward: Hipster Heaven

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Hippies. Preppies. Yuppies. And since 2010, Hipsters have ruled the "lifestyle nickname" landscape. According to **Yahoo Travel**, hipsters have made Old Fourth Ward (O4W) one of the top ten newest hipster neighborhoods in these United States of America.

"Atlanta neighborhoods gentrify fast (locals are still shocked to see the formerly gritty Little Five Points a tourist destination and no-mans-land East Atlanta a thriving hipster spot). The next big thing is Old Fourth Ward, unusually and exceptionally pedestrian friendly for a traditional car city. A planned, anticipated streetcar promptly

*erected condos and smart businesses moving in. Already open is Krog Street Market, a dining and retail multi-use concept with two dozen businesses, and elevated Southern dining restaurants like **The Cockentrice** and **Ladybird** are putting Old Fourth Ward on the map as the next foodie destination."* Says Yahoo Travel.

Joining O4W on the list is: West Loop in Chicago, Bentonville in Arkansas, Benson in Nebraska, Bend in Oregon, The Bywater District in New Orleans, The Shaw neighborhood in DC, The Design District in West Hollywood California, Lowertown in St. Paul Minnesota, and LoDo and Riverfront in Denver Colorado.

The rear view mirror

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Crack houses, Krog Tunnel arrests, turtle rescues and Ben Stiller.

This was all a part of our Cabbagetown history in the the month of August in years gone by. Here's a look back.

1925

A fire at **The Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill** cost the lives of six firemen. After the fire was put out, the building collapsed while the inspection and investigation was underway.

1993

Cabbagetown worked with our APD to shut down a "crack house" that was operating within our friendly confines. Neighbors gathered and cheered as APD entered and removed all occupants, piled them into the paddywagon and carted them off to be booked. CNIA had a total of \$65 to it's name. Kids were climbing atop the old **Boys & Girls Club** (now **The Carroll Street Lofts**) and throwing rocks down upon passer-bys and cars.

1994

Ronnie Edwards and Tom Houston were planning a youth festival, street party and tree planting event to be held in October.

1996

Rumours were flying fast and free that **CSX** would abandon the **Husley Yard** and move operations to Fairburn. CNIA distributed free electric fans to neighbors in need of relief from the heat. They also helped some neighbors get low-flow toilets.

1997

During our Cabbagetown Reunion Festival, John Johnson demonstrated how an antique cotton gin worked and his daughter Rosemary, sheered a sheep. On a Carroll St porch, a weaver showed how cotton was woven, and Appalachian cloggers taught us all how to clog dance. The day also witnessed a dog parade, a folklore tent, a children's activities tent and an elder's tent. To beat the heat, Cabbageheads were encouraged to put icy cans of soda in their armpits, freeze grapes and oranges for a tasty, cold snack, rub tiger balm on their temples, and eat spicy foods to generate cooling sweat.

2000

249 Pearl Street sold for \$135,000 (**Zillow** lists it's current value at \$380,046). Six large bags of cocaine were found at the 600 block of Memorial. APD arrested a car thief who was found sleeping in the car he had stolen just a few hours prior.

2002

APD made arrests at the Krog Tunnel. The crime was graffiti. 597 Gaskill St. sold for \$158,900 (valued at \$263,685 today). **Agave** was voted as having the best margarita is town by **Creative Loafing** and **Atlanta Magazine**.

2003

97 Estoria was hosting a neighborhood party with all proceeds going towards Cabbagetown Park. Two males were arrested on Pearl Street for sexual misconduct and suspicious activity. A hand gun was taken from one of the suspects.

2004

230 Carroll Street sold for \$303,000 (valued at \$388,756 today). Cabbagetown mourned the passing of Naomi Brown, a long-time resident on Savannah Street. Naomi loved Gypsy music, international travel, writing, teaching, philosophy, and friendship. She passed in her home, surrounded by family and friends.

2005

251 Berean Street sold for \$166,668 (valued today at \$292,068).

2006

The good Reverend David DeChant and his wife Ann-Marie announced the arrival of their second daughter Calliope Lysisrata DeChant. First daughter Cosette was thrilled to have a new distraction. Tim Sullivan wrote a profile on "Bug" who used to work at Village Pizza. Bug was thrilled to be so popular but complained that kids now threw things at him and dogs chased him. Bug also noted that the folks on Tye Street were the best tipsters.

2007

The city implemented it's automatic water meter reading program. **The Home Depot Foundation** donated \$10,000 towards the maintenance and up-keep of The Cabbagetown Community Center. A Berean Street homeowner was cutting down trees on his property. When he put the chainsaw down, a white male stole it and fled in a green Mazda. David Thayer was rightly bemoaning the replacement of gorgeous and historic granite curbstones and old brick sidewalks throughout Cabbagetown.

2008

Milltown Tavern raised over \$1000 in an effort to help those severely affected by the tornado in March. 228 Powell Street sold for \$519,000 (valued today at \$608,045).

2009

Rodney Bowman rescued a box turtle on Powell Street. Turns out, the turtle had strayed from David Thayer's pond. The turtle was returned to his tranquil home. CNIA had \$2,595 in it's bank account. Angie and Steve Ferrin announced the birth of their beautiful daughter Flora Guess Ferrin.

2012

Eagle-eyed Cabbageheads spotted Ben Stiller playing ping-pong at **Sister Louisa's Church of the Living Room and Ping-Pong Emporium**. Stiller was in town shooting his then new movie "**Neighborhood Watch**" and he spoke about "**Church**" on "**Jimmy Kimmel Live**".



Getting Together on Savannah Street

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Pastor Eddie Willis and Pastor Jean L. Ward (center of photo, right to left) gathered their congregations at **Cross Connect Church** on Savannah Street during a gorgeous July night. Everyone enjoyed a cornucopia of hotdogs, chips, and soft drinks. All had a great time. Lots of smiles and laughs, all in the name of love and God.

Pastor Eddie has led his flock on a few noteworthy missions of late. They spent a day with our seniors at **AG Rhodes Nursing Home** on Boulevard, where they played bingo and sang songs with everyone.

They also reached out to the kids at King Middle School and organized sport camps there. And just a few days ago, they did a “trash pick-up day” here in Cabbagetown, then handed out cold water on a hot day near Krog Tunnel and The BeltLine, to anyone who wanted it. The small congregation at **Cross Connect** can also be found feeding the hungry in and around Little Five Points.

For more information on **Cross Connect Church**, you can find them and friend them on Facebook. Good souls doing good things for all the right reasons.

Weather Station

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Thanks to Eddie Krise, Cabbagetown now has it’s own online weather station. Go to www.wunderground.com and search for Cabbagetown. Then bookmark it. The statistics and readings are updated every twenty-five seconds (give or take). The information available is impressively advanced and comprehensive. And Eddie’s station will only get better with time as historical data begins to pile up, which assists in the establishment of averages, comparisons, trends, and predictions.

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Your Bucket List

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

Annual Cool Dads Rock Soapbox Derby

Saturday, August 1st, 11a-4p at O4W Park

Racers and their wooden cars will line the street with their helmets donned and goggles lowered as the pint sized drivers enter their vehicles and race downhill. Come out to witness the power of ingenuity and teamwork. This event is for the entire family to enjoy. cooldadsrock.com

Green Drinks at Trees Atlanta

Wednesday, Aug 12th, 6p - 9p at Trees Atlanta, 225 Chester Ave SE

The monthly networking gathering for people interested in sustainability, green business, environmental and social causes, architecture and design, and all other things green. Enjoy beer from *Red Hare Brewing Co.* and snacks from *SkinnyPop*. *Pop Dog Atlanta* will also be serving up hot dogs. treesatlanta.org

Water Battle Royale

Saturday, August 15th, 2p-4p at Grant Park

This will be a massive water gun fight!! Bring your own water supply and grab your water weapon of choice and get wet and wild. Attendees will meet at the corner of Cherokee Ave SE and Sydney St. SE. www.facebook.com/events/1631104107123358

East Atlanta Twilight Criterium

Saturday, August 15th, 1p at East Atlanta Village

Racers from around the southeast will compete in East Atlanta Village for bragging rights and possibly a State Championship jersey! The highly competitive and well-attended kids' race will take place at 4:30p. www.eavcrit.com

Ctown Roll Call

By Debbie Weeks

The Cabbagetown Welcome Roll Call Committee (CRC) is ready to "Roll Call" again! For those of you new to the neighborhood, we hold a welcome party twice a year to welcome our new neighbors to the neighborhood. It's a blast so don't miss out!

Our next welcome party will be held on Friday, September 18th, at the home of Lisa Myers, 194 Powell Street at 7p. The CRC has had some incredible welcome parties so you don't want to miss this!

To keep the momentum going, we need your help! We would like all existing neighbors to come to the party to welcome our new neighbors. **Having said that, this is gonna be a PARTY!**

We would like to extend a personal welcome to each and every new neighbor, provide you with a fact sheet about Cabbagetown and send you a personal invitation to the welcome party.

So, if you have been here less than a year and we have not done this yet, please get in touch with the CRC by calling Karen at 404.422.3515, Debbie at 404.272.1906 or email us at debbieweeks64@gmail.com (please type in the subject line: "new neighbor or roll call").

Self-taxing?

By Kyle F. Bidlack

There is an effort afoot to create a self-taxing community improvement district (CID) along the budding Memorial Drive commercial zone.

According to *The Saporta Report*, the tax would only be imposed on commercial properties, and the monies collected would go towards the creation of sidewalks, bicycle lanes, roundabouts and other infrastructure that is vital to urban communities. If approved, the tax could fund other projects above and beyond traffic infrastructure.

Nothing is definite yet, but our Councilperson Natalyn Archibong, has been working with businesses and interested residents. "We are at the point where we soon will have the opportunity to adopt that plan," Archibong said recently. "Right now, the neighborhoods have vetted it and we've gotten feedback. Now it's gone to the Planning Department for their final review. Then it will go to the NPU and neighborhoods. The ARC has to review it, as well. At some point it will come to the council to be formally adopted."

It should be emphasized that the plan in its current form would NOT tax residential properties.

Among those most active in this effort are David Cochran, of *Paces Properties (Krog Street Market and Stove Works)* and Mark Pollack and John Reagan, of *Urban Realty Partners (Puritan Mill, The Reynolds, and The Brookwood)*. About 40 civic and business leaders serve on the task force. *Central Atlanta Progress* is represented by Jennifer Ball.

A local match is required to secure state and federal funding for transportation projects. This Proposed CID would fill that need.

Letters to the Editor

By Kyle F. Bidlack

There is a lot going on in and around Cabbagetown and we are sure you have some intelligent and insightful words to share with your neighbors. Is *Krog Masquerade* on your mind? Commercial development? Good deeds unnoted? Please share.

If you'd like to broadcast your Cabbagetown thoughts, concerns, praise, condemnation, or related topic, please send 200 words or less to: newsletter@cabbagetown.com

You must include your full name, Cabbagetown street, and email address. No business solicitations will be accepted and the Cabbagetown Neighbor reserves the right to publish or not publish, edit or omit your submission. No anonymous letters will be published. We will try to publish two or three letters per month. Your deadline is the 27th of every month.

Oh Cabbagetown

By Laura Barton

Oh Cabbagetown,

Why did I stop seeing you?

*With your jagged sidewalks, sunflower showers,
and land locked hippie vessels. And cats. So many cats.*

*Overstuffed couches line uneven porches sprinkled with ashtrays
and guitar strings. Lime green shotguns and failed tomato dreams.
Those salty silk flowers and that weird fake deer.*

*The towering turquoise with her sister muted pewter. Side by side,
forever trying to look taller than each other, only to share a shadow.*

*The wall is alive with reflections of these tattered castles.
Hometown cap tipped to the side with a smirk.
Pinky flutters her lashes from the corner.*

*Cluttered porches, their cavernous underbellies littered with
turned clay pots and ivy. A dusty beater with a plastic throne
tossed upon his head like a crown.*

*Shotgun soldiers line the high and tight street. Sunset smashing off
the Stacks. God's house. Nestled high in this kooky cabbage patch.
A remodel fantasy perched at the dead end. Who will fill her holes?*

*Top secret chicken coup. Mustang man salutes. The American flag
blocks my sunlit welcome window. The grassy inbetweeners.
Our laughter and songs still echo in the siding;
a sepia tone flashback to innocence.*

*Glass globes and painted pots balance on a narrow railing.
Just waiting to be toppled by a bored teenager. Or a drunk yuppie.
Or the tornado. Again.*

*Then there's Linda. Oh Linda. Still shuffling on. Like you are.
She cracks a crooked smile.*

*Around the namesake bend, Oakland winks at us.
Oh the secrets she keeps. Seducing our winding ways.*

*My dear Cabbagetown, so perfectly imperfect.
How sticky and familiar to bump into your ugly beautifuls.*

About the poet

Eight years ago, Laura lived on Gaskill for four years. Since then, she's lived at Oakland Park, but she says "it feels like a world away." "This poem was inspired by a sunset sniff walk with my pup last night. I forgot how much I love the twisted charm of Cabbagetown."



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Cabbagetown employment and income

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Areavibe.com recently published some statistics regarding Cabbagetown employment and income. According to their data, the income per capita in Cabbagetown is 2.6% less than the Atlanta average and 37.5% greater than the Georgia average.

The median household income here is 17.6% greater than the Atlanta average and 9.4% greater than the Georgia average. The median earnings for males in Cabbagetown is 9.8% greater than the median earnings for females in Cabbagetown.

Index	Cabbagetown	Atlanta	Georgia
Income per capita	\$34,805	\$35,719	\$25,309
Median household income	\$54,264	\$46,146	\$49,604
Median household income owner occupied	n/a	\$78,061	\$63,401
Median household income renter occupied	n/a	\$28,969	\$29,618
Median earnings male	\$36,668	\$36,545	\$33,756
Median earnings female	\$33,403	\$27,974	\$25,130
Unemployment rate	6.8%	8.1%	6.8%
Poverty level	n/a	24.3%	17.4%

GRUMBLES

**THIS WEEK'S TRUE EPISODE:
RULES OF THE ROAD...**

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...AND GOT TO PROVE THAT YOU'D REALLY LEARNED THE RULES.

FINALLY, IF YOU PASSED THOSE TESTS, YOU'D GET YOUR REWARD...

... YOU'D GET YOUR LICENSE; A STICKER YOU'D PROUDLY STICK ON YOUR REAR FENDER.

WHEN I SEE PEOPLE WITH NO RESPECT FOR THE RULES...

... I WISH THEY'D HAD THE BENEFIT OF MY UPBRINGING.

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Neighborhood fund Walkers Club

By Ashley McCartney

By Kyle F. Bidlack



**ASHLEY
MCCARTNEY**

We are still accepting applications for the **Esther Peachy Lefevre Neighborhood Fund**.

The specific goal of this fund is to help neighbors in financial need with home projects related to safety, compliance and other pressing issues.

Neighbors qualify based on financial need and length of residence. The first wave of residents to qualify should have lived in Cabbagetown on or before the year 2000.

The first step is to fill out a short application. Once approved, you would be entitled to a free home assessment, which will identify your home's specific needs and ways to go about addressing those needs.

If you are interested in applying or have a neighbor who may be interested, please contact me at ashmccartney@gmail.com or 404.874.0240. Additionally, if you are interested in being part of the committee dedicated to this project, please contact me.

Are you looking for a fun, social way to up your exercise game? Look no further than the **Cabbagetown Walkers Club**. They gather every Thursday night at **Milltown Tavern** around 7p and embark on a brisk way. The gang usually sports a couple different groups that walk at different paces, so you are sure to find folks that walk at the same pace as you.

They usually walk a few different "out and back" routes around Cabbagetown and the distances are not too stressful. When they return, they often relax with a pint, or glass of wine on Milltown's sidewalk benches. They are a great group with spirited conversations.

The coming months should bring us cooling temperatures and provide you with the ideal conditions for whipping yourself into shape and making new friends. Want to join in? It's easy. Just show up, say "hi" and get ready to walk.

A Scottish King

By Kyle F. Bidlack

He shares his **Mary Todd Hairdressing Co.**, kingdom with Sean Gardner and their multi-talent team. Steven Sloss has helped build one of the most unique and vibrant small business brands in all of Atlanta. Walk through their door at 188 Carroll Street (Tuesdays through Saturdays) for a hair cut or style, and come out looking better than you ever thought possible. Stock up on their own line of hair care products too. Mary Todd recently promoted Whitney Rain, and rightly so. "I'm living proof that Whitney Rain is the absolute bee's knees!" says Kiera Byrd.



Steven Sloss at Mary Todd Hairdressing Co.



The Cabbagetown Walkers Club embark on a lovely July sojourn.

Fireworks run amok!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

As you probably know, Cabbagetown is home to two unofficial fireworks displays during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. One show traditionally happens at Esther Peachy Lefevre Park and one show at Cabbagetown Park.

The Peachy Park show tends to be a little more “wild west”. It can get a bit crazy and is not really a family friendly environment. The Cabbagetown Park show is traditionally more family friendly.

Sadly, there were three injuries at the Peachy Park show. First degree burns were suffered, along with an ear injury and some burned clothing. Everyone is reportedly recovering just fine.

Due to a pyrotechnical accident at the Peachy show (see photo at right), it was fundamentally cancelled. A large portion of that crowd (and their fireworks) then moved to Cabbagetown Park.

The Cabbagetown Park show was very well attended. But at the end, things got a little squirrely when folks started lighting fireworks haphazardly.

We share this info with you so you can plan accordingly next year. And we'll try to remind you of this next July too. In light of the injuries, chances are the APD will not turn a blind eye as they traditionally have.

It should be noted that both firework shows are not official Cabbagetown events. They are not supported by CNIA or the Cabbagetown Initiative (CI).



The smoldering remains at Esther Peachy Lefevre Park.

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The 2014 design

Chomp planning is underway and this year both the Race T-shirt and Festival T-shirt design are opened up to a contest between neighbors! The t-shirts will again be printed in real-time at the Chomp, while you wait. This “live printing” process should be a cool thing for our visitors and for us. (Please note: Race shirts will not be printed in real-time. You have to run to get that shirt!)

Prizes will include \$150, 2 spoons, 2 race numbers (for the winner of the race t-shirt) and recognition on the back of the shirt and at the awards ceremony. The competition will open on August 1st and close on August 25th. For details on how to enter go to Chompandstomp.com and click on t-shirt contest!

Street closures: 2015 Chomp & Stomp Estoria, Short, and Tye street closure start on Friday because of tent construction. Please move your cars by 9a. We will post the lovely

orange no parking signs required by the city starting a couple days out to warn you. The rest of the streets are for the Saturday Festival only.

Friday November 6th 9a to November 7th 10p:

Street Closures. No Parking:

- Estoria St from Wylie St to Gaskill St (No Parking, this is where we put up tents).
- Short St (No Parking, this is where we put up tents).
- Tye St from Wylie St to Gaskill St (No Parking, this is where we put up tents)
- Powell St from Tennelle St to Kirkwood St.

Saturday, November 7th 6a to 10p

Street Closures. No Parking:

- Wylie St from Estoria St to Tennelle St.
- Powell St from Tennelle St to Kirkwood St.
- Kirkwood Ave from Pearl St to Powell St.
- Mollie St (No Saturday Parking, bands load in and out all day)

Saturday, November 7th 6a-9a

Street Closures. No Parking:

- Carroll St, from Tennelle to the Milltown Tavern Parking lot. We need room to group those 5k runners!

Presto Change-o Gone-zo!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

The queen is dead. Long live the queen. It's been long rumoured, but now it is (mostly) official. *The Masquerade* (as we know it) is going the way of *The Gulf Oil Building*, *The McCord Apartments*, *The Crum & Foster Building*, and *Manuel's*.

The Masquerade building (reported to be upwards of 125 years old) and surrounding land has been sold to a developer who will build an eight story apartment building with a restaurant. Curbed.com reports that the purchase price was \$5.3 million.

Portions of The Masquerade building (formerly known as *The Du-Pre Excelsior Mill*) are protected as an "historic building" but there is no doubt that the wrecking ball will swing like Johnny Rotten over most of the structure.



Helmet performing at The Maquerade in July of 2012.

Developers expect to break ground in October. The project should take approximately two years to complete.

Many of us might not be aware that in 1978, the old Excelsior Mill was converted to a pizzeria and barrio. With a Wurlitzer Organ as part of the setting, the Mill featured everything from movies to bands to Shakespearian plays. The pizza and barrio house survived until 1989.

The Excelsior Mill is fondly remembered by blues fans as the residence in later years of blues legend *Willie "Piano Red" Perryman* and an in-house pipe organ. In September 1989, It closed for a time and subsequently re-opened as The Masquerade.

Cabbageheads far and wide bemoan this new development (or de-evolution). Many of us loved walking the *Beltline* to get to The Maquerade. Hearing epic (and not so epic) bands. Partying into the early hours of the morning. Then heading off to *The Majestic*, or *The Clermont*. Heaven, Purgatory and Hell all rolled into one. Now it's all to be smoke-filled, blurry fragments of memories.

Here are some of those memories from days gone by...



"The Masquerade was one of the first venues I went to, even before I moved to Atlanta eight years ago. While far from being one of my favorite rock clubs, I still saw many great bands there. Rancid, mewithoutYou, World Inferno, Andrew Jackson Jihad, Bad Religion, Hot Water Music, Cory Branan, this list goes on forever, the party never ends." ~ Jeremy Ray



"Too many shows to count for 20+ years. But definite toppers were an invite only INXS show in heaven, and Flava Flav hanging from the rafters for Public Enemy." ~ Jennifer Harlor Wallin



"My favorite memory of The Masquerade is how for at least the past eight years it was about to be sold to evil rich white developers like John Cusack's grandmother's house in Better Off Dead, and yet never was. The boy who cried wolf ain't got nothing on the Masquerade. My second favorite was the time I saw Morphine play there." ~ Domenick Doran



"I remember lying to my parents when I was 16 (I'm going to Ben's house to study Mom, I promise) and going to see like a show a week there. Presidents of the United States of America, Stuck Mojo - really whoever. I even caught Radiohead on their Pablo Honey Tour. We're talking when Thom Yorke had long hair and played at the MTV Beach House. I remember crowd surfing at that show, and I think I got a bloody nose in the mosh pit. Ahh the memories." ~ Mark Begnaud



"My favorite memories of the Masq are from the mid-to-late 2000's Halloween Costume parties, when all three levels were rocking with different tunes, setting the stage for some of the strangest dance-floor hookups known to man. Have you tried making out, fully masked, when the other party also has nothing but a tongue-hole? Uh, me neither." ~ LeeAnn Lickteig



"I was there the night they opened in 1989. Young, thin, platinum, goth. My 17 year old is looking forward to having my club clothes next year. I told her she could wait till she was 18 to look that trashy just like I did!" ~ Donna Kay



"Nine Inch Nails, Ministry, Skinny Puppy, Slayer in vegan plastic pants and wife beaters - oh wait that was in Philly." ~ Gina Castorino

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Gone-zo! continued



"Eighties Night with Miss Mary only six years after the actual 80s! Wondering if Heaven was going to catch on fire while you were in it! I saw Luscious Jackson there, and some other people I can't remember. Hmm."

~ Katherine Dirga



"Before I moved to Manhattan in my mid 20s, I lived at Masquerade. I saw the Smashing Pumpkins, the Swans, Iggy Pop who spit snot from his mouth, up in the air 20 ft, and caught it back in his mouth. I saw INXS in 1990. I saw my first NIN concert there. I would go to dance there when I was sick of the Colorbox or Velvet. I didn't really love Heaven... The music was to industrial. Purgatory always had a sitar player, and Hell

was Goth. The bouncer (the big white guy) was Paul Weldon's cousin with whom I am friends." ~ Page Bondurant



"At 19 and full of spirits, I used a fake ID to get into a music festival featuring Scissor Sister. I got tossed out when one of the bouncers asked for my ID and realized it was only a piece of paper covering my real ID. This was awful since all of the people I came with were still in the show; at least until I met the guys from Scissor Sister in the ally outside and they gave me a backstage pass

to get back in the show! We even got to take pictures with them and Franz Ferdinand! Such a memorable moment. Years later one of my exes was interning for 99x and called to let me know she spotted my fake ID pinned on the manager's wall." ~ William Baltzell Burch III

With any luck (and a bit of smarts), perhaps The Masquerade can persevere. Wouldn't it be great if Masquerade memories yet to come could see a life within the historic mill building? Our halos and horns (and fingers) are crossed.

Smooth operators

The Krog Tunnel roadway got some much needed attention this month. The big potholes and dips were resurfaced and a bigger, more comprehensive solution may be coming in October.



Offline

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Internet connectivity has swept across America like electricity and indoor plumbing did from decades gone by. According to The Pew Research Center, Americans who use the internet grew to eighty-four percent in 2013. In the year 2000, only fifty-two percent of us were connected to the world wide web.

But a strange thing has happened during the past two years. The percentage of us who remain offline has remained virtually unchanged. There is still sixteen percent of us who, for a variety of reasons, are not connected. They remain in the dark. In the out house. Off the grid.

Those Americans who remain offline, do so for a number of reasons: The cost of buying a computer and paying a broadband or cellphone bill, the perceived relevance of Internet content or even the physical ability to use devices.

The elderly, for example, face the dual barriers of making less money and having difficulty reading computer text, typing on keyboards and manipulating touch screens. Says Pew.

Thirty-nine percent of Americans sixty-five and older are still not online, according to Pew.

Americans who are not connected to the Internet are also disproportionately Black or Hispanic, in part because these groups tend to have lower income and education levels. Some Hispanics may also face the additional barrier of English-language proficiency.

The federal government often tries to spur Internet service providers and cellular carriers to increase broadband coverage, sometimes compelling them to do so when they seek approval for acquisitions and mergers.

Just last week, when the Federal Communications Commission approved a merger between AT&T and DirecTV, the agency required the company to extend access to high-speed broadband Internet to 12.5 million new customer locations, including schools and libraries.

According to governing.com, the percentage of Atlantans connected to the internet in 2014 was seventy-nine percent. We rank 160th amongst cities with a population of at least 100,000.

Centennial, Colorado is the most connected city. ninety-six percent of it's citizens are connected. Santa Maria, California ranks last (296th) with only fifty-six percent of it's citizens wired in.

One of the many reasons Cabbageheads (and Atlantans) applaud the pending arrival of **Google Fiber** is that when there are competing internet providers in any market, prices come down and services go up.

This is also why many internet providers who maintain a virtual monopoly in certain geographical area, will spend boatloads of money paying lobbyists to influence legislators to pass legislation that protects their dominance and retards innovation.

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And if that's not cool enough, they also donate the vendor fees to a local charity, non-profit, or civic-minded initiative. Last month, they donated \$200 to *The Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown Security Patrol* (CRSP). If you'd like more info about this monthly event or are interested in becoming a vendor email; georgiavintagegoods@gmail.com

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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PROPERTY LOTS

For Sale	Price
171 Savannah St.	\$149,900
Under 1/3 of an acre.	

MULTI-FAMILY

For Sale	Price
692 Kirkwood	\$749,900
3 Units	
Pending	Price
742 Kirkwood	\$400,000
4 Units: 4 BD/4 BA	
Sold	Price
260 Powell St	\$280,000
2 Units: 2 BD/2 BA	

HOUSES

For Sale	Price
115 Short St.	\$425,000
3 BD/2 BA	
Sold	Price
679 Kirkwood	\$307,500
3 BD/1 BA	



CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Asking
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E305	\$249,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit D101	\$239,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H115	\$205,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit E006	\$175,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Cabbagetown	
Built in 1920	\$219,000
2 BD/1 BA	

COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
582 Decatur St.	\$4,500,000
692 Kirkwood	\$749,900
1270 Memorial	\$399,000
1270 Memorial	\$319,000

PENDING

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Pending	Price
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit H316	\$189,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 504	\$275,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit 404	\$265,000
2 BD/1 BA	
Unit 1111	\$200,000
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Unit 403	\$159,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit 909	\$146,500
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Sold	Price
The Stacks	170 Blvd
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Unit H418	\$217,000
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Unit H313	\$210,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H219	\$189,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit E005	\$170,000
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