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"Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store." ~ Dr. Seuss

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

6:45p: Networking and Snacks

7p: Meeting Begins

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Valencia Hudson – City of Atlanta
3. Lt. Floyd – Atlanta Police Department
4. Approve November Minutes
5. Financial Report
6. Committee and Other Reports
 - Cabbagetown Initiative
Chomp and Stomp Update
 - Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch – Peyton Stinson
 - NPU – John Dirga
 - Historic Preservation/Land Use – Nicole Seekely: 249 Powell Street: Rear Addition
 - Transportation Committee – Shaun Houlihan
 - Hospitality Committee – Karen Russian
 - Imagine Memorial: Greg Giuffrida
6. Old Business
 - City of Atlanta Bicycle Corral on Carroll Street

**7. New Business
Adjournment**

Final November minutes will be adopted at the December meeting. The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street.

Reach Out

We've got some decent, hard-working folks that work for the City.

Please feel free to contact Becky Katz with any questions, comments, or ideas you might have about the proposed bike corral. She can be reached at bkatz@atlantaga.gov

Bike Corral on Carroll St?



A bike corral on Cherokee Street in front of Dakota Blue and Loose Nuts Cycles in Grant Park.

By Edward Lindahl

Local cyclists know that while it's not yet a world-biking city, Atlanta has been making great strides in terms of improving the biking infrastructure.

A new bicycle corral program aims to put pods of bike racks in commercial areas that are underserved with respect to bike parking.

The City installed its first bike corral on Cherokee Street in Grant Park. Becky Katz, the City's Chief Bicycle Officer, presented the neighborhood with the opportunity to install the next corral in Cabbagetown at the November CNIA meeting.

Two realistic options were proposed near the intersection of Carroll and Shelton Streets. The first would put a corral on Carroll St just north of Shelton. The corral would have four racks bounded by two large decorative planters and take up approximately 18 linear feet. Thus, while it would

provide parking for eight bicycles, it would take away one spot for a car. The second option would put an identical corral on Shelton St right off Carroll where there is currently a no-parking zone. This site would be less visible but also not take away a (legal) parking spot. A third option would require permission from property owners of the currently vacant lots on Carroll Street. The corral would have to be moved should development occur.

The Transportation Committee discussed all three options in their November meeting and showed strong preference for the Carroll St location.

Attend our CNIA meeting on Dec. 13th at 7p to discuss the proposals and help us decide if we'd like to dedicate space for a bike corral.

**Yes!
I Did It!
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CNIA President's Column



**KATHERINE
DIRGA**

Wow. 2016... right? North Georgia's on fire and I don't feel so good myself. Here it is December and I know many who are saying bring on 2017, it can't be worse. Well I don't know what will come with the new year, but I'm not heading down into the Doomsday Cellar just yet. (*I mean, no—we don't have a doomsday cellar—who told you that, never mind.*)

When life gets weird, I find it pays to tighten focus and count the good

things. For one, we had a record Chomp & Stomp this year. That means CI can repay its Reserve Fund and we can keep our beautiful parks and community center in top shape. **Way to go Chomp Committee, CI Board, and big ups to all the excellent neighborhood volunteers!**

For another, the Christmas Crawl is coming up on December 10th! (*I know, it doesn't bring back David Bowie, but it's something.*) The Crawl is a progressive four-course potluck dinner and a fundraiser for CNIA, but mostly a chance to say hey to old friends and meet some brand new ones. Yes, you gotta wear a nametag...

Yes, you oughta sign up to bring something... No, you don't have to push the bar buggy from house to house. This year.

So sign up! Not a cook? You can also sign up to bring plates, napkins, and other essentials.

Cyclists and those who live on Carroll Street or care about parking (*so that pretty much covers everybody*) should be sure to attend our December meeting. We'll review a proposal from the City to place a bike corral on the street. This was introduced at the November meeting and sent by your neighbors to the Transportation Committee to make recommendations in December. Come make your voice heard too.

Remember: To vote on all things Cabbagetown, your membership has to be official. So get official at cabbagetown.com/membership.

And as always, don't hesitate to reach out at cabbagechat@gmail.com if you have questions, comments, or big ideas! I hope to see you on Tuesday, December 13th, at 7p for our December community meeting, always at 177 Estoria St, the Cabbagetown Community Center. In the meantime and all the time, let's be good to each other, because Cabbagetown is the jam and I count myself lucky to be here with all you great people. **See you at the Crawl!**

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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center, Meeting conducted by Katherine Dirga. Minutes recorded by Jocelyn Chen Wise.

1. Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta

An Agave employee was robbed on Sunday around 1a, took wallet and automobile. Two similar robberies in O4W. Be watchful! Mollie Street is being torn up for water main break.

2. Approve October minutes

Approve October minutes with amendments to the NPU report: "Candler Park Conservancy" needs a representative, "Maudlin Street" should read "Maudlin Street," and remove "Invest Atlanta."

3. Financial Report

End of October balance was \$9,279. Deposited \$393 from newspaper ads and the rest from license plate sales. Paid \$141 to Milltown Tavern for new neighbor party.

4. Committee and Other Reports

NPU, John Dirga

Peyton Stinson and Nicole Seekley have volunteered to be NPU alternates. If you are a veteran or elderly, you can get matching funds for the repair of code violations. Zone 4 APD will have body cameras. Outdoor Events Special Working Group – City Council is working on how special events are getting approved, should be in favor of Cabbagetown. Project on 900 DeKalb Ave zoning deferred in Inman Park, trying to build a restaurant and get a variance from 92 parking spaces to 50 spaces. Zoning approved for North American Properties because new drawing shows they plan to shift building design so transit is still an option for future. 930 Maudlin (Ant Building): Voted against 7 to 0. Hearing will be on Nov. 11th at 6p Downtown in Council Chambers, open to public. Would like as many residents as possible to attend. Druid Hills Golf Club alcohol permit changed agent. Upcoming legislation: waterskiing in city of Atlanta, disallowing music studio within 500 ft of residence.

Historian Preservation and Land Use, Nicole Seekely

125 Pearl Street. Proposing addition to back of home, Adam Stillman is architect. On right side elevation, will be changing out one window. No variances applied for. Roof of the addition will tuck under roof of existing house. HP recommends supporting project. Voted unanimously in favor.

Transportation Committee, Shaun Houlihan

Next meeting will be Wed, Nov. 16th from 6:30-7:30p at Cabbage Pie. Drafting mission/vision, developing a master plan, speeding on Berean, etc. Those interested, please contact at Crtransportation@googlegroups.com. Concerns about size of trucks that are allowed in neighborhood.

Hospitality Committee, Karen Russian

Christmas Crawl is coming up on Saturday, December 10th. Will be a progressive dinner with apps, soup/salad, entrees, and dessert. Volunteers needed for getting businesses to donate, helping with communications, and other small things. If interested in volunteering house to host, please contact Karen. There will be an online sign-up for food, drink, etc. Will be \$20 per person or \$10 if you contribute food/drink.

Chomp & Stomp Update

Still crunching numbers but know that it was our best year ever. Good job for a great event! CI will likely publish the detailed breakdown in December minutes.

Memorial Drive Corridor, Greg Giuffrida

Seeking grant funding to get some additional technical work done to expand scope to cover entire Imagine Memorial area (from Downtown Atlanta to Candler Road). Wishes to pursue LCI (Livable Centers Initiative) funds which offers federal funds for infrastructure for walkability and multimodal transportation options. Seeking letters of support from neighborhood and NPU. Very open to feedback from neighborhood. Voted unanimously in favor.

City of Atlanta Chief Bicycle Officer, Becky Katz

New private development in most zones requires bicycle parking. Working with Public Works to establish a formal plan for bike parking. Has a regular bike rack program, anyone can request racks. Working to get racks into Carroll Street. Grant Park bike corral was just installed, this model could be good for Carroll. Considering (1) Reinhardt/Shelton where there's a no parking area, (2) in front of Mary Todd loading area which needs to be restriped (recommend resubmitting through 311 and copy Becky), or (3) lot adjacent to Little's. Residents have concerns about impacting loading zones because they're helpful for traffic flow. Several residents in favor of putting a rack on Reinhardt/Shelton. Request forms for racks are evaluated twice a year in March and November, highly prioritize group requests (i.e. neighborhood) and business districts. Transportation Committee to review options and present at future meeting. bkatz@atlantaga.gov

5. New Business

Lisa Meyers hosting meeting on November 17th regarding re-routing newspaper delivery routes.

Less is more.

Saturday, In The Park...

By Kyle F. Bidlack

...It wasn't the Fourth of July. But it was one helluva celebration. And from all early reports, it was a record-setting Chomp, in so many ways.

More great chili. More lush Bluegrass music. More unforgettable memories. More people. And maybe more funds raised than ever before.

An initial financial report will be shared with the neighborhood during our December CNIA meeting, and it looks like we might have raised enough funds to replenish our wore-out reserve fund (after we pay all the bills).



Deanna Grace, Katherine Dirga, and Alicia Forsee at Chomp and Stomp 2016... in the park.

The Cabbagetown Neighbor would like to thank all those unsung heroes who have gone above-and-beyond, year after year.

Without naming names, they have wrangled the cash, pulled double (and sometimes triple) shifts, donated materials and talents, organized artists, handled logistics, put smiles on people's faces, and served as glorious ambassadors of Cabbagetown.

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your neighbors. You are beautiful people. We are lucky to have you among us. ***We raise our chili cups to you. Cheers!***

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Grant Park	\$294,198	\$346,065	\$393,715	+13.8%	+33.8%
Ormewood Park	\$270,044	\$271,162	\$345,421	+27.4%	+27.9%

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After the election this year I felt like I had been dragged behind a truck and dropped off at a bad Shoney's. I went to a couple of work days after that, and while I did get some work done, I was just about ready to peace out. So I did. I left that Friday for a pleasure trip to Japan with my younger sister.

I don't know what I expected from the trip, other than some time with a sibling and probably some strange food.

Sometimes she and I fight, you know, so maybe I was worried about that happening. She got married last year, too, which freaked me out a bit. (Maybe it still does.) So I thought hey, why not spend a week with one another in a foreign country, with no consistent English speakers except for one another.

It worked better than I imagined. Every morning I'd catch up on the ongoing social media freakout that had happened on the previous day halfway around the globe. After that, we would walk around to the different temples in Kyoto to see the trees burst out in falltime red and yellow in and around the gardens, along with the chatter of birdcry which played in the quieter places. That first day was a rainer, which we thought could have spoiled the day, but it was just the sort of light drizzle to tighten the perspective without obscuring the koi fish.

Each morning I would read everything on my phone, and then I would drop down into thinking: *"What should I do? What should I do?"* Well, the nice thing about Kyoto is that the answer to that is, *"You nitwit. You're in Kyoto for six days. If you don't sit on some of these tatami mats and look at these maples and these ginkgoes and rock gardens and old wooden pavilions peering over manicured-wild pond gardens, you will be thinking a lot later about all the things you should have done when you were here, like talk to your sister."*

And I did all of that. I did a lot of talking to my sister, too, although I can't recall much of what was said. I remember talking at dusk while walking around the old palace grounds, but who knows what we talked about. I do recall successfully proving to her that there was a Ska music scene in the northeastern United States in the 90s, though. I've learned the hard way that family conflict is rarely fruitful, so I remember the victories.

When I came home for Thanksgiving the following week, I left all of this stuff behind, too. I just showed up for my family, because that's what you do sometimes.

But I also brought a few board games. It'd be awful if I were stuck at home without anything to do.

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"Yes! I Did It!"

By Barbara Keeney Harper

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It was a remarkable experience and an honor to share the journey with many very courageous people fighting cancer or who have lost a love one to cancer.

Thanks to your donations, our team of 8, "Bosom Buddies, Sisters Forever" raised \$30,000. The 2600 San Diego walkers raised \$7.6 million. I know this is a big step in getting rid of cancer.

I have learned when you give, you receive so much more. This walk did exactly that. I have been so inspired by the spirit and commitment of the Susan G. Komen organization, the city of San Diego, and the Three Day Walkers.

Let me tell you about a someone I met on the walk who touched me, tremendously. Cheryl – I was dragging the second day and noticed a cute, short lady about my age walking with a quick step. I asked to join her and I heard her story. Cheryl



Day Two. Thirty Miles.

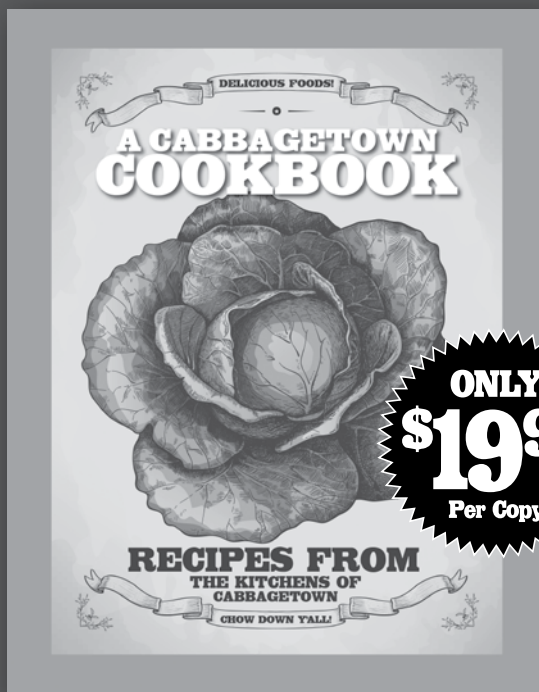
is 67 and lives in New Jersey. She has had cancer 5 times and darn, it came back. She decided not to go through chemo one more time and accepted that she has had a good life. Her only daughter pleaded for her to give one more try by offering her a present. Opening the present, it was a sonogram of Cheryl's 1st grandchild. Yes, Cheryl is starting her 6th round of chemo in January.

Today I take pause from the steps that we took to raise up our glasses and to celebrate all of the miles that we've traveled through heat, cold, rain, hills, gravel and sand. For those we have lost and for those who

survive who boldly inspire us to thrive. We did this for them. We walk forward tomorrow and may it come fast, that day when cancer is a thing of the past.

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Happy Birthday Ronnie!

By Karen Russian

On a cool November morning, a bunch of Cabbageheads gathered at Carroll Street Café to celebrate Ronnie Edwards thirtieth birthday.

After a spirited breakfast, the group met up with even more Cabbageheads for a stroll on the Beltline. Fittingly, Ronnie and his brother Marshall were treated to a rickshaw-style bike ride.



Cabbagetown Christmas Crawl

By Nicole Seekely

Hello Neighbors! Time to crawl the streets of Cabbagetown in search of food, drink, and good company!

For those new to the 'hood, Cabbagetown has been hosting a progressive dinner for the past fourteen years. Each year, four of your neighbors open their hearts and their doors for you to traipse through (well... don't traipse through their hearts) while you drink, eat, and greet new and old friends.

The way it works is you sign up to bring your favorite food, liqueur, or needed item to the party. If you contribute, you only pay \$10 per person for entry. Without a contribution it is \$20 per person for entry (kids are free).

You also get bragging rights when everyone is hailing your goat cheese & beet salad as the best thing in the world.

It all takes place on Saturday, December 10th.

Here are the times and locations:

5:30p - Appetizer House – Whitney & Nathan, 606 Pickett

6:30p - Soup & Salad – Alicia & Dan, 208 Berean

7:30p - Light Feast/Tapas - Julie & Jason, 151 Estoria

8:30p - Dessert – Kevin, 251 Tye

10:00p - Irish Coffees at Milltown Tavern

If you would like to contribute an item, please sign up here:

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Five Chickens Roaming Our Streets

On Saturday, November 26th, five chickens were spotted roaming around Gaskill and Tye. Fear not. They were returned to their hen house unharmed a few hours later. Sadly, about 500 Cabbagetown turkeys did not experience such a pleasant fate just two days earlier.

Winners and Losers

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Election night in Cabbagetown gave us the agony of defeat and the thrill of victory. Our local bars and restaurants had their televisions tuned to election coverage for patrons. Others gathered at house parties to watch the drama unfold: Ashley McCartney and Butch Teal (and Cash & June) hosted an "All Blue All the Time" party at "Brindlewood on the Dogleg".

First, the defeat: According to the *AJC*, Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown registered 1,461 (90%) votes for Hillary Clinton and 146 (9%) votes for Donald Trump. Just another example of how different we are from our nation-at-large.

And the thrill of victory. When it came to local transportation, we came out strong on the winning side. 86.4% of us approved the \$2.5 billion to \$3.5 billion for MARTA, along with expansion of the Atlanta Streetcar program.

And believe it or not, Wall Street agrees with Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown. Moody's Investors Service said "The new revenues, on top of an existing one percent MARTA sales tax, will fund expansion and enhancement of the U.S.'s ninth-largest transit service. The new tax is expected to bring in \$2.5 billion – \$3.5 billion over the next 40 years. The expansion is beneficial for Atlanta residents because it will include a major bus service upgrade and also fund the

rail and bus expansion, resulting in better service and reliability. In fiscal 2015, MARTA transported about 136 million passengers, for an average weekly ridership of 433,000."

Beyond our neighborhoods, Atlanta voters approved the additional sales tax for MARTA by a margin of more than two to one. The "Yes" vote was 71.3 percent compared to the "No" vote of 28.7 percent. The actual numbers were 128,822 in favor, and 51,746 against, according to Fulton County election officials.

MARTA intends to use a portion of the additional sales tax to make high-capacity rail improvements and build infill rail stations.

Even Buckhead agrees with us when it comes to transportation... kinda. Buckhead gave the narrowest margin of victory for the additional sales tax. It was approved by 51.7 percent of voters.

Inman Park REALLY agreed with us. They registered the strongest demand for transportation project funding. 85.1 percent of voters in Inman Park favored the additional tax for transportation projects.

So cheer up Cabbagetown. While not everything went our way, we can take some solice in the fact that transportation might be a little better next time we head to the polls.

Warm Tidings

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Matt Stacy and the good folks at Savannah Street Neighborhood House, recently began giving 100 sleeping bags to neighbors who are homeless or in dire need. You didn't need one more reason to love Cabbagetown, but here is a wonderful one none-the-less.



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You Deserve a Break Today

By Kyle F. Bidlack

So get up and get away, to Littles. Kevin Alexander writes for the Thrillist, and he is on a yearlong mission to find America's best cheeseburger (doesn't THAT sound like a GREAT gig!).

His latest installment took him to our fair city where he visited a Santa-sack-full of fine establishments. Once his gullet was full and his fingers cleansed of delicious grease, he tapped out his top ten list of Atlanta's top-ten cheeseburgers. And wouldn't you know it, he passed through Cabbagetown.

Said Kevin of our little 'hood: "Cabbagetown might be my favorite neighborhood name in the country, even more so when I learned that the original name of the 'hood comes from two stories both involving massive cabbage spillage. The Little's store has been around since the '20s, and though it's changed hands, it still feels very much like a neighborhood place where you'd go for everything from a sandwich to a pack of Big League Chew (NOTE: I don't actually know if they have Big League Chew)."

And The famous Little's cheeseburger made the list! it ranked number eight of ten. "The burger feels very much like the Oklahoma fried onion burgers: small, slider-esque, with those grilled onions, mustard, mayo, and pickle. The char on the meat was intense, almost to the point where it felt slightly burned, but luckily that didn't come through in the taste. The steamed bun congealed with

the meat and those charred onions to give it that classic onion burger flavor. I swear, if I closed my eyes, I could've easily been standing in El Reno, being awkwardly judged by all the people wondering why a man in a Celtics T-shirt was taking pictures of their street signs." Wrote Kevin.

Living WOTP (Waaaaaay Outside the Perimeter), you might find it interesting to hear what Kevin thinks of Atlanta. "Atlanta is underrated. I know that sounds strange to the people who live there, but nationally, people kind of hate on Atlanta. People in the South hate on it for being big and unwieldy and too much like the

North, people in the North hate on it for unspecified reasons that might have to do with the 1996 Olympics, and it just generally has a little bit of a bad national rep. But after spending days roaming everywhere from Smyrna and Bankhead, to the Old Fourth Ward, Cabbagetown, Little Five Points, Kirkwood, and all the places in between, I have to say: I've got a crush on this city."

"The traffic still sucks, and makes no sense at any point, but there are tons of distinct, cool neighborhoods all doing their own thing, and I really don't think enough people outside of greater Atlanta know just what they're

missing. But my advice is: KEEP IT THAT WAY. It's much better being a best-kept secret than over-hyped." Writes Kevin. And we agree with the best-kept-secret part. Except you just told the world how wonderful it is here. But we'll forgive you.



Little's Double Cheeseburger

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#9

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Only One Ctown House for Sale?

By Josh Green, *CurbedAtlanta*

Right now, Cabbagetown is experiencing one of those real estate dearths in which only one standalone house is up for grabs.

We spotted the same phenomenon last year in this tight-knit, quirky, and obviously desirable community that's no stranger to bidding wars.

On the bright side for buyers, these current conditions mark a 100-percent jump over those times when no Cabbagetown houses are for sale.



Here on Savannah Street, this cozy two-bedroom cottage from the 1940s has lingered on the market for about 40 days, and though its the only option for home purchasing in C-town (and a thoroughly restored one at that), it just endured a \$15,000 price reduction this week.

So what's up?

The usual Cabbagetown Achilles heel – street parking – shouldn't apply, because a driveway is coming soon, once construction commences next door, per the listing. Other plusses: The Walk Score clocks in at a "very walkable" 77. And the rather gigantic deck consumes a great deal of the backyard but provides for gated storage beneath.

Could it be that fussy Atlantans just can't bear to live with a single bathroom? Or are seasonal doldrums for sellers to blame?

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Movie review: *A Christmas Carol*



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A Christmas Carol (2009) PG. Directed by Robert Zemeckis with performances by Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Robin Wright Penn, Bob Hoskins, Cary Elwes, Callum Blue, Molly Quinn and Paul Blackthorn.

Most everyone knows the story of Charles Dickens' novel, *A Christmas Carol*, and over 75 films versions exist under the combined titles "*A Christmas Carol*" and "*Scrooge*". This 2009 version ranks in my top 5, which includes *Scrooge* (1970),

Scrooged (1988), *A Muppet Christmas Carol* (1992), *Scrooge* (1951). Each of these has it's own vision: music, comedy, puppets (er.. Muppets), drama, and animation.

Ebenezer Scrooge is a miser who has lost his love of life. The ghost of Scrooge's former partner appears to warn him that three ghosts will appear to him throughout the night. These ghosts each appear with a singular vision, showing his past, present, and future in hopes that he will change his ways, and avoid a terrible end.

Much to my delight, this film is far darker than any other version in my top five. It was much scarier than the PG rating. The animation of Ignorance and Want was downright creepy. The ghosts of Marley, Christmas Future, and Future's hell horses, with their evil

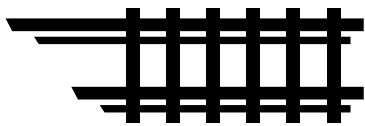
red eyes and steamy snorts made me jump. The 3D made the hell horses appear to be in my lap, and that's the last place you want to see a hell horse. All in all, the story was well told, wonderfully animated, and perfectly voiced.

The animation was incredible, aside from a few strange variances in character heights. I enjoyed the ride each time a ghost would whoosh us away to the next stop with Ebenezer, but the fear factor was heightened with the 3D version. The 2D version offers a solid story and the 3D version offers more of a thrill ride.

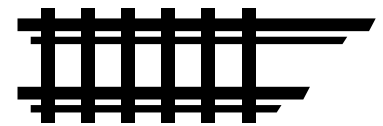
The multiple roles for Carrey were nicely vocally varied. Oldman's portrayal of Bob Cratchit was beautifully timid, and his turn as Jacob Marley's ghost is second only to Alec Guinness (*Scrooge* 1970). Colin Firth and Bob Hoskins were wonderfully drawn into their characters. The voices of Callum Blue and Molly Quinn were immediately recognizable.

As the holiday season is upon us, *A Christmas Carol* is a heart-warming story no matter what holiday Cabbageheads choose to celebrate. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Habari Gani, Good Solstice! Whatever your holiday, I hope it's a lovely one!

Favorite quote: Tiny Tim – God bless us. Every one. **Trivia:** Jim Carrey portrayed all six versions of Ebenezer scrooge as well as the ghosts of Past and Future.



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Less is More

By Christina Bonaccorse

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CRSP Crowns New Cornhole Champs!

By Christopher E. Adams

On October 22nd, Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown neighbors enjoyed *Tropicalia* and other fine brews and teamed up with strangers to throw beanbags - all in the name of public safety. At the end of the day, The Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown Security Patrol raised over \$600 for patrol coverage and added

two new names to the extremely low-budget trophy: *Katy Ezell and Bob Steen* (with a notable second place finish by Cabbagetown resident *Scott Steady*). Thanks to all who participated. Hope you can make it next year! *To join CRSP sign up at www.cabagetownsecuritypatrol.org*

The Real Estate Report

This information is provided by Chrissie Kallio using the First Multiple Listing records and data from Housing and Urban Development postings. The information is not guaranteed or warranted. Any questions regarding real estate in the

Cabbagetown area can be directed to the following resident agents: Chrissie Kallio at 404.295.2068 • Lynne Splinter at 404.582.0006 • Debbie Weeks 404.272.1906.

We wish you happy house hunting!



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1072 Memorial	\$499,900
54 Boulevard SE	\$197,500
Sold	Price
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For Sale	Asking
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Milltown Lofts	
Unit 1010	\$299,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit 1111	\$235,000
2 BD/1 BA	
Unit 1003	\$215,000
1 BD/1 BA	

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Pending	Price
The Stacks 170 Blvd	
Unit E115	\$432,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit E216	\$399,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit E120	\$399,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit H416	\$255,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H201	\$219,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 608	\$299,900
2 BD/1.5 BA	
Unit 805	\$225,000
2 BD/1 BA	
Carroll Street Lofts	
Unit B	\$250,000
2 BD/1 BA	
Unit A	\$250,000
1 BD/2 BA	

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Sold	Price
The Stacks	
Unit E307	\$245,000
1 BD/1.5 BA	
Milltown Lofts Wylie	
Unit 1001	\$238,000
2 BD/1 BA	

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167 Savannah	\$375,000
2 BD/1 BA	
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2 BD/2.5 BA	
218 Berean Ave.	\$519,000
3 BD/2.5 BA	
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