"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." ~ Muhammad Ali

Neighborhood Meeting

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

6:45: Meet & Greet and Snacks 7:00: Meeting Begins

- 1. Welcome and Announcements
- 2. Valencia Hudson City of Atlanta
- 3. Atlanta Police Department
- 4. Approve February Minutes
- 5. Financial Summary
- 6. Committee and Other Reports
- Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch
- Peyton Stinson
- NPU John Dirga
- Historic Preservation/Land Use
- Nicole Seekely
- Transportation Committee
- Shaun Houlihan
- Cabbaaetown Initiative
- Karin Kane
- Hospitality Committee Updates
- Imagine Memorial: Greg Giuffrida

6. Old Business

Elections of New Officers: President, Secretary, Members At-Large (2) Nominations thus far: President: Katie Butler (Pearl Street) Secretary: Karyn Corell (Iswald Street)

7. New Business Boulevard Crosswalk – Jonathan Coe

Adjournment

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

SENDING ALL THE PEACE, LOVE, STRENGTH AND HAPPINESS THAT GOD WILL ALLOW TO DAVID THAYER

A Fond Farewell from a Friend

By Katherine Dirga

Greetings Neighbors! Ride with me now... I'm hitting the play button on my jam box, you're hearing the smooth harmonies of the one and only *Boys II Men*: Now that we've come... to the end of the ro-oad

\$10,000 grant from Councilmember Archibong to commission a Transportation and Traffic study for the area.

Memorial Drive development is picking up

major steam, and our parking situation is about to get even more interesting, so look for concrete changes to come out of this study.

CSX may leave Hulsey Yard sooner than later, and the committee to draft a master plan for that area is also getting off the ground.

It will be easier to deal with whoever develops the Yard,



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

Yep my term is up at our March 14th meeting, and it's been an honor to serve y'all, who I suspect may be the greatest group of neighbors in the metro area.

There are a lot of exciting things happening for us right now, and a lot is poised to change. The *Eastside Beltline Trail* is continuing its march just a few blocks away in Reynoldstown, or as I'm calling that portion touching the Beltline: "Cabbagetown East", in an alternatively factual attempt at de facto annexation.

Our Transportation committee has expanded to include members from North Grant Park and Reynoldstown, and we've been awarded a

if we already have our wishes down in a plan, so we're starting there and getting a head start.

And as always, we're looking for you to be part of it! Membership forms are available at cabbagetown.com, filling one out allows you to not only vote at the meetings, but also to tell us what you're interested in doing or how you'd like to serve.

There are many ways, and believe it or not some are actually meeting-free!

We are so lucky to have two wonderful neighbors nominated for the open *Continued on Page 5.*

Bill Paxton See Page 8

Cabbagetown

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Focusing on Senior Services

By Sasha Robinson and Councilmember Natalyn Archibong

Councilmember Natalyn Archibong will host the 16th annual Focus Upon Senior Services (F. U. S. S.) seminar on Saturday, March 18th, 2017. This event provides vital contacts and

resources to the seniors throughout the Council District Five. It affords seniors an opportunity to learn more about homestead exemptions, senior discounts and other helpful services offered to senior residents and

Along with Councilmember Archibong, several other elected officials and guests will be in attendance. Representatives will be available to answer questions regarding water and sewer billing. Some of the confirmed organizations include City of Atlanta spokespersons,

Meals On Wheels Atlanta, GA Power, GA Legal Services, ATL311 and AARP.

F. U. S. S. will be held at the Drew Charter Elementary School which is located at 301 East Lake Blvd.
S. E. Atlanta, GA 30317. The seminar will begin at 10a and end at 1p. For more information, please contact Council District 5 at 404.546.FUSS (3877). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



Councilmember Natalyn Archibong (center) meeting with seniors



Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, February 14th, 2017, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center, Meeting conducted by Katherine Dirga. Minutes recorded by Jocelyn Chen Wise.

1. City of Atlanta Liaison, Valencia Hudson

- Imagine Memorial meeting hosted by Natalyn Archibong, Department of Public Works, and GDOT will be on 2/21/17 at Drew Elementary, 6p.
- "Focus on Senior Citizens" meeting discussing tax breaks, water and utility discounts available to seniors will be on 3/18/17 at Drew Elementary, 10a.
- DeKalb Ave Corridor meeting will be on 3/30/17, Liberty Baptist Church 395 Chamberlin Street, 6p.
- A camera will be installed on Carroll Street, must be on a gray pole. Let Valencia know if you know of a good place to install. There will also be one installed at Wylie and Krog.
- Dumpster pickups at 670 Memorial Drive have been at very late hours, like 3a, which is not legal. Noise complaints must be filed through APD. Zoning may need to address issue. Property owners (*Sock Fancy*) are trying to figure out where to move the dumpsters, plan on moving them back and building a privacy fence but can't do it until zoning approval. Sock Fancy's showroom is about 1,500 sqft. Warehouse is 2,800 sqft.
- 2. Atlanta Police Department, Captain Neil Klotzer (Assistant Zone 6 Commander) Prefers email: NKlotzer@atlantaga.gov Cell: 404-617-8157

20 new cameras are being installed throughout Zone 6. In past month, there was one auto break-in. Most car break-ins involve stealing laptops – PLEASE REMOVE VALUABLES AND GUNS FROM CARS. An arrest has been made for the recent homicide on Edgewood Ave, the shooting was the result of personal conflicts and not random.

3. Oakland Cemetery Foundation, David Moore, Executive Director and Todd Krieger

Now developing a new master plan with consideration to changes in adjacent neighborhoods, last plan was done in 2008. Will create a document to be used in capital campaign. There will be a block party on Sunday, October 1st celebrating the 40th anniversary of the foundation. East gate: just selected a firm to design a gate, there is a lot of concern over security so would want to partner with neighborhoods. There is a survey that allows neighbors to weigh in on how Oakland should be restored and prioritize projects, like an East gate. Take survey at www.oaklandaliveatl.com

4. Approve January minutes

Voted upon and approved.

5. Annual Budget Report

Balance at end of January was \$8,611. Paid \$256 for printing costs, \$153 for Crawl, \$1,790 from Crawl, \$220 from ads. Draft 2017 Budget presented. Unanimous vote to adopt budget.

6. Committee and Other Reports

Discussing possible merger of CNIA with Cabbagetown Initiative (fundraising arm). Many of Cl's values/interest areas overlap with CNIA committees. In meantime, CI and CNIA websites will be merged by Toolbox, which offered a heavily discounted rate for the work.

Public Safety, Peyton Stinson

There have been a lot of parking citations issued recently for parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk and 15 feet within a fire hydrant, and 30 feet of a stop light, and parking in opposite direction of traffic flow on one way streets. Any ticket can be contested. Valencia Hudson is contacting *Park Atlanta*. Credit card information is being stolen or "skimmed" at gas pumps, can protect against this by wiggling it and covering your pin with your hand so a camera cannot capture it.

CSX horn going off at 4a. Peyton has contacted them, should not happen regularly, possible that there was animal was on the rail. **CSX** grant of §5K will be used by CRISP to get lighting along Wylie Street. Valencia is looking into why **Beltline** will not be making improvements west of trail as original design indicated.

Bikes being stolen, one off Berean, found in Ormwood Park. A property on Berean had their deadbolt drilled out.

On Powell Street, there was someone who was using phone software to capture signal from your clicker. KEEP YOUR CARS EMPTY!

NPU, John Dirga

Meets the 4th Thursday at 5p at *Little 5 Points Community Center*. NPU officially thanked APD for professionalism at Women's March. There will be a Citizen's Fire Academy in March. Water bills can now to be paid by text. *Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM)* on Hill Street in Grant Park will take recyclables, open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays. Voted to support Reynoldstown Neighborhood Association on 780 Memorial Drive (NextTran building), Pearl St entrance will be exit and entrance. Bylaws are due to NPU by July 30th. 1092 Kirkwood will be discussed next month.

Historian Preservation and Land Use, Nicole Seekely

- 249 Powell Street: Rear addition, Joe Farr Second story will extend roofline back. HPLU recommends approval. Neighborhood voted unanimously for HPLU to write letter of support.
- Cabbagetown Museum, Nina & Jacob Elsas, and Peggy Williams have been working for past several years on developing the Patchwork Art & History Center, a non-profit focused on preserving things related to the first 100 years of the Stacks and Cabbagetown. Peggy Williams owns an original mill house at 225 Carroll Street, wants to rent it to Patchworks but unclear if it's ok to rent to a nonprofit without rezoning, UDC is reviewing. Voted for HPLU to write a letter to support this applicant at this property.
- 700 Memorial (Memorial & Tye), Gamble & Gamble Architects, Proposed Office Development. Proposing all commercial with mixed use geared toward office, restaurant, retail and 60 parking Continued on next page/

A Fond Farewell

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officer roles this year: Katie Butler for President, and Karyn Corell for Secretary.

And... we still have spots open for two At-Large positions! These are CNIA Board Members who may take on a project or just learn the ropes by shadowing an officer. The idea is that you can figure out if you enjoy being involved on the Board before taking on the responsibility of an Officer position.

Katie Moore-Smith is our current Member-At-Large and she serves as our Social Media/Communications Chair so you can see it's a very flexible (dare I say... fun?) way to take part.

I've enjoyed getting to know so many of you, hearing what you like about the neighborhood and even your gripes believe it or not, because this neighborhood is special to me and that means the people in it. I will see you at the March 14th CNIA meeting where I'll be giving out unsolicited high-fives. This isn't really farewell, so I'll just say ... see you around, Cabbagetown!

CNIA's March Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, at 7p. Cabbagetown Community Center, 177 Estoria Street SE, Cabbagetown Atlanta 30316.



CNIA: General Meeting, continued...

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spaces (plus some parking on street). Parking is enough unless have restaurant tenant, looking for variance on pervious materials (unable to use pervious materials due to environmental issues with slag encapsulation) and parking variance. Would have 25 foot facades, 60 feet deep.

Buildings will use a neutral and earthy palette with varying stucco, brick, stucco, and awnings to create variation and avoid strip mall look. Parking is concealed within property so cannot be seen from curb. Working with GDOT to get curb cut on Memorial, otherwise would make curb cuts on Tye. Required to do \$100K in sidewalk improvement. Unanimous vote to have HPLU write letter supporting variance to 1) not allow any pervious material sitewide. Voted on variance to allow reduction of 24 parking spaces fewer, 10 in support, 1 opposed, 3 absentions.

Transportation Committee, Shaun Houlihan

Natalyn Archibong approved up to \$12K in traffic study. Master plan will include Cabbagetown, Reynoldtown, and Grant Park. Resident brought up idea of making parts of Tye one way.

Cabbagetown Initiative, Karin Kane

Approved \$3K for merging of websites. Have new company taking

care of parks/greenspace maintenance to save money. Budgeting to include things like tree maintenance. Fundraising will be June 3rd *Cabbagetown Reunion and Home Tour.* Have requested \$15K more from CSX for artwork and maintenance on wall. CSX promised \$5K for art and \$5K for maintenance, maybe more later.

Imagine Memorial - Greg Giuffrida

Received grant of \$32K from ARC and \$8K from Natalyn Archibong to update original study and get it adopted as Livable Communities Initiative project. Traffic study from GDOT included full road diet for entire Memorial Corridor, could have significant traffic impacts but may still have good reason to remove reversible lane. There will be a Complete Streets meeting on Tues, Feb 28.

7. New Business

Nominations of New Officers (elections will be at March meeting)

- Katie Butler nominated to run for President
- Karyn Corell nominated to run for Secretary
- We are taking nominations for CNIA Executive Committee Members At Large. Two (2) open nominations.

8. Old Business

9. Adjourned

Funny as a Crutch



You might think that someone who enjoys writing rambling, topic-free columns for the neighborhood newspaper would be the kind of dextrous person who plucks houseflies unharmed from the air with chopsticks, or dances along and between the rooftops in pursuit of criminals, or maybe in flight from them.

If you thought that was who I am, I'm sad to correct you, friend. Folks who think hard about amusing self-deprecating

autobiography are well served by actually being real-life total inagile goofs. So it is with me: I broke my ankle, and rather than have a really cool story about it (*like, say, taking a courageous both-feet-first leap into Oakland Cemetary*), I have a really lame one.

Now, no matter what your story is, walking around with a visibly broken piece of your body is always an annoyance. You have to hear things like, "Oh noooooooo! You poor thing, walking around in crutches like that. How did it happen?"

Now, I was briefly in crutches. At that time, I could well have used some serious business sympathy. "I am so miserable," I would love to have said. "Please roll me around in a wheelchair. Take me to the supermarket. Buy frozen burritos for me and put them in my freezer. Give me a long hug. Let's spoon and watch E.T." I would have asked that of Jimmy Carter if I'd expected him to do it. (And I don't, although that sets him against everything the New Testament says about spooning and extra terrestrials.)

I'm not on crutches anymore, though. I'm walking around in an aircast, which is fine by me. Yet I'm still accosted by people who want some story every time: "How did you do it?" And I get the same "Oh, how awful!" response.

Well, I'm tired of it. It might be me, that I just don't like talking to people, but there's another possibility: Everyone else is too needy. They want to mourn with me so badly that they're looking for a tragedy behind my ankle, whether or not it's there. I don't need to mourn, though. I'm confused about whether I want to watch more Voltron on Netflix or not, and I need help with that. (Again, as with Jimmy Carter, I expect to be let down here.)

I wish that people were envious of my broken ankle instead. I wish they looked at it and said, "Goodness, what adventure are you recovering from?" That'd be fun to lie about: "Borneo. Deathbots. A reverse spin-kick — next time I'll make sure and land it properly. But there won't be a next time for those deathbots."

But even the truth would go down okay: "I was walking down a hill! I twisted my ankle. It swelled up the size of a softball. When I looked at it I laughed and laughed. It's broken."

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Cabbagetown Roll Call

By Debbie Weeks

The Cabbagetown Welcome Roll Call Committee (CRC) is ready to "Roll Call "again! For those of you new to the neighborhood,

we hold a welcome party twice a year to welcome our new neighbors to the neighborhood. It's a blast so don't miss out!

Our next welcome party will be held on Friday, April 21st Our hosts are Nasreen Jilani, Gordon Gyor and daughter Zahra, Location: 176 Powell Street. Big thanks to Nasreen, Gordon and Zahra. By the way, our hosts wish to convey that kids are welcome to this party! Yea!!! The CRC has had some incredible welcome parties so you don't want to miss this one!



Gordon, Nasreen, and Zahra are ready to party!

To keep the momentum going, we need your help! We would like all existing neighbors to come to the party to welcome our new neighbors. *Having said that, this is gonna be a PARTY!*

We would like to extend a personal welcome to each and every new neighbor, provide you with a fact sheet about

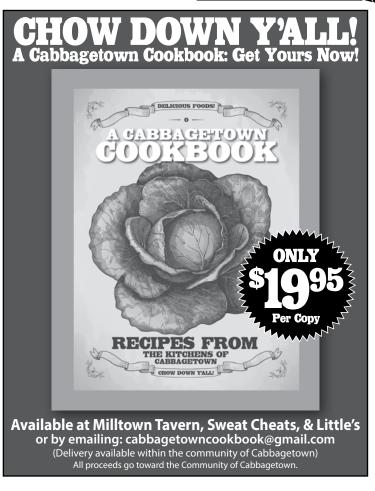
Cabbagetown and send you a personal invitation to this awesome welcome party.

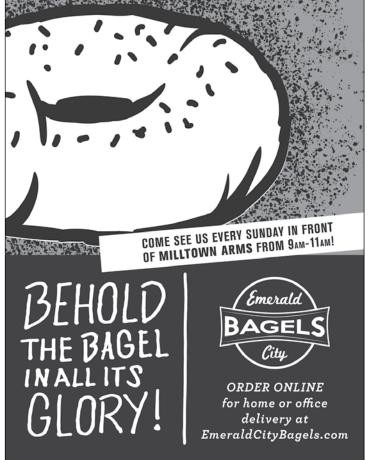
Cabbagetown is more than just a neighborhood. It's a state of mind – a state of being. And making the scene at the Roll Call Party let's the world know that **you are here.**

The Roll Call Party is one of our best and most cherished traditions. It's guaranteed to give you memories you will never forget. We promise!

So, if you have been here less than a year and we have not done this yet, please get in touch with the CRC by calling Karen at 404.422.3515, or Debbie at 404.272.1906 or email us at

debbieweeks64@gmail.com (please type in the subject line: "new neighbor or roll call").





Movie review: *True Lies, 1994*



Directed by James Cameron.
With performances by: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis, Tom Arnold, Bill Paxton, Tia Carrere, and Eliza Dushku.

Harry Tasker (Schwarzenegger) and his partner, Gil (Arnold), are spies who traverse the globe blowing up bad guys and tangoing in and out of deadly situations.

On a recent mission, they encounter Juno Skinner (Carrere), an international art

dealer who may be smuggling weapons into the U.S. Meanwhile, Harry's wife, Helen (Curtis), and daughter, Dana (Dushku), are completely unaware that Harry isn't a bumbling computer tech.

Helen and Dana are used to Harry's forgetful ways and constant tardiness, writing it off as just the way he is. When Harry misses his own birthday dinner because he commandeers a police horse to pursue a suspect, he decides to make it up to Helen by stopping by her office to take her to lunch the next day. And that's where he discovers Helen's secret.

Simon (Paxton), a used car salesman, has conned Helen into thinking he's a spy by hastily passing her a briefcase full of "spy materials" to hold until it's safe for him to retrieve. Helen is completely hooked on the possibility and excitement that Simon offers. Of course, Harry does what any concerned husband would do – bugs her phone and puts a tracker in her purse.

Harry's recon proves fruitful when Simon takes credit for one of Harry's missions. Harry decides to teach Helen a lesson (and make Simon regret a few life choices) by sending a SWAT team to take down Simon.

A few buzzsaws, night-vision goggles, and flash-bangs later, Harry (in disguise) railroads Helen into a mission of her own to prove her innocence. Helen must plant a bug in a hotel room while meeting with a mystery man (Harry) who remains in the shadows.

Unfortunately, the real terrorists attack Harry and Helen before she can complete her mission. Harry knows what's going on, but Helen thinks the terrorists are there for her. Will Harry and Helen survive? Well, it's a Schwarzenegger movie, so yes, but how high will the body count be? You'll have to watch and see.

For any Cabbageheads looking to celebrate the career of Bill Paxton, this is one of my favorite performances. He had a delightful way of being completely serious and animatedly goofy all at once. He stole all of his scenes in this film. We lost a movie icon this week. Rest In Peace, Sir.

Favorite quote: That's a trademark Tasker Takeoff right there.

Trivia: When the film shut down the Seven Mile Bridge in the Florida Keys for shooting, inconvenienced drivers were given bumper stickers that read "I was stopped on the 7 Mile Bridge by Omega Sector."



C-Notes!

By Christopher Adams and Barbara Keeney Harper

Come watch the NCAA tournament and support CRSP March 23rd, from 7p to close at Milltown Tavern: *March Madness Member Appreciation Night!* CRSP members - new and old - receive a free pint. Current CRSP members will provide matching funds for neighbors who join Cabbagetown Reynoldstown Security Patrol in March. CRSP provides funding for APD officers to provide extra patrols for our neighborhood.

Spring is coming soon and it's farmers' market time. Your Cabbagetown cookbookers will be at the markets selling our great Cabbagetown Cookbook. We do need a couple more volunteers to do these fun markets. Email me if you are interested: barbara.keeney@gmail.com

Sweetwater Brewery is giving our Cabbagetown Community a unbelievable fundraiser opportunity. "Sweetwater Brew with Brew" It's your big chance to make beer at Sweetwater. You will have fun with a team five to make a cask. Then, serve it at the Chomp VIP tent.

Details for this fundraiser raffle are being putting together now. Stay tune and be ready to get your raffle ticket soon.

Cabbagetown Initiative: Monthly Meeting

Cabbagetown Initiative Community Development Corporation Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors February 13th, 2017, 7p. Location of Meeting: Cabbagetown Community Center, 177 Estoria Street, Atlanta, GA 30316.

Present at Meeting: Tova Baruch (by phone), Whitney Bolster, Heather Bradley (by phone), Katie Butler, Tom Deardorff, Katherine Dirga, Karin Kane, Todd Kane, Chris McCain and Alexa Mosley Not Present: Paul Freeman. Guests Present: Lyn Deardorff, Barb Keeney, David Lewis and Stephanie Rachmeler

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cabbagetown Initiative CDC was called to order at 7:04 PM on February 13, 2017 at Cabbagetown Community Center by President Karin Kane.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the January 9th, 2017, meeting were distributed and unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Alexa reported that Cl's net income at the end of 2016 was \$47,952. Currently Cl has \$70,020 in savings and \$110,000 in its operating account.

Alexa encouraged the Board to consider a target savings amount for each year. Net proceeds from *Chomp & Stomp* were actually \$67,955 after all outstanding payments were received.

IV. Reports

a. Parks Committee

Katie reported that the Parks Committee contacted 12 landscaping companies but only received two bids after repeated follow-up calls to each company. The two bids are very different: One is from a local vendor, the other from a large corporation. Katie presented a detailed comparison between the two bids in terms of cost, risks, quality of work and customer reviews.

The board had a lengthy and thorough discussion about both bids, weighing each company's advantages and disadvantages. Anticipating that the board will need to make significant expenditures for deferred maintenance to the parks and grounds in the coming year, the board discussed the need to conserve its overall landscaping costs. The board will allocate funds in the coming year to address these needs.

MOTION [Tom]: (1) To accept the bid from BrightView to conduct mowing, landscaping and maintenance in Cabbagetown Park and private parks and retain city management of EPL mowing at a total cost of \$24,524, and (2) to establish a line item in the 2017 budget for special parks projects of up to \$9,000 (APPROVED; 7 for (Alexa, Chris, Heather, Katherine, Karin, Todd, Tom); 1 against (Tova); 2 abstentions (Katie, Whitney). [Budget Line: Parks & Greenspace]

b. Fundraising Committee

Every year on June 3rd, the Cabbagetown Reunion takes place

in our neighborhood. Barb Keeney shared that the Fundraising Committee – including David Lewis and Stephanie Rachmeler who attended the meeting – are currently planning a new neighborhood block party/festival called "Milling Around" in conjunction with the Cabbagetown Reunion. The festival will include a tour of homes. Several churches have also offered to open their spaces. Karen Russian will reach out to former residents of Cabbagetown. The event would also showcase Cabbagetown's history through events and storytelling. The committee hopes the event will net at least \$10,000 for CI.

The Fundraising Committee seeks \$4,000-5,000 in startup funds. The board requested additional information and an itemized budget before making a decision.

c. Governance Committee

Chris reported that the Merger Task Force met on February 6th to explore the possibility of combining and streamlining the work of CI and CNIA. The task force has identified several questions about which it will consult the city, local funders and other neighborhood associations. The task force will update the board at its March meeting.

Chris also reminded the board that elections are coming up in May. All officer positions will need to be elected for the coming year. Paul and Chris are eligible for reelection to the board for another two-year term; Karin is term-limited after having served two consecutive two-year terms. All other board members are in the middle of two-year terms. Chris asked board members to let him know whether they intend to seek reelection, resign and/or seek an officer position.

d. Communication & Technology Committee

ToolBox No. 9 has offered to update and merge the CI and CNIA websites at a discounted rate. The Chomp & Stomp website will be linked to the merged website.

MOTION [Katherine]: To engage ToolBox No. 9 to merge the CI and CNIA websites at the rate of \$20/hour not to exceed \$3,500, contingent on final review and approval of the agreement by the board (APPROVED; 8 for). [Budget Line: Operations]

e. Community Garden Committee

The garden has a leak! Don't worry – it's being worked on. To address this unexpected cost, CI will pay half the water bill from general operating funds and half from the garden account through the current bill. Going forward, the Community Garden Funds will pay for the garden's water bills, not CI general operating budget.

V. New Business

a. Chomp & Stomp. It's time to start thinking about Chomp again! Karin and Whitney discussed the need for the board to begin thinking about fundraising. Whitney will report back at the next meeting.

b. EPL Fund

MOTION [Karin]: To approve an expenditure of up to \$1,500 for gutters that will complete renovations to a neighbor's house (APPROVED; 8 for). [Budget Line: EPL Fund]

The meeting adjourned at 9:40p.
Minutes submitted by Chris McCain, Secretary.

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Put On Your Own Oxygen Mask First

By Delaine Ross

This week, a friend and former gym member started private training with me. She bought ten sessions back in November during my annual Black Friday sale.

It's taken her until now to get started because, like so many people, she has been sacrificing herself for the people in her life whom she loves. She is caring for an elderly and very sick family member. And her children. And her husband. And herself. Barely herself. It's noble. It's from a great place. But it isn't sustainable.

Another former student has had two children and a promotion at work within the last four years. She is a mother and a wife who works fourteen hour days. She called me this week. "Something has to give. I can't do this anymore without doing something for myself," she said.

Put on Your Own Oxygen Mask First.

You've heard the clichés: "You can't give from a place of lack." "You being hungry won't help someone starving in Africa." "If you truly want to give someone love, love yourself first." "Self care is not selfish."

But those clichés are true. If you give give give, your tank will be empty. Find SOMETHING for you.

Whether it's a half hour exercise of choice three times a week or 10 minutes of meditation before the rest of your family wakes up, find something to recharge. Both you *AND* the people who care about you and who you care for will thank you.

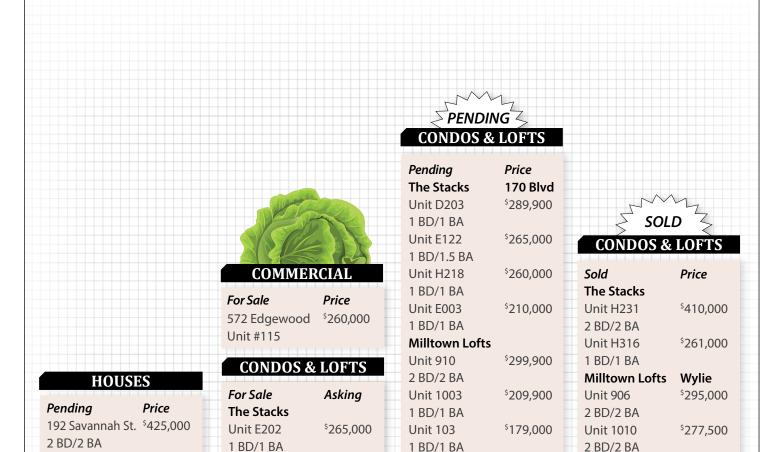
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