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"I think tolerance and acceptance and love is something that feeds every community." - Lady Gaga

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

Agenda

6:45 to 7p: Networking & Snacks

7p: Meeting

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CI Connect

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NPU

- John Dirga

6. Old Business

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.

Glad you're here!



Steve and Kate (on the left) give Orion and Casey (on the right) a proper welcome to Cabbagetown.

By Kyle F. Bidlack

On a seasonable autumn evening in September, Nick and Cyndi Carpentieri welcomed some ninety+ Cabbageheads into their lovely home on Berean.

It's all a part of Cabbagetown Roll Call, organised by Karen Russian and Debbie Weeks. Over sixty veteran Cabbageheads welcomed almost twenty rookie Cabbageheads into the neighborhood and socialised well into the early morning hours.

Orion and Casey (pictured above) just relocated to Cabbagetown two months ago. They moved here from Arizona. Said Orion "Arizona was great, but it was nothing like this. Cabbagetown is a real community."

The Cabbagetown Neighbor will keep you posted on the next Roll Call party. For more photos from Nick and Cyndi's house, see page 15.

Old
School
See Pg. 9

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CSX Helps Parkside

By Danielle Berkowitz and Rebecca Wallace

More than 100 Parkside students, parents, teachers, CSX employees and community volunteers attended a workday on August 16th. Funded by a grant from Action for Healthy Kids® and sponsored by CSX, the day allowed the Parkside community to see and feel what it means to enact healthful change while beautifying Parkside's playground.

Volunteers spread fresh mulch, built picnic tables and storage for gardening supplies, planted new vegetation, laid a brick pathway, pruned existing plants in the garden, and built an 8' by 12' cedar greenhouse. The facilities will serve as outdoor learning spaces for Parkside's 565 pre-K through fifth-grade students.



Parkside students pruning basil plants.

"When an amazing nonprofit like Action for Healthy Kids® taps into a school and community that has a passion for health and wellness, and connects them to a corporate partner that responds with financial donations and human capital, it explodes the energy and success of a project," said Caitlin Sims, Parkside's principal. "It made everyone involved dig deeper, work harder and stay longer. Every person and partner converged to make this a success."

"This has refreshed our school and energized our staff and students," said Armelia Braddy, Parkside's physical education teacher, who wrote the \$10,000 grant proposal. "We are a diamond in the rough too few know about. Today the community has begun investing in our children by following CSX's example." "We thank CSX for supplying additional resources and support and igniting us as the school year begins," said Katie Howard, PTA vice president.

The garden, chock-full of fruits and vegetables, provides ingredients for monthly tastings and unique nutritional lessons led by parents and staff at Parkside. Workday volunteers even got to enjoy freshly picked watermelon! Volunteers' contributions to the school grounds helped increase the likelihood of more parents and community members getting involved with Parkside's learning garden and outdoor classroom, which was brought back to life just last year by a Captain Planet Foundation grant.

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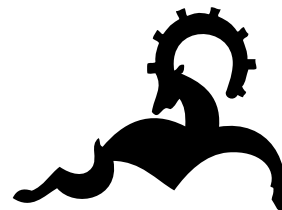
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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center). Minutes Recorded by Christina Bonaccorse/Kelbi McCumber

1. Welcome and Announcements:

Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison

The street/tunnel closure for the Masquerade event in the Krog Street tunnel on Oct 26th has been approved by the mayor's office. There will be no access thru the tunnel from Friday evening 10/25 – Sunday morning 10/27.

A concerned neighbor asked about cleanup. The neighbors questioned what if the event group does not clean-up after themselves. Valencia suggested that we call Public Works and the event group will be fined if they do not cleanup after themselves.

A question was asked about a donation to the neighborhood. Since the event holder is a 501, Lynne Splinter suggested that the event holders give back a percentage to the community. Valencia suggested that an email be sent to the Mayor's office.

Another neighbor asked about parking in the community. The event attendees will probably be parking in the community. John Dirga stated that NPU does not have the ability to deny a petition for street closure, only suggested that they made the recommendation that it be denied.

The street closure is from 10p Friday night until 10a Sunday morning. The City has requested that the hours be reduced, but no response has been given yet. A letter will be drafted this month from CNIA to the Mayor's office with regard to the event. Also, info will be distributed on FB, Nextdoor and CNIA to make residents aware of the upcoming event. Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces is the event holder's name.

Lt. Floyd, APD Zone 6 evening watch commander.

- Crime rate still low at 5% decrease in crime.
- Auto break-ins are still an issue.
- Lynne Splinter mentioned the home invasion on Marcus Street on Wed. 8/27/14. Lynne asked if anyone has been caught and if it's the only place that got broke-in to recently? Mitch also mentioned a break-in on Pearl Street within the last week. Lt. Floyd does not have either of these events on his crime stat report. It was suggested that it might be reported on next months' report. Lyn Deardorff also mentioned the Pearl Street break-in and 250 Powell events were missing. Lynne Splinter gave her contact info to Lt. Floyd to follow-up.

A community member asked about the event on 10/25 and what police presence will be. Lt. Floyd stated that police will be present and that attendees will be parking through the neighborhood. A question was asked about illegal parking and that ticketing will occur if attendees illegally park. It was asked that APD bring a plan of how to address traffic, police presence & attendees flooding the neighborhood. Lt. Floyd stated that typically they receive an email about events so that APD can put a plan in place. Per festival permit, the event holders need to have a specific # of APD on-site.

2. New Business

Chomp and Stomp Update – None presence for update.

3. *Minutes of Last Meeting* - Christina Bonaccorse/Kelbi McCumber John Dirga requested that his name be removed or everyone who asked questions names be listed. Minutes can be approved if his name is removed. Motion to approve minutes with correction to change John Dirga's name to community member.

4. Treasurer's Report – Julie Stephens

\$5,242 current balance. Food for meeting & newspaper expenses this past month.

5. Committee and Other Reports

Historic Preservation/Land Use – Jared Sewer

- 195 Powell – Seeking front porches for the units.
- Kevin Harp representing a 12-unit apartment building.
- Wants to add wood decks to the front and backs of the building for the tenants as an improvement.
- Drawings of the proposal were distributed.
- Lyn Deardorff inquired about the rails on the drawing being historically correct and would like to ensure that the railings are done as planned.
- Community member asked about a lot survey. A neighbor inquired about a fence that was removed. Fence was removed without neighbors consent. The owner stated that the fence was on the owners property.
- Recommended that they not use vinyl. Doors will be two sets of doors. Setback question: The owners are not changing the front of the property. Has been recommended that HP approve it per the rec. of the set of double doors. Lynne Splinter motioned for approval subject to the staff rec. be approved.
- All in favor, approved!
- Pavilion – Karin Kane. Has been to parks commission. They have approved with suggestions to a concrete pad, which will cost extra. Shuret in 2012 – in the original plan, the pavilion was in the drawings however CI can no longer find the original plans. There was a request to suggest remaining items be installed in the park such as lighting, fence & the pavilion, as there was not enough of money at the time. Lighting was added, a grant was applied for and granted to fund lighting & the pavilion. Want approval to move forward. Karin Kane presented the “now” placement of the pavillion. The city paid for fencing along Wylie because of potential liability. Landscaping for the park is paid out of CI. All fencing required is in.
- Karin Kane presented drawing with new placement for pavilion. New pavilion is proposed closer to the steps. Current drawing is a pole barn/prefab type structure.
- John Dirga stated that this be multi use and that it could be used for a Chomp & Stomp stage.
- CNIA asked if we could file for an extension because the current drawing, etc. do not reflect all structures. Karin stated that Park

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President's letter

By Bryan Brunson, President, CNIA



**BRYAN
BRUNSON**

Happy Fall to everyone! It is with great sadness that I write that it appears as though we have a coyote (or more) upon our midst. Given the number of cat disappearances with a couple (at least) of credible coyote sightings, we can be pretty certain that's what we've got on our hands here in the hood.

I did speak to a private coyote trapper recently and he gave me some advice on ways to try and help deter the coyotes from coming around. Food set out continually for a pet or stray cat, fallen fruit left in the yard, a small dog running off-leash or a cat allowed to wander the neighborhood, a bird feeder stocked year-round — all of these things can attract coyotes.

It's a pretty problematic issue to which I don't really know the answer (on a personal level) in a city environment. There's a part of me that grew up in the boonies outside of Carrollton — living with coyotes and mountain lions was just what you did. But, they also seemed very shy when in that environment.

I've read posts from people around the 'hood and close by where the sentiment is that we should coexist with the coyote. There's another part of me that sees an aggressive predator (even more aggressive outside its normal environment) that threatens domesticated pets and they should be eradicated. It's complicated!

I don't really think that it's anything CNIA (or CI for that matter) would take on as an eradication process. Barring private funding from a group of neighbors (I asked the trapper if they could be released elsewhere to which that answer was "no") to trap on private property, the current modus operandi is to do everything we can to deter coyotes from wanting to be here.

Let's ALL do this and not just those with pets. Secure the trash if at all possible. Pick up the fruit fallen from your trees. In general, let's EVERYONE take an inventory of our property and remove what the Canis Latrans loves to eat.

I recently moved my bird feeder has now been relocated to a more secured place in the yard.

And if you have a small pet, PLEASE get your pet in after dark — that's their main time to hunt as they are generally shy animals and see very well.

**The Cabbagetown Neighbor thanks
Melissa Terry for keeping the sidewalks
on Carroll Street looking great.**

Need Space?

By Lynne Splinter and Ashley McCartney

Is your 501C3 in need of occasional meeting space for a large group and are you located in and around the Cabbagetown Community?

In examining the possibilities for redeveloping our Community Center into a LEED platinum green facility, we were researching just how many area non-profit organizations (with 501C3 status) there are in our neighborhood.

Realizing that so many of these groups occupy small office space and may not have the room for a large meeting, we wanted to reach out and offer the Cabbagetown Community Center's large conference room at no charge subject to availability. There is a refundable deposit to insure the facility is left in good order but otherwise the use is free to a valid area 501C3. Please contact Lynne Splinter at 404.582.0006 or Julie Stephens at 301.814.8148 for details.

Commercial Shoot

By Kyle F. Bidlack



Sean stars in a promo for Wix.com

Wix.com set up shop in **Mary Todd Hairdressing Co.** on Monday, Sept. 29th, and shop co-owner, Sean played a starring role.

With less than 900 sq.ft. to work with, Mary Todd is quite the communal and commercial mecca. They host numerous photo shoots, concerts, gatherings and oh by the way, hair cuts by the dozens, each day.

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Minutes continued

Pride is willing to give extra time through the beginning of the year however they need/want a commitment to the current structure. The expenses would have to come out of CI however Lynne stated that CI is still waiting on the refunds of monies from a grant that paid for lighting.

- A community member asked for clarity. Is a pavilion required? No, it's not required but it was promised. The question is, does the community want the pavilion as it's currently being proposed. The answer is no, the pole barn pavillion looks like an afterthought. Lyn Dearthoff stated what could be done tonight. Worried about the grant going away. Put the vote on hold because a letter has not been written. Take a vote on what came forward from Historic Preservation or vote it down.
- A motion was made to vote, yes, no or defer.
- Lynne Splinter made a motion was made to deny this pavilion as it's drawn and to defer/ apply for another grant. The motion has been voted as unanimous. There are fifteen people in attendance.
- Karin stated that she would report what CI & Park Pride says.

Public Safety and Neighborhood Watch – Mitchel Watkins and Laura Belinger

- Mitch & Lyn Dearthoff went down to Video Integration center. Will not be placing camera's on residences. Has already made an arrest based on the camera in the Blvd. Tunnel.
- A grant is being applied for for the Krog Street tunnel cameras.

CI Connect – Lynne Splinter

- \$109,000 current balance
- Checking \$39,000 balance
- Mini-grants have been successful in the neighborhood. Budget meeting in January. If anyone is interested in applying for a mini grant, please do so before budget meeting in January. Go to website to fill out an application. Will put this info in newspaper.
- 501 C3's – wanting to promote and have others come in to use the community center to raise funds for the building.

NPU – John Dirga

- Last meeting was on 8/28th at Little 5 Community Center
- A liquor license was applied for by Rocket Farm restaurant that is coming to Krog Market complex.
- Voted against electric vehicle ordinance because it is a parking loss.
- Deferred a bike share facility.
- Market & Urban Gardens is allowed in Cabbagetown. Fees for both are \$25.
- Approved Beer Festival & Chomp & Stomp

Hospitality

- Friday, Sept. 26th Welcome Party at Nick & Cyndi's house at 7p.

6. Old Business

- None

7. Public Input

- None

Meeting Adjourned 8:22p

Art Show on Gaskill

By Reverend David DeChant

The first ever art premier of Cabbagetown's own artists Woodguy George Berry and Reverend David DeChant! The weekend before Chomp will be the calm before the storm, but what better way to stir up some pre-storm with the collected three dimensional works of these two multi-talented craftsmen of sculpture? Have you ever wondered what George makes down there in his candy store looking building? Have you heard there is more to the Rev's yard than a giant shark? Now you can experience the realms of both artists in this first ever collaborative show.

The show is FREE to all from 8p to midnight Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24th and 25th at 751 Gaskill St. There will be the normal pretentious fodder like cheese cubes and champagne. Donations accepted at the door. The furniture and sculptures and earthwork will all be for sale. Children are welcome but there are adult themes to some of the work, so if your kid can't take a boob, well, you decide (the High Museum is also full of boobs).

This may be the first gallery project of many to feature these and other artist's work, depending on the success of this one, so come out and support this venue as a new space for art and culture. Cabbagetown is overflowing with chili and talent and craft! Let's corral and study some of it. Questions? 404.822.4290.

Jukebox hero

By Bill Phillips, Cabbagehead from The Stacks



BILL PHILLIPS

Lately, I've been diving through all the old stuff. Old hobbies, people, memories, all of it has been coming back up again. Rather than give it the old shove off or brush under the rug, I've been giving these things their due as I have time for them, and in the process I have found myself back in the world of the electric guitar.

It actually started with a demo I pulled out of a friends' car last week. Back in 2002, our keyboard player had gotten some studio time at Georgia Tech's *Under The Couch* for us. So while a drummer friend of mine was visiting, we recorded five songs. I burned fifty or so copies, sharpied the name of the band on them, and then — well, then I thought you could just record music, burn it on CDs, and then magically you'd be *Radiohead* without ever talking to anyone. It certainly is surprising that a young man who thought he would make a career in music might not have thought things through all the way, but there you go.

Anyway, picking up that CD reminded me of how my quest to find a regular drummer had brushed against Cabbagetown ever so briefly. Just long enough to unload my unnecessarily loud 50w Marshall combo and sit in with a drummer who did not play exactly like my drummer friend, and thus was terrible. I don't think the band broke up after that, exactly, but if you don't have a drummer, you don't have to break up to stop existing.

When I finally came to live in Cabbagetown a few years back, renting with Troy across from *Little's*, I spent a lot of time writing and recording guitar songs by myself. Troy would tell me I should plug up, crack open the window and wail a bit. I'm not sure if anyone would have appreciated my racket more than they did the *Swoop Jockeys*, but, you know — there it is.

All of which came up today when I crawled up to our storage area, rooted around in my box of old guitar pedals, and found what I was looking for: my old homemade distortion pedals. For the uninitiated, a distortion pedal is a little electronic circuit that you plug your guitar into to make it sound all nasty, and I had made my own because I was unemployed and had nothing better to do. I plugged them up to my amp, turned it up, and reveled in that wonderful racket that I hadn't made or heard for, what — four, five years?

It was great, it really was. Playing the electric guitar at volume is one of my favorite things in the world. All I need to do now is figure out how much it costs to soundproof a small bedroom. The neighbors have started banging on the walls for some reason, and sometimes I can hear it above the unholy noise I'm making.

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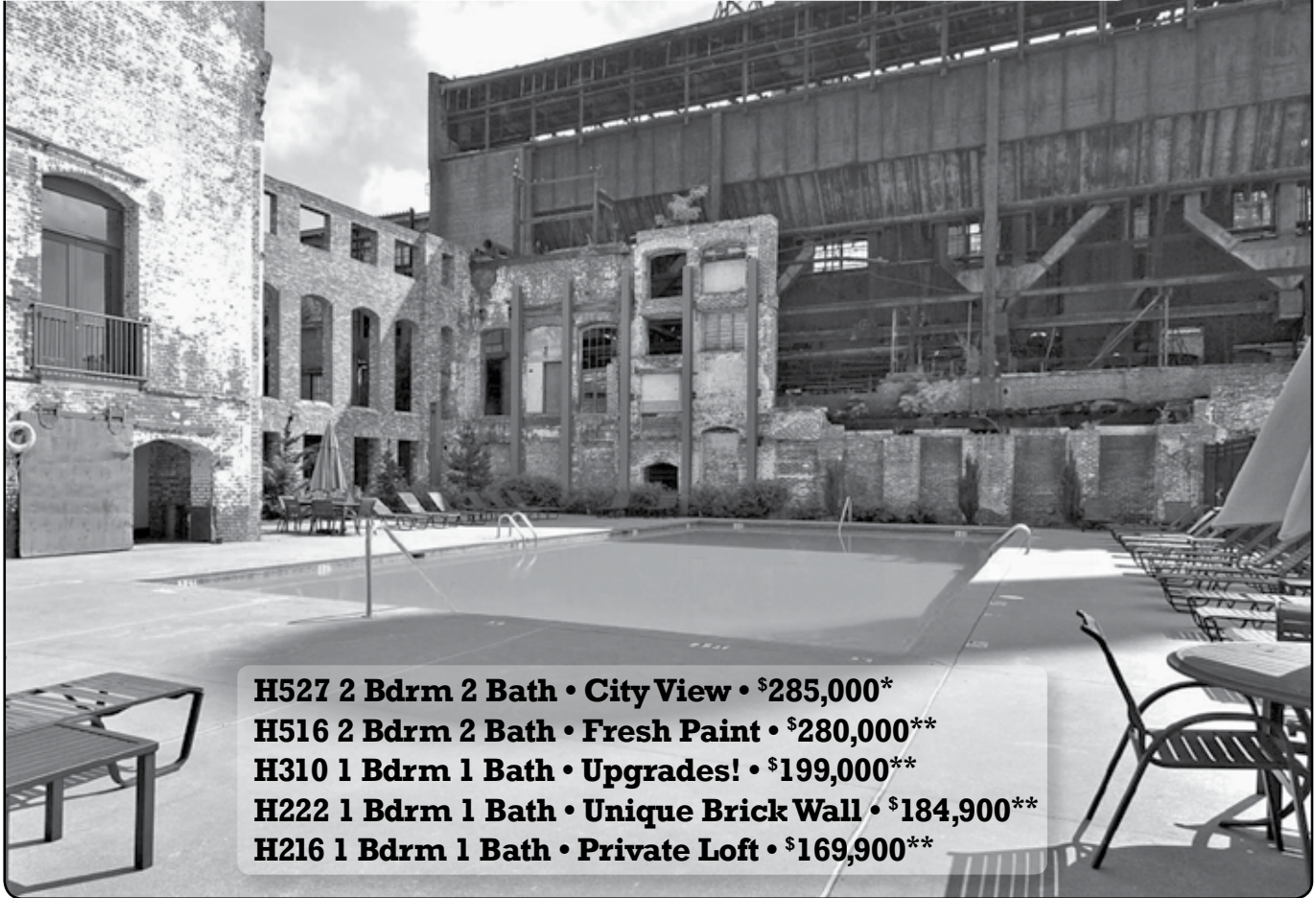
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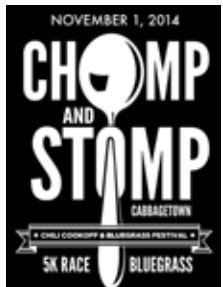


Your 2014 Chomp and Stomp Logo: Thank You Sam Parker and John Dirga!

Sam Parker: artist. community leader. student. visionary. kind, gentle, and loving soul.

John Dirga: artist. historian. music director. provocateur. community leader. loving husband.

Sam and John collaborated together to create this incredible art work and we think it is inspired creativity. Gentlemen, thank you for all you do for Cabbagetown and beyond.



Old School: *Right where she belongs*

By Tom Deardorff



TOM DEARDORFF

Before Bertha M. Wise Jr. came to Cabbagetown, she was a student of Shotokan, a Japanese version of karate. She wanted to earn the black belt she had been pursuing, but her Sensei (teacher) had moved from the northeast to Atlanta. He told her *“if you want to continue studying with me and earn your black belt, you’ll have to come to Atlanta.”*

So she did. And she got that black belt. But she says she really wanted to get out of Atlanta. It was too hot and humid

compared to the Northeast where she came from. Trouble was, she was broke and couldn’t afford to move away. She lived on Reinhardt Street for a few years.

Then an interesting thing happened. She met an artist who would almost daily set up his easel outdoors and paint. She loved his work and asked him to teach her to paint. He said no. She persevered. Finally, he gave her an assignment of a still life. *“If you can paint this, I’ll take you on,”* he said. She did. He did.

But the most interesting thing was that he owned a house on Berean street that he wanted to rent out. She had to scrimp to make the rent. But as she says: *“When I saw that house, I said, ‘that is my baby!’”* It has been her “baby” for more than thirty years.

Bertha M. Wise Jr. is a Renaissance woman. She has taught martial arts – right here in C-town. She is an accomplished painter and graphic artist. She’s a historian, a bit of an activist, a collector and even a graduate of a police academy.

When she reflects on her early days in Cabbagetown, she remembers how desperately poor she was. And how people in

the community embraced and loved her. *“I remember smelling the food cooking at Leon’s [Little’s Market]. I was hungry and I went in and discovered that I didn’t have enough money to buy the food that smelled so good. Leon said not to worry about it. Take the food and pay him when I could.”* There were others too. Esther “Peachy” LeFever, Joyce Brookshire, Mary Bankester.

“In the early days, it seemed like we were all kind of black sheep.” she says. *“There were artists and odd people along with some people who had been here all their lives and who had worked at the Mill. Somehow, we all were a community.”*

Bertha has an incredible collection of documents, newspaper articles, photos and memorabilia relating to Cabbagetown. She showed me surveys, plat maps and drawings of houses. She showed me proclamations. She showed me dozens of photos of the people of Cabbagetown. She showed me things she

has collected: posters, knick-knacks, T-shirts and more.

We sat on her porch and drank Coca-Cola as she reminisced. In some ways, she feels that Cabbagetown has lost some of its innocence. People seem more reluctant to visit with one another.

She remembers neighbor ladies stopping by her house, still in their nightgowns and barefoot to invite her to walk up the street to a yard sale. *“That sure wouldn’t happen today,”* she says.

She remembers fondly the cows in the pen between Short and Tye

streets. She kind of misses the rooster that used to wake her every morning.

Sometime when you’re out for a walk on Berean street, take a moment to read the sign on the front of Bertha’s house. It’s hilarious. Also take note of the distinctive number marker on her house. Several houses in Cabbagetown have markers just like it. They were crafted by Bertha. If you want one, she’ll make it for you. **All you have to do is ask.**



Bertha M. Wise, Jr. with her constant companion Mauricio. Photo by Tom Deardorff

Happy Anniversary

By Kyle F. Bidlack

This past September, Joe and Christina Farr celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary with a fine dinner out and cocktails afterwards at Milltown Tavern.



From left to right: Clay Miller, Christina Farr and Joe Farr

Celebrating a wedding anniversary in October is Tom and Lyn Deardorff. Tom and Lyn have been married for 52 years. Joe and Christina, if you have any questions on marriage, you know who to talk to.

Your C-town Bucket List

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

35th Annual Sunday in the Park

Sunday, October 5th, 12p to 6p - Historic Oakland Cemetery

At Sunday in the Park, we'll go back in time with a Victorian street festival bustling with art, entertainment, food and more. Stroll among our mausoleums, monuments and gardens while taking in all of the sights, sounds and tastes Oakland Cemetery has to offer. Don your finest Victorian-era garb for our costume contest, or enter our photography contest. Carriage tours and free walking tours will be offered. All proceeds benefit the Historic Oakland Foundation. www.oaklandcemetery.com

Paws in the Park

Sunday, October 5th, 12p to 5p - Centennial Olympic Park

Benefits Atlanta Pet Rescue & Adoption. There will be demonstrations including K-9 nose work and agility training. Rescue groups will attend and have dogs and cats for adoption. Don't forget the kids' area! Paws in the Park is sure to be a great day for the whole family. www.pawsintheparkatlanta.com

L5p Halloween Parade and Festival

Saturday, October 18th - Little Five Points

The Little 5 Points Halloween Festival kicks off at noon and will go until 11p. Two stages of great music, and amazing food vendors. A host of artists and craft vendors who will join the bricks and mortar retailers as a part of the event. The largest Halloween Parade in the southeast will begin making its way through the heart of Little 5 Points at 4p. www.l5phalloween.com

A Day of Performances at Historic Fourth Ward Park

Sunday, October 19th, 1p-9:45p - Historic Fourth Ward Park

The grand finale of Art on the Atlanta BeltLine performances is coming to Historic Fourth Ward Park. This FREE, all-day event features some exciting new acts and returning favorites, including Ruby Velle and the Soulphonics! Don't miss out! www.beltline.org

Atlanta World Kite Festival and Expo

Saturday, October 25th, 1p to 6p - Piedmont Park

The festival provides an amazing outdoor family experience complete with kite flying and demonstrations, food, live entertainment, music, contests and a kids fun zone. Something for all ages and free to the public. www.atlantaworldkitefestival.com

Howl O'ween Pet Parade and Festival in O4W

Saturday, October 25th, 1-6p, N. Highland and Glenn Iris

Begins on Alaska Ave and will meander down North Highland Ave to the festival Site at Glen Iris. There will be live bands, beer, and costumed pets of all kinds! All proceeds benefit the O4W dog park, Freedom Barkway. www.o4whowloween.com

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\$250m for Infrastructure Fixes

By Max Blau, Creative Loafing

Lighting on the Atlanta Beltline's Eastside Trail? Check. Concrete to add asphalt to some of Atlanta's remaining unpaved streets? Yep.

Early next year, Atlanta voters are expected to decide whether the city will be able to pull out of its credit card and borrow up to \$250 million to replace bridges, roads, and sidewalks that make up part of its \$1 billion infrastructure backlog. The city is also including public buildings such as rec centers, pools, and public safety facilities in that package.

Below is a partial list of local projects:

DeKalb Ave - \$2,511,300

Street improvements inclusive of milling and repaving, sidewalk and ADA ramp repair and installation, reversible lane removal and addition of bicycle facilities along DeKalb Ave., between MARTA Inman Park-Reynoldstown Station and city limits.

ML King, Jr Drive - \$4,573,300

Improvements inclusive of milling, resurfacing and installation of bicycle lanes along some sections; includes streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements.

Monroe Drive/Boulevard - \$2,175,200

Improvements inclusive of milling, repaving, and installation of bicycle lanes, sidewalks and pedestrian improvements.

Police- Zone 6 - \$6,500,000

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M.L. King Natatorium - \$25,000,000

Replace, Purchase Property, Design, Demolition of Existing Site, and new Construction.

Parkside Elementary School - \$9,270

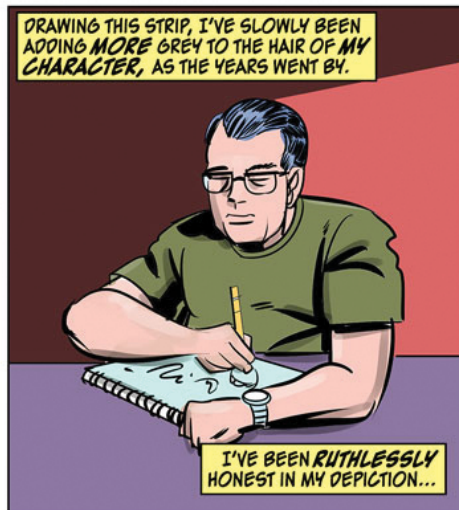
School flashers for elementary school at 685 Mercer Street.

GRUMBLES

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE:
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Throwback

By Celine Bufkin

I recently came across some old photos of our beautiful Cabbagetown Park -- except it wasn't yet a park and it wasn't exactly beautiful.

Many of you remember the old Grant Primary School (*was that its official name?*), which sat vacant and trashed from the time it was abandoned sometime in the 1970s to 2003, when it was razed in the name of public greenspace initiatives. There was the sad building, which looked to me like a jail. Inside there was lots of broken glass, collapsed asbestos ceiling tiles, broken furniture, mildewed books and random junk.

It was almost as if a body snatching had taken place at the school -- it seemed no one had bothered to move any of the stuff out when it closed. Some neighbors claimed to have found treasures in there before it all got too disgusting: cool old maps, textbooks, projector screens, etc.

There also was a scary-looking but harmless pseudo-resident, who would regularly add to the broken glass collection in the form of busted 40-ounce Olde English 800 bottles.

When I moved here in 2000, the Cabbagetown Initiative had started working on getting that land from Atlanta Public Schools. In the process we found out a lot of things. Like that there had been a creek running through what is now the Park. And that the land had once been used as a construction brownfield and probably was not suitable for a building foundation anyway.

APS did not want to let go of that property. It was quite the ordeal for a while. We guessed those guys figured that since we wanted it, then maybe someone else with more money wanted it more. Perhaps they saw a nice, juicy condo project going there. They were holding out.

Finally, with the help of many tenacious neighbors, newly-elected and good (for a change!) local officials, effective grant-writing (spearheaded by Gerry Conroy, rest his soul), a couple of green-shirt grass-roots PR stunts, and funding from benevolent sources large and small, we got it.

Cabbagetown saved The Herd and, just a couple of weeks after the inaugural Chomp and Stomp, demolished the school. Cabbagetown Park was happening. Hooray!

Post script: Speaking of the inaugural Chomp and Stomp, that event in November, 2003 boasted 1,000 attendees and raised a whopping \$8,000... How our 'hood has grown!



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Envision Development

By Rachel Peric

Land may be scarce in the city, but the creativity of Cabbagetown to make the most of our small slice of it is boundless.

With new developments sprouting up all over the city, some of our neighbors recognized a unique opportunity. Rather than leave things to chance, they decided to get proactive and begin to craft a vision for an area of Cabbagetown that's destined for great things – or so we hope.

Earlier this year, the Cabbagetown Initiative provided funds to conduct a visioning study for the area along Memorial Drive in Cabbagetown. The premise was that much of the area between Gaskill and Estoria (which currently includes large areas used for truck storage or is empty altogether), could be used for purposes that support the community

Matt Wilder of **Pond & Company**, who helped design Cabbagetown Park and Esther Peachy Park, was hired to conduct a visioning session or "charrette," for the neighborhood last May. At the charrette, community members explored some ideas for this area based on the needs of the community.

They were joined by City Councilmember Natalyn Archibong and her staff, and a member of the Georgia Tech team that is studying an overall redevelopment plan for Memorial Drive.

Using this initial visioning, **Pond & Company** drew up an initial set of designs that incorporate elements that residents have identified as being important: active recreation space (for people and dogs), pedestrian-friendly commercial spaces, thoughtful residential development, and parking.

These designs capture the initial thinking of a group of thoughtful residents. Some of us had a chance to preview them at a recent neighborhood meeting, and while exciting, they are just the beginning of tapping into our community's creativity.

On October 9th at 7:30p, we'll be gathering at **Sweet Cheats** to share the designs and listen to the community about what you'd like to see. Along with the Historic Preservation Committee and others who have a stake in this, we will then begin to craft a plan for making our community's vision a reality.

If you'd like to see the designs, be part of sharing your ideas for development in Cabbagetown, or would just like to learn more, we hope you'll join us.

Join your neighbors on October 9th at 7:30p at Sweet Cheats to see the designs and offer your ideas.

Questions? Ideas to share? Email Rachel Peric at: rasteinhardt@gmail.com.



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New *Habitat*

By Cher Hains

This November, four years of planning, preparation and anticipation culminate in the grand opening of a brand new **Atlanta Habitat for Humanity ReStore** in the heart of Reynoldstown. The original ReStore, located across from Oakland Cemetery at 519 Memorial Drive SE, will permanently close at the end of October. Until then, enjoy at least 40% off during the Moving Sale!



The new Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Memorial Drive.

The nonprofit home improvement outlet sells new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials, and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. The showrooms have a variety of items to choose from.

All net proceeds support Atlanta Habitat for Humanity's mission of partnering with working families, sponsors, and communities to build affordable, green, quality homes and to provide support services that promote successful home purchase and ownership. Since its opening in 2001, the Atlanta Habitat ReStore has raised more than \$2 million for local families and diverted more than 7,000 tons of materials from landfills.

Next time you are considering home renovations or DIY projects, remember the Atlanta Habitat ReStore! The ReStore is open Monday through Saturday, from 10:30a to 5:30p.

If you have items you would like to donate, please visit www.atlantahabitat.org/restore. You will find a list of acceptable items and information about the free pick-up service. All donated items must be new or gently used.

The brand new Atlanta Habitat ReStore will be located at 271 Chester Ave SE, just a mile east from the current location. You are invited to celebrate this exciting new chapter! The Grand Opening festivities will take place at the new location on Friday, November 14th through Saturday, November 15th, 2014. There will be food trucks, live bands, raffles, and more! So stop by and shop to help build a better Atlanta!

BOLO!

By Celine Bufkin

Be On The Look Out!

Coyote. Wiley. Possibly spotted on Wylie Street. Suspected of eating cats and other critters during the early morning hours. If you see a Coyote in or around Cabbagetown, please call 911 and ask them to alert animal control.



Editor's note: Cabbagetown residents have reported seeing at least one animal that resembles a coyote as far West as Carroll Street and as far East as the Eastern end of the Huxley rail yard.

The animal is generally only spotted during the late evening and very early morning hours. To err on the side of caution, we recommend you keep your pets (and chickens and roosters, etc...) inside or protected at night. Clear any outside food sources or food litter from your property. If you come across a coyote, you can generally scare them off by making loud noises. And it is possible that dropping mothballs in your yard can also serve as a deterrent.

Ctown Twisters Win One!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Your Cabbagetown Twisters softball club started their autumn season in fine form, winning their first game EVER. Michael McPherson got things started properly. With the first swing of the season, he launched a 290 foot home run to straight away centerfield.

Shirley Hughes Tubbs, Celine Bufkin, and Ashley McCartney all collected two hits. Also connecting for hits were Robert Tubbs, Peter Norman, Austin Ukanna and Jordan Hertl. Final score: Cabbagetown 20 and Reynoldstown II 7.

Cabbagetown thanks Reynoldstown II for not only being great neighbors, but also fine competitors.

As of press deadline, the Twisters record in the autumn league was one win and three losses.



Your 2014 Cabbagetown Twisters softball club celebrate their first win at Milltown Tavern.

Cabbagetown Roll Call Party

By Kyle F. Bidlack

News flash: Cabbagetown loves a good party! And there are few better reasons to celebrate than welcoming rookie Cabbageheads to our humble little patch of Atlanta.

Roll Call parties happen a couple times a year. New Cabbageheads are invited and welcomed to the neighborhood by those of us who have been around for a while. Take a good look at the

faces below; some of them have been around for five, ten, fifteen years. And some of the newbies, like Bryan, Eva and Austin, have only been here a few months. But before long, it might be Bryan, Eva and Austin that are hosting Roll Call Parties. And they'll be telling stories about the good ol' days in 2014 when Nick and Cyndi hosted over ninety folks and helped welcome them to Cabbagetown.





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Best of ATL!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Creative Loafing just released their "Best of ATL" edition. The Cabbagetown Neighbor did not want you to have to thumb through all 128 pages to find the local notables, so we all banded together and did the work for you.

BEST OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH TOURIST ATTRACTION -
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BEST NEIGHBORHOOD FOR PORCH LIFE -
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BEST PLAYGROUND -
Historic Fourth Ward Park

BEST PLACE TO RIDE YOUR BIKE -
Atlanta Beltline Eastside Trail

BEST STREET ART -
"Origin of Feces" by Sever
CSX Wall on Tonnelle Street in Cabbagetown

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Sean Fahie

Mmm Good!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Bill Clinton's office is now located in Harlem, New York City. Kevin Clark and Lisa Spooner's office is now located at *Homegrown* on Memorial Drive near Cabbagetown, Atlanta, Georgia.



So it's completely understandable that you'd claim lunacy if someone told you that Bill Clinton was holding court in Homegrown in September, while Kevin and Lisa were playing tourist in New York City.

But that is EXACTLY what happened. *Only in Cabbagetown, right?* We are bummed that Kevin and Lisa missed The President but we are thrilled that their Homegrown legend and fame is spreading like maple syrup on a stack of hot flapjacks.

Word on the street is Mr. Clinton did not succumb to the tasty breakfast menu, even though the Homegrown staff delivered a big, warm plate of biscuits to his table... free of charge.

We're pretty sure that if Kevin and Lisa were there, they would have whipped up something irresistible for the President. Just like they would for you. *Stop in, say hi, grab a bite and ask to sit in the President's seat.*

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