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"If you don't like the way the Atlanta Braves are playing then you don't like baseball." - Chuck Tanner

## Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

### Agenda

6:45 to 7p: Networking & Snacks

### 7p: Meeting

1. Welcome & Announcements
  - Valencia Hudson,
  - City of Atlanta Liasion
  - Atlanta Police Department
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee & Other Reports
  - Hospitality
  - Historic Preservation & Land Use
  - NPU-N
  - Neighborhood Watch/Public Safety
  - CI Connect: EPL Projects
  - Boulevard Tunnel Initiative
5. Old Business
  - Cabbagetown Reunion
  - Yard Sale
  - CI elections
6. New Business
  - Proposed resolution supporting WonderRoot relocation
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](mailto:cniaboard@gmail.com).



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# Inman Park growth

By Josh Green, *curbed.com*

A mixed-use project that could transform the commercial heart of Inman Park is expected to break ground as early as July. Developers behind the 280 Elizabeth St. project expect the \$45 million complex will be completed in the third quarter of next year, joining a groundswell of rental, dining and retail options in the area, reports *East Atlanta Patch*.



Positioned about a block from the *Beltline's Eastside Trail*, the 3.4-acre property is bounded by Elizabeth Street, North Highland and Lake avenues and the Inman Park Village project — formerly a forlorn, post-industrial district that's been revitalized in recent years. Businesses such as *Savi Urban Market*, *Pure Taqueria* and the restaurant *Fritti* will all face the development, which project leaders say will incorporate different aesthetics to reflect the modern-meets-traditional pocket of Inman Park it will occupy.

The project will have 201 apartments and 39,000 square feet of retail space. Some 19,000 square feet of that is designated for restaurants; initial plans call for at least three new restaurants, each with leafy "green roof" features. A "water wall" feature and public green spaces are meant to lure pedestrians through a public corridor into the heart of the project, which will connect to an existing small park and pond near *IPV lofts*.

The design also includes a swimming pool and a 570-space parking deck, which has been a bone of contention with neighbors. Since the concept was first presented to the neighborhood, the development team has promised the parking deck will be internalized and all but invisible from surrounding streets. Last year, residents against the project argued the Atlanta Urban Design Commission acted beyond the scope of its powers in granting 280 Elizabeth St. some variances. A judge ruled in favor of developers earlier this year.

*South City Partners* and *JPX Works LLC*, a partnership of Atlanta-based developers, brought the first official renderings of their vision before the Inman Park Neighborhood Association for a preview this week. Several businesses that call the current structures home have been ordered to leave by July 9 — "Please, please support them through that last day," one official pleaded — though the theatre group *Dad's Garage* will remain throughout July, to finish out its season before heading to a temporary home in Little Five Points.

## MILLTOWN! CABBAGETOWN & BEYOND!

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# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center)  
*Minutes by Recording Secretary, Whitney Cheesbro*

Meeting called to order at 7:04p by Ben Braxley.

1. **Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison Public Safety**, announced that Natalyn Archibong in attendance. Natalyn Archibong spoke, she noted the budget will be discussed at an upcoming public hearing at city hall 5/15/2013. Full budget details are available on the City of Atlanta website.

2. **APD, Officer Shaver** addressed the community, introduced Lt McGhee to talk about home alarm systems and gave out pamphlets to reduce false alarms. False alarms are a big problem in Atlanta; there were over 59,000 false alarms last year. HP 592013 -2014 changes regulations concerning alarm monitoring services and requires the monitoring service to call the owner of the alarm to verify of the alarm and reduce the waste of municipal dollars by police and firefighter resources responding to false alarms.

Officer Shaver reminded the community about the clean car campaign, and noted that recently an uptick in the theft of catalytic converters has occurred. If you see something, call 911. Be mindful of the regulations and laws of the community. No bounce houses or alcohol are allowed in public spaces, including sidewalks and parks.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting approved.**

4. **Treasurers report:** Karin notes the ending balance is \$6,072, there were not many expenses paid last month. She converted the accounting software to QuickBooks.

5. **Welcome Committee:** Great Roll Call party to welcome new neighbors last month.

6. **CI Connect report:** Barb reports that the budget is on track. Peachy Park has the grant money to add items such as a pavilion, water fountain, and benches; there will be a vote next month. The City of Atlanta is installing the new fence along the wall will be up in two weeks.

7. **HP committee:** Jared reports the committee is very busy right now. The properties discussed: 652/658 Memorial Drive, 250 Powell Street, and 261 Powell Street. The UDC previously denied splitting the lot at 261 Powell St into two lots. 250 Powell St has a new contractor and amended plan to fit the HP regulations. Motion made to support the new plan conditional on UDC recommendations was unanimously approved.

**Memorial Drive:** after long debate, focusing primarily on the contentious parking variance request, there were five separate variances voted upon:

1. Certificate of appropriateness: **For - 29, Against - 3**
2. Parking variance: **For - 20, Against - 22**
3. Dumpster distance variance: **For-19, Against - 16**
4. Plant trees of smaller size than regulations: **For - 40, Against - 0**
5. Architectural plans: **For - 31, Against - 2**

For further detail on the extent and nature of the debate, see full minutes to be posted on the CNIA website. Note that landlord protested the vote, as he felt he should have one vote per tenant, not one vote as the landlord.

8. **NPU – U update:** John Dirga notes that Peachy Park not yet up to code and there is a temporary barrier, please stay off the grass until park is open.

9. **Security Patrol and Neighborhood Watch** – Robert and Matt feel the neighborhood bylaws need updating and want to add Neighborhood Watch committee to the bylaws. They are also working on the end of year report

10. **Boulevard Tunnel Initiative** – Saturday is the big clean up day combined with the Year of Boulevard. Please come and help! 9a meet at Randolph and Edgewood. We will go to **Noni's** afterwards to celebrate.

11. **Cabbagetown Reunion** – Brad deserves recognition for making this event happen. Little's is the host and street will be closed between Shelton and Gaskill St. The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June is the Cabbagetown Reunion as decreed by the governor. Event will begin around 11a, and there will be stages between Little's and the Bed & Breakfast. Event will also include morning yoga, bike polo, and corn hole. Requested \$500 from CNIA and CI for support to cover expenses such as permits and police directing traffic. Motion to approve \$500 request approved unanimously.

12. **CI elections** – the new president is Ashley McCarthy. Whitney Cheesbro nominated and elected to serve on CI as the CNIA representative.

13. **Neighborhood Yard Sale is June 8<sup>th</sup>**, more information coming soon.

14. **New business:** need a new NPU-N representative. John Dirga volunteers, motion approved and unanimously approved.

15. **Proposed Fuqua development on Glenwood:** Per the notice in the last Cabbagetown Neighbor newsletter, approved unanimously the resolution that opposes the development as proposed as it does not comply with the Subarea 4 Master Plan for Beltline Development.

16. **Meeting adjourned approx 9:56p.**

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# A gigabit Beltline?

By Urvaksh Karkaria, Atlanta Business Chronicle

**The Atlanta Beltline could soon have zippy Internet connectivity – in addition to its speedy bike trails.**

The City of Atlanta is considering lighting up the 22-mile corridor with “gigabit Internet” – ultra-fast Internet access via fiber optic cable. FTTP (fiber-to-the-premise) technology delivers Internet speeds of between 10Mbps and 300 Mbps. Internet speeds via coaxial cable connection, in comparison, typically ranges between 1Mbps and 6Mbps.

Atlanta’s economic developers wants to drive commerce to the Beltline and hope high-speed Internet connectivity will lure tech, digital media and health care firms. Such businesses need to transfer large files electronically and stream high definition video and audio.

*“The high-speed Internet access will support greater innovation and entrepreneurs,”* said Eloisa Klementich, director of business development with Invest Atlanta, the city’s economic development arm. *“The key is at what price.”*

Indeed, installing high-speed fiber optic cable in built-up areas is expensive because it requires tearing up streets to lay down the cable. The Beltline, however, is undergoing major renovations and infrastructure upgrades, including the laying of pipes that will deliver electricity and other utilities. Those pipes could also carry the fiber optic cables, Klementich said.

A gigabit-enabled Beltline could help revitalize the city’s Southside which has, until now, been economically underdeveloped.

High-speed Internet access would help the nearby **Ponce City Market**, a mixed use redevelopment being marketed to tech companies and the millennials who work there.

The \$200 million redevelopment of a mammoth former **Sears** building will include 274 residential units, 330,000 square feet of retail and 450,000 square feet of office space. At least two tech companies — **athenahealth** and **Cardlytics** — are planning to take large chunks of office space in Ponce City.

*“We see what Google’s doing, we know that AT&T is interested, we know that other cities have small (gigabit) networks,”* Klementich said, noting Invest Atlanta is in talks with Google and has *“Georgia Tech on board.”*

FTTP technology is available in a few communities across the United States, most notably the Google Fiber initiative in Kansas City and Gigabit Squared project in Seattle.

FTTP provides Internet access by running fiber optic cable from an Internet Service Provider to the home or business. Fiber optic cables signals are sent via pulses of light rather than electricity. Therefore, data can be sent extremely quickly with little deterioration.

# President’s letter

By Lyn Deardorff



**LYN DEARDORFF**

**Hi Everyone.** At our June meeting, you’ll hear from Chris Appleton, Executive Director of **WonderRoot** currently based in Reynoldstown. WonderRoot is requesting a letter of support from CNIA as it seeks to occupy the building formerly known as **Tech High School**, just across Memorial Drive from their current location. WonderRoot would operate this building as a community arts center, based on a model of access and inclusivity exhibited in WonderRoot’s work for the last six years. The new WonderRoot Community Arts Center would house community production studios, private studios and arts-based educational initiatives.

I’m excited that WonderRoot wants to stay in Reynoldstown and continue to serve our local East Atlanta communities (although their work encompasses efforts through the greater Atlanta area). Come hear what approval of this proposal by the City of Atlanta School Board would mean for the arts in our area.

At our next meeting, we’ll be voting for one additional CNIA rep to the CICDC Board of Directors. This is the last of the two expired terms that are open to fill – and we currently have two other CNIA reps serving terms as elected last year. I think you would all agree that this is an important position for the neighborhood. CI has a huge responsibility (and opportunity) managing our parks and green space that contribute so much to our quality of life. We have one nominee (see below) and nominations can also be taken from the floor during the meeting.

If you haven’t been to a CNIA meeting, come see what you’re missing – lots going on in the ‘hood.

Lyn Deardorff, CNIA President

**Nominee for CNIA representative to the CICDC Board of Directors:** Michael McPherson, candidate for one of CNIA’s elected positions on the CICDC Board of Directors. Michael and his wife Ying have lived in Cabbagetown since January of 2007. He has four years prior service on the CICDC Board. He co-chaired the tornado relief effort of 2008 with Nasreen Jilani and Meridith Mason-Ward, served as President of the Board in 2009 and 2010, served as Treasurer in 2011, and spearheaded the neighborhood’s efforts to prosecute and convict a former board member for theft of neighborhood funds. Michael has helped with **Chomp & Stomp** each year since 2008 and helps deliver the **Cabbagetown Neighbor**. When asked why he is running for the open seat, Michael said, *“because neighbors that I love and admire asked me to serve.”*

# We will rock you.

By Justin Marlett, Esq.



**JUSTIN MARLETT, ESQ.**

It's that time of year again folks, when young men and women's thoughts turn to sunshine, apple pie, America, hot metal seatbelts, cookouts and of course, new records. This summer is HOT with new offerings from some of your favorite artists, and some good bands, too. Let's jump right in (NO DIVING):

**Will.I.Am - #willpower**

Just kidding, you guys. I don't hate you.

**Vampire Weekend - Modern Vampires of the City**

A pretty fun step forward for this band, and definitely one of my favorite albums so far this year. I think they have been dismissed as a little gimmicky because of where they came from and their style, but I think it's more tongue-in-cheek than anything. Lyrically, it's a little more mature album, but the music is still the star here. Songs like "Finger Back" and "Diane Young" are party starters, while "Step" and the closer "Young Lion" slow it down and accentuate the harmonies. Highly recommended.

**James Blake - Overgrown**

Young James burst onto the scene in 2009 straight outta' London, a post-dubstep wunderkind. His eponymous album in 2011 ended up on numerous end of year "best of" lists, and this one will probably follow. This takes his signature sound (earnest vocals, a crazy amount of programming, and layer upon layer of overdubs), and makes it funkier; an appearance from RZA doesn't hurt #wutangforever. A good album for night moves, if you know what I'm saying, **Bob Seger**.

**The National - Trouble Will Find Me**

Another album that will sound familiar to millions (or thousands, at least); if you like what The National does, you'll like this album. The sound is driven by the rhythm section of Scott and Bryan

Devendorf, and the vocals of Matt Berninger, while Aaron and Bryce Dessner add guitar flourishes on tracks with uplifting titles like "Don't Swallow the Cap," "Humiliation" and "Fireproof." Not a great deal of smiles here, but that's also the point of this band - they never dodge uncomfortable topics (dissolution of relationships, the state of the nation, zombies), and we all need a band like this.



**Savages - Silence Yourself.**

Whoa. Four girls from London who are ANGRY. It's post-punk when post-punk is in short supply. This album punches you right in the gut - heavy bass lines, a snarling lead singer, and stinging guitar work. It's like **Siouxsie and the Banshees** had a baby with **Sleater-Kinney**, then **Jesus and Mary Chain** adopted it and made it listen to **Joy Division** all day. Spotify "City's Full," "Strife" and "Husbands" now (or when you get a chance).

**Some quick honorable mentions** - the new albums by **Phosphorescent**, **Cayucas**, **Local Natives**, **Tame Impala**, **Marnie Stern**, and okay, fine, **Daft Punk** (it IS really good).

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# Prolonging the "away" moment

By Bill Phillips, Cabbagehead from The Stacks



**BILL PHILLIPS**

I hope you guys are having a good time in Cabbagetown, because I sure as hell am not. For the second edition in a row, I'm away from home.

Of course it will be summer by the time you read this, so I'm probably not the only one traveling. I'm not "away" like that right now - I'm "away" for work. I was "away" in the vacation way just last week, though, and it wasn't so bad.

It didn't take long for me to get there, and it was ever so brief, but it was nice. I was up on Coit Tower on top of Telegraph Hill in San Francisco, keeping an eye on the twilight and the bridges.

I've been trying to understand why this qualifies as getting away. I mean, Coit Tower is not even that high up. My hotel room was higher up than Coit Tower, yet it didn't do it for me. I tried taking the elevator all the way up to the highest accessible floor, to no satisfactory effect. I walked a mile and a half: I hiked up a hill. All so that instead of taking in the view in the air conditioning while reading a book, I could take it in atop a windy, bemuraled relic without so much as a chair, hanging out with European tourists.

It's a nice view, it really is. But so's the view from on top of Mill Building No.1 (The Stacks E Bldg), which I can see anytime I like.

In the city, only the tourists look up at the skyscrapers. Why don't the natives look? They know something the tourists don't - those skyscrapers weren't made for anyone to look down from, or to look up at. They're just a way to squeeze more people in. I think anybody would look up at that tower, though. It was made for perspective.

Whenever I'm standing in a place like that, I try to prolong the moment. Which can't be done - you're just standing there getting bored, after all. And in the end it doesn't matter, because even the shortest moment is stuck with you forever.

And, god damnit, that's why we take vacations.

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# Chomp and Stomp needs you!

By Alicia Thompson



**ALICIA THOMPSON**

**Hello happy hood.** I know it seems years away but we are about to start the planning for the best fest in Atlanta, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chomp & Stomp Chili Cook-Off and Bluegrass festival Plus the 5K Romp to be held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Say that three times fast.

For the past 10 years Cabbagetown has pulled off an amazing festival with 100% volunteer effort: That is what makes it special. So Thank You! This festival raises funds

that maintain our parks, green spaces, the Community Center and clever projects you can think up that benefit Cabbagetown as a neighborhood.

Because I have not figured out how to make it illegal for folks to move out of the neighborhood...yet...we have spots on the Chomp board to fill. Here are some basics:

We meet 9 times between June and November. We meet one Sunday in June, July, and August. We meet twice in September

and 4 times in October. No demerits for missing a meeting but we request an update from you. We plan to do a couple field trips to winning Restaurants, so free food for team members! **Sweetwater** also gives us a great tour. We have a blast and personally it has been a fabulous way for me to really get to know my neighbors.

**Now on to our needs:**

**5K Team:** Tim, Betsy, and Brian have created the perfect formula for our very successful 5k. You don't even have to sell the run because it has sold out the past 3 years. We just need a couple folks to do the leg work, or the cooking of the perfect formula that is **The Romp**.

**Judging Coordinator for Individual Chili Cookers:** This team meets every chili cooker team, tastes all the chili, and gives out awards and money. I did this job for 3 years and I can sincerely say I always had a great time. Hint: If you don't like the crowds down the rows this is a great way to taste all the chili without the hassle.

**Restaurant Coordinator:** A vital element of **Chomp** (besides the beer). We have between 25 and 30 restaurants a year plant themselves on Estoria Street *(Continued next page)...*

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# More Chomp

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**Logistics Coordinator:** Logistics requires the least amount of time the day of the festival but it is very important time. Between 8a and 11a we load 100 chili cookers, 100 artists, 30 vendors, and 30 restaurants into the streets of Cabbagetown. As logistics coordinator you direct volunteers that you place on corners, to yell and point and tell folks where to go. We have this down to a science. A science that is not pretty but it gets done every year and no one loses an eye.

**Assistants to the Volunteer Coordinator:** We have the best volunteer coordinator in the world in Katie Butler but she needs some co-members to pull off some shifts for the fest because as far as jobs go, we are wrangling volunteers from 6a to 7p and I would love for Katie to see some festival this year. You will get to direct folks to their already assigned posts, reassign if needed, show them how to eat free food and drink free beer, and you get to meet the best folks in Atlanta because the volunteered for us!

**Web Site Manager:** We update the website with all the chili cooker team names, participating restaurant, sponsors, vendors, and artist. If you are detailed, like working on the computer with WordPress and have about an hour a week to devote to our website, we would love to have you.

**Last but not least a Secretary:** We need someone to record our meetings and track all our wonderful ideas for **Chomp** so we can carry them out.

Please contact me at [chompandstomp@gmail.com](mailto:chompandstomp@gmail.com), or [alicia4c@hotmail.com](mailto:alicia4c@hotmail.com) if you would like to discuss any of these positions. We love to make new friends and are open to new ideas for **Chomp**.

Yours Truly,  
Alicia Thompson, Co-Chair Chomp & Stomp 2013

# A cleaner tunnel

By Nicki Braxley

**Hello Cabbagetown. Is the Boulevard tunnel looking a bit cleaner to you these days?**

Despite the rain and clouds, thirteen dedicated volunteers met for a clean-up on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We pulled weeds, cleaned trash, and painted over graffiti.



We celebrated success afterwards at **Noni's** on Edgewood. The Boulevard tunnel needs you! Consider joining our committee (through Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association) and be a part of something bigger than yourself!

Upcoming projects include fundraising with Happy Hours, dine-outs in the neighborhood, and deciding on a mural for the wall. Email with questions or interest: [climbingdoctor@gmail.com](mailto:climbingdoctor@gmail.com) Check out our website or Facebook page! [www.blvdunl.com](http://www.blvdunl.com)

# Honeysuckles

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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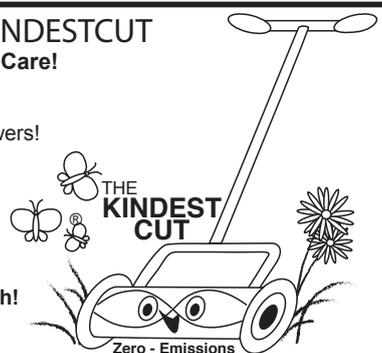
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# Protecting your home this summer

By Duncan Cottrell, the Entry Enforcer

According to the FBI, nearly every category of crime increases during the summer, especially home invasion. Most of the intruders are pre-teen or teenagers in middle or high school, out of school, bored and restless.

Kicking in a door is the most common method of entry, followed by windows. Tools, toys and electronics within view are the lure, and a pantry or well-stocked fridge can be the icing on the cake. Teens rarely damage property—they just want the thrill and some treats.

*Here are summer tips for home safety and protection:*

**Keep your guard up.** Double check locks and security systems, and put away the toys 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 up those idle hours.

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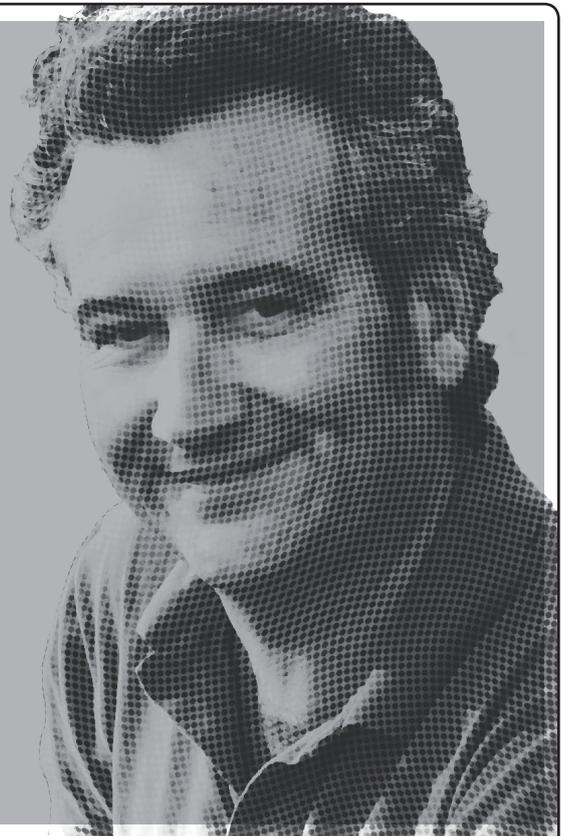
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# Tunes from the Tombs

By Peter Knapp

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1p to 8p, the Historic Oakland Foundation will present the third annual Tunes from the Tombs music festival at Historic Oakland Cemetery. This fundraising event features musicians performing in and among Oakland's extraordinary monuments, mausoleums and renowned gardens. All genres of music will be represented: rock, folk, Americana, jazz, classical, and everything in between.

Tickets are available at [Ticket Alternative.com](http://TicketAlternative.com). Adults are \$10 online, or \$15 at the gate. Children ages 4-12 are \$5 (3 and under are free). More info can be found at [oaklandcemetery.com](http://oaklandcemetery.com).



The Festival Line-Up and Schedule is as follows:

### **Creative Loafing Lion Square Stage**

- 6:15p – Blair Crimmins and the Hookers – New Orleans roots
- 5p – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Afro Klezmer Orchestra – jazz
- 4p – The Bonaventure Quartet (featuring Amy Pike) – jazz/swing
- 3p – Bird City Revolutionaries – reggae
- 2p – The Breeze Kings - blues
- 1p – Caroline and the Ramblers – rockabilly

### **Scoutmob North Public Grounds Stage**

- 6:30p – Rod Hamdallah – blues/rockabilly
- 5:30p – Slim Chance and the Convicts – Americana/alt.country
- 4:30p – The Deadfields - Americana
- 3:30p – Rolling Nowhere – Americana/alt.country/roots rock
- 2:30p – Little Country Giants – folk/Americana
- 1:30p – Spanky and the Love Handles – New Orleans delta blues

### **Other performances throughout Oakland on smaller vignette stages:**

- Wasted Potential Brass Band – jazz / standards / busking & stage
- 6p – Atlanta Sacred Harp Singers – shape note singing

Tunes from the Tombs will have plenty of beer and wine. Local Atlanta food trucks will be serving a variety of tasty festival fare.

# The bamboo forest

By the children of GPCP Cabbagetown

We reached out to our neighbor Mr. Bruce Purvis to help elaborate a story about a giant our children have invented. They call the giant "Abiyoyo". A surprising outcome of this exchange with our neighbor was that besides becoming a steward of our children's stories, HE also became a character in the park folklore!

Abiyoyo lives in the Bamboo Forest with his wife and his daughter Rosebud. Rosebud turned one year old on January 26<sup>th</sup> of this year! The Bamboo Forest is the bamboo thicket in Mr. Purvis's backyard where it meets the park's sidewalk near the Mollie Street entrance. Our children in the multi-age class constructed a mailbox for Abiyoyo's family with hopes of befriending him and helping him build positive relationships with children, neighbors, and fairies living in a fairy tree house across the park.

After receiving our letter explaining the story and our children's request for Abiyoyo's family to have the mailbox at their house, Mr. Purvis responded to our petition to install the mailbox that would glide between pulleys in and out of the Bamboo Forest. In his response, Mr. Purvis wrote:

*"...I am happy that the children have come to realize that, indeed, Abiyoyo has become more friendly, and often wishes he had a means to communicate with the world around him...by the way, I believe I have heard him refer to his wife as Primrose. He calls her Prim for short.*

*I think the mailbox is a wonderful idea, and that it would be greatly appreciated, by Abiyoyo and his family. My concern would be the safety of the children, of course. Sometimes, uninvited visitors to the Bamboo Forest leave behind litter and trash, glass bottles and other items that might be unsafe. Abiyoyo and I try to keep the forest as clean as possible, but I am older, and often find it difficult to keep the area clean, and Abiyoyo, well, he is so big there are some spots in the forest that he just doesn't fit into. But, if the children promise never to enter the forest without a grown-up, to watch out for them, and make sure that they stay safe, I think that the mailbox would be a wonderful gift to Abiyoyo and his family.*

*I sometimes hear Abiyoyo talking, through the bamboo, and I have heard him express his regret for the things he has taken from Mulberry, and how he has been trying to curb his appetite for fairies. These things are very difficult for him to control, but I feel that deep inside, he would like to see a time, one day, when all of the inhabitants of the park will be welcome to his Bamboo Forest. "*

**Sincerely,  
Bruce, Keeper of the Bamboo Forest**

We read the Keeper of the Bamboo Forest's letter with the children. They were astonished and they took to heart (very seriously) the 'rule about never going into the Bamboo Forest alone. His response launched several new hypotheses and stories.

The mailbox was installed with his blessing this May.

# Old Fourth Ward: Zone of Opportunity

By Holly Aguirre, HGTV Front Door

Life could get even finer down in the Sweet Auburn and Edgewood Avenue districts, thanks to a new tax credit designed to entice more vendors into the area.

State, county and city officials recently designated the district as an “opportunity zone.” The o-zone program, offers tax incentives for businesses expanding or opening in the historic area.

The announcement came on the heels of the first track being laid for the Atlanta Streetcar along Edgewood Avenue.

Not only is the area so very steeped in Atlanta history as it plays host to the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Sweet Auburn Curb Market, but it is also becoming a hipster hang out when the sun goes down.

Spurred by the success of *Sister Louisa’s Church of the Living Room and Ping Pong Emporium*, the area is seeing a boon in its after-

hours nightlife. *Noni’s Deli* reported that business is better than ever.

Grant Henry, proprietor and namesake of *Sister Louisa’s*, has seen such great returns on his venture that he recently purchased a large chunk of the block where his bar and the ever-popular Corner Tavern are located.

“My block is included in the zone of opportunity,” said Henry. “This year, for each employee I hire, I get a \$3,500 tax credit for a maximum of two hires, so a \$7,000 tax credit.”



*That’ll make you say hallelujah!*

## Your Cabbagetown bucket list

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

### **VA Highlands Summerfest 2013**

Saturday & Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10a-11p – Virginia Highlands Celebrating 30 Years of Art, Food & Fun, the VA Highlands Summerfest offers a 5K and tot-trot, a kid’s fest, live music and an artists’ market. [vahi.org/summerfest](http://vahi.org/summerfest)

### **Colossal Cabbagetown Yard Sale**

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 8a - Your yard and Cabbagetown Park Claim a designated spot in Cabbagetown Park or you can have your sale in your own yard and be included on the maps that will be distributed to the throngs of eager customers (cost is \$15 to participate). Proceeds of registration fees will go to CNIA. Please email John Tarrant for registration if you wish to sell: [Jtarrant47@yahoo.com](mailto:Jtarrant47@yahoo.com)

### **Tunes from the Tombs**

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 1p-8p, Oakland Cemetery The annual one-day event features musicians performing in and among Oakland’s extraordinary monuments, mausoleums and renowned gardens. Several picturesque main stages host amplified artists, while buskers perform on vignette stages throughout the cemetery park. 100% of proceeds go toward operations of the Historic Oakland Foundation. [tunesfromthetombs.com](http://tunesfromthetombs.com)

### **The Atlanta Zombie Run 5K**

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 10a – Atlanta Motor Speedway Zombies are everywhere. Helicopters circle overhead and military personnel distribute facemasks for safety during your final steps. What do you do? RUN! Be a runner or a zombie - Dead or alive, all runners get to complete the entire course and attend the Quarantine Party. [thezombierun.com/locations/atlanta](http://thezombierun.com/locations/atlanta)

### **Atlanta Summer Beer Fest**

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>- 4p-9p, Masquerade Music Park Atlanta Beer Festivals hosts the 4<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Summer Beer Fest which will feature 150+ Beers, live music, and additional fun and games. Tickets are \$35, \$40 after June 13<sup>th</sup> and \$48 day of event. [atlantasummerbeerfest.com](http://atlantasummerbeerfest.com)

### **Green Fun Fest and Lawn Darts Open Challenge**

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12p – Grant Park Combines a “get out and get active” attitude and “Going GREEN” life-style into one celebration. With the support of the Historic Grant Park Conservancy and Fulton County Commissioner Joan Garner, they provide this FREE event to the friends and family of Atlanta! Enjoy a game boardwalk, farmers’ market, food trucks, etc. [fight4atl.com](http://fight4atl.com)

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# Cabbagetown's Newest Listings!

Contact Chrissie Kallio or visit [CabbagetownChronicles.com](http://CabbagetownChronicles.com) for more information.



## 219 POWELL ST. SE 2 Bedrooms/2 Bathrooms

Original center hall bungalow on one of Cabbagetown's favorite streets. Beautifully updated kitchen and bathrooms, heart pine floors, exposed brick fireplace separating large living and dining room, and private professionally landscaped yard and screen porch. Contact Chrissie Kallio for more information at 404.295.2068 or [chrissiekallio@gmail.com](mailto:chrissiekallio@gmail.com).

## 608 GASKILL ST. SE 3 Bedrooms/1 Bathroom

Check out this unbeatable location just one block away from the Carroll Street happenings. Hardwood floors throughout the nice open floor plan with an oversized bathroom and private fenced-in backyard. Granite countertops, stainless appliances, breakfast bar and open living and dining rooms. Plus a large front porch complete with swing!



## 685 WYLIE ST. SE 3 Bedrooms/2 Bathrooms

Spacious modern bungalow updated to perfection. Hardwood floors throughout this light-filled home with a sought after open floor plan. Granite and stainless kitchen opens to both dining room and living room, as well as the deck and grassy backyard. Master and 2nd bedroom on the main floor, plus a spacious loft upstairs.



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# Public safety on the Beltline

By Jeffery Baxter, Lieutenant, Atlanta Police Department

The Atlanta Police Department (APD) in its strong commitment to the **Atlanta Beltline Project**, will be launching a new unit within APD, to provide Public Safety to the Atlanta Beltline, it's adjoining parks, and communities. This comes from a grant awarded to APD from the U.S. Department of Justice. The new unit will be called the APD's **Path Force Unit**, and will consist of (15-20) police officers that will patrol the Atlanta Beltline, adjoining parks and communities.

The Patrolling methods will come in the form of foot patrols, bicycle patrol, horse patrol and specialized motorized vehicles. In addition to actively patrolling, we will also offer programs to engage and foster citizen participation through our community orientated policing model. An example of this will be to incorporate a Trail Watch Program, similar to a Neighborhood Watch Program but tailored to the Atlanta Beltline Trail sections.

I have been working closely with the Atlanta Beltline since the start of this year in creating the new Path Force unit, and in developing programs. I regularly attend Atlanta Beltline meetings, and provide

input on making sure crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) methods are being used in its design: [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org)

In addition to receiving other agency's policies, I have actually traveled to other major cities that have active urban trail systems to study how they deliver public safety and programs. I have also partnered with the **Rails to Trails Conservancy** which is a nonprofit group dedicated in promoting trail systems. This has allowed me to incorporate a best practices approach in our delivering Public Safety to the Atlanta Beltline project.



The Path Force Unit will be located at the **Reynolds Town Lofts** located at 890 Memorial Drive directly next to the Reynoldstown Trail. We plan on launching the new unit sometime in June and will

invite all of our stakeholders and community members to a opening event. In addition we are planning a media press release for the launch, and plan on using social media and community blogs to communicate along with regularly attending community Neighborhood Planning meetings.

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## HOUSES

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
261 Powell St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$148,500
<i>Pending</i>	<i>Price</i>
244 Estoria St. SE 3 BD/3.5 BA	\$249,900
270 Berean Ave. 2 BD/1 BA	\$245,000
254 Estoria St. 2 BD/2.5 BA	\$259,000
<i>Pend. Approval</i>	<i>Price</i>
252 Iswald St. SE 1 BD/1 BA	\$99,900
<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
174 Estoria St. 3 BD/3.5 BA	\$333,000
772 Fulton Terr. 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$365,000
169 Powell St. SE 1 BD/1 BA	\$170,000

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The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E417 2 BD/2 BA	\$280,000
Unit E215 2 BD/2 BA	\$269,900
Unit H520 2 BD/2 BA	\$224,900
Unit E103 2 BD/2 BA	\$225,000
Unit H201 1 BD/1 BA	\$160,000
Unit H121 1 BD/1 BA	\$159,900
206 Reinhardt Street	
2 BD/1 BA	\$189,000
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 703 1 BD/1 BA	\$117,000



## MULTI-DWELLING

<i>Pending Sale</i>	<i>Price</i>
742 Kirkwood Quadraplex	\$315,000
107 Pearl St. Triplex	\$250,000
<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
228 Powell St. Quadraplex	\$480,000
621 Tennelle St. Duplex	\$201,000

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742 Memorial Dr. .96 Acres	\$350,000

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Unit E320 2 BD/2 BA	\$226,900
Unit E309 2 BD/2 BA	\$225,450
Unit E412 2 BD/2 BA	\$234,900
Unit E312 2 BD/2 BA	\$229,900
Unit E010 1 BD/1 BA	\$162,900
Unit E425 2 BD/2 BA	\$215,000
Milltown Lofts	791 Wylie
Unit 710 2 BD/2 BA	\$160,000
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Unit 603 1 BD/1 BA	\$116,000
181 Powell	
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