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"Cabbage: a familiar kitchen-garden vegetable about as large and wise as a man's head." - Ambrose Bierce

Cabbagetown turns out for Flower Hour



From left to right: Dan, Judy, Lee, Jeanne and Debbie at Garden*Hood, Friday, June 22nd

For the rest of the story, see page 6.



Cabbagetown residents got their groove on during the Cabbagetown Prom and Hootenanny.

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

Agenda

7 to 7:45p: Meet & Greet the Candidates for July Primary Election (See article inside) Refreshments provided. Police Report and City of Atlanta Announcements during this portion of the evening.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Committee Reports
 - Hospitality
 - Public Safety
 - NPU-N
 - Historic Preservation
4. Old Business
 - Three Points Park
4. New Business
5. 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.

Cabbagetown country

By Alicia Thompson and Kyle F. Bidlack

From all reports, The Cabbagetown Prom and Hootenanny was...well, a total hoot.

Held at the Cabbagetown Community Center, this past June 16th, about 40 people danced away a beautiful spring evening amidst a down-home setting staged by celebrated Cabbagetown artist Jeanne Defour.

Jeanne employed old pitch forks, garden gates, cactus and homemade signs to create a magical Cabbagetown setting from yester-year.

From 8p to about 9:30p the highlights included the little whipper-snappers (Dechant's and Tova's kids) romping around the hootenanny and dancing up a perfect storm.

As typical of most proms the older kids started filtering in around 10p. Adorned in prom dresses, suits, overalls and perfectly eclectic Cabbagetown attire.

The DJ kept everyone on their feet and he ended up staying till way past midnight (because a frolicking group of Cabbageheads bribed him).

Special thanks to Agave Restaurant and Milltown Tavern for sponsoring the event and to all of you who contributed and volunteered.



All proceeds went towards keeping **Chomp and Stomp** a perfectly green event – the only Atlanta neighborhood festival to aspire towards such a noble endeavour.

**Reunion
Rundown
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SEABA Update

By Ashley McCartney

On June 21st, 2012, Cabbagetown's own *Village Pizza* hosted our soiree. Denise, the new chef, treated us to a variety of different pizzas, all of which were absolutely delicious. She's got some awesome new recipes and the pizza is to-die-for. They also have patio seating outside and a newly remodeled interior.



We had eighteen guests throughout the evening including four new guests. Chad Reilly, curator of the *Cube Gallery*, joined us and informed us on

happenings at Cube Gallery. Check out the latest at www.thecubegallery.com. Elena Sanchez and Alex Lassiter also attended. Alex is launching a new customer platform business from *The Jane* and Elena is his public relations intern. Check out www.frequentr.com for more information. We were also pleased to have Jodi Hersh, a graphic design artist with *Orangestar*. For information on her services, go to www.orangestar.com.

On July 20th, 2012, *Zoo Atlanta* will host our quarterly business luncheon from 12:30p until 1:30p in the *Ford Conference Center*. Vic Uzumeri and Rick Hudson have kindly offered to share their time and wisdom with us as our guest speakers. The topic will be "*Small business systems: Inexpensive and even free!*" The presentation will review the range of systems, service and software offerings that are now available to small businesses at very low cost – or even free.

These include:

- Office (Word processing, spreadsheet, etc.)
- Social business systems (huge productivity tools)
- Finance and accounting systems
- Voice and video collaboration systems
- Cloud data storage and backup
- Website hosting and authoring systems and more

The presentation is given from a user's perspective and is brand agnostic. Vic Uzumeri, PhD is a former business professor at Auburn University and owner of a small eLearning business (www.ipov.net). Rick Hudson is the CEO of Xanadu Consortium. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. Please RSVP to ashmccartney@gmail.com or on our Facebook page.

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. Check out our new SEABA website at www.seabaga.org for more info. If you'd would like to be on our mailing list or know more about our organization just send an email to ashmccartney@gmail.com and we'll get back to you. We are on Facebook too.

SEABA (South East Atlanta Business Association) was created through the merger of 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.

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to the July 27th game against the Phillies!

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Click the contest button. Tix will be awarded July 17th!

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

June 12th, 2012 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center)

By John Dirga (abridged)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7p.
2. Sound may be echoing from Bar One. The owner of the establishment has promised noise abatement solutions. Residents were completely & utterly shocked to learn it may be operating as a bustling night club, instead of (as promised) a tiny, quiet tapas lounge.
3. APD Zone 6 Crime Report: Low. Four and five crimes reported per week. Caroline St issues with larcenies at Edgewood Shopping Center. Violent crime is farther east in Kirkwood and Edgewood, with gang-related issues (sometimes with 10-12yr olds involved). 90's Honda Accords are the easiest vehicles to steal, as well as Jeep Wranglers and Cherokees. Beltline is being targeted because it is poorly lit (mostly, purse or phone snatching). Crime is up in Zone 6 by 5% year-to-date (but last year won the award for biggest drop in city). Rstephens@atlantaga.gov is the contact info for APD.
4. Minutes from last minutes were published in the newsletter, though Ashley was not present. Minutes approved.
5. Treasurer's Report: \$7336.01 in May: \$500 for printing, \$50 for food, \$50 for party. Deposits: \$500. New balance is \$7370.30
6. Refer new neighbors to the Hospitality Committee.
7. Historic Preservation reviewed two applications (see below).
8. Katie B introduced herself as a new neighbor on Pearl Street. Troy C introduced himself as Nicole B's fiancé (yay!) and a new neighbor.
9. Thanks to Brad C at *Little's Food Store* for re-launching the Cabbagetown Reunion Festival! John D didn't help him at all, couldn't attend, and feels unfathomably guilty. The Reunion is for everyone that has ever called Cabbagetown home. And seriously, Brad rocks.
10. Historic Preservation: 212 Berean, a non-conforming structure, apartment-style building. UDC recommended 60's look for addition of unit porches. Shingle roof rather than tin. French Doors instead of windows. Kevin, of *Placemaker Design*, architect for new owners, discussed wood French doors, 10'x6' decks. 6"x6" supports wrapped in hardy-product. Variance to compatibility rule, because porches don't go across the entire front. Variance would likely set a precedent for similar buildings on Powell and Kirkwood. Motion to approve variance passed.
11. Katie B, new construction on Pearl (circa 2005). Requesting 2nd variance. Deck is already variant on set-back requirement. Back of the house faces west. Want to add a screen under porch, and spiral staircase. Original variance was that deck didn't reach the set-back. Concrete pad, screened-in porch (12'x18'). Not considered finished space due to lack of HVAC, and would not affect FAR ratio, according to a realtor. A neighbor had concern about fire safety. Parking has been difficult due to alleged poor planning by developer, though CNIA approved plans & variances. Motion approved subject to the UDC not altering the plans. A condition included that any "significant changes required by UDC staff report" would have to be reapproved.
12. CI elections, no nominations. There are 3 open positions for CNIA members. Lynne S agreed to be considered. She introduced herself and

her history with HP and Land-Use, and helping with the creation of CI. Barb K agreed to be considered. She discussed her community background, her humble fundraising efforts, and ownership of a house on Savannah and a business on Carroll. Vote to affirm candidates passed.

13. Grant Park and CNIA are cooperating to solve neighbor issues with *Bar One*. NPU-W Public Safety Chair held a meeting to strategize. Will call a meeting on concerned parties. Bar vs Restaurant status requires a year-long audit of food/bar sales. It is very difficult to do anything once a liquor license has been approved. Neighbors were concerned over the process and possible deception about hours of operation and status. Overcrowding and fire code issues were cited. CNIA will ask for another Good Neighbor Policy. Fingers crossed.
14. Land Use Monday Night at 7p, 3rd Mondays.
15. *Chomp & Stomp* is November 3rd, and footprint is not changing. Volunteers still needed.
17. Rumors of Walmart in Glenwood Park (across I-20)? Don't kid yourself, you know you'd shop there.
18. Paul C on Gaskill was burglarized three times. Landlord would not install bars on the windows, citing property value. Tenant is leaving the neighborhood, and it's our loss.
19. Motion to adjourn at 8:13pm

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CI Notes

By Mary Huysman

The Cabbagetown Initiative CDC met at 7p on Monday, May 14th, 2012 at The Cabbagetown Community Center. In attendance were: Katherine Dirga, Mary Huysman, Nathan Barnett, Lyn Deardorff, Ashley McCartney, Alicia Thompson, Ed Lindahl, Dana Habeeb and Michael McPherson.

I. Officer Reports

a. Katherine, May Elections – we now have three or four people interested! Ashley McCartney, Lynne Splinter, Barb Harper and possibly Julie Stephens. Yay! Ashley McCartney, Lynne Splinter and Barb Harper were nominated. Ashley was elected by CI. The remaining people will be officially nominated at the next CNIA meeting. Website will be updated. Dana was nominated secretary and was voted in unanimously.

b. Michael, Finance Report – discussed and passed.

c. Mary, March Minutes – Unanimously approved.



II. New Business

a. Update on EPL Grants from Edward Lindahl – Application seems to be moving along. Ed had a meeting with the grantors today. Discussed meeting and budget.

b. Prom – Folks want to do the prom again – possibly June 16th. Discussed making it a fundraiser to pay for compostable cups for Chomp and Stomp. Voted to pay for a DJ for under \$300.

c. Via Gerry Weber – Michael asked the board to consider buying another ping pong table for \$150. Discussed, motioned and passed.

III. Old Business

a. Review estimates for painting, siding, sidewalks and Mollie street – Alicia. Passed and discussed. Katherine will schedule meeting with George Dewsenberry to discuss our lease and options (either repainting or re-siding). Dana will look around for other bids.

b. Whisper Park – proposal discussed and passed. Motioned and approved for \$2,050 pending Peggy's approval via email.

IV. Community Members/Guests: None

V. Adjourned at 8:39p

From the President

By Lyn Deardorff, CNIA President

Hi Everyone,

At the July meeting of CNIA, we'll be hosting the candidates for the July 31st primary – a Meet and Greet from 7 to 7:45 p (please see revised meeting agenda on the front page). This will be an informal session – a chance for you to have one-on-one conversations with those who'll be representing our community for the next couple of years.

Many of us believe that our local candidates may have a greater impact on us on a daily basis than our President! Think about it – roads, security, utilities, taxes!

FYI, we'll be having our refreshments during this period of the evening – your chance to "Eat" during the "Meet & Greet".

At press time, We don't know who all will be attending but the list of candidates invited is comprehensive – Democrat & Republican, opposed and unopposed. This includes those running for U.S. Representative, State Senator and Representative, Sheriff, Public Service Commission, Tax Commissioner, Solicitor-General and more. We'll also be inviting our judicial candidates – this will give you a chance to buttonhole one of them and ask why we elect rather than appoint them.

And by the way, also on the ballot July 31st is the very important T-SPLOST vote, known as the Transportation Referendum which we discussed with invited guests at our May meeting.

So this is your reminder to Exercise Your Right To Vote July 31st – and Exercise Your Right To Know: July 10th at the CNIA meeting.

Lyn Deardorff, CNIA President

1970's Atlanta



This photo of President Jimmy Carter, taken by famed photojournalist Boyd Lewis will be on display in the atrium of Atlanta City Hall from 8:30a until 5p Monday, July 9th through Friday, July 13th. For more information, see page 11.

Flower Hour at Garden*Hood

By Kyle F. Bidlack



On Friday night, June 22nd, the fine folks at Garden*Hood and Stone Soup Kitchen celebrated the second official day of summer, and paid homage to the launch of the Gay Rights Movement.

Over 100 folks enjoyed some quality time in the garden with friends, family, pets, and plants! Mother nature even blessed the event with a steamy summer shower and a rainbow over Cabbagetown and Grant Park.

Stone Soup Kitchen provided tasty treats and cool libations for all in attendance.

DJ Ryan Baker spun magical, rainbow-themed grooves and kept the celebration very lively well past closing time.



Special guests for the Flower Hour were United 4 Safety (united4safety.org), an Atlanta-based collaboration of agencies and experts working to reduce intimate partner violence in the LGBTQIA community. They offer support services to those under-served by traditional providers.



Edie Cheezburger and Jaye Lish of the fabulous Armorettes were the glamorous hostesses for the evening.

Garden*Hood has some amazing plants that will blow your mind and make your neighbors green with envy all summer long. Next time you need just the right greenery for your yard, check out Garden*Hood. Their quality, expertise and personal attention far surpasses that found at the colder, impersonal big box stores. Visit them at the corner of Woodward and Boulevard. Or online at gardenhoodatlanta.com

Atlanta streetcars

By Douglas Sams, Atlanta Business Chronicle

Downtown economic development officials have stepped up their efforts to spur investment along the Atlanta streetcar route.

Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) is talking to investors and developers who would pour capital into new projects along the 2.6-mile route that will connect the King Center and Sweet Auburn District to Centennial Olympic Park and the CNN Center.

Several developers have shown initial interest in sites that could be turned into new mixed-use, retail or residential projects, including student housing developer Campus Crest Communities and Russell New Urban Development LLC.

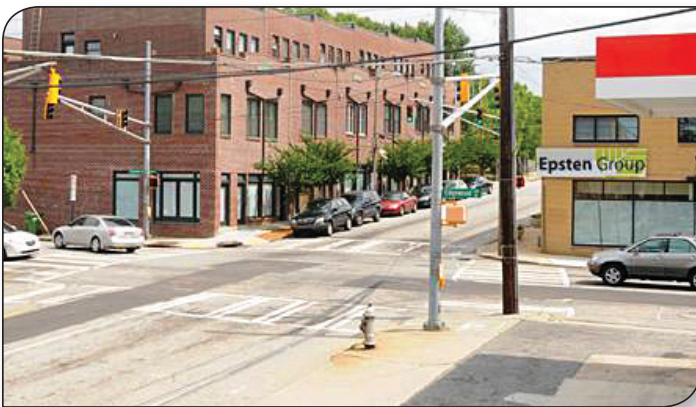
Georgia State University recently purchased a small portion of the site — owned by the Wheat Street Baptist Church — to develop intramural fields within walking distance of its student housing.

Property owners like the church don't have the capital or the expertise to redevelop their sites. CAP is trying to find partners that do.

"It's not just retail, it's not just housing, it's not just offices that could be developed here," CAP's Jennifer Ball, vice president of planning and economic development, said of the former Wheat Street apartments.

"If there's going to be one place that is truly a mixed-use district that is dense and connected by transit, this is where it's at."

CAP has at least 12 developable tracts along the route that are at least a half block, where smaller developments might take shape. The range of developers targeted will include smaller, entrepreneurial firms to the largest real estate companies.



The eastern edge of the Streetcar route has already seen new investment, including The Epsten Group on Edgewood Avenue.

The plans involve Kristi Rooks, a senior project manager who came to CAP from the developer The Sembler Co.

"The part that a lot of people don't understand is that the downtown zoning is open to multiple uses," Rooks said. *"There aren't tons of restrictions. So that opens developers up to a lot of possibilities."*

The first utility construction on the route is under way. Service is set to begin in the fall of 2013.

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Breakfast in Cabbagetown

By Kyle F. Bidlack

With all due respect to Audrey Hepburn, *Breakfast at Tiffany's* has NOTHING on breakfast in Cabbagetown (and Grant Park).

During this past month, we have had the pleasure of touring Cabbagetown's "triple crown" of breakfast spots: Little's Food Store, Carroll Street Café (who just completed a very nice paint job and added gorgeous new wooden blinds) and Stone Soup Kitchen (SSK).

We recently stopped into SSK to sample their offerings and were pleasantly surprised with a menu full of original dishes.

We selected the "East Haven Scramble" (two eggs, with fresh yellow onions, green peppers, chicken sausage, with just the right amount of cheese). We opted to upgrade the dish to a three egg omelet, washed down with a tall, cold glass of fresh OJ.

Joe was our waiter and he served us quickly and engaged us in friendly banter. The dish arrived in four minutes flat. The omelet was moist (not runny). Cooked and seasoned perfectly.

Jason – the owner, stopped by and chatted for a bit and made sure that everything was to our liking. We are thrilled to report a top-notch breakfast experience.

ADDED BONUS: We were lured into taking home a freshly baked chocolate cupcake with vodka infused cherries and butter cream frosting...food of the gods!

We strongly recommend stopping into Stone Soup Kitchen next time you have a hankering for a tummy filling breakfast.

SSK is open Mon-Fri, 6:30a to 3p, weekends, 9a to 3p. Located near the corner of Woodward and Boulevard. Visit online at www.stonesoupkitchen.net



From left to right: Jason, Anna and Joe at Stone Soup Kitchen. Joe tried to convince us that Jason is his dad. We aren't so sure...

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Candidate Michael Johnson at Milltown

By Kyle F. Bidlack

It's a late June evening in Cabbagetown and election season is heating up right along with the weather. Candidate Michael Johnson has thrown his hat into the ring and has set the stage for a David and Goliath-like battle between himself and long-time incumbent – John Lewis, for the 5th congressional district seat.



Michael Johnson with his wife Alison and kids Michael and Katherine.

Mr. Johnson stopped by *Milltown Tavern* (on his birthday), brought his wife and family, and spent time listening to, talking with and taking questions from Cabbagetown residents. As he addressed the gathered throng, one of his statements

that resonated most was his commitment that

if elected, he would regularly return to Cabbagetown to take the pulse of his constituency.

The Cabbagetown Neighbor had the opportunity to follow-up with the candidate and get his thoughts on a few issues near and dear to the hearts of Cabbageheads.

Cabbagetown Neighbor (CN): CSX is an excellent (though sometimes noisy) Cabbagetown neighbor. Many residents have asked CSX to reduce the frequency and decibel level of train horns especially during late evening and early morning hours, to no avail. If we vote you into office, can you look into this and help us with a solution?

Michael Johnson (MJ): I have been made aware of the CSX issue regarding the noise from train horns that blow well into the evening and late hours of the night. I have also been informed that Councilmember Natalyn Archibong has been working on a solution to this problem for some time. If I am honored to be elected as your next 5th district congressman, I will certainly work with Ms. Archibong and let her know that my office will be available to assist her in any way to ensure that a satisfactory resolution is reached.

CN: You've traveled around Cabbagetown; you've met our people, seen our homes and walked our streets. In your opinion, what does Cabbagetown need that you can provide should you be elected?

MJ: One of the most impressive aspects of Cabbagetown is its number of small businesses with tremendous character and flavor. These businesses employ people and also help to foster a family environment that helps to make Cabbagetown so inviting and enduring. Working to ensure that Cabbagetown's businesses remain relevant and continue thriving will be imperative.

I will work to make certain that Cabbagetown's business community continues to thrive by helping to improve Atlanta's transportation network. Our transportation system is vitally important because employees and customers must have the ability to get to and from

the various businesses, there needs to be easy accessibility in order to ensure that the businesses are in the best position to thrive. Also Cabbagetown needs a Congressman that will stay involved with the Cabbagetown community and continuously ask business owners what they expect and need from their government in order to stay successful and continue to grow and meet the needs of the Cabbagetown community.

CN: What will you do to make Atlanta and the state of Georgia more economically successful and how will you balance the benefits of federal dollars with fiscal prudence?

MJ: I will make Atlanta more economically successful by promoting our great city as a first class, business friendly region and work with the Metro and Georgia Chambers of Commerce on strategies to attract and grow business/economic development.

Federal dollars can be leveraged to support infrastructure, transportation, education, the arts and business development. Grant funding is now the vehicle for securing federal funds, so I will work with communities as well as local and state officials to identify and actively pursue funding.

I do recognize that in order to solve some of our national challenges, we should all expect elected officials to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and make the tough choices to curtail spending to help us navigate the economic downturn. For example, defense spending on high levels of troop deployments around the world could be better spent supporting our veterans and military families at home. Utilization of these dollars should reflect the priorities, needs and goals of various communities in the district to ensure the most significant impact is realized.

CN: You've stated that jobs are your top priority. Cabbagetown has a great many residents who make a living in the fields of arts and entertainment. They are small business owners and hard working independently-minded people. Do you have fresh ideas that might improve the job climate for these folks?

MJ: One of the things that I would do is make the effort to brand Cabbagetown and its uniqueness as an arts and entertainment mecca. Cabbagetown has a great deal to offer, not just to its residents, but to citizens throughout our district and beyond. I would consider creating a distinctive brand that personifies all that Cabbagetown has to offer and share the brand at a time when Cabbagetown is promoting one of its festivals. This effort would surely display all the attributes of Cabbagetown and truly inform our citizens of Cabbagetown's arts and entertainment flavor.

CN: Have you ever been to *Chomp and Stomp*? What did you think of it and who cooks the best chili?

Unfortunately, I have not yet been to the *Chomp and Stomp*. My campaign manager, Sam Cook, has been several times and has informed me that I have truly missed out. I've been told that Milltown has the best chili, but Sam might be just a little biased.

Water in Esupetai!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

This past March, Milltown Tavern took a global stand and decided to help a tiny village – over 8,400 miles away – realize the dream of clean, abundant water. Barb Keeney Harper and her sons, Chris and H.J. McGinness asked Cabbagetown to join in and help. And help you did. You raised over \$9,000 for the effort.

This outpouring helped the Wellbeing Foundation over the last financial hurdle...we began drilling on June 13th.

On June 26th, Water was found at 61 meters! The drill team says there is so much water, they don't know what to do with it!

The village is extremely happy and grateful. Tears of joy. All our friends in Esupetai are amazed that people from another continent cared enough to drill a well in their village. Our friend, Sonkoi is ecstatic and overjoyed.

We are extremely lucky with the emplacement of the well. We drilled and hit an aquifer that is yielding 20,000 liters per day. Previously, the best yield Ryan Schumacher (drill team leader) had ever seen was 13,000 liters per day.

This is the most prolific borehole he has ever witnessed. The aquifer is large enough to provide water to the village for 65 years. Next is to pressurize and cement the borehole then test the water.

A thousand thanks to all of Cabbagetown...YOU got us over the hump and helped us with the final dollars we needed to make life so much better for the village of Esupetai.

YOU have not only saved and vastly improved many lives, but have also brought a new day of health, happiness and dreams for generations to come.

Parking violations

By Dexter Chambers

The Atlanta City Council approved the administration's proposal to raise metered parking violation fines in an effort to offset a roughly \$4 million budget deficit in the city's current contract with *ParkAtlanta*.

This legislation changes the parking ticket fine from \$25 to \$35.

If a ticket is not paid off in 14 days, the fine would become \$70. And 45 days after a ticket is issued, the fine would rise to \$95. If an appeal is made, the fine increases are suspended.

Atlanta entered into a seven-year contract in October 2009 with *Duncan Solutions* for parking management services, including the management and operation of the City's on-street parking program and the enforcement of the city's parking-related regulations.

The city eventually put limits on *ParkAtlanta*'s enforcement, which resulted in a reduction of roughly \$4 million from fines.

Atlanta budget 2013

By Dexter Chambers

The Atlanta City Council on Monday approved the FY 2013 General Fund Budget, which calls for \$526.6 million in anticipated revenues, tighter spending and more police officers for the coming year. The additional officers will bring the force to 2,000 and represent the largest police force in the city's history.

The 2013 City of Atlanta Budget ordinance was approved on substitute as amended by a vote of 12-2.

"I would like to commend my colleagues for their hard work in vetting the city's upcoming budget," said Councilmember Felicia A. Moore, chair of the Council's Finance/Executive Committee. *"Each year we are charged with the tremendous responsibility of promoting the most effective and appropriate allocation of our city's resource. Despite the slow economic recovery, we were able to achieve this in an extremely efficient manner."*

FY13 General Fund revenues for city coffers are projected to be at a 10-year low, nearly \$120 million below FY08 figures. ***However, the 2013 budget does not call for a property tax increase for the coming fiscal year that starts July 1.***

"The fact that we will be able to provide the level of services that our residents expect with less revenues than in previous years demonstrates our commitment to looking for new and efficient ways of operating," said City Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell.

Other 2013 budget highlights include:

Public Safety

- 41 additional sworn officers, increasing the police force to 2,000
- 6 additional Code Compliance inspectors

Fiscal Stability

- Reserve balance of 20% of operating expenses (over \$100 million) for the first time

Youth Development

- 6 additional Recreation Facility Managers, ensuring all facilities with after-school programs have a dedicated facility manager
- Reallocation of resources from contracting and energy savings to programs for seniors (\$100,000)

Economic Development

- Increased funding for *Invest Atlanta*
- Establishment of an International Affairs Office
- Resources for street lighting and clean-up crews (\$350,000)
- Increase investment in the arts

Customer Service & Excellence

- Investment in the Office of Sustainability until Sept. 2012
- Implementation of pay-in-class study findings for classification consolidation and alignment
- Consolidate and improve the customer service call center and services in Watershed

That 70's Atlanta Show

By Dexter Chambers

A collection of photos by famed photojournalist Boyd Lewis will be on display in the atrium of Atlanta City Hall from 8:30a until 5p Monday, July 9th through Friday, July 13th.

The free exhibition will focus on the key figures in 70's Atlanta whose names now adorn city street and historic markers.

The collection will include the late Maynard H. Jackson, the late Coretta Scott King, and the late Ivan Allen. Also included are photos of the late Hosea Williams; the late Ralph David Abernathy; Dr. Joseph E. Lowery and demonstrations at City Hall and more.

Lewis plans a donation of a substantial number of his civil rights era photographs to the new Atlanta Center for Civil and Human Rights.



Mayor Maynard Jackson held special African American press conferences, making himself available to African American reporters and journalists.

Cabbagetown and the sub-continental divide

By Ryan Crooks (Atlanta Architecture Examiner) and Kyle F. Bidlack

Most people associate Atlanta with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Braves, the 1996 Olympics, and the Civil War, however Atlanta has many other interesting things to offer. One of these is its position on the Eastern Sub-Continental Divide.

Why is this interesting?

As we remember from social studies in elementary school, a continental divide marks the ridge that separates the natural flow of water to one body of water from another. The Eastern Sub-Continental Divide defines which rivers and water sources flow to the Atlantic Ocean and which flow to the Gulf of Mexico.

Okay, why is this important?

A sub-continental divide is a geographic feature that provides the least amount of elevation differentiation (fewer ups and downs) from one area of the country to another. Therefore, it is the perfect place for railroad tracks and the train engines that run along them, because of the slightest slope possible.

Here's the cool thing to know

If you drop water on the North side of The CSX Yard, the water will eventually find it's way to the Gulf of Mexico. But, if you take just a few steps to the south and drop more water, that spill will eventually find its way to the Atlantic Ocean. Pretty cool huh?

And one last little tid-bit

As you know, rail lines go right through Cabbagetown. The Eastern Sub-Continental Divide is the key to understanding the position of Atlanta and the city's importance as a railroad hub for the Southeast. After all, Atlanta would not have thrived without the railroad. Look at a map of the U.S. and you will see Atlanta is

one of the few large American cities not on a major body of water. Not only that, but located at 1,010 feet above sea level, Atlanta has the highest elevation of any major city east of the Mississippi River. Most of the other big metros are close to sea-level.

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Cabbagetown reunion

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Way waaaaaay back in the late 20th century, our Governor, Joe Frank Harris, decreed the first Saturday of June to be a designated day for Cabbagetown residents (past & present) to gather on Carroll Street & party!

Fast forward to 2012 when Brad Cunard (owner of *Little's Food Store*) and John Dirga got together and hatched a plan to resurrect a tradition that had faded away over the years.



Bon Vivants engaged the crowd with a strong-groove set.

Starting at 10:30a, neighborhood bands brought the event to life. The eclectic line-up included Elvis (impersonator Charles Grimes), Slim Chance & One Convict, Bon Vivants, Memes and Sex Drive. Carroll Street was closed between Shelton & Gaskill while upwards of 350 Cabbagehead and Cabbagehead-wannabees partied in the street. In between sets, DJs Aly & Ryan provided the perfect backdrop for Cabbagetown discourse.



Good friends enjoying good times at The Cabbagetown Reunion.

Farmer Mike fired up his giant smoker and barbecued a farm raised whole hog which was accompanied with healthy portions of Little's store made sides.

Big thanks go out to Brad Cunard, John Dirga and all those who helped these two fine up-standing citizens.



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The bucket list

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

Peachtree Road Race

Wednesday, July 4th, 7:30a - Lenox Rd to Piedmont Park, via 10th St.
Join us for the nation's second-largest race, featuring 55,000 runners and 150,000 spectators. The Race is made up of a 10k course starting on Peachtree Road at Lenox Square Mall and ending at Piedmont Park. www.peachtreeroadrace.org

I'm A Groucho Marxist – Anya Liftig

Saturday, July 7th, 8:30p -11:30p - 660 Airline St at Edgewood Ave overpass
"I'm a Groucho Marxist" draws from the history of literal and socially imposed barriers in Atlanta's past. During this 3-hour performance, Liftig will challenge herself to cross a barricade while blindfolded and partially bound. The Good Food Truck and the King of Pops will be on site with inspired menus. fluxprojects.org/projects/groucho

Atlanta Street Food Festival

Saturday, July 14th, 11a – Piedmont Park
Have a movable feast at the festival that showcases the top 10 Atlanta area food trucks and brings awareness to this growing community. In addition, the festival will also feature live entertainment from local bands. www.atlantastreetfoodfestival.com

Atlanta Beltline Southwest 5k

Saturday, July 14th, 7:30am-10a – 1350 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd.
The Atlanta BeltLine Southwest 5K is a Run/Walk along the Atlanta BeltLine Southwest Trail and through the historic West End and Westview neighborhoods. The course will introduce participants to many local parks, and features a ¾-mile off-road jaunt within the Atlanta BeltLine corridor. It is the second 5K of the Beltline Running Series. www.beltline.org

The Atlanta Summer Arts Festival

Thursday, July 19th, 10a-9p - Greenbriar Mall
The Redfern Collective, in conjunction with Greenbriar Mall, hosts this festival of arts for the entire community. For four days vendors and visual Artists take over the main hall of the mall while performing artists wow the crowd from the main-stage. theatlantasummerartsfestival.com

Tasting Tour of Inman Park and Old Fourth Ward

Saturday, July 21st, 3:30p to 6:30p - Inman Park
Sample the restaurants and markets of Inman Park and O4W. Between bites, learn the history of Atlanta's first Garden Suburb, and the location of the Battle of Atlanta. www.atlanta-culinary-tours.com

Drum Corps International Atlanta SE Championship

Saturday, July 28th, 2:30p - 10:30p - Georgia Dome
Drum Corps International (DCI) is the leader in producing and promoting competitive events for the world's most elite and exclusive ensembles for student musicians and performers. Performing ensembles are comprised of up to 150 brass musicians, percussionists and dance performers ages 14-22. www.dci.org/atlanta

The reunion continued

By Kyle F. Bidlack

We spoke with Brad Cunard – organizer, and Brad spoke confidently about heading up an even more extravagant reunion next year – while still maintaining our special Cabbagetown coziness. We look forward to what Brad might be cooking up for us.



Erin watching and listening to the festivities from inside Little's Food Store



The Akins family gives the Cabbagetown Reunion a big thumbs-up



Say hello to the youngest Cabbagetown Reunion attendee..pictured above is Eloise with her mom Meridith, dad Joe, and big brother Emmett. Eloise lives on Tye Street and was five days old!

Why a good bar is essential

By Scott Doyon (Placemakers) and Kyle F. Bidlack

Most folks with an interest in planning issues are no doubt familiar with the pedestrian shed or ped shed. The idea is simple. Experience has shown us that the average person will walk, without hesitation or undue kvetching, to destinations they can reach in under five minutes — in practical terms, about a quarter mile — beyond which they begin to consider other modes of travel.

So, if you're trying to make a place more walkable, the number of people within a quarter mile of meaningful destinations is an important measure, as it quantifies those folks who can realistically leave their cars behind for some portion of their daily needs. Planners visualize this assessment by drawing circles representing a quarter mile from center to edge, and then place them over centers of activity. The result is a quick read on which residences are within reasonable walking distance, together with an idea for where further density might make sense.

Ped sheds are especially interesting as they relate to economic development and the social fabric of community. That is, if people are out and walking about, then where are they ending up and who are they crossing paths with along the way?

Scott's town of Decatur — already very walkable, especially by Sun Belt standards — has, for the past 15 years or so, been developing a thriving pub scene (pub shed). In addition to some long-time institutions already in place, they now have a growing number of neighborhood-friendly taverns spread around town.

Likewise, Cabbagetown is well suited. 97 Estoria, Milltown Tavern, Little's Food Store, Carroll Street Café and Agave Restaurant provide similar benefits and add to our neighborly allure.

Pub Sheds are where neighbors go, hang out, and get to know each other, and they've contributed to the fact that in Decatur and Cabbagetown, pubs have become a de facto component of economic success. Most of their residents have a neighborhood pub (in the truest sense of the term) within a five minute walk.

This is especially relevant because, if ever there was a business you should be walking to (and from) rather than driving, it's your bar. Thankfully, Scott's city and Kyle's neighborhood is well served.

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