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**2023 WINTER
O-GAMES!**

**FIRST PLACE:
THE SAVANNAH ST CABANA**
**SECOND PLACE:
THE ESTORIA ST SPANKERS**
**THIRD PLACE:
THE CARROLL ST
CRASHERS**

THE THRILL OF VICTORY

Story by The Patch Works. Photo by Joey LaCascia.

On May 20th, more than a hundred Cabbagetowners converged on Cabbagetown Park and participated in the bone-crushing competition of the 2023 Winter O-Games. After several grueling hours – during which ten O-Teams endured Herculean tests of courage – three teams eventually stood victorious...

But truly, in the collective eye of *The Patch Works*, ALL the teams are winners. Because coming out and being willing to look like a dork in front of your neighbors is not an easy feat. It's a vanity-free attitude that can only be accomplished in a neighborhood like Cabbagetown. But then again, there are NO OTHER neighborhoods like Cabbagetown...

Cabbagetown has always been about community – the unbreakable ties between its people. Since the beginning, this neighborhood has had a sense of emotional connection, belonging, participation, engagement, and common goals and values.

We simply play on this historical connectivity, using these zany games as a way for neighbors across The Mill Village and in The Mill complex to come together and make new friends in a humorous and nonjudgemental way. *Okay, well, this year there may have been some attempts at judging...*



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CNIA President's Letter



**MARINANGELES
GUTIERREZ
RIVERA**

Oh, May! What a spectacular month it was in Cabbagetown. In case you missed it, a rollicking run-down: *The Patch Works* unveiled the *Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills* Georgia Historical Marker – check it out at the gate to *The Stacks* on Carroll Street.

Angie Jerez curated Round 11 of The Stacks Squares Mural Project. "The Little Shop of Horrors" had viewers cackling at Movie Night In The Park. The "Savannah Cabanas" took the Cabbagetown Trophy at the Cabbagetown 2023 Winter Olympic

Games. The Concert Series had a delightfully intimate showing at the Community Center, and the Transportation Committee presented four proposals to the District-Wide Roadway & Infrastructure Visioning Effort for District 5, including much needed traffic-calming and pedestrian/bicycle mobility projects. Thanks to everyone who made these efforts possible!

June is just as stacked. We hope you'll come out and connect with your neighbors! We're always looking for volunteers to make the magic happen – [Cabbagetown.com/volunteers](https://cabbagetown.com/volunteers) for shifts!

1. One of the longest-running events in Atlanta, the *Cabbagetown Reunion Day Festival*, will shut down Carroll Street on Saturday, June 3rd. Past and current residents alike are invited to a day of history, live music, and friendship.
2. The Concert Series is back this month, on Thursday, June 15th, featuring *Lesibu Grand* (new wave/punk) and *Lemonmm* (bubblegum/psychedelic pop).
3. From the committee that brought you the C'town Prom, *Caftans & Cocktails* will feature dancing, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and more at the Community Center, Sat., June 24th.
4. Then closing out the month, on Thursday, June 29th Bingo Night!

Membership Call: We need YOU!

Bittersweetly, Naiomi Siodmak, who led our Communications Committee and the Historic Preservation & Land Use (HPLU) Committee, is moving to Virginia for a new opportunity. Naiomi has been a treasured neighbor and an invaluable board member, and we're sad to see her go. If you see her before she heads out, please congratulate her! And for those who don't yet know, our beloved President Alicia Thompson is moving to Portugal. She and I are working together as she prepares for her international transition. Many thanks to both of these amazing women for their time and love for Cabbagetown.

Cabbagetown is one of the most active neighborhoods in Atlanta. Consider giving back by joining the CNIA Board. Let us know your interests at cabbagetown.com/membership. We're looking for folks to chair: Communications: Social Media, Website Administration, & Calendar management. Transportation: Track and support transit-focused proposals and projects in the neighborhood through a joint-committee with Reynoldstown. HPLU: Support

Jake Elsas from The Patch Works with historic preservation and land use decisions by digging into municipal codes, and guiding contractors, architects, and neighbors.

Want to get involved but not sure where to start? Write to us at president@cabbagetown.com.

Your neighbor,
Marinangeles (aka Marina)

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, JUNE 13th, 2023 at 7p

Meeting to be held at the Community Center as well as Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/95657039874>

Meeting ID: 956 5703 9874 • Password: 30316

Find this month's materials at: cabbagetown.com/agenda

6:30 Social Happy ½ Hour

7p: Meeting begins.

I. Welcome: Hospitality Chair: Amanda Bisgaard

- New neighbor? cabbagetown.com/membership
- Open Positions: President, Comms Back-Up, Public Safety, Transportation, and Film Liaison

II. Review and approve May minutes.

III. Atlanta Police Department

IV. City of Atlanta: Council Person - Liliana Bakhtiari

- Carroll Street Closure Updates
- Dekalb Ave Resurfacing Updates
- DRIVE Funding Updates

V. President/Vice President Report: Marina Gutierrez

- CNIA Membership Campaign: Open Positions include Communications Chair, HPLU Vice Chair, Transportation Committee Chair, and other Member At-Large positions.
- New Neighbor? cabbagetown.com/membership
- Seeking Recommendations: New structure for CNIA meetings

VI: Financial Report: Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

VII. Chair Reports:

- Ctown Upcoming Events: Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair
- NPU-N Updates: John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative
- Forward Warrior!! 2023: John Dirga, Murals Chair
- Historic Preservation & Land Use: Jake Elsas, HPLU Chair
- Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) Updates: Todd Gandee, CI President

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business

8:30p Adjourn

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, 7p via Zoom. Meeting conducted by Marinangeles Gutierrez Rivera. Minutes by Lucy Perkins.

1. 7:05p: Meeting begins

2. Welcome and announcements VP: Marinangeles Gutiérrez Rivera

3. Review and approval of the April minutes: Minutes approved

4. Atlanta Police Department

a. Cabbagetown is one of the safest parts of the city. No violent crimes, just property crimes, vehicle thefts, and thefts from autos. If you would like a club for your car they are available at the station. The Zone 6 precinct is located at 2025 Hosea L Williams Dr NE.

b. There will be training on May 18th at Oakland Cemetery – do not be alarmed by increased police activity.

5. City of Atlanta – Liliana Bakhtiari – Nic representing

a. Deadline for budgeting effort has been extended to Thursday

b. Atlanta City Council approved legislation for 50% tree canopy

c. Asked for an investigation in the of cause of death in a recent incident – call to have police force use body cameras

d. Marajuana was decriminalized in 2017, but you must still appear before a judge to pay the fine - working to make that all online

e. Budget should be approved by June and implemented by July

f. CNIA asked for closure of Carroll Street because of car chases – there will be a week-long closure in June or August to test with a community input session afterwards.

g. Krog street phase II still in limbo: CSX permits

h. Nothing to report on cell tower – everything is in limbo.

6. Hospitality Chair: Amanda Bisgard

a. New neighbor party was great – it didn't rain and was a lot of fun. Next one will be in the fall - please let us know if you'd like to host

7. Financial Report: Jack Cunningham

a. No major updates since last event

b. Will follow-up about a potential May Newspaper reprint

c. Donations received in memory of neighbor Richard Pete Waldrop – they are very much appreciated

d. Movie night upcoming and will be reimbursed

e. Looking for popcorn machine operator

8. Vice President Report: Marinangeles Gutiérrez Rivera

a. Ad-Hoc positions Public Safety Chair/Transportation Committee

i. Public Safety Chair still needed

ii. Transportation Chair still needed – any level of involvement is great

iii. Communications Chair still needed

iv. Our wonderful Alicia will also be leaving soon – please let us know if you'd like to be our new president! We will help you!

b. Concert series was great

c. Georgia historical marker was presented on Saturday on Carroll St

d. New Stacks Squares street art is now complete

9. Transportation Chair: Marinangeles Gutiérrez Rivera

a. DRIVE (district-wide roadway and infrastructure visioning effort)

i. \$1.5 million to be put forth into neighborhood projects – Liliana asking for proposals from neighborhoods

ii. Working in conjunction with Reynoldstown. A survey was sent out: the concerns are safety, walkability, and equity to transit.

1. Pedestrian & Bike Safety - our 'hoods are considered cut throughs

2. Propose to be more walkable, bikeable, with multi-modal connections

3. We are putting forth four proposals: Cars and people, livable street – adding speed cushions, pedestrian crosswalk, street art, & lane narrowing to slow down traffic on Carroll Street

a. Memorial Drive Corridor - Density is leading to congestion.

Crosswalks on Memorial are hidden. Proposing new crosswalk and updating MARTA and cyclists signage.

b. Cabbagetown traffic calming and accessibility - there is new signage around the neighborhood. Project recommends contra-bike lanes, lane narrowing, crosswalk murals, ADA accessibility, and reflective advisory at dangerous street ends

c. Pearl Street/Colgate CBA Traffic Calming: Project was already in the works - Signage and elements on Pearl St for slower traffic and addition of crosswalks. Project has taken so long to move forward, so prices have changed and budget may increase. Not feasible to get an exception on the brick sidewalk rule.

4. Next steps: we will submit these projects to the City Council

10. Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee –

Naomi Siodmok and Jacob Elsas, Co-Chairs

a. 722 Gaskill - refinishing their attic into a second floor and adding an addition. Using the house next door as an example. Adding windows and skylights. It has been submitted to the Urban Design Commission. The design was modified to include HPLU recommendations. HPLU recommended to approve.

b. Motion to approve - 5 voted yes - approved!

11. Committee Reports

a. Communications Chair – Naomi Siodmok

i. May 20th Olympics and Concert Series - full day of activities

ii. Movies at the Park - great event, please come. Starts at dusk.

1. Next movie May 12th - **Little Shop of Horrors**

iii. Flora Fauna does workshops - check out the calendar

iv. Calendar is on the cabbagetown website

b. Jacob Elsas – Olympics May 20th 10a opening ceremony. **Littles** will be making sandwiches. It should be finished by 5p. June 3rd Reunion - Carroll street will be closed - it's a great time!

c. Cabbagetown Initiative – Todd Gandee, CI President

i. Meetings are first Monday of the month - open to the public. Park, Chomp committee, community gardens, grant writing. Always looking for new members. President, parks chair, and chomp chair

ii. The Community Center is still going through licensing and renewal. New fire extinguishers and fire alarms being installed - lots of things need to get up to code before it can be rented.

iii. Park – dealing with a couple dead trees. Trying to prevent erosion.

iv. Chomp site is now up and running.

v. Answers to questions from neighbors: budget gets approved with CNIA. Mural wall gets funds from CSX. All money donated to FOCC goes to maintaining our Ctown parks and green spaces.

d. NPU – Cabbagetown Representative John Dirga – absent

12. Old Business: none

13. **New Business:** June 17th - Kaftans and cocktails.

Bingo coming in June: stay tuned. Next meeting June 13th

14. **Adjourned at 8:29p.**

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SUMMERHILL

17▼
HOMES FOR SALE
25▼
HOMES PENDING
124▼
AVG DAYS ON MRKT
\$648,000▲
AVG HOME PRICE
▶\$373▲
AVG PRICE SQFT

GRANT PARK

26▼
HOMES FOR SALE
35▲
HOMES PENDING
76▼
AVG DAYS ON MRKT
\$536,000▼
AVG HOME PRICE
▶\$333▼
AVG PRICE SQFT

INMAN PARK

12▲
HOMES FOR SALE
04▼
HOMES PENDING
51▼
AVG DAYS ON MRKT
\$745,000▼
AVG HOME PRICE
▶\$444▲
AVG PRICE SQFT

KIRKWOOD

24▲
HOMES FOR SALE
28▼
HOMES PENDING
54▼
AVG DAYS ON MRKT
\$538,000▲
AVG HOME PRICE
▶\$355▲
AVG PRICE SQFT

REYNOLDSTOWN

22▼
HOMES FOR SALE
25▲
HOMES PENDING
103▲
AVG DAYS ON MRKT
\$660,000▼
AVG HOME PRICE
▶\$393▲
AVG PRICE SQFT

CABBAGETOWN

08▲
HOMES FOR SALE
04▼
HOMES PENDING
49▲
AVG DAYS ON MRKT
\$489,000▼
AVG HOME PRICE
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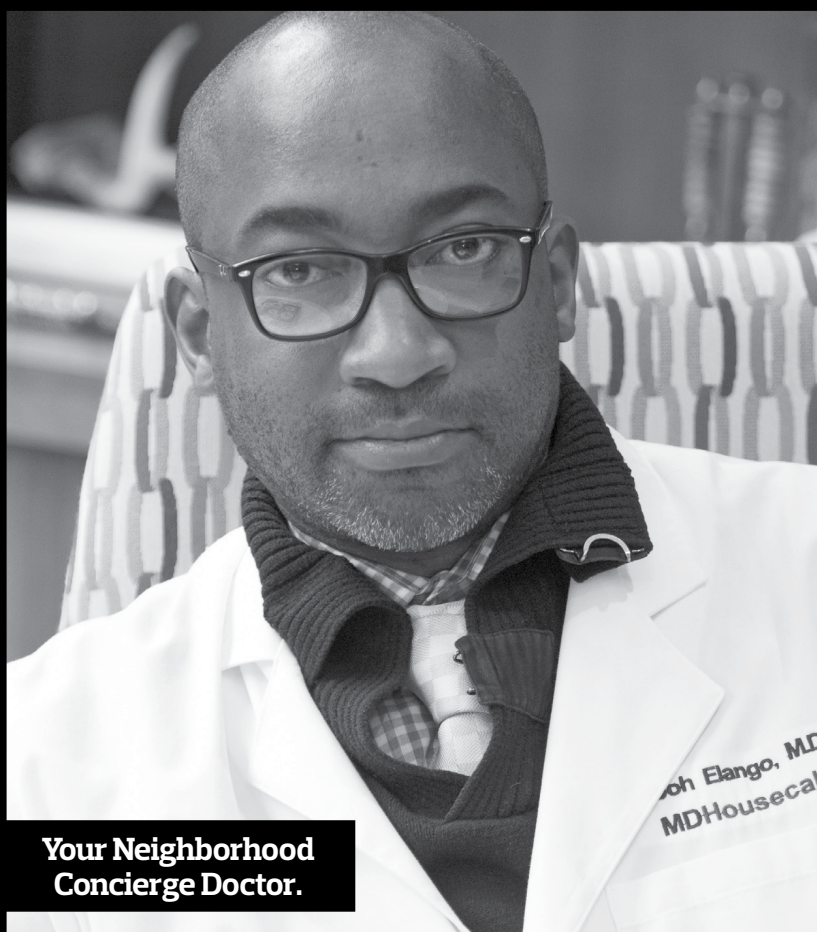
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C'town Chows: *Big Wine at Little's*



**STACY
and JAKE**

We eat a lot of food in this 'hood, and we have not-so-discreetly mentioned in some of our other columns, we drink a lot in this 'hood too... So, for this month's piece, we wanted to focus on the drink, specifically the wine.

In order to achieve this goal, we had the fantastic opportunity to sit down with *Little's* own Nina Cunard to talk about the wine selection they curate over there and to get some tips on what to look for when

you stop in to peruse their section of libatious grapes (just made up that word 'libatious,' and now I love it).

Nina Cunard has been running *Little's* alongside husband Brad now for more than twelve years and has been in the neighborhood since 2005. These C-Town OGs know how to make an unbelievable burger, and it turns out they also know how to pick some fantastic wines to keep Cabbagetown well lubricated.

We asked Nina how they curated their offering of wine and beer. Turns out, they really lean on us neighborhood booze-hounds to help with that task and they use local distributors who know what sells well and focus on an offering that is affordable yet elevated.

Of course, when you step into Little's, you're most likely going to want one of their famous burgers, which you've most likely received delicious whiffs of while strolling up and down Carroll Street. We asked Nina what she recommends when it comes to pairing a vino with a burg. Nina has her own personal preferences when it comes regional origin. Her go-to's include any red from Spain, such as Cabernet Sauvignon (just Googled how to spell that), Tempranillo, Malbec, Garnacha and so on. She also recommends these varieties (is that the right term here?) for those who aren't as experienced with wine and don't know where to start. Clearly – while we do drink a lot of wine – we don't know too much. Luckily, Nina does.

Naturally, we wanted to know her tips for when you have one too many glasses (or bottles) of wine. Her hot tips include drinking a thirst quenching bottle of Gatorade, sparkling water or using an electrolyte packet – maybe even all three if desperate times call for desperate measures. And of course, stopping in *Little's* for a breakfast sandwich can help soak up last night's wine. Or, you can try to get your hands on the limited homemade biscuits that sell like hot cakes (in this case, hot biscuits). Her advice on how to get one before they're gone? Keep an eye on *Little's Facebook page* for real-time updates and get there within 15 minutes. Otherwise, ya snooze, ya lose (literally!).

If you find yourself looking for a good glass or two of wine while out and about in Atlanta, Nina enjoys the selection over at *Iberian Pig* (check out last month's article with our recommendations there!), and of course, *Carroll Street Café*.

As for what all you can expect from *Little's* these days aside from wine, they're focusing on their beer selection, specialty snacks and of



A small portion of Little's wine selection. Photo by Stacy.

course, all the delicious food made daily from their kitchen. Be sure to swing by *Little's* (along with our other fabulous local purveyors) for a quick lunch, picking up snacks for a gathering, or grabbing your favorite bottle of wine.

We thank Nina (and Brad, but mostly Nina) for letting us pester her with questions about wine and featuring Little's this month.

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Pop Punk Pastiche



JOHN DIRGA

OOooo, here's a fun one, kids!
Bubblegum action figure intensity with a hook and banger beat.

First up, a flavorful heap o'swanky citrus candy-coated indie rock. Savannah Street folks will remember our pal *Patch* on the drums, but this whole gang operates under pseudonyms so.. suffice to say it's a who's-who in upbeat Eastside quirkrock. **LEMONMM!**

Nothing is sacred or serious except their passion. Headlining is the glorious **Lesibu Grand**,

alter ego of Atlanta's own **Tyler-Simone Molton**. Get your fix of groovy angst sliding in on some tubular new wave, with a gnarly bottom end courtesy of **CJ's Hutch**. Quips and powerchords betray a modern lament of our absurdity. Jump up and singalong with these acerbic anthems for the self-loathing. Our Spring season finale is all smirks & smiles, as mid-June signals a two month pause.

Last show until September, y'all. Everyone is welcome to join us for free entertainment in the Amphitheatre. Donations and volunteers welcome. Looking for a good time? Knock yourself out.



Lesibu Grand. Thursday, June 15th, 7p, Cabbagetown Park.

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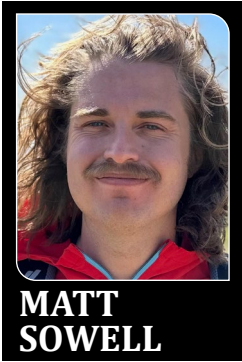
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An Intimate Evening of Songs

Lily Dabbs and Smith + Calvert



One thing was clear from the dual concerts at the Cabbagetown Community Center on Saturday, May 20th – locals do not need to travel far to experience good music. Featuring Lily Dabbs and Smith & Calvert, the intimate evening showcased the power of storytelling through song, with *Dabbs* primarily on acoustic and *Smith & Calvert* incorporating a violin, mandolin, and electric guitar.

Originally from Atlanta, Dabbs relocated to Austin, TX six months ago. Her performance

evoked a sense of homecoming, revealing the Southern roots that echo through her music. *"Back Around,"* Dabbs's latest album, was released in April of this year.

During her set, she said with a bright smile that most of her songs were sad, reassuring the crowd that melancholy in music is not something to be afraid of. She discussed an article she read earlier that day about a study that found that humans prefer sorrow in songwriting. Anyone who listens to Dabbs's music will find that fact hard to argue.

She has a gift for intertwining the mundane with the profound. Her songs bring a soulful depth to everyday experiences. She explained how her day job as a city planner makes her think about the spaces we inhabit and how that train of thought impacts her writing. Whether it is a contemplation on her commute to work, an examination of marriage, or a song about a big life moment like moving, her music fits in all spaces, bringing light into the ordinary in a deeply moving way.

Following Dabbs was the duo Smith & Calvert, Michael Smith and Leah Calvert's new band. Born during the pandemic, Smith & Calvert began when the two *Dappled Grays* members recorded a series of podcast episodes critiquing wine and performing new songs. Like Dabbs, Smith & Calvert paint intricate portraits of life with their music.

Joined by *Nick Johnson* on electric guitar, their set was filled with songs that played out like theatrical vignettes. Their music told fantastical stories, like *"Straight Jacket Jesus,"* which conveyed the awakening of a cult member moments before being offered the Kool-Aide, to quieter songs like *"Build a Ship,"* one of Calvert's solo pieces, which imagined a world where Christopher Columbus set out to discover love instead of land.

Calvert's voice is powerful and her presence is magnetic. Her song *"Sleep,"* which chronicles the sleepless night of a new mother, stood out as a demonstration of her ability to transform a space with her music.

Towards the end of their set, the duo explained that they hope to plant roots in the Atlanta music scene with upcoming shows. They should be on any music lover's radar. Both Lily Dabbs and Smith & Calvert's work is available across all streaming platforms.

Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

What is Cabbagetown listening to? Good question.
Here's May's hottest songs on the *Milltown Tavern* juke box.

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| 1 DROWNING POOL
BODIES | 9 LADY GAGA
BAD ROMANCE |
| 2 LEON BRIDGES
BEYOND | 10 DAZZ BAND
INVITATION TO LOVE |
| 3 BAD BUNNY
TITI ME PREGUNTO | 11 LUTHER VANDROSS
LOVELY DAY (PART II) |
| 4 THE ISLEY BROTHERS
HERE WE GO AGAIN | 12 THE TEMPTATIONS
I CAN'T GET NEXT TO YOU |
| 5 LIMP BIZKIT
ROLLIN' (AIR RAID VEHICLE) | 13 ARETHA FRANKLIN
I NEVER LOVED A MAN... |
| 6 MAXWELL
ASCENSION | 14 O.T. GENASIS
I LOOK GOOD |
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WHAT YOU KNOW | 15 ANN PEEBLES
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*It's sometimes hard to agree on how to describe *Chionanthus virginicus*.* It goes by several common names including fringe tree, old man's beard and grancy graybeard. The latter is a corruption of "grand sir graybeard" because the frilly flowers look like the beard of a distinguished old gentleman. (Think Santa Claus or Colonel Sanders.)

Despite the fringe tree label, it is sometimes more of a large shrub than a tree. And the flowers don't look like typical flowers. They do indeed look like fringe, beard, white Spanish moss, confetti, fleece or cotton candy.

While some British garden writers consider the fringe tree one of the most beautiful of American woody plants, Elizabeth Lawrence, the renowned American garden writer was less impressed. She disparaged that the flowers reminded her of slaw and felt it was overplanted. Well, the petals are narrow with a shredded appearance and do start out pale green before turning white, but I think I'll have to disagree with Miss Lawrence's assessment.

To me, when the fringe tree is in bloom it looks like it has reached into the sky and captured a cloud in its branches. I saw a spectacular specimen on a rainy afternoon several years ago. It was if a bank of fog had rolled in and was caught in the tree. Linnaeus, the Swedish botanist and taxonomist, also had weather on his mind when he affixed the genus name. *Chionanthus* means "snow flower."

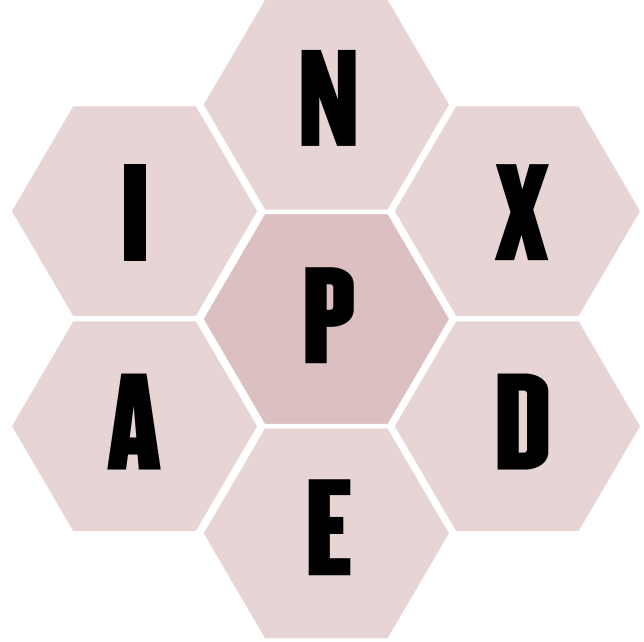
There is a Chinese fringe tree (*Chionanthus retusus*) with larger flowers that open later in the spring. It is a fine tree, but in my eyes does not measure up to our native species. Ours is distinctly different from other flowering trees and in bloom it has an air of mystery the Chinese species lacks.

Our native fringe tree is a good choice if you are looking for something other than the more common flowering trees. Adults appreciate its unique beauty and gentle fragrance. Children also think the flowers are pretty and enjoy using them to make pretend beards. It tolerates a wide range of conditions and is easy to grow. Like so many of our native plants, grancy graybeard/fringe tree/old man's beard, whatever you call it, deserves to be more widely planted.

Arty Schronce is a degreed horticulturist, garden writer and lecturer whose articles and photographs have appeared in numerous newspapers and various magazines and books.

Spelling Bee

How To Play Spelling Bee: 1) Words must include the center letter. 2) Words must contain at least four letters. 3) Letters can be used more than once. 4) Each puzzle includes at least one "pangram," which uses every letter at least once. *How many pangrams can you find?*



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Last month's Pangram solution: Excitement

CATS OF CABBAGETOWN: UH-UH (FORMERLY CROWLEY)

By Chelsea and Melissa

Previous interviewee Amber returns this month with the low-down on Uh-Uh, the artist formerly known as Crowley.

Can you tell us about Crowley's origin story?

Crowley started showing up two or three years ago. He was very skittish and I thought he was homeless, so I worked with him for months, feeding him treats, slowly getting him to trust me. When he finally trusted me enough to eat from my hand, I found out he already had an owner, but by then he knew me as the cat treat lady and would come around. It was a big deal when he let us pet him.

How do you feel about being a two-cat household? How does he get along with the other neighborhood cats?

He used to beat up Not, our female tuxedo kitty (previously profiled in Cats of Cabbagetown), but I sat him down, gave him a talking to, and he agreed: it worked better that they were friends. So, from then on, they got along great.

I seriously talked to him about it, and I swear he understood every word. He hasn't gone after her since that day, and now he's like her little protector. Elvis (dang you Elvis!) likes to beat her up but if Uh-Uh (we have changed his name with permission from his former owner) is around, he will come flying and bowl Elvis over. We have it on video. It's kinda funny. Elvis is so nice to people, but he really hates Not and wants to claim our yard as his.

We put in the cat door two Christmases ago, and it took no time at all before Uh-Uh was using it. We showed Not how to use it, and not even five minutes later she showed Uh-Uh how to use it, and he has been coming and going ever since. I had to call his owner and let her know that if she hadn't seen him for a couple days, it was because he was at our house.

Do you know anything about his past?

His original owner had to move to Alabama, but she knew Uh-Uh was too much of a Cabbagehead to take to country life, so she left him here with her dad. Unfortunately, her dad's health has been failing, so I asked her if I could take Uh-Uh in permanently. As soon as he gets a little more adjusted, we are taking him to the vet to get his eyes looked at. His poor little eyes are infected but we will get that taken care of. Right now, I don't want to run him off so we are giving him time.

Anything else you'd like to tell us about him?

All you people who are able to pet him now, it's because of me and my hard work! He may lay on your porch, he may meow at you, and he may take your affection, but he's ours! He's a free spirit, so please be kind. He has a collar now, too, so if he's getting on your nerves, just call us and we'll come get him. And we promise to not steal anyone's cats. I swear it happens by accident!

We know he's in good hands.



Uh-uh (formerly known as Crowley)

4 PEARLS OF WISDOM

1. Be impeccable with your words. 2. Don't take things personally. 3. Don't make assumptions. 4. Always do your best.

By Don Miguel Ruiz

WE LOST AN ORIGINAL: PETE WALDROP

Richard Danny "Pete" Waldrop, age 76, of Atlanta was born on June 1, 1946 and passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023.



Betty & Pete Waldrop. Rest in eternal peace Pete.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years Betty (Hill) Waldrop and his daughter Shannon (Waldrop) Lee, son-in-law Evans Lee, and two grandsons, Ethan (20) and Gavin (17), as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He lived his whole life in the Cabbagetown neighborhood, and he attended Roosevelt High School. He was the fourth generation of his family to live in this community and was considered a Cabbagetown Original. He spent nearly 75 years in the same house at the corner of Kirkwood Ave and Tye St, where everyone in the neighborhood knew him. Officially he was Richard, but everyone called him Pete, a nickname his uncle gave him as a little boy. Many of the newer neighbors called him the "Wishing Well Man", a reference to the Cabbagetown landmark he erected in his front yard. (And yes, people make wishes and throw money in.)

Like his brothers, uncles, and many of the men in Cabbagetown at the time, he was a hard-working roofer by trade. In his younger (wilder) days, he was also a trophy-winning pool player, playing in tournaments at every bar in town. He was once elected the 'official-unofficial' Mayor of Cabbagetown. Later in life, he became king of karaoke, singing at local honkytonks like the *Crazy Horse*, and on cruise ships, or wherever someone would give him a microphone. He was always the life of the party!

He loved traveling, especially visiting his favorite destination, Yellowstone Park. He also enjoyed camping closer to home with his family, visiting nearby lakes in his RV, and spending time with his

grandsons. He was so very proud of them. Anyone who knew him, knew he loved westerns, watching John Wayne and Clint Eastwood movies and reruns of Bonanza and Gunsmoke over and over.

Pete never met a stranger and every conversation sounded like he was speaking to someone he had known his whole life. His friendly demeanor and natural charm helped him create meaningful friendships everywhere he went. His passing has highlighted this as there has been an outpouring of love not only from friends and family but also from his mail-carrier, his pharmacist, his dry cleaner, even the local pizza shop. He made a positive impact on so many, and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents Irene (Kent) and Clyde Waldrop. He was the youngest of eight children, all who passed before him, including brothers Emory, Hudson, Bobby, and Robert and sisters Dorothy, Betty, and Shirley.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the *Friends of Cabbagetown Conservancy* to support maintenance and other activities in the park. Pete loved sitting on his porch, overlooking the park, and talking to everyone who passed by his little corner of the neighborhood. <https://cabbagetown.com/donate-to-the-park>

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.horisawardfairviewchapel.com for the Waldrop family.

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SWITCHYARDS WORK CLUB EXPANDS TO O4W



Great news for those of us looking for workspace. On June 16th, **Switchyards** is opening another location on the edge of Old Fourth Ward, just on the north end of Cabbagetown. This, in addition to their popular Memorial Drive location in Cabbagetown.

Switchyards is a company that builds 24/7 neighborhood work club spaces around Atlanta. Switchyards Old Fourth Ward will be located at 659 Auburn Ave NE, Ste 250, and will be open 24/7. Your membership includes access to all Switchyards locations.

New members get 14 days free, then pay \$100 per month. They offer bottomless coffee and tea, private phone booths, libraries of deep work, month-to-month memberships, and no less than 137 work lamps. Other locations include: Adair Park, Buckhead, Chamblee, Decatur, Downtown, Virginia-Highland, and Westside.

From The New York Times

An excerpt by Brad Stulberg

A few years ago, when I lived in Northern California, I often hiked under old-growth redwoods. The roots of these mammoth trees, stretching some 200 feet into the air above us, run only six to 12 feet deep. Instead of growing down, they grow out, extending dozens of feet to each side, enmeshing themselves with the roots of their neighbors. This is why we never see a lone redwood: They can survive only in a grove, bound together in obligation.

Humans, too, need one another: We are stronger and more robust when enmeshed with others in community. But in our age of autonomy, efficiency, boundaries and self-care, we too often deprioritize, if not overlook altogether, the wellspring of strength and meaning that comes from obligation.

For people to really know us, we need to show up consistently. Over time, what starts out as obligation becomes less about something we have to do and more about something we want to do, something that we can't imagine living without. The spiritual teacher Ram Dass once wrote that "we're all just walking each other home." But that's only true if we don't constantly cancel our walking plans.

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CANINES OF C'TOWN: HONEY & TAILS



KATIE MARQUELING

This month, I had the privilege of meeting Taylor (mom) and Willow (daughter) to talk about their dogs, Honey and Tails.

Hi! This must be honey!

Taylor: Oh yeah! I adopted Honey about twelve years ago, when she was about nine months old, from the Humane Society. When picking a name, I was thinking about something like Falkor. Then she tripped off a curb, and I went, "Oh honey," and she perked up, so Honey it was.

I see Honey has a sidekick.

Taylor: Yes, we have been talking about a second dog for quite a while, and just last week, I found her.

Willow: She is from a family that was moving to a place where they could only have one dog, so we got her.

Was Tails the original name?

Taylor: So no. I don't even know if I've told Willow what the original name was.

Willow: What, what was it?

Taylor: Well, it's gone now, but her original name was Chanel.

Willow: CHANEL? That name had to go if we were going to fit her into our family.

Taylor: And Willow was the one to come up with the name. I had picked Tails up on a Friday night, and Willow was with her dad for the weekend.

Willow: So you couldn't have told me if you wanted to.

Taylor: Well, I could have, but I felt that if I told you, there was no way I couldn't have kept you from coming over here if you knew there was a new dog.

Willow: I would have taken the keys and driven over from my dad's house, even though I don't know how to drive. When she picked me up from school with both Honey and Tails, I just kept asking, "Are there two Honeys?"

How has the transition been?

Taylor: Oh, easy. Tails is already becoming part of our little girl group.

Willow, do you help take care of the dogs?

Willow: Oh, no way I'm taking care of that dog [Honey], but I do help with Tails.

Taylor: Willow feeds her and has started to take her on short little walks. She has been bonding with Willow.

Do Honey and Tails have any friends in C'Town?

Taylor: Yes! Robert and Shirley from *Sweet Cheats* have a dog named *Boots*. We trade the dogs back and forth, carpool to the groomer, and do things like that. Honey actually walked home from their house once. She walked out of the alley, came around the block, and just strolled back home. She walked up to the front door and sat there like, "I'm back!"

I see we are fans of strawberries.

Taylor: Oh yes, they are Honey's favorite treat.

Willow: The funniest thing I have ever known about Honey is that the second my mom opens a box of strawberries, Honey comes running.

Taylor: Yup. When I was working in client services, one of the



From left to right: Taylor, Honey, Willow, and Tails. Photo by Katie.

things I did in the morning was cut up strawberries. Honey would be on the other side of the building, and the moment that I had pulled strawberries out of the fridge, I could hear her coming down the hall and then running down the stairs. She'd be coming so fast that she'd slide in.

Do we think Tails will follow the tradition with the strawberries?

Taylor: I don't know, but she's trying to figure it out. Tails is definitely learning from Honey, both good and bad habits.

1.57" OF RAIN IN MAY

Cabbagetown received 1.57 inches of rain in May 2023. That's 1.99 inches BELOW the thirty year average.

MISS SUNSHINE AT NIGHT!

By Celine Bufkin

June Movie Night in Cabbagetown Park is on SATURDAY (not Friday, Saturday) June 10th! At DUSK! Join friends and neighbors early on the great lawn for what I lovingly call "Picnic Before the Flick." BYO chair/blanket, snacks and beverages.

We will be screening that hilarious, multi-award-winning indy powerhouse *Little Miss Sunshine*! Feel free to dress a part and dance your own special routine in the pageant scene! *See you there!*

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- Avoid private conversations in front of others
- RSVP early
- Don't gossip



LINKING OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

By Kyle F. Bidlack

We're all born with unique and amazingly beautiful gifts. And it's a glorious thing when we use those gifts to make the world a better place. Nina & Jake Elsas have been blessed by the heavens, their families, and their own enduring love for each other and those around them.

Perhaps it was destiny that brought Jake (the great-great grandson of the founder of Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills – Jacob Elsas) back to our magical little village. And perhaps it was serendipity that introduced Jake to Nina – an art history researcher – during an elevator ride in the very mill building built by great-great grand pappy Jacob.

How lucky are we, that Nina & Jake decided to focus their passions, to create The Patch Works Art & History Center way back in 2012.

Ever since then, Nina & Jake have been connecting our C'town past, with it's present, and ensuring that it won't soon be forget in the future. Cue George & Mary Bailey in *"It's A Wonderful Life"*.

They started by collecting, cataloguing, and communicating the good, the bad, the pretty, and not-so-pretty parts of our history. In 2018 they opened their brick and mortar museum on the corner

of Gaskill and Carroll Street. Then a nasty ol' pandemic teamed up with real estate realities to close that museum, but bolster Nina & Jake's commitment to all of us... and each other.

Before long, they were organising and recording intimate local musical performances, doing school outreach programs, hosting haunted house events, leading walking tours of our 'hood and our mill, volunteering for all things C'town, taking a leading role in our annual Cabbagetown Reunion, writing non-fiction, and inventing The Cabbagetown Games... and that's just the very short list.

Just two human beings, being human? We could all learn a thing or two from Nina & Jake. The new historical marker on Carroll Street (as seen above) is their latest effort that cements us with The Georgia Historic Society. Nina & Jake make sure we all have every chance to connect the past with our present day. And as for the future, well... *where they're going, they don't need roads.*

With a little help from you, Jake & Nina could realise some pretty amazing Ctown dreams. It's all very exciting stuff for one of the littlest neighborhoods in Atlanta. Want to be a part of the future? Please go here: thepatchworks.org/support/please-donate/

THE THRILL OF VICTORY, PART TWO

By Kyle F. Bidlack

This past month, Cabbagetown and Milltown Tavern hosted the 17th edition of The Cabbagetown Classic Golf Championship.

It started with an entertaining whiskey toast from Kurt "Kurt-Tay" Pieper (at 9:30a), and ended with Big Mike Kelly chugging beer from The Zur Gesundheit Championship Stein.

The Championship concluded with a three-way tie at the top. Amazingly enough, all three teams set a new scoring record: sixteen under par, 56. It took five tie-breaker holes to determine the champions.

Here are the final results:

01. Hole Packers	-16/56
02. Tee Me Up Scottie	-16/56
03. Team Rabbitt 1	-16/56
04. Sureshank Redemption	-15/57
05. Rough Riders	-14/58
06. Team Rabbit 2	-13/59
07. ALC Team 2	-12/60
08. Luck & Love	-12/60
09. Chastain Party of Fore!	-12/60
10. Team Milltown	-10/62
11. The Longshaftmen	-10/62
12. Hope Springs Eternal	-9/63
13. Weapons of Grass Destruction	-9/63
14. Four Horsemen	-9/63
15. Sultans of Swing	-8/64
16. Golfistas De Rojo Grande	-8/64
17. ALC Team 2	-6/66
18. CabbageScratch Kids	-5/67
19. Spacely Space Sprockets	-2/70

We were able to give almost \$2000 to Atlanta Leadership Club.

ALC was founded in 2017, by our good friend and neighbor, John Jarrett. If you or your company are looking to support an impactful grassroots 401c3 that is making Atlanta a better place for it's under-served youth, please look no further than: atlantaleadershipclub.org

The \$85 Brock Purdy Team Irrelevant Award:

Justin & Kyle (Spacely Space Sprockets)

The \$85 Drown Your Sorrows Award:

Cullin, Jonathan, David, & Jack (CabbageScratch Kids)

The \$100 Straightest Drive Award:

The Mighty Walker Oxley. 10.5" from center

The \$100 Closest To The Pin Award went to:

Chuck "Dead-Eye" Plumley and Team Milltown

The Winner of The \$100 Longest Drive went to:

Bryson "Hold My Beer" Womack. His drive was estimated at 292 yds.

\$200 and 3rd Place: Will, Jared, Matt, & Sean. Team Rabbitt 1

\$350 and 2nd Place: Fraser, Andrew, Rich, & James. Tee Me Up Scottie

\$500 and Cabbagetown Classic Champions:

Mike, Bryson, Mikey, & Kaan. The Hole Packers

HUGE thanks to **Zach Toth Photography & Design**. They took some great photos of The Award Ceremony. If you or your company ever need a top-notch pro, go here: www.ztothphoto.com. We'd also be remiss if we did not thank Sarah Richards and her ladies for keeping Team ALC 2 supremely focused on NOT coming in last place.

The Special Scorecard Snafu Award:

The Longshaftmen: Andrew, Alex, Joseph, & David



The Awards Ceremony. From left to right: Bryson, Mikey, Eric, John, Mike, and Kaan.

The Viagra Most Improved Award:

Team Milltown: Chris, Rodney, Michael, & Chuck (& Luke).

The Kurt Kobain Smells Like Team Spirit Award:

The Rough Riders: Alan, Elliot, Michael, & Phillip. They overcame a cornucopia of conundrums and STILL fielded a team.

The Heartbreak Ridge Award:

Golfistas De Rojo Grande: David, Eric, Kurt, & Bill. They contended with a rib injury, a finger injury, and a lay-off. Clint Eastwood would be proud of the way they "adapted, overcame, and improvised."

The Albert Einstein Bloody Brilliant Award:

Hope Springs Eternal: Sir Fran, Master James, Lucky John Pavlin, and Papa Peaches. They suggested a rule change that would allow golfers over 55 to hit from the white tees.

The Cat Scratch Fever Award:

The Sultans of Swing: Maiko, Walker, Wes, & David. The lads valiantly overcame a "late scratch". But even D-Pock's broad shoulders weren't enough to carry the day.

The Not-Quite-Andy-Dufresne-Award:

Sureshank Redemption: Milos, Anthony, Matt, & Brandon. They were one stroke shy of finishing in the money and heading south to Zihuatanejo. If only they brought along an inspirational poster of Racquel Welch...

The Not-Quite-Butch-Cassidy Award:

Justin "Biggus" Marlett, Esq. After accepting the last place award for his team, he nearly got away with stealing the championship stein.



RANDOMOSITY 17

By Kyle F. Bidlack

ACROSS

- 8. Winners of the 2023 Ctown O-Games.
- 10. Like a less-than-right angle.
- 11. Paper money.
- 12. Sound during pollen season.
- 18. Squirrel's nut.
- 20. Things that Yoda and Mr. Peanut carry.
- 21. Loaf around the kitchen.
- 22. Cinema lover.
- 23. Begin to flower.
- 24. Small things that really bother you.
- 26. Fad toy of the late '90s.
- 29. Dark beer.
- 33. ___ Powell, Fed chair since 2018.
- 34. Good, in Spanish.
- 35. Gigantic.
- 38. Largest artery of the body.
- 40. ___ Island, immigration site in New York Harbor.

- 42. "Straight ___ Compton".
- 43. Brown-green eye color.
- 44. Song from way back when.
- 47. Things to count in bed.
- 49. It isn't always greener on the other side.
- 50. Competes.
- 51. Kind of scheme pulled by Bernie Madoff.
- 53. Major media mogul from Mississippi.
- 54. Vintage diner music players, informally.
- 55. Martin who has hosted "S.N.L." 16 times.
- 56. Violin bow application.
- 57. Word before "golf" or "jockey".
- 58. Actor Channing of "Magic Mike".
- 63. Pirate's eye cover.
- 64. Pet welfare org.
- 65. Gigantic.
- 66. Action words.

- 67. Old ___ (card game).
- 68. Dummy.

DOWN

- 1. It shares a 1,538-mile border with Canada.
- 2. This month's canines of Ctown.
- 3. A color, or a fruit.
- 4. Slightly open.
- 5. A.I. conversation partner.
- 6. Time's Person of the Year in 2008.
- 7. Kick starter?
- 9. Award-winning podcast hosted by Sarah Koenig.
- 10. Hawaiian hello.
- 13. Very much in love.
- 14. Blacksmith's block.
- 15. A love interest and style of potatoes, kinda?
- 16. Agreement between a tenant and renter.
- 17. Sound of a smoke alarm in need of batteries.

- 18. Magical trinket.
- 19. Safe space.
- 21. Alcohol-heavy, as a drink.
- 25. You might laugh when it's cracked.
- 26. Number of letters in a Wordle guess.
- 27. Storyteller who coined "sour grapes".
- 28. Like a gardener's hands, maybe.
- 30. Pink Nintendo character.
- 31. Bad advisor on one's shoulder.
- 32. Works on an app.
- 33. Vaping brand that was targeted by the F.D.A.
- 35. Kind of eclipse.
- 36. Musical adjective worth 23 points in Scrabble.
- 37. Fiddle with.
- 39. Word that's pronounced the same after its last four letters are removed.

- 40. ___ Fudd, cartoon hunter.
- 41. Gigantic.
- 43. Long-legged wading bird.
- 45. Most famous carpenter in history.
- 46. Give one's two weeks' notice.
- 47. What bar patrons and basketball players take.
- 48. Is really good, in Gen Z slang.
- 52. Holds a remote meeting, in 2020s lingo.
- 58. Headwear for a princess.
- 59. By the book.
- 60. ___ Blue Ribbon.
- 61. "Well, duh!" in slangy shorthand.
- 62. 2023 NCAA men's basketball champs.

Sunday in the Park

By Angie Wynne

Sunday in the Park Returns to Oakland September 24th!

Just as the Victorians brought blankets and musical instruments to picnic in cemeteries and celebrate life, the public is invited to Oakland Cemetery on September 24th to listen to music and enjoy a day at Oakland's longest-running event.

Sunday in the Park will host the annual *Tunes from the Tombs* music festival featuring headliners *Fireside Collective* and *Jon Stickley Trio* and local acts *The Ain't Sisters* and *Black Lion Reggae*.

Along with live music, attendees will enjoy free tours, an artist and vendor market, craft beers and wine, the Oakland Museum Store pop-up shop, a fabulous line-up of food trucks, a historical costume contest, a children's craft area, and more!

New this year is a Sunday in the Park VIP option! VIP guests will receive access to reserved seating area at the Tunes from the Tombs main stage and can cool off in the newly restored Bell Tower. Exclusive to VIP ticketholders, the Bell Tower VIP Lounge will have its own bar, air-conditioned seating, and permanent restroom facilities along with two balconies offering gorgeous cemetery and Atlanta skyline views.

Tickets for Sunday in the Park go on sale June 15. For information, visit oaklandcemetery.com/SIP.

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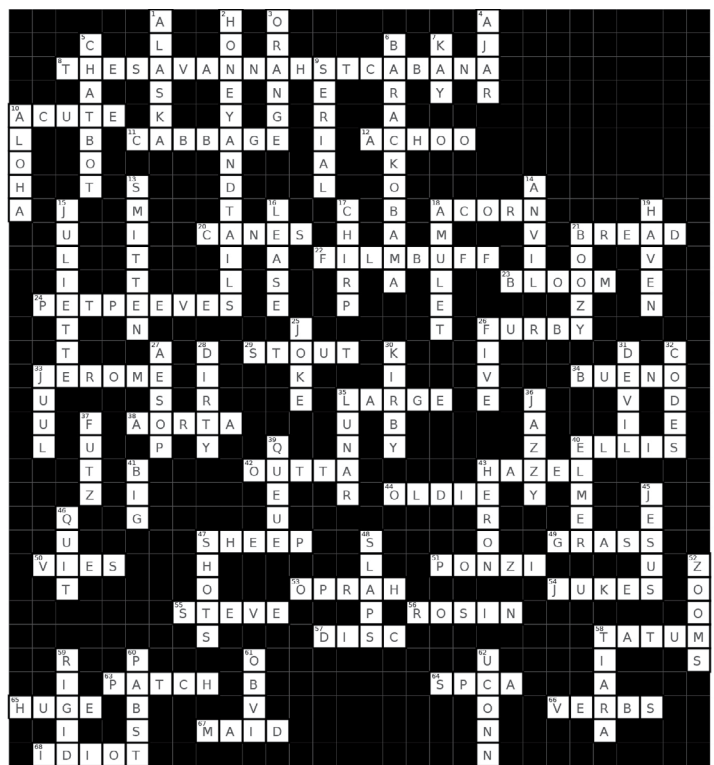
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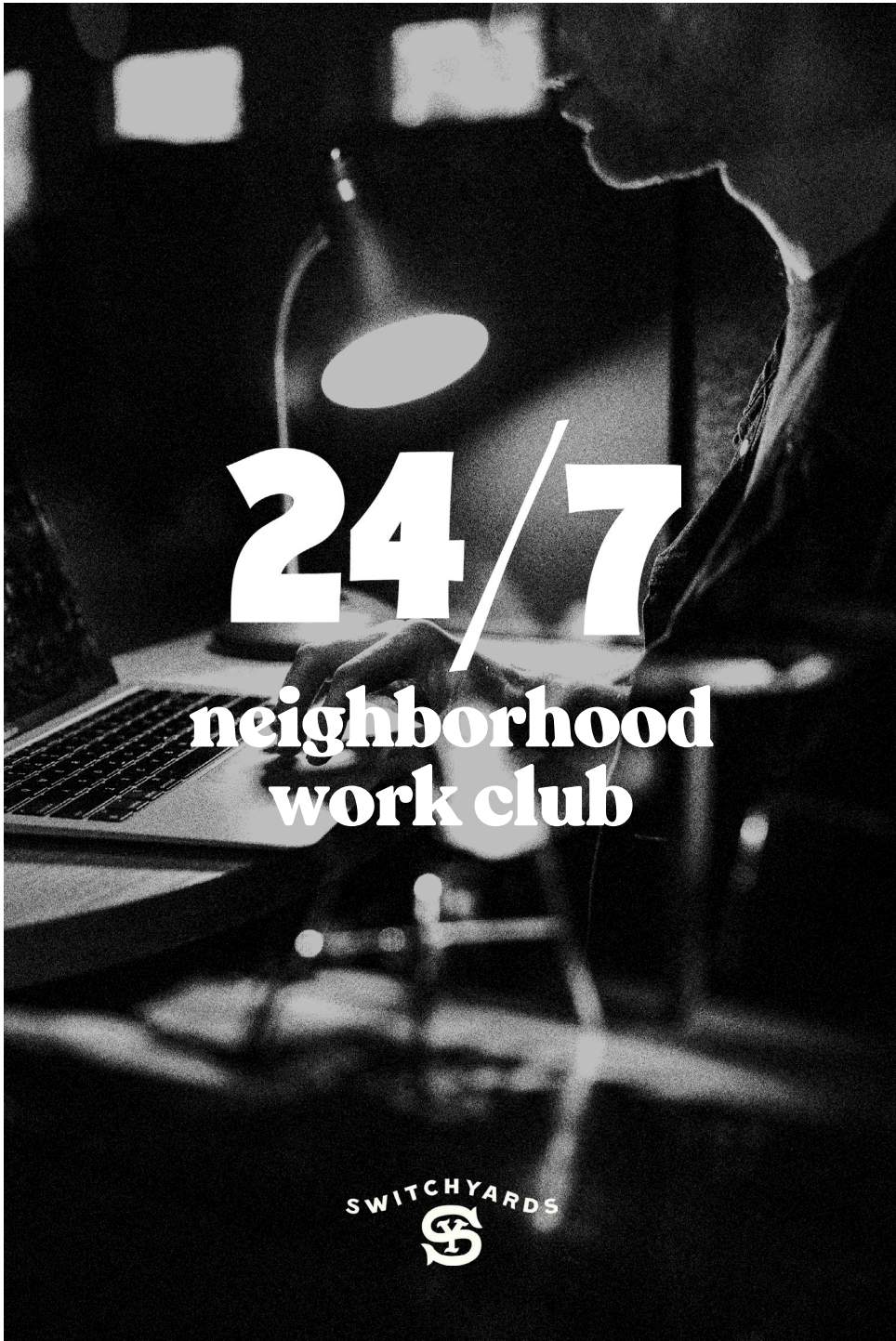


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