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FORWARD WARRIOR!! By Kyle F. Bidlack

STARTING IN THE

Our annual street mural festival got off to a wet start on Saturday, September 16th, but artists kicked it into high gear and made the most of a beautiful Sunday. Much more than a dozen new works of art now adorn the CSX wall along Tennelle and Wylie.

Among the artists, Nathan Tavel, 35, from Decatur (pictured here). Nathan's artwork bemoans the fact than many long-time Atlantans can no longer afford to live in the neighborhoods they grew up in.

Nathan uses bright, bold, poppy, colours and crisp lettering to deliver his message. Nathan says "With the lettering being clean and straight-forward, you're gonna read it whether you want to or not and if you don't get the message, then you probably didn't grow up here."

"Cabbagetown is the same as other neighborhoods in Atlanta. Things have shifted and it's hard to recognize the Atlanta I first got to know. It's a bummer for all the people that have been relocated or kicked out of the areas they grew up in. It would be nice if folks who grew up here and want to stay, could stay" says Nathan.



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CNIA President's Letter



MARINANGELES GUTIERREZ RIVERA

y'all! Chomp turns TWENTY this year! (imagine that much spilled beer)

> So don those throwback t-shirts And find that old muffin tray This is that one special day That you eat beans til' it hurts

The first Saturday of November will be here in no time. It's time to get your spoons! They're now available at *Little's* and *SweetCheats*. They're ^{\$}10 cash, ^{\$}10.50 credit, and ^{\$}15 on the day of. Volunteer and make our biggest day of the year

possible: *https://chompandstomp.com/volunteers/* Follow us on Facebook/Instagram or check out the Chomp site for updates as they're rolled out.

Big Thank YOU to everyone who made all the spectacular September events possible. Special thanks to the Forward Warrior!! staff & volunteers. Sunil & Jennifer for hosting the New Neighbor party. All of the folks who generously opened their doors for the Tour of Homes. The Patch Works for hosting tours. Local businesses that sponsored our events. Our Concert Series volunteers. Our Movie Night planning team, and our leaders who make Bingo such a joy.

> Don't Miss All the Happenings! 10/13 - Fall Concert Series Finale 10/14 - Movie Night @ the Park 10/28 - Crawl-O-Ween (Proposed) 12/09 - Holiday Crawl, Save the Date!

Join CNIA: Make sh*t happen. Sign up at *cabbagetown.com/ membership* and come to the next meeting.

Take care, Marinangeles (aka Marina)

MEET A LIVING STATUE!

Next time you go to a big event at Oakland Cemetery, keep your eyes peeled for Bob Seymore. Bob performs as a "living statue" and he's amazing! Want to know more? Go here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewA-5edSVpQ Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2023 at 6:30p Meeting to be held at the Cabbagetown Community Center (177 Estoria Street). Find this month's links & materials at www.Cabbagetown.com/agenda

6:30p: Neighbor Meet & Greet with drinks & food

7p: Meeting Begins

I. Welcome!

II. Review & Approval of September Minutes

III. Atlanta Police Department Updates

IV. City of Atlanta: Council Person, Liliana Bakhtiari's Office

- Pearl Street Traffic Calming Project Updates
- City Updates

V. President/Vice President Report: Marinangeles Gutierrez

- Transportation Committee Updates
- CNIA Membership Campaign: Open Positions include Communications Chair, Transportation Committee Chair, and other Member At-Large positions.
- New Neighbor? Get connected, cabbagetown.com/membership
- VI: Financial Report: Jack Cunningham, Treasurer
- Crawl-O-Ween Funding Request

VII. Chair Reports:

- Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) Updates: Todd Gandee, CI President
- Our 20th Chomp & Stomp! Lauren Appel, Co-Chair
- Folks Needed! Volunteer Today
- Upcoming Ctown Events: Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair
- NPU-N Updates: John Dirga, NPU N Representative
- Historic Preservation & Land Use Updates:
- Jake Elsas and Anya Warren , HPLU Chairs
- Historic Preservation Studio x HPLU Working Together
 135 Pearl Street Hearing

VIII. New Business

- IX. Old Business
- ~8:30p: Adjourn

HAPPY BDAY Y'ALL! YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER TWENTY!

Morgan Felts, Amanda Bisgaard, Dan Tanner, Bill Johnson, Abigail "Little A" Bracy, Elzabeth "Weezy" Bixler, John Michael Cox, Ricky Aguirre, Andrew "Sledgehammer" Saul, Matthew Colman, Hanna "Sweetest" Mazyck, Zed DeChant, Jeff Raw, Jeremy Ray, David Marshall Railey, Celine "Cee Cee" Bufkin, Landon "LB" Bixler, Michael Benford, Jessica Stephenson, Gray Chapman, Kevin "Slabbo" Earabino, Jeannine Doerfler, and Sean "Irish" Keenan.

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, 7p. Meeting conducted by Marinangeles Gutierrez Rivera. Minutes by Lucy Perkins. Location: Cabbagetown Community Center.

1. 7:03p Meeting Begins

2. Welcome! - Marinangeles Gutierrez, CNIA President 3. Atlanta Police Department Updates - Sgt C. Haslam

Crime is low - most crimes are vehicle break-ins, broken windows, or sometimes vehicle theft. Tuesdays, Mondays, and Saturdays are the crimiest days especially during shift changes. Clean Car Campaign – keep your cars clean. APD is focusing on juveniles and working on getting them in school and not breaking into cars. Join *ConnectAtlanta* to connect your camera – they won't actively look, they will send an email and ask for video footage if a crime happens in your area. *Q:* when are the shift times? *A:* Day Watch 6a-3p, Evening Watch 2p-11p, Morning Watch 10p to 7a.

4. Review and Approval of August Minutes. Minutes approved!
5. Vice-President Report – Marinangeles Gutierrez

Invest Atlanta's Owner-Occupied Rehab Program: It is a deferred forgivable loan program for specific repairs. There are sessions and you can apply online. Please check out the website - program is going on now! CNIA Membership Campaign: Open Positions include Communications Chair, Transportation Committee Chair, and other Member At-Large positions. GDOT will be installing a bike lane from Pearl to Grant Street on Memorial. Reynoldstown had legislation passed for stop signs. Waiting to install things on Wylie. Waiting on CSX permit to finish the tunnel. There's lots of exciting opportunities for a Transportation Chair! New Neighbor? Get connected, *cabbagetown.com/membership*

6. Financial Report – Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

We've raised about ^{\$}1500 dollars on just ticket sales alone for Tour of Homes. Get tickets! If you need anything please reach at CNIAtreasurer@gmail.com.

7. Committee Reports

Upcoming C-Town Events - Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair

Tour of Homes 2023 - Seeking Volunteers. Get your tickets! Tickets are ^{\$}15 or ^{\$}20 day of. Check in at Esther-Peachy and get a wristband. Ticket holders also get discounts at local businesses! *New Neighbor Party – September 22nd*

It will be at Jennifer Suneil's house. Animal print themed! Bingo September 29th at 7p. Lots of great prizes! Come! October 15th Movie Night in the Park – movie and date are TBD because concert series. But something will be happening that night!

NPU-N Updates - John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative

i. Clean Car Campaign, Fire Closed Door Campaign (please sleep with your bedroom door closed), Fulton DA office has been attending to give updates on downtown drama.
ii. Yard trimming Sep 25th - it's a private contractor and they come every other week.
iii. Code enforcement is really understaffed so it's complaint based - if you get one, it's from a neighbor. They aren't driving around looking for code violations. iv. Department of City Planning - short on planners and raising salaries. Comprehensive development

plan is in the works. We're trying to get involved. Planners look to the CDP for guidance with zoning and bike lanes and such. v. NPU University has really great classes about zoning and such. *NPUatlanta.org*. vi. Executive director for HLPA made a recommendation for upgrades for their park and got money to fix erosion - maybe watershed will fix our erosion? vii. *Park Pride* looks good for capital improvements to the amphitheater. viii. NPU has a grant - Little 5 Points received it and their business association and community center are doing artistic improvements. ix. New Mural in the 'hood. x. Reynoldtown is proud of the Holtsclaw Promontory - Watershed is letting the neighborhood use it as a park.

xi. *Forward Warrior!!* needs volunteers - please help bring ladders or give out water - check the website to sign-up. *Q*: How do you choose? *A*: People who have painted before will come and paint over their own mural. It's invitational. The stacks murals are application based. xii. NPU consists of 9 people who vote on things in the neighborhoods as a recommendation body. They send results to the city and the city does whatever. Do we want to change the bylaws to change how the NPU votes? Motion to keep the bylaws. Passed!

8. City of Atlanta Council Person - Council Person Liliana Bakhtiari
i. Pearl Street Traffic Calming Project Updates: Apologies to the 'hood with ALDOT. The neighborhood put money aside to support Pearl Street Traffic Calming but it was difficult to find where the money went. Four options for the blind hill on Pearl - Crosswalk and speedbumps on the hill but we decide what materials they will be made of. Q: Is one material better than the other and why? A: Granite might last the longest. Q: Can we fix the unpaved sidewalk on that street also? A: We will find a way to fund the sidewalk. Q: Does it need to be brick? A: We'll find out. Q: Will there be lights? A: There will be reflective lights in the sidewalk, lots of signs, and painted bits. Q: What about the brick sidewalk on Caroll with tree damage? It's dangerous - can we avoid making this sidewalk brick? A: We had the funds to do this years ago but ATLDOT dragged their feet. We want the most durable and safest option.

There's a crack on Pearl and we need to make sure it's not a water issue before it's repaved. But they want to repave it. Watershed is doing a report. Will work with **Colgate** to check on their traffic needs for future building. Motion to make speed bumps granite motion passed! **Q**: Can we lower the hill? **A**: Digging might not be the best idea in the neighborhood.

Dekalb Ave Resurfacing Updates: Dekalb was repaved. Bike lane and lights should be completed by the end of the month. Requesting no left at Krog: we'll see. Krog tunnel part II - CSX needs to sign the permits. Waiting for them to finish signing the permits. Phase II will not affect any of the new work on Dekalb. **Q:** Where will the bike lane be on Dekalb? **A:** From Hurt street to Elmira Place and Clifton to Arizona.

Apologies regarding the Caroll Street closure: Liliana was hoping to have a solid plan before she approached the neighborhood. Marina will have another meeting with the businesses to try and figure something out. *Continued on page 7.*

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"HACK MY HOME!"

Netflix's new "Hack My Home" uses engineering ingenuity to maximize space in homes all over Atlanta. A team of whimsical builders show up to tackle some living space problems and because this is tv, money is no object. For one of the first eight episodes, "Hack My Home" chose our own Jen & Emily (and Mik) Chan.

One of The Chan's favourite builds was an "Inspector Gadget" hidden appliance rack on the kitchen countertop that goes up and down with a push of a button. Emily said they don't actually place appliances in the space. "We turned that into a speakeasy," Emily said. "It holds our wine and liquor."

Their episode showed a cramped house where Jen & Emily barely cook in the kitchen and there was not enough space to entertain guests. The "Hack My Home" team created a cool pull-out table for eight that Jen said they now use regularly. *"I had my entire family over and that has never happened before, ever,"* she said.

Emily noted that "there were so many hacks they didn't even choose to air. Where our trashcan is, they have a drawer above it with a cutting board. You can cut and then the cutting board has an opening that you lift up and goes directly into the trash below it which is super cool."

You can stream all eight episodes on Netflix now. (Hint) Start with Episode number two. It's our favourite.

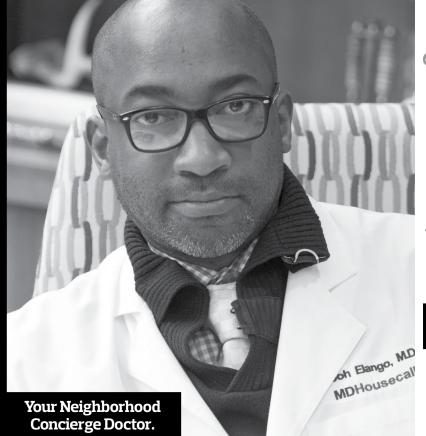


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C'town Chows Goes Across the Pond



Having just returned from a week in London, England, we thought this month's article could be a two-fer; recs from London that have equally as lovely Atlanta equivalents to visit, and, in the event you happen to be visiting London in the coming months or years, you'll have a bit of a guide of our favorite spots. We're giving this all to you this month for free... you're welcome.

Fish n' Chips is a British staple, innit?

(Couldn't help myself). *Poppie's Fish & Chips* – Soho, London, is notorious for some of the best fish and chips in the city – and we'd highly recommend giving it a go. In Atlanta though, we also do it pretty well. So well, in fact, that the late great *Anthony Bourdain* included this dish in a list of his favorite restaurants in the A', over at *WH Stiles Fish*



Camp (675 Ponce De Leon Ave NE). They're serving up some of the best fish in the city, and if you're willing to brave the PCM crowd, you'll be happy you did. Crunchy, crispy, salty, tender fish, alongside perfectly seasoned potato fries... What else could you want? My only issue is the "Chips" vs. "Fries" discussion. They're fries, sorry mates.

The streets of Soho, London. Photo by Stacy.

London is not just known for the classic Brit dishes, but also for their plethora of Indian food, and some of the best Indian food in the world at that. With almost 1M Indian folks in the city of London, they're cooking up some of the most authentic Indian food you can get anywhere, and we had the privilege of visiting a couple local spots.

Dishoom, Covent Garden, London, is a spot that's extremely well regarded in the city, so much so, that their business has now grown to nine locations across the city. With dishes like Chicken Ruby, and Grilled Paneer Tikka, they're doing all the classics but with a modern twist. This was for sure one of the best meals we had in London – 10/10 would recommend.

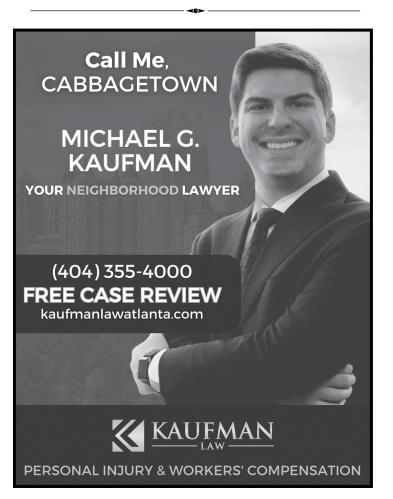
Now, for an equally delectable authentic Indian dining experience here locally in Atlanta, you've got to head over to Decatur to *Chai*

Pani (406 W Ponce de Leon Ave). Personal fave on their menu is Desi Paneer salad the Shredded cabbage, carrots, scallions, roasted cashews, toasted sesame seeds, tangy, bright cumin-lime dressing – all topped with the perfect chewy, cheesy, unctuous Grilled Paneer. It's one of those Atlanta spots with food you can't get just anywhere, and fortunately for us, it's just down the road.

Next stop for us was to *The Palomar* – an Israeli restaurant located in Chinatown, in London, England – mad innit? Promise I'm not just taking the piss (not to be confused with being pissed, both of which have different meanings across the pond...) Despite the unusual locale, this place is dishing up really legit Israeli food – Chicken Schnitzel, handmade pita and hummus, baba ganoush, all the goods that really get us Jews buzzin'.

Now to crack on to the Atlanta parallel, my gut is telling me I must recommend *Rina* (699 Ponce De Leon Ave NE). Rina has a fantastic vibe, and food to match. Favorite dishes include the Spiced Lamb Burger on their Challah Bun (you don't pronounce the 'C' gentiles..) and the Chicken Schwarma Pita. Whether you are just on an aimless walk down the Beltline, or driven straight there to satisfy your mezze fix, it's absolutely a must-visit.

We would be absolutely gutted if you didn't reach out with any recommendations for us to try, so drop us a line at *stacy. spector22@gmail.com* for where we should head next!



CHOMP & STOMP PARKING INFO

By Lauren Appel Look out for NO PARKING SIGNS starting the week of October 22nd

Wylie Street from Estoria Street to Tennelle Street (No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 8a - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Estoria Street from Wylie Street to Gaskill Street (No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 8a - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Tye Street from Wylie Street to 251 Tye Street (No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 8a - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Powell Street from Tennelle Street to just past 245 Powell (No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Gaskill Street from Estoria Street to Powell Street (No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

Short Street

(No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p) *Kirkwood Avenue from Pearl Street to Powell Street* (No parking Friday, Nov 3rd 12p - Saturday, Nov 4th 10p)

> Mollie Street (No parking Saturday, Nov 4th 6a - 10p)

Carroll Street (No parking Saturday, Nov 4th 6a - 10p)

Please note: Pearl St between Wylie St and Fulton Terrace will be closed to non-residents, and the above no parking times will be enforced.



CNIA: Meeting Minutes

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If you need Liliana please text or email, tag in Facebook post - don't Facebook message.

Short term rental registration – caping multi-family residents - old folks are pushed out for *Airbnbs*. Administration have put a hold on it. There is not yet a city that has successfully found an Airbnb solution (middle ground). Ordinance is meant to put a cap on people putting a ton of houses on Airbnb.

Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee – Jacob Elsas/Anya Warren, Co-Chairs

677 Gaskill Design Proposal [Vote]: Greg Narr representing for an addition to the house and addition to the back. HPLU met with them and appreciate the meeting. They were told the guidelines and followed them well. Don't know if UDC will have a problem with the designs. Added window and brick chimney. Accessory unit is under 30[%] of the building size. They did all the changes that were requested at the meeting that the guidelines suggested. HPLU recommends accepting it. Motion to approve the site plan. Approved!

Cabbagetown Initiative (CI)- Todd Gandee, CI President, Marina representing

Chomp & Stomp - Lauren Appel, Co-Chair: Always need volunteers. All kind of jobs! Sponsorship opportunity if you would like to support making the bags for the race happen.

Ctown Park - two trees are marked that are dead - they'll be cut down soon. Still waiting to hear back if we can rent out the Cabbagetown Community Center.

9. New Business – none 10. Old Business – none 11. 8:34p meeting adjourned

JUST DO IT! ROMP!

By Amber Brannon

Are you ready for the 5k Romp & Stomp Road Race? It's happening on the morning of Chomp, Saturday, November 4th at 8a for runners, or 7:45a for walkers. The start line is at *Milltown Tavern*.

We are looking for volunteers for dates starting October 26th-November 4th. Spots range from stuffing packets to giving the packets out at *Phidippides* to working the course on Race day.

To sign up for the race, scan this QR code.



To volunteer to help scan this QR code.



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Final Goodbye



Seventeen years ago at age 47, I sold my home outside of Detroit and moved to the ATL. My first residence was in the D Building at the Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts, but I didn't really enjoy the soaring ceilings and the echoing hallways so I rented a cute two-story duplex on Reinhardt which I have always referred to as my first C'town address. Being from a very small farm town in South Dakota, I quickly recognized similar gualities that this little 'hood exhibited.

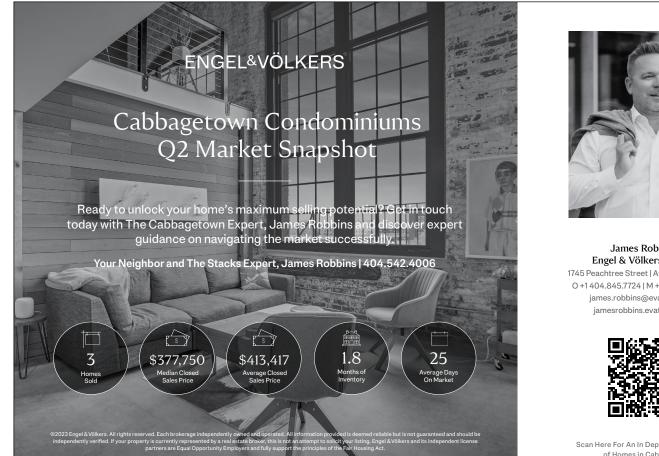
I didn't really know anyone but had met Christina Kennedy-Farr at Carroll St. and she introduced me to a few other folks. She also introduced me to Judy Staples who was like a sister to me until the day she died. I remained unknown to most of you until March 14th, 2008 when a rogue tornado ripped through Cabbagetown. It tore the roof off my apartment, but that was nothing compared to what a lot of our neighbors endured.

I quickly organized a fundraiser called "I Got Twisted in Cabbagetown" which we held behind the sisters on Carroll Street in the alley. We didn't raise a huge sum, but we helped one person who didn't have homeowner's insurance - get some stuff repaired.

When I moved to Gaskill Street, I really began getting involved. I volunteered at Chomp, joined committees, designed the White Party Prom logo and worked in many gardens in many of your homes. I moved briefly to New York but came right back a couple years later which is when Debbie Weeks introduced me to a high school friend who was a floral designer and I began my new career as a Wedding Floral Designer with extraordinary success.

I have lived on Estoria Street for the last ten years. I took an overgrown property and created a beautiful garden and created Angie's Acres after a failed attempt to create a neighborhood dog park with my friends Lisa Myers and Susan McCracken. Here I sold pumpkins for the last six years and created holiday themed yard displays. One of which even made Fox News. This year I represented Cabbagetown at the Tournament of Roses Parade.

I have enjoyed our events and people for nearly two decades. am sad to say I am leaving Cabbagetown for Michigan where I will under go treatment for Cancer. Unfortunately, I have been informed that I may not survive the treatment. By the time you read this I will have already moved, so just let me say thank you to those of you who trusted me to create beautiful gardens which I hope grow for many years. Thank you to those of you that came to my parties, and bought pumpkins or flowers from me. I have loved calling Cabbagetown my home and will always cherish the many friendships I have known here.





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Scan Here For An In Depth Market Analysis of Homes in Cabbagetown.

TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA CONCERT! By Daniel Karasek

Come out and celebrate with your neighbors on Friday, October 13th at the last Cabbagetown Concert Series show of 2023. As always, these shows are FREE to attend. This will be a special show on Friday the 13th featuring **Bad Guru** and **Somatoad**. The concert is being promoted by Daniel Karasek, who put together the bill for the April Concert Series show featuring **Blair Crimmins and the Hookers, Rae and the Ragdolls**, and **Chickens and Pigs**.

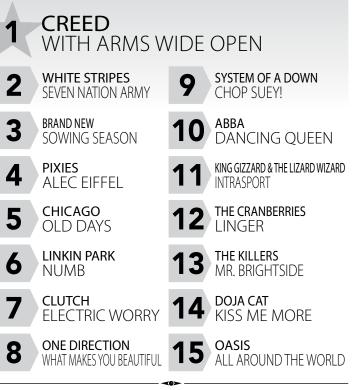
Spooky season is upon us but do not fear For frightful sights and sounds are here The leaves cascade down to carpet the ground While lit pumpkins pop up all around Tunes will soon swirl throughout the park On Friday the 13th, your calendars should mark The coming of Bad Guru and Somatoad A show worth leaving your abode

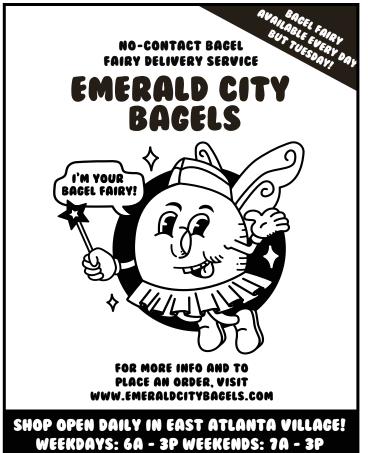


The Friday the 13th show will have a limited quantity of foil posters available for purchase at the show to help support live music in Cabbagetown. Additionally, there are refreshments available at the show or you can bring your own. *Costumes are encouraged.*

Malts & Vaults Returns to Oakland Cemetery on Oct 7! Get Your Tickets At: Oakland Cemetery.com Top of the Charts

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









When the English came to America, they saddled some of the unfamiliar plants they encountered with the unfortunate suffix "weed." The "weed" meant the plant was fairly common and growing without human assistance. It did not necessarily mean the plant was "weedy" or that it caused any problems.

ARTY SCHRONCE

The names they gave are still with us today and, unfortunately, may keep people from including some of our native plants

in their garden. *Butterflyweed, ironweed* and *Joe-pye-weed* are prime examples. These native flowers are both beautiful and well-behaved and should be a part of more home landscapes. And these plants are far superior to exotic, highly invasive, and trouble-making plants such as *tree of heaven, princess tree* and *sweet autumn clematis*. They are the worst kind of weed even though they have alluring names.

Perhaps you have wondered what qualifies a plant as a weed. Well, it is strictly a judgment call. There is no DNA test that identifies a plant as a weed or that it has the genetic potential to become one. A weed is defined as a weed by how it relates to humans and what they want to accomplish.

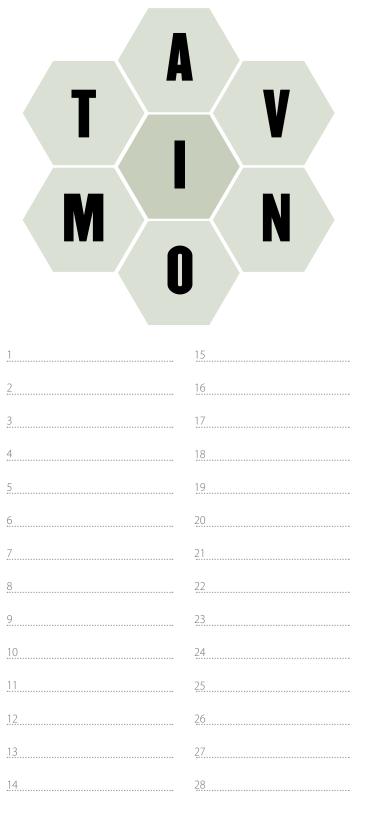
Emerson wrote "A weed is a plant whose virtues have yet to be discovered." Maybe. But tomorrow if a scientist discovered a cure for cancer from an extract of kudzu it would still be a weed to me if it were engulfing my house. "A weed is a plant growing in the wrong place" is another definition, and is the best one. A tomato is not considered a weed unless, for example, it is growing in a farmer's cotton field and interfering with the growth, cultivation, or harvest of the cotton. (And a truly noxious weed is one that not just happens to be in the wrong place but that intends to stay there and for thousands of its offspring to be there, too.)

The definition of a weed is relative – it's all about your point of view. Asters growing by the roadside are beautiful wildflowers; those sprouting in a corn field are weeds. While I think dandelions make a lawn look like a flowery mead, a neighbor is ready to pluck out these offenders on sight. The rancher noticing blackberry briars encroaching into his pasture will attack them as weeds. A forager wanting to make a cobbler sees them as a resource, and the cottontail scooting for safety underneath them sees them as a refuge. And I suppose a plant may view any other plant competing for space, water, and light as a weed!

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



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*?



Last month's Panagram solution: Holiday

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CANINES OF CTOWN: MYCROFT



A couple days ago, I had the pleasure of hanging out with Sean Biggs and his rather large Bloodhound, Mycroft, on their Carroll Street porch.

Katie: Hi! So this is Mycroft?

Sean: Yes! So like Mycroft Holmes. Sherlock Holmes' older brother. It's funny, I was told there was another bloodhound years ago living in Ctown named Sherlock, so I'm glad I didn't name him that.

Katie: It was meant to be. Any nicknames?

Sean: Mickey, Mickey Mouse. Started as Mickey, my friend Alex at the dog park started calling him Mickey Mouse. So at the moment that's really sticking. It's starting to catch on around the neighborhood and so some people will refer to him as that.

Katie: How did you two meet?

Sean: I moved to Ctown at the start of the pandemic and I didn't know anyone and felt pretty isolated. Eventually I convinced my landlord to let me get a dog. I wanted a big dog. I went to every shelter and couldn't quite find one big enough. So I went on *Craigslist* and found this cute old couple who were having a litter in Alabama. I got Mycroft right then and there. And so when I got back to the 'hood with him, I started meeting people instantly – it was overwhelming at first but he was ridiculously cute, so he was a hit.

Katie: I mean, who wouldn't want to be his best friend?

Sean: Absolutely. If you are new to an area, get a puppy and you will meet everyone. Now that he's 110 pounds, most people will smile from a distance because he's a little unhinged when he's excited. He'll jump and drool all over you.

Katie: Does Mycroft have any best friends?

Sean: He loves Alejandra Pulgar, Susan McCracken, and Chelsea Arkin – sometimes I'll be inside when he's on the porch and I know when they're out front because of the whimpers that he makes and he turns into a giant baby.

Katie: So I see we like steak? [Mycroft is howling] *Sean:* Mickey, you're on record. Down!

Katie: Wow, I've never seen a dog get sooo flat before. *Sean:* Yeah, he's like a doormat. I was really hoping we could pace with the steak, but he's like, nope.

Katie: He's like, "feed me!" Maybe he's got *you* trained. *Sean:* It's true. I didn't know what I was getting myself into with a bloodhound. He has the strongest sense of smell. Something like 900x more powerful than a human. He's also very strong-willed and the drool... the drool is *non-stop*.

Katie: Are we big fans of toys?

Sean: A BIG fan of toys, When he was a puppy, I would have

to prevent him from eating them just completely. I was really shocked like, wow, he's trying to eat all of it. He doesn't try to eat them as often anymore, now he kind of holds on to them which is awesome and he acts like they're his to take care of. [Mycroft: goes for a drink]

Katie: I love how his ears are absorbing half of the water.

Sean: Oh yeah, it's all in there, he's cleaning his jowls. He's very messy and sheds a lot. [Mycroft backs up and knocks a spool off the porch]. And yeah that happens a lot. He's kinda a lot. I didn't teach him this but anytime anyone's playing a banjo or harmonica he will just start howling. I don't know why, because he won't react to guitars, piano, or drums, but if it's a Backwoodsy instrument like banjo and harmonica, it just triggers him.



Sean "El Grande Gringo" Biggs and Mycroft "Mickey Mouse" Biggs

Katie: So the neighbors that play next to Little's? Sean: Oh yeah, if he could sit still long enough I bet he would be a part of the band.

Sean: It's funny because I'd never seen a bloodhound before I got him. People will walk by and see that big droopy face and it brings an instant smile. I really love that. But now for me the cuteness happens when he's asleep. *Katie: Seems like he is well loved.*

Want your canine featured? Contact Katie at *katie@marqueling.com*

ONE LITTLE GIRL

A global symbol of compassion and human rights, Little Amal is a 12-foot puppet of a 10-year-old Syrian refugee who has spent the past two years traveling over 6,000 miles to 15 countries. Her journeys are festivals of art and hope that aim to celebrate the stories of refugees, immigrants, and displaced people, along with

communities that welcome them.



As part of her 2023 United States journey, Amal will travel along the *Atlanta BeltLine Eastside Trail*, where she'll join the *Krewe of Grateful Gluttons, Liquid Sky*, and *Mausiki Scales & the Common Ground Collective*.

Because her visit coincides with the 2,000-mile monarch butterfly migration, Amal will be welcomed by '00 illuminated monarch butterfly puppets. She will also encounter a number of surprises along the walk, including live music and a dance performance.

Pick up your complimentary monarch butterfly kit on September 29th from 6p to 9:00p at 1070 White St. SW, or download and make your own at home: *https://www.weirdgonepro.com/amalwalkingwithmonarchs?mc_cid=c4d11330ba&mc_eid=57cfdae118*



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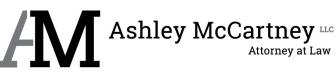
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CATS OF C'TOWN: PRU AND EELY

Bv Chelsea and Meliss

In a special edition of Cats of Cabbagetown, we met up with Teresa to discuss the ins and outs of indoor cats.

Teresa, please tell us about their names and how you came up with them. Prudence, who goes by Pru, is a five-year-old tortoiseshell gal with stout little legs, a barrel-shaped body, and one white whisker. She is named after the charioteer of the virtues, though she does not subscribe to any known religion. Prudence is the ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason; she knows the right thing to do in each situation and acts upon that knowledge.



Eely-Mouth

Eely-Mouth, who goes by Eely, is nine months old and all-black with a super-long tail. He is named after a boss in the 2003 Nintendo GameCube game Super Mario Sunshine. Eely-Mouth is a giant eel whose cavities are poisoning the water in Noki Bay, damaging Mario and all else who dare swim in the bay. Both Eely and his namesake flaunt glowing yellow eyes.

Can you tell us their origin stories?

I first adopted Prudence in 2019 in New Orleans, where she was found pregnant and living on the streets. She was taken to the shelter - Zeus' Place - and dubbed Pumpernickel. Each kitten in her litter was quickly adopted, while Pru lived in the free-range cat room for six months before I met her. She was lounging in a cylinder of a cat tree but emerged when I reached in to pet her. She was pretty timid and scared for the first month after she was adopted and spent many nights walking around my apartment meowing loudly. She made the move from New Orleans to Atlanta with me in 2020 in the depths of the pandemic. She did not enjoy the car ride.

Eely was adopted in February 2023 after I decided Pru needed a cat friend to keep her company. He was three months old and one of three kittens at Good Mews in Marietta the day I went to pick one out. He was found with his two brothers in Buchanan,

GA. The shelter named him Rex; his brothers were Buzz and Woody. The day I met him he was rather scraggly, had an eye infection, and was recovering from a flea infestation. He spent a lot of time scratching his soon-to-be dad's shoes and ankles and eventually crawled inside his jacket. From day one, he was very eager to explore his new dwelling.



Prudence

How did Pru react to Eely the newcomer?

I was like: Oh, she's going to love him, she's going to warm right up to him, she's going to be cuddling with him in no time. She's traumatized him with her growling. He still hasn't fully learned her boundaries, like, "I don't want to play with you right now", so he will kind of mess with her. He does this silly thing where he almost acts like he doesn't have a choice. You can see him deliberating, like, "OK, I guess I have to go bite Pru's ass now." But there are glimmers of self-awareness.

Do they ever go outside?

They have both been outside briefly in a harness, but otherwise no. I know Eely would love nothing more than to get outside and decimate the wild bird population of Atlanta, but he'll have to settle for watching cat TV and gazing out the screen door for now. Pru seems content indoors at this point in her life.

Nothing wrong with being an indoor kid.

You can see I left out some of their favorite implements. I like to call the living room "The Arena". Pru and Eely are master hunters in distinct disciplines. Pru excels in scouting, camouflage, and creating confusion. She has the self-control to wait for her prey to walk right into her trap. Eely is 11 pounds of pure power and chaos. His zoomies send him bounding to the top of any and all furniture within his reach. He knows that even if his prey sees him coming, it will not be able to escape his grasp.

We're sorry we won't be seeing them in the streets, but it sounds like it's for the greater good.

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DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL!



Historic Oakland Foundation invites you to attend the secondannual Day of the Dead festival at Oakland Cemetery on Sunday, November 5th from noon to 5p.

Visitors of all ages will learn about and experience a traditional Día de Muertos festival. Guests will enjoy traditional dancing, crafts, authentic Mexican food, and entertainment. They can also view a display of altars decorated with flowers, food, and beverages honoring lost family and friends.

Day of the Dead originated several thousand years ago with the Aztec, Toltec and other Nahua people who considered mourning the dead disrespectful. For these pre-Hispanic cultures, death was a natural phase in life's long continuum. The dead were still members of the community, kept alive in memory and spirit, and during Día de Muertos, they temporarily returned to earth. Today's Día de Muertos celebration is a blend of pre-Hispanic religious rites and Christian feasts which takes place on November 1 and 2 – All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on the Catholic calendar – around the time of the fall maize harvest. It's not a macabre occasion, but rather a festive and colorful holiday celebrating the lives of those who have passed on.

The Day of the Dead festival is presented by Historic Oakland Foundation, the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta, the Institute of Mexican Culture, Atlanta History Center, and the Office of the Government of Guanajuato in Georgia.

Admission is free. Dressing up for the occasion is encouraged! There will be a Catrinas and Catrines costume contest with cash prizes for the first places (kids and adults). Registration for this contest will be at the festival entrance.

20,000 "KIDS" WILL FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Young climate activists have been lobbying for the creation of a climate corps, and it appears the White House is listening. President Biden intends to use executive authority to train and employ thousands of young people in jobs to fight global warming.

This new program called *The American Climate Corps*, will provide young people with skills to work in wind and solar production, disaster preparedness, and land conservation.

The American Climate Corps might be similar in structure to *ForestCorp*, a ^{\$}15 million program announced this week by *AmeriCorps* and the *U.S. Forest Service* to teach people, between the ages of 18 to 26, wildfire prevention, reforestation, and other

skills. The program will pay about ^{\$}15 per hour and cover lodging and other benefits. One of Mr. Biden's first executive orders called for the creation of a modern civilian corps that would *"mobilize the next generation of conservation and resilience workers and maximize the creation of accessible training opportunities and good jobs."* This new American Climate Corps will do just that.

Older Cabbageheads might remember the Civilian Conservation Corps, the New Deal program that put millions of young men to work during the Great Depression. Imagine if The U.S. government put as much economic might into saving our climate, as it did to saving the economy back in the 1930s.

MOVIE NIGHT! By Celine Bufkin

MOVIE NIGHT! Last Movie Night for the season is SATURDAY October 14th in Cabbagetown Park. (Yes, Saturday.) We're going spooky for October. We're screening Zombieland! starring Woody Harrelson, Emma Stone, and Jesse Eisenberg.

Here's the send-up:

"A shy student trying to reach his family in Ohio, a gun-toting bruiser in search of the last Twinkie and a pair of sisters striving to get to an amusement park join forces in a trek across a zombie-filled America." What!? Count me in.

Show starts at dusk, which if you have probably noticed, now gets earlier and earlier. So we will guess the start time will be between 7:30p and 8p.



Our friends from *beem Light Sauna* will be on hand to offer giveaways for adults and kids, and info about their brand new location at Glenwood. Thanks for your support of Movie Night! (beem Light Sauna offers infared sauna and red light therapy to members to promote wellness, recovery, relaxation and many other health benefits! You can learn more at *http:// beemlightsauna.com*.)

Come early to hang with your neighbors! Bring your friends, wellbehaved kids and pets, chairs, blankets, snacks and bevvies for the last PICNIC + FLICK of the season!

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20 YEARS OF CHOMP & STOMP & ROMP

By Kyle F. Bidlack

All totaled, over the course of twenty years, Chomp & Stomp & Romp has hosted more than 156 bands, handed out more than 193,000 chili spoons, doled out more than 1,227,000 cups of chili, logged more than 41,850 Romp miles, consumed more than 1,943 kegs of beer, embraced more than 705 artists, and lastly – over

twenty years – we've welcomed more than 239,000 of our closest friends into our magical little village. And if your head isn't already spinning – consider this – more than 5,732 folks have volunteered more than 22,928 hours to make it all happen. Thank you all! *Let's take a look back at twenty years of Chomp & Stomp & Romp.*







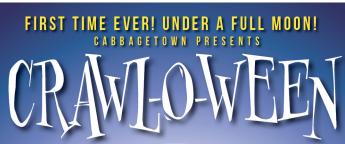
















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REYNOLDSTOWN'S DISPUTED APARTMENTS FOR HOMELESS Could break ground in december



A controversial plan to build 42 apartments for people experiencing homelessness in Reynoldstown is advancing, despite pushback from neighborhood leaders. Construction could kick off as soon as December, the developer told Atlanta Civic Circle this week.

But Stryant Investments' 111 Moreland Avenue project, which will replace an old, vacant single-family home where the bustling thoroughfare

intersects Kirkwood Avenue, has undergone a few tweaks since community members first voiced their disapproval, according to

Sugarman said he expects Stryant to close on the project's financing in the next couple of months. After demolishing the dilapidated home on the property, the developer could break ground by the end of the year.

"We are excited to be neighbors in Reynoldstown," he told Atlanta Civic Circle.

Partners For Home will hand-pick residents for the 111 Moreland apartments and provide them with supportive services, according to the nonprofit's executive director, Cathryn Vassell.

"We are excited to be moving forward with this development, creating brand new, high quality, deeply affordable, safe, and dignified housing for our neighbors in need," she said.

Joshua Humphries, Mayor Andre Dickens' chief housing advisor.

To address the **Reynoldstown Civic** Improvement League's concerns that the 42-unit apartment building would be too dense for the 0.38acre site, the city of Atlanta worked with Stryant to increase the number of kitchens and the amount of communal space, "to make the project better for residents," Humphries said in an interview. (Future residents will rent rooms with kitchenettes, while sharing full kitchens, laundry facilities, and communal spaces.)



An early rendering of the 111 Moreland Avenue project. (Credit: Stryant Investments and the city of Atlanta)

But reducing the unit count, as the neighborhood group recommended, was fiscally just not in the cards, he added: *"In order for the project to be financially viable and to keep all the funding sources intact, it had to keep the unit count at 42."*

Stryant co-founder Stan Sugarman said the affordable housing development will rely on construction loans and grants from the city's economic development agency, Invest Atlanta; its homeless services provider, Partners For Home; the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Federal Home Loan Banks.

Residents will benefit from government-backed rent vouchers provided by the city's housing authority, Atlanta Housing. That means the 42 intended tenants will only have to pay up to 30% of their monthly income – or nothing, if they don't make any money. Units will be earmarked for people earning no more than 30% of the area median income – or about ^{\$}20,250. Humphries, the mayor's advisor, said that adding 42 deeply affordable units at the currently vacant site is a win for metro housing affordability – but that there's still plenty of work to do to meet unhoused and lower-income Atlantans' needs.

"The city is growing rapidly, and we are not building enough housing total – and we don't have nearly enough affordable housing," he said. "So 42 units is not going to solve the problem overnight, but we need a lot of projects throughout the city that thoughtfully add affordable and market-rate housing, so we can address this crisis-level need."

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- 1) Person born in the 1950s, informally. 46) Jerry's friend on "Seinfeld". 3) 1992 movie filmed in Ctown. 48) Concert swag. 7) D.C. football team. 49) Singer Lana Del 9) Make changes to, as the Constitution. 50) Submit one's taxes on 11) Actress Keaton. 13) Mind/body exercise. 15) Keeper of many Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill artifacts. 16) Ctown breakfast food. 18) Boxing or bowling. 20) D.C. transit system. 22) Gadget. 23) Coating for a gymnast's hands. 25) Title for an Arab leader. 26) Unspoken romantic attraction. 30) United ____ Emirates. 32) Steps on a ladder. 34) Walgreens rival. 35) 2013 movie filmed in Ctown. 39) Fluid holder by a hospital bed. 41) Pot roast-er?
 - TurboTax, say. 51) Sport with stunt bikes, for short. 1) Witch's ride. 53) Smallish horse. 55) Actor James of "The Godfather". 4) Ailment suffered by FDR. 56) Jerry's friend on "Seinfeld". 59) College housing. 63) Producer of inflation. 66) Daddy. 77) Noggin.
 - 78) First name that anagrams to "I CARE". 19) Happening on Nov. 4th.
- 43) Capital city along which the Nile runs.
- 57) Like many draft beers at Milltown. 6) Japanese writing using 65) Loud sound of thunder. 70) Dinghies and other such thingies. 12) D.C. newspaper. 72) 2012 movie filmed at HomeGrown. 14) Small crack. 74) Emanations from Ctown trash cans. 16) Jerry's friend on "Seinfeld".
- 79) Specialized terminology.
- 80) Preppy shirts.
- 81) Fudd who bugged Bugs Bunny. 23) Exercises that work on the biceps.

45) It can be found in the spring. 82) Dog's uncontrollable need to run around in circles. 83) Feeling after skipping a social event, for short.

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- 2) Actor Keaton.
- 5) Wacky.
- - Chinese characters.
 - 8) Casual cloth.
 - 9) Male friend in Spanish. 10) Martial arts schools.
- 76) It's found 93 million miles from the sun. 17) 2016 Vince Vaughn movie
 - filmed in Ctown.

 - 21) Baseball players who bat
 - but don't field: Abbr.

24) How clocks move on Daylight Savings Time.

- 25) Battle reminder.
- 27) Opposition to developments in
- one's area, colloquially.
- 28) Wolverine and Cyclops, in the Marvel universe.
- 29) Baggins in "The Hobbit".
- 30) Over top.
- 31) McDonalds rival.
- 33) Cylinder for thread.
- 34) Unit for a diamond ring.
- 36) Risky.
- 37) A new one often
- complex object in the universe".
- 42) Briefly visit dreamland.
- 47) Common Carroll St. conundrum.
- 48) U.S. metropolis with neighborhoods like South
- Beach and Little Havana.

- 51) Aircraft over a sports stadium. 52) Meat on a stick. 54) "Star Wars" Jedi who mentored Luke. 55) Happening on Oct. 28th. 58) Greasy hairstyling product. 60) Underneath. 61) Spinning part of a turbine. 62) What the U.S. and U.K. have in common? 64) Budweiser is this type of beer. 68) Home to Arches National Park. 69) Images on Rorschach tests. 70) Very old-school actor __Keaton.
- 75) Big name in candy cups.
- 67) "Famous" cookie maker. 71) Steer clear of. 73) Short social media videos.
- accompanies a promotion. 38) Dark, leafy green. 40) It has been called "the most
- - 44) Cosmic payback.

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CHOMP PREVIEW!

By Lauren Appel

The grueling Summer heat has finally given us a little relief... Our Forward Warrior!! Wiley & Tennelle Street murals are getting their yearly refresh...and Chili cooks are tasting and perfecting their recipes... It can all only mean that Chomp & Stomp (& Romp) is right around the corner!

This year marks our 20th festival!!! I'm happy to rejoin you all for this momentous occasion, this year partnered with the glamorous Nikki Farrah. Look for her detailed run down of what's in store this year, in next month's newspaper.

A few teasers for you now... We've got a day of great times lined up for you all. Our map will look similar to last year's. Chomp will bring yummy chilis, fantastic music, and a diversely talented group of artists ready to meet any shopping needs. To make sure we have another 20 Chomp & Stomps, we're trying to make a few small changes to make our festival a little more environmentally friendly.

Stay tuned to the Socials and next month's newspaper for more details. In the meantime, our chili spoons are now on sale at Little's and Sweet Cheats. They'll be just \$10 cash, \$10.50 card at both locations before the big day, and \$15 the day of. Just a little more incentive to skip the Chomp lines on the day of, and give our neighborhood businesses some love. See you all November 4th!

DON'T MISS CABBAGETOWN'S WORLD FAMOUS CRANL-O-WEEN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th

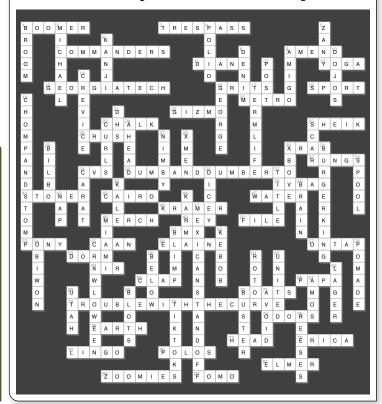
STARTS AT 6P AT AGAVE RESTAURANT WITH STOPS ALL UP & DOWN CARROLL STREET! DJ SOULES AND COSTUME CONTEST AT MILLTOWN! FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE PAGE 19

\$10 Billion The Atlanta Beltline: A master's thesis that will create \$10 Billion in total projected economic development.

WELL DONE RYAN GRAVEL. WHAT'S NEXT?

According to: beltline.org/the-project/project-funding/

The solution to this month's "Randomosity 21" crossword puzzle.



WHO IS THAT?!!! CAN YOU IDENTIFY ALL THESE CABBAGEHEADS?

Cabbagetown is full of characters, right? We all see (and recognize) each other almost every week. But can you identify these current, former, and honorary Cabbageheads based on photos from years gone by? To submit your guesses (in order), email them to The Cabbagetown Neighbor at: *newsletter@cabbagetown.com* The first person to submit all correct answers in proper order will win one beverage of their choice at Milltown Tavern, courtesy

of The Cabbagetown Neighbor. Once again, no one was able to identify all nine Cabbageheads from last month's edition. Brad Cunard DID verbally guess correctly, but never officially sent in his answers, so **NO BEER FOR YOU BRAD!** Here is last month's solution: 1. Marinangeles Rivera Gutierrez 2. Brandon Sutton 3. Ann Marie DeChant 4. Stephanie Zell 5. Clay R. Miller 6. Emily Chan 7. Nick Carpentieri 8. Jeremy Ray 9. Joe Farr.

