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"Take a chance. Christopher Columbus did." - Johnny Miller

Cabbagetown security: August 1st, 2012



Hound dogs, a cat and a home security system stand guard at a home on Kirkwood Avenue.

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be Tuesday, August 14th, 6:30p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

Agenda

6:30 to 7p: Networking & Snacks

7p: Meeting

1. Welcome & Announcements
 - Valencia Hudson, City Liaison
 - APD & Public Safety
2. Minutes of Last Meeting

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Committee Reports

- Hospitality
- Public Safety
- NPU-N
- Historic Preservation
- Land Use & Transportation

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- Safety & Neighborhood Watch

7. 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.



The Atlanta Police Department patrolling Tye Street. APD has stepped up its presence throughout Cabbagetown.

Cabbagetown's mean streets

By Kyle F. Bidlack

The past few weeks have presented Cabbagetown with some trying times. On the night of July 3rd, several suspects approached a group on an Estoria Street porch, forced their way into the home, stole items, kidnapped a victim, taking him to ATMs for forced money withdrawals and subsequent robbery.

On July 19th, two suspects tried to break into a Kirkwood Avenue home. The homeowner thwarted the attempt and gave chase, quickly joined by an Atlanta Police Department (APD) patrolman. That same day, two suspects stole a laptop and were pursued by APD.

Other robberies and car-jackings have become far too common in our neighborhood.

At press time, only one suspect during this crime spree has been arrested (he was turned into police by his honorable parents).

APD has responded with a far more visible presence in Cabbagetown, sending a powerful message to would-be perpetrators.

According to Sam Gris, Public Safety Chairman for the Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association, "Major Meadows, Zone 6 Commander, has been very accessible. He has come to our neighborhood meetings to discuss the recent crimes.

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SEABA Update

By Ashley McCartney

On July 20th, 2012, Zoo Atlanta hosted our quarterly business luncheon. We had sixteen guests gather at the Ford Conference Center to enjoy lunch and hear a presentation from Vic Uzumeri and Rick Hudson. Vic and Rick reviewed a range of systems, service and software offerings that are now available to small businesses at very low cost - or even free.



The audience, including myself, found the presentation extremely helpful and we thank Vic and Rick for sharing their wisdom.

On August 16th, 2012, Cube Gallery, located at the corner of Memorial Drive and Powell Street, will host our networking soiree from 5:30p until 7:15p. Milltown Tavern will provide snacks and beverages. As always, we pay our own tabs. Cube Gallery is the newest art gallery in our area and there is some exciting stuff going on. Come check out Cube Gallery and network with other business owners and entrepreneurs in the area. Bring your business cards. This is where deals get started!

If you have not paid your dues for 2012 (\$24 for an individual and \$60 for an organization), please do so either by sending a check to SEABA at 199 Estoria Street, SE, Atlanta, GA 30316 or you may pay with your credit card at any of our events.

Good things are on the horizon for SEABA. Please check out our new SEABA website at www.seabaga.org for information about our membership guidelines, leaders, membership benefits, and tactical & strategic plans for 2011-2012. If you would like to be on our mailing list or know more about our organization, send an email to ashmccartney@gmail.com and we'll get back to you. We are also now on Facebook.

SEABA (South East Atlanta Business Association) was created through the merger of the Reynoldstown/Cabbagetown Business Association and the Grant Park Merchants Association in 2006. Our most important goals are to strengthen and grow the business community and enhance the quality of life for all residents. SEABA is a 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation operated by volunteers.

Unfocused photography

Stacks H Building residents, Eric and Taylor Heegaard take matters into their own hands when threatening July thunder storms forces them to bring in GSU's canoe from the impending rain. This

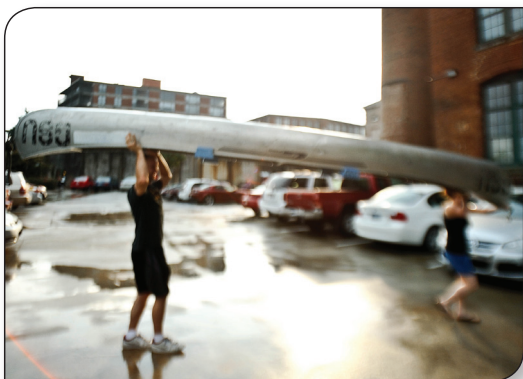


image is part of Terrell Clark's "Unfocused" series; an attempt to look and record daily occurrences via an unfocused camera lens so that a deeper clarity is attained.

FREE Beer!



The Milltown Golden Goose is Preparing to Lay ANOTHER Golden Keg!

Friday, August 3rd
Art Event presented by the Cube Gallery:
Olivia Rado
water printing - 9p - complimentary wine!

Sat. August 18th
Art Event- 7p "On The Blue"
Snapshots from the maiden voyage of *Blue Wing* by **Greg & Duwan** - \$2 Rum Special
Sponsored by Cayrum
Caribbean appetizers. Gorgeous framed snapshots will be available for sale!

Saturday Night, August 25th
Milltown's 7th Anniversary Celebration!!!
The Golden Keg will be here for **FREE Beer!**
\$2 Jager Shots Special.

Sunday, August 26th - Closed - We'll be celebrating our 7th with our staff on a River Rafting trip.

Exciting News! Where in World will be Milltown on October 6th? (**HINT:** It begins with OCT and ends with FEST!) Stay tuned...



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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

July 10th, 2012 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center)

By Ashley McCartney

1. Meet and Greet with candidates

a. Simone Bell (State Congress 58th), Rob Long (State Congress 58th), Arthur Ferdinand (Tax Commissioner), Michael Johnson (5th District), Tina Robinson (Clerk of Fulton County Superior Court), Curtis Farmer (Sheriff), Terri Walker (Solicitor of Fulton County), R.J. Morris (Tax Commissioner)

b. Valencia Hudson - Neighbors expressed concerns regarding trash cans on streets, lighting issues on Kirkwood Avenue near the park and lighting issues at the Krog street tunnel. Valencia will alert the proper departments

c. Major Meadows - 10 robberies since beginning of the year in zone 606, 6 in the last month; staggering resources between Reynoldstown, Cabbagetown, Grant Park and EAV; since upping presence, no further robberies; 38 crimes total in the month; robberies are actually down.

Resident asked whether there are any leads for the Estoria/Kirkwood robbery - Major responds that the homicide department is handling leads from outside the city; does that indicate whether it is stranger-to-stranger or otherwise-possibly, but doesn't want to compromise investigation.

Resident concerned about the proximity and the fact that *they were hanging on the porch 5 deep-should we not hang out on the porch?* Major Meadows stressed that we need to be cautious and we know who is supposed to be here and who is not.

Be vigilant - we should stay on the porch. Resident states that it is not uncommon for people to be walking from *97 Estoria*, so how do we tell? Resident states that it seems similar to the *Milltown Lofts* incident - Major says not the same, different leads; the robbery at Chester, Major says, neighborhood got involved and APD recovered a weapon, which should help in other investigations.

Lyn mentions Ron's concerns regarding drug dealing on Memorial and ending up at 250 Powell - Major responds that APD is working on it and can't really give details at this point so as not to compromise what they are doing.

Lyn mentioned neighborhood watch; Major mentions that Reynoldstown is interested in creating a joint public safety board, should also consider North Grant Park. Lyn reminds us to keep this fresh when thinking about participating in the neighborhood watch.

d. Sam Gris (Public Safety Chair) - Sam gave an overview of the crimes nearby including the armed vehicle robbery at *Milltown Lofts*, Estoria/Kirkwood kidnapping/armed robbery; situational awareness is the most important thing; when we called 911 Sunday night, APD was there with 3 cars within 3 minutes; do **NOT** answer the door if you are not expecting anyone; crime is mostly down, but this hits us close to home.

2. Business Meeting

a. Minutes from last month-there was a motion, a second, a vote and the minutes unanimously passed.

b. Treasurer's report- \$7307.80 at beginning; Village Pizza -\$36.72 and newspaper -\$569.16, \$550 in ads, \$7224.92 ending balance

c. Hospitality - no news

d. NPU - nothing really new, but if you see vacant homes or cars, let him know and he will give you contact to report

e. HP-CI is re-siding building, Type II certificate needed, so we need a vote, smooth coat paint, 6", we need a vote so HP can write a letter saying it meets the guidelines-motion was made, properly seconded and vote is anonymously approved

i. Resident mentions Pearl Street improvement that we voted to approve so long ago as no significant change, so it should be approved tomorrow

f. Treasurer of CI - hands out balance sheet for the month and asks for questions; resident asks whether we have gotten anymore Robert Wood money and we have received our 2 lump sums and now it is at \$200 per month until paid in full

g. Land Use - no elected chair yet, did have general meeting, no decisions made yet, information gathering, have met with head of Urban Design Commission Doug Young; more meetings to come on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7p

3. Old Business

a. CI Elections - Julie is unanimously voted in as a CI board member

4. New business

a. Sam Parker (Chair of Wallkeepers) presents a mural proposal; we need approval as to the concept, not the specifics; residents voice concern re covering the tiles; the plan is to NOT cover the tiles. Motion, second and unanimous approval for the concept.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:05p

CI Notes

By Nathan Barnett

The Cabbagetown Initiative CDC met at 7p on Monday, July 9th, 2012 at The Cabbagetown Community Center. In attendance were: Katherine Dirga, Barb Keeney, Lynne Splinter, Julie Stephens, Cheri Snyder, Ashley McCartney, Alicia Thompson, Lyn Deardorff and Nathan Barnett. Here are the minutes:

I. Adopt June minutes

Unanimously approved

II. New Business

- Michael McPherson updated our non-profit filing with the State with the new Board member's names.
- Julie accepted by CI but she needs to be approved by CNIA first. Her approval was tabled until the August CI meeting.
- Lynne Splinter agreed to take over the CI Treasurer position; Approved unanimously.

A. Barb—communication idea for CI neighborhood

Barb presented an idea to raise neighborhood awareness and interest for CI through an updating mechanism possibly called "CI Connect". Although the inclusion of CI minutes in the newspaper has been helpful, the neighborhood doesn't really understand the process behind financial decisions made during CI meetings. The CI Connect would help with transparency and building legitimacy with the neighborhood.

It also would consistently update the community with budgetary and financial information, such as funding projects and paying for regular expenditures. A good example would be Tova's recent success with our MOU with the City of Atlanta. Although this was a success and can be stated as such, the positive implications aren't immediately known, such as with the City taking over the Mollie Street project's funding.

There were some concerns with time constraints implementing and later hearing interested parties due to the CI Connect. A suggestion was to hold "big picture" meetings leading out of CI Connect directly after *Chomp & Stomp* to describe the next year's budget and major expenses and projects. It was suggested this process may also help with budgeting and planning for *Chomp & Stomp*. The CI Connect may not only help the community understand CI's function and importance, but also spur community members to join the Board.

The format for presenting this at CNIA is undecided, though a CI "panel" format featuring Board members, would be helpful to answer questions. Printouts of balance sheets may be provided in time, probably listing major transactions. The CI Treasurer can be on hand to answer questions. The Board agreed that CI Connect is a good idea, though the format, process, and implementation regarding CI Connect will evolve going forward.

B. Mural Proposal, Krog Tunnel

Katherine presented Sam Parker's submitted mural proposal. The

Board was very excited over the proposed design. Sam can come and present to CNIA. This mural will be installed on the left side of the south entrance (southwest wall) of the Krog tunnel. Sam and his friend will install the mural. Jim Pribble will install landscape around the mural. Expected date of installation is around August 15th.

Lyn mentioned that there is interest in a dog run on the south side of CSX property along Tennelle (this has been visited in the past by *The Stacks* and others). Will need to work on figuring out what's allowed since it's technically private property owned by CSX. *Stacks* might pitch in with capital costs (fencing) but still need to figure out who would fund ongoing maintenance. Might need to figure out a private-public or private-private funding mechanism. Need to get neighborhood buy-in about this for it to work.

C. Community Center rental for church, regular cleaning service, Chomp & Stomp update

Church

Alicia presented a letter from Eddie Willis. He is interested in setting up a church in Cabbagetown that meets regularly at the community center. They are interested in finding out more about Cabbagetown's greatest needs and expectations. Alicia proposed charging \$100 each rental. The Board agreed.

Cleaning service

Cleaning service quotes came in as \$150, then \$85 thereafter each time. GPCP's cleaning service was quoted at \$50 each time. The Board agreed the community center needed regular cleaning every other week when school is out of session. It was proposed when GPCP is in session, their cleaning service would take over every week.

Chomp & Stomp news

Chomp & Stomp's permit is almost done. Tent rental is very high at around \$13,000. It has increased about \$1,000 because the rental company included a protective damage charge since some tables went missing last year. We have a good plan with new wine service: Celine has agreed to captain and set up 4 wine stations. Katherine has made headway with website updates and ownership which will have a structure similar to the CI website. Address is **chompandstomp.com**. November 3rd is this year's festival date and that is now posted. Barb let us know that Milltown is planning to sponsor at \$2500! CI was very excited and thanked Milltown's owners.

III. Old Business

A. VP office

Ashley McCartney was unanimously approved by the Board to assume the office of Vice President.

B. CCC Siding and Repaint (tabled until next month)

Chalkboard paint and/or dry erase paint was suggested for use on walls inside the community center to aid with CNIA meetings and other events. Issue was tabled for discussion next month.

IV. Community Members/Guests

None

V. Adjourned 7:47p

Cabbagetown's mean streets

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He has responded to my and Lyn's (Lyn Deardorff, CNIA President) emails and has been extremely proactive in his approach. In terms of the recent home invasion and kidnapping, he asked Homicide to investigate it. I think that shows how seriously he takes crimes like that, as, obviously, there was no homicide. It also shows how well he is thought of within APD."

According to Lyn, "We are in the organizing and planning stages of a Neighborhood Watch (NW) - in response to the recent rash of crimes in and around Cabbagetown. NW programs have proven successful historically in deterring crime and sending a message to would-be criminals that the neighborhood is on alert for suspicious activities. In addition, with the advent of social media, residents can be made aware more quickly about potential activities taking place within minutes of the sighting. Perhaps the best thing about a NW program, is that it commits our neighborhood watchfulness and the communication with each other that is necessary to ensure a safer area."

The APD has put a Community Services agent at our disposal. That agent is an expert in facilitating Neighborhood Watch programs. This is a program that involves street-by-street block captains

who would be alerted and then alert their neighbors to suspicious activities or current crime issues through a phone system. We are also looking into electronic methods of alert systems which are used by various neighborhoods. There are advantages and disadvantages to both - so we are evaluating the best method for us, which may be a combination solution.



Surveillance photo of the July 3rd home invasion and kidnapping suspect. Later turned into police by his parents.

CNIA is planning a Safety and Neighborhood Watch meet-

ing on August 21st at 7p in the Cabbagetown Community Center. Various members of the APD will be on hand to discuss safety and crime deterrent tips. They expect to form the basic component of a NW program at that time. The neighborhood is invited to take part in any or all aspects of this meeting. Interested residents that would like to volunteer for the NW program should email Lyn (lynpeachtree@hotmail.com) with your full name, street address, phone (cell and/or landline) and email address. They should also plan on attending the first organization meeting.

According to Sam, "One of the efforts that we are working on is establishing a small task force comprised of public safety chairs of local neighborhoods and Major Meadows. The goal would be to join together to discuss recurring issues in a setting different than community meetings. I am particularly excited about this."

What can we Cabbagetown citizens do? Sam says, "I think the num-

ber one thing is to be alert and aware of your surroundings. Do not hesitate to dial 911, APD will prioritize the calls so do not worry about being a pain to them. We are a neighborhood that takes pride in our diversity so we are reluctant to look at someone and think they might be up to no good. But, we need to pay attention to who is around. Instead of thinking "it's probably nothing" we need to start thinking "it could be something and I am not going to take the chance".

According to Major Meadows, there is plenty of manpower to take our 911 calls. Sam adds "One other thing, It is ok to not be polite. If a stranger asks you a question or asks to borrow your phone, a cup of sugar or your latest copy of Guns and Garden, it is ok to turn around and walk away. If a stranger comes to your door, it is ok to not open the door."

Sam recommends that we all have a plan for how we would react in different situations. Just like you should have an emergency plan in case your house catches on fire, so too should you have a plan for if you are walking down the street and someone is following you or if you see strangers on the street. If you have made a plan in advance for handling eventualities, you will be better prepared to handle a tough situation.

On guard

By Duncan Cottrell, the Entry Enforcer

Heat waves bring crime waves, says the FBI. Statistics show that most every category of crime increases by at least ten percent each summer in July and August.

For home intrusion, the culprits are usually middle or high school teens. Between noon and 3p is when homes are most vulnerable. Kicking in a door is the most common method of entry, followed by window break-ins.

Here are summer tips for home safety and protection:

- Keep your guard up. Double check locks and security systems, and put away small electronics and other temptations.
- Alert neighbors before you go away on vacation and ask them to watch your home, pick up newspapers and notices, and to phone police if they see suspicious activity.
- Keep the kids engaged, and their time accountable to an adult. The Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, church camps, sports practice, or volunteerism will provide structure and fill idle hours.

Duncan Cottrell, The Entry Enforcer, offers free estimates to make doors kick-proof and window access too difficult to bother with. You'll also get an objective assessment of how your home will look to the pro burglar and the restless kid, and expert advice on how to make your home safer. Contact him at (404) 289-6960 or Duncan@entryenforcer.com

From the President

By Lyn Deardorff, CNIA President

Hi Everyone,

We're be hosting a very important meeting for Cabbagetown – and you are all invited!

Safety Information and Neighborhood Watch Meeting Tuesday, August 21st – 7p Cabbagetown Community Center

Atlanta Police Community Services personnel along with APD officers from various divisions will meet with us for two purposes. First, we'll have an opportunity to learn safety tips that we can all use in our daily lives from the experts who work with the issues of crime every day. After the events of the last several weeks, I've heard a number of great questions that beg for expert answers – and these are the folks who can handle them.

We will follow with a preliminary information session for organizing our new Neighborhood Watch program.

If you have volunteered for this program – or if you just want to know more about it – stick around for this portion of the meeting. At that time, we'll talk about the form that this program might take. We have lots of options to explore as we set this up. As of this writing (end of July) we have over forty residents who have volunteered and who understand the need for this new initiative. Just another way our neighbors continue to step up when needed.

So join us for the first part or both parts – and see what a great group of residents live here!

*Lyn Deardorff
CNIA President*

PS: We will continue to accept volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch at any time – just email me: lynpeachtree@hotmail.com



Keep calm and carry on.

By Kyle F. Bidlack

As is often the case in life, when we don't have all the facts, we fill in the empty spaces as best we can. And sometimes we fill the voids with information that is not entirely accurate.

We've all heard many stories about Mr. Tom Aderhold (or as he prefers, simply "Tom") Some of them are true, some are mythical and others are flat-out wrong. The Cabbagetown Neighbor seeks to better illuminate a man who has played a huge role in recent Cabbagetown history while never grabbing the spotlight, preferring to stand humbly behind the curtain.

Tom was born in Atlanta in 1949 and except for an early four year period he has always lived in the Atlanta area. *"We lived in Buckhead before it became "Buckhead" – there really was a Buck's head over the country store entrance", says Tom.*

Tom attended junior college in Cuthbert, GA where he met his lovely wife Kay, who Tom describes as his polar opposite *"which is a GOOD thing"* says Tom. He went on to study at Auburn University and received a BA in Business administration.

Tom's interest in Cabbagetown and the mill was guided by his father, John. *"John was determined to salvage as much of Atlanta's history as he could – he was a visionary and loved Atlanta (John grew up in Little Five Points). It was John and Louis Brown that got the mill going."*

According to Tom, the renovation cost was horrendous. *"We went through 13 banking institutions before finding a lender that would help us to build phase one (A, B & C bldgs). After phase one was completed, all 13 lenders wanted to "help" with phase two."*

Louis Brown, was the individual that had the tenacity to get the loan done. Phase one cost over \$18,000,000 and there were no grants ever given for the development – Tom and his partners have to pay back all of the money.

While other properties and condo developments in Atlanta have suffered severely over the past four years, The Stacks been able to maintain value and vitality. Tom credits this to the fact that the property is a one of a kind development. *"Frankly, the value comes from the people that live there; they own it, they take care of it and they enjoy it."*

"What ifs" are a tough proposition but many have wondered what if Tom had not renovated the mill...What would have happened to the mill? We asked Tom that question, and he humbly replied "Somebody would have developed the mill, I am sure. The property was in real disrepair though."

Cabbagetown has been close to Tom's heart for a long time. *"There is a sense of community that has developed over a long period of time – thanks to the people that live in and around the mill – and those that worked in the mill and lived in the neighborhood in decades past."*

When Tom walks around Cabbagetown today, what strikes him most and makes him happiest is that Cabbagetown is *"...young and growing. It is nice to see families in the neighborhood."*

We asked Tom to look into his crystal ball and tell us what the next three to four years hold for The Stacks. *"Depending on the market, the remainder of the rental lofts will be converted to condos. Timing is the issue here and is still a bit of an unknown."*

Tom know the streets of Cabbagetown very well...and it is not much of an overstatement that he knows every bolt and beam of the Fulton Cotton Mill. We were curious if Tom has a favourite spot in the mill and why? Tom says *"I enjoy the rooftop deck on E bldg – it really shows the city in all it's glory."*

The lofts have endured a major fire and (along with the rest of Cabbagetown) an F2 tornado. Tom's most profound memories from those experiences is *"the fact that there were no people killed during those two events. It's difficult to explain if you don't believe in a supreme being"* said Tom.

His daughter gave him some cherished cuff links. She engraved *"Keep calm and carry on"* upon them... Knowing these are words her father lives by. Those words made famous by the Brits on the eve of World War II in 1939. And under the extreme circumstances of catastrophic fire and tornado, Tom lived by those words. He was the calming reassurance that in time, all wounds would heal. He promised exactly that. And he delivered.

What's next for Tom Aderhold? We asked Tom exactly that. He paused, then replied, *"Don't look at the man behind the curtain, he is of no consequence."*



Tom Aderhold,
Developer of The Stacks and Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts



Above: The Fulton Cotton Mill in 1996.

After the mill closed in 1976, it quickly deteriorated and the city threatened to level the mill with a wrecking ball. Cabbagetown rallied to "Save the Mill" and once John and Tom Aderhold embraced the dream, this amazing piece of Atlanta history was preserved. But not till a great many mountains were moved.

Below: The Stacks and Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts in 2012.



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Life in the Cabbagehood: The reunion edition

By Mikel Dominiack

Like a fine wine – not usually the type found in the neighborhood – Cabbagetown only seems to get better with age. More settled, like the warm embrace of a nice, heavy, red wine or the arms of a close friend.

For the record, I have so many great friends in Cabbagetown, I count myself fortunate that I can't count them all on one hand. As many of you know, I moved to New York City about sixteen months ago. Since leaving I have gotten my health issues under control and enrolled at The NYC Institute of the Arts pursuing my BFA in Textile Arts.

During my time away I have kept in touch with many of my fellow Cabbageheads. I was delighted when Judy Staples, my Best BFF, informed me that some of my "Cabbage Wives" had pooled together and were buying me a ticket to come to Atlanta for the fourth of July week. Thanks to Judy, Kiki Mitchell, Pauline Odowd-Mancuzo and Debbi Weeks.

I arrived in Atlanta to find Judy's smiling face just as warm as I had always remembered. It was like no time had passed at all. Eager to get into the groove we began our week of great adventure at where else...? AGAVE my home away from home. The staff, *always* a pleasure and Lisa, my favorite margarita mixin' babe were all surprised when I strolled in and plopped down on my usual bar stool.

Before I knew it, my appetizer compadres abruptly got up, said good bye and left. I was rather perplexed but having a full "marg" in front of me I was in no hurry. Unbeknownst until Judy's sister Linda spilled the beans, there was a surprise gathering at the "Baroness of Berean's" home in my honor.

When I arrived I was surprised to find EVERYONE I call dear, in attendance. Just to drop a few names: Mike & Drew Mulans, Linda and her beau, Bertha Wise, Laura Ferguson, McKevier and Whitner O'Dowd, Pauline, Kiki, Mitchell, Gail Henry, Jessica Mastrodomenico, Robin Gelberg, John & Katherine Dirga, Eric Botting, Duwan & Greg (back from their Bahama boating adventure and escaping hurricane season), and the biggest surprise of all...The man of my dreams, Leo Bell.

It was like a class reunion but with all the people you like and none of the ones you don't. The night lasted well in to the wee hours of the morning and exhausted, I laid down in the loft of Judy's home and slept like you do when you go home and sleep in your childhood bed.

The next day was the Fourth of July and the whole neighborhood was out and about getting ready for the much anticipated Fireworks Extravaganza.

First I made my rounds, reconnecting with Roz, Bridget, Laura Boone, Susan McCracken, Joe The Contractor, and Barb & the

boys of Milltown Tavern. Afterwards, I rejoined the creative and eclectic group of folks gathering at Kiki and Cole's place. Kiki made the most incredible adult beverage popsicles EVER! As dusk came, the street filled with migrating residents all heading for Esther Peachy Lefevre Park.

I've watched and enjoyed many fireworks displays over the years. At normal displays you are an onlooker. In

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Cabbagetown it is more personal. Sometimes you are IN THE FIREWORKS. The brilliant colors are only matched by the colorful array of people drawn to the Cabbagetown area.

The week began to build momentum after hitting Carroll Street, Littles Food Store, Milltown Tavern, Mi Barrio and Agave once again. Later, I set my sight on a little bar in Grant Park called, "The Cockpit". I solicited a few folks to join me, namely Laura Ferguson, Kiki Mitchell and Judy Staples. If you have not been to The Cockpit, I strongly urge you to do so. Great staff, great location, layout, music and cheap drinks all make for a wonderful evening...Gay or straight.

I finished out the week by visiting with Joe, Christina and little Tillie, before tubing on the Chattahoochee with all my favorite gals – and as luck would have it – on the same day that Dan and Alicia were "Shooting the Hooch".

Sadly the week came to an end too soon and on the plane heading back to the big apple I began to feel melancholy...not because I had just left Cabbagetown but because of the love I have for it, and it for me. I look forward to seeing you again real soon – IN THE CABBAGEHOOD.

Peachy fireworks

By Kyle F. Bidlack

One of the most fabulous Independence Day traditions here in the land of Cabbage is the independent fireworks show in cozy little Peachy Park. For the past handful of years, four guys (who prefer to remain nameless) stage an impressive and intimate show for all their neighbors.



This year was no different...and perhaps the best show ever. Upwards of 2,000 Cabbageheads crowded around Peachy Park well before sundown and grooved to loud speakers (that weren't too loud) playing an eclectic mix of Neil Diamond, Bruce Springsteen and classical Wagner.

After the show, we spoke with one of the philanthropic explosive display experts (identified only as "Tim") who donated the show to Cabbagetown and he told us his team spent over \$1,400 of mostly their own money on the spectacle. He said they DID get some very generous donations from Limerick Junction and 97 Estoria.

On behalf of all of Cabbagetown, many thanks to Tim and his friends. The fireworks show you provided, was ALMOST as big as your hearts.

EDITOR'S NOTE: While APD has always "looked the other way" during this unofficial neighborhood party, we should not take that courtesy for granted in the future. Traffic blockages, crowds prohibiting the flow of traffic and unruly behavior MIGHT put an unnecessary end to our fun. Next year, let's work towards keeping traffic lanes open and making sure we all have a great time without having too great a time.

Your vote: 2012

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Cabbagetown went to the polls this past Tuesday, July 31st. Among the many decisions you made were who would serve us as the 5th Congressional District Representative, and of course, T-SPLOST.

Here are some preliminary results as of press time: T-SPLOST failed by roughly a 2-to-1 margin. John Lewis defeated Michael Johnson for the District 5 Congressional seat by a 4-to-1 margin. Sewer tax approved by a 6-to-1 margin. Newt Gingrich gets 42% of the Republican Presidential Primary vote. Gwinnett approves Sunday alcohol sales by a 2-to-1 margin.

Here are some of the projects you would have seen in our neck of the woods had T-SPLOST passed:

- Atlanta Beltline and Streetcar Projects – about \$602 million
- Auburn Ave from Peachtree St to Boulevard - This project will provide traffic improvements including traffic signal coordination, modernization and optimization, associated traffic studies, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, milling and repaving, pavement markings, signage and street lights, as appropriate.
- Boulevard from Ponce de Leon Avenue to McDonough Blvd - This project would have provided traffic improvements including traffic signal coordination, modernization and optimization, associated traffic studies, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, milling and repaving, pavement markings, signage and street lights, as appropriate.
- Boulevard from Ponce de Leon Ave to DeKalb Ave – Pedestrian Safety Improvements: This project would have installed raised median islands along Boulevard from North Ave to JW Dobbs Ave, and construct mid-block crosswalks with appropriate countermeasures and make pedestrian safety improvements at signalized intersections from Ponce de Leon Ave to DeKalb Ave.
- DeKalb Avenue from Arizona Avenue to DeKalb Place & Rocky Ford Road – A Multi-use Path would have been constructed.
- Monroe Drive from Amsterdam Avenue to 10th Street – Pedestrian Safety Improvements.
- North Avenue from Freedom Parkway to North Highland – Pedestrian Safety Improvements.
- Monroe Drive at 8th St to Ponce de Leon Avenue at Ponce City Market – New street connection.
- Boulevard from Ponce de Leon Avenue to DeKalb Avenue – Pedestrian Safety Improvements: This project would have installed raised median islands along Boulevard from North Avenue to John Wesley Dobbs and constructed mid-block crosswalks and make pedestrian safety improvements at signalized intersections from Ponce de Leon Avenue to DeKalb Avenue.



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Graffiti officer

Brad Etterle is the new graffiti abatement officer within the Atlanta Police Department. Officer Etterle began making the rounds over the past few weeks, meeting with neighborhood associations and residents in and around Cabbagetown.

Etterle, who met with the members of Neighborhood Planning Unit-M earlier this month, is the APD's enforcement arm of the Mayor's Graffiti Task Force.

The Graffiti Task Force was formed to deal with the graffiti that has been a nuisance in many in-town neighborhoods, including Old Fourth Ward.

Etterle, who joined APD in 2008, replaced Officer Ari Bleifeld. Bleifeld is now part of APD's APEX Unit, which specializes in identifying and targeting violent crime trends throughout the city.

If you see graffiti in progress:

1. Call 911 so an officer can be sent out to the scene.
2. Call your local Zone 6 if you want to report graffiti/vandalism perpetrated on your personal property. Zone 6: 404.371.5002
3. You also may call the "graffiti hotline" at 404.546.4288
4. Officer Etterle's e-mail is: bdetterle@atlanta.ga.gov

Ben Stiller and Sister Louisa's

By Kyle F. Bidlack

This past month, Ben Stiller was on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" promoting his new movie; "Neighborhood Watch".

Neighborhood Watch was actually filmed here in Atlanta and Mr. Stiller had a few semi-funny things to say about Atlantans.

Perhaps the best part of the interview was when Mr. Stiller talked about how "Sister Louisa's Church of the Living Room and Ping Pong Emporium" re-introduced him to the sport and inspired him to get lots of ping pong gear and create a tournament of his own.

If you want to see the segment for yourself, you can view it here: <http://www.hulu.com/watch/383571>

Ben Stiller is not the only celebrity to make the pilgrimage to Sister Louisa's; Jonah Hill, Vince Vaughn, Will Forte, Marissa Tomei and Tom Everett Scott have all been to one of Cabbagetown's favourite watering holes.

Last year, Lady Gaga visited the hot spot and tried to buy the statue of the Virgin Mary that stood behind the bar. The bartenders kept telling her no...But eventually Lady Gaga offered A LOT of money for the statue, prompting the bartenders to call the owner (Grant Henry) who promptly told Miss Gaga that "The virgin Mary is NOT for sale!"



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Your bucket list

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

geneRACeTion 10k and 2k Fun Run

Saturday, August 4th - 7:30a - Grant Park
Support *Meals On Wheels Atlanta*. Walk, run and race to raise awareness and funding for nutritious, home-delivered meals for seniors. The event will take place outside of Zoo Atlanta and is open to all fitness levels, with everything from a 2k fun run/walk to a Peachtree Road Race 10K qualifier event. www.geneRACeTion.org

Reuse, Recycle, Upcycle!

Saturday, August 11th - 9a to 4p - SEFAA Center, Atlanta
Finally a place for all your discarded samples, left-over fabrics, and unfinished projects! Upcycle and transpose the old, the used, and unused into the new, the fresh and the beautiful. Raid your stash or trade and use someone else's. Join Barbara Gail Blate to create your own treasures. www.fiberartsalliance.org/home/classes#Upcycle

Candler Park Movie Night – Wall-E

Saturday, August 11th - 8p - 1506 McClendon Avenue, Atlanta
Bring your picnic dinner and share a movie and the lawn with neighbors. www.cprunningclub.com/candlerparkmovienight

Piedmont Park Arts Festival: Showing Off!

Sat, Aug 18 -19th – 10a to 7a – Piedmont Park Conservancy Comm. Center, Atlanta
The Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces brings the local arts and crafts festival tradition to Piedmont Park. See and purchase art from local painters, potters, and hand crafters! www.piedmontparkartsfestival.com

Grant Park Summer Shade Festival

Saturday, August 25th - 10a - Grant Park Conservancy, Atlanta
The 10th annual festival returns to Grant Park and the festivities features a not-to-be-missed artist market, food, children's area, live entertainment, 5k run, as well as the Corks & Forks food and wine event. www.summershadedefestival.org

10th Annual Kirkwood Spring Fling and Tour of Homes

Saturday, May 19th 10a to 11p - Bessie Branham Park.
An open air artist market in the shade of giant trees. Enjoy the sounds of bands and singers on the big stage. Bring the kids for the children's area. www.kirkwoodfling.com

Annual Dragon*Con Parade

Saturday, September 1st - 10am - Peachtree Street, downtown Atlanta
Whether you're dressing up or just people-watching, annual Dragon-Con parade is a must-see event for all ages. www.dragoncon.org/events

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Cabbagetown portraits

By Dane Sponberg

This is Ric Blackburn, one of the Stacks' most famous residents. Ric is a videographer and worked at CNN for 30 years, covering everything from Hurricane Katrina to our own 2008 Atlanta Tornado and traveling to every corner of the Earth.

However, most Cabbage-heads will recognize Ric by his eccentric interior (and exterior) design.

Ric has transformed his home and 8th floor balcony into a cabana wonderland, unofficially dubbed "Rico's Tiki Bar." While Ric has interviewed both dictators and movie stars, he started his journey as water-skiing Goofy at Disney World (if you ask nicely, he can still do a spot-on Goofy voice). Ever since his

water-skiing days, Ric has always been close to the water and when he's not jet-setting, he can usually be found by the Stack's

pool with a drink and wide smile, working on his tan. Cheers, Ric!

Dane Sponberg has been photographing Cabbagetown residents for 3 years and is self-publishing a book of portraits and Cabbagetown history.

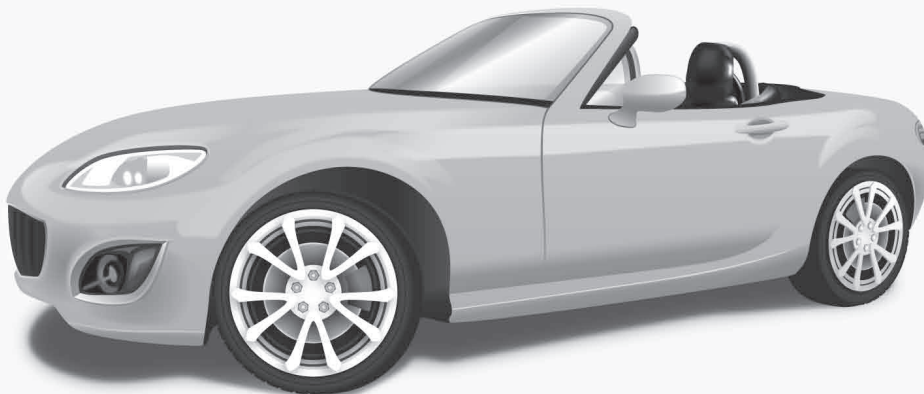
Dane is interested in interviewing and photographing any current residents, anyone who lived or whose family lived in Cabbagetown in the 1950's through the 1970's.

Please contact Dane at sponny@gmail.com if you are interested in being included in this historic, ongoing project.



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MULTI-DWELLING

<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
222 Powell St SE Duplex	\$178,900
<i>Pending</i>	<i>Price</i>
209 Carroll St SE Duplex	\$300,000

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<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
742 Memorial Dr. .96 Acres	\$440,000
<i>Contingent</i>	<i>Price</i>
276 Tye St SE .30 Acres	\$90,000

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<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E417 2 BD/2 BA	\$310,000
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Unit E211 2 BD/2 BA	\$224,900
Unit E209 2 BD/2 BA	\$219,900
Unit E212 2 BD/2 BA	\$215,900
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Unit E007 2 BD/2 BA	\$199,900
Unit E403 2 BD/2 BA	\$186,900
Unit H122 2 BD/2 BA	\$175,000
Unit E126 1 BD/1 BA	\$164,900
Unit E208 1 BD/1 BA	\$159,900
Unit E305 1 BD/1 BA	\$149,900

HOUSES

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
720 Mollie St SE 2 BD/2 BA	\$279,900
215 Carroll St SE 2 BD/1 BA	\$199,900
267 Tye St SE 2 BD/1 BA	\$90,000
<i>Contingent</i>	<i>Price</i>
209 Powell St. SE 3 BD/2 BA	\$350,000
<i>Under Contract</i>	<i>Price</i>
204 Berean SE 2 BD/2 BA	\$264,900
<i>Waiting Approval</i>	<i>Price</i>
209 Powell St SE 3 BD/2 BA	\$350,000
252 Iswald St SE 1 BD/1 BA	\$100,000
<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
127 Short St SE 3 BD/2 BA	\$275,000
822 Kirkwood 3 BD/2 BA	\$263,100
172 Powell St SE 3 BD/2 BA	\$270,000
137 Tye St SE 2 BD/1BA	\$226,000

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<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
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Unit 402 1 BD/1 BA	\$91,000
Unit 909 1 BD/1 BA	\$78,400
Unit 501 1 BD/1 BA	\$66,400
<i>The Stacks</i>	170 Blvd
Unit E217 2 BD/2 BA	\$217,900
Unit E109 2 BD/2 BA	\$206,500
<i>Pending</i>	<i>Price</i>
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