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BLACK PANTHER

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK!

By Celine Bufkin

September MOVIE NIGHT in the PARK is Friday, Sept. 8th! We will be screening Black Panther! Woohoo! Bring all your friends, your chairs, picnic baskets, and libations. This is gonna be a great one.

Perhaps you have been living under a rock since 2018. If so, here's a synopsis: "Marvel Studios' 'Black Panther' follows T'Challa who, after the death of his father, the King of Wakanda, returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation to succeed to the throne and take his rightful place as king."

Starring Chadwick Boseman as T'Challa/Black Panther alongside Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, Martin Freeman, Daniel Kaluuya, Letitia Wright, Winston Duke, Sterling K. Brown, Angela Bassett, Forest Whitaker, and Andy Serkis.

All the cool kids will be there. Movie starts at dusk or when it is dark enough to see the screen. See y'all in the Park!

Wakanda forever!!

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CNIA President's Letter



**MARINANGELES
GUTIERREZ
RIVERA**

Leaves are fallin', pumpkins are callin', and we'll be rockin' and rollin' at the New Neighbor party.

CNIA Monthly Meetings: This month we are meeting on WEDNESDAY, 9/13! We'll be back at the Community Center and hope you'll join us for food, drinks, and community.

Invite your friends & GET YOUR TICKETS: Saturday, September 16th. It's a two-for-one day deal! Don't miss it.

1. Tour of Homes: Featuring 13 homes and gardens, plus a history tour by The Patch Works. Get your tickets today! We're lookin' for volunteers, please sign up. If you would like to open your doors, reach out to info@cabbagetown.com

2. Forward Warrior!! Mural Project: There will be an artist market, muralists at work, and so much more. Come out and celebrate the annual painting.

We're always looking for volunteers to make the magic happen - Cabbagetown.com/volunteers for shifts!

Don't Miss All the Happenings!

- 9/2 - End the Exception Mural Celebration @ 97 Estoria
- 9/8 - Movie Night @ the Park
- 9/9 - Reynoldstown Wheelbarrow Festival
- 9/16 - Tour of Homes / Forward Warrior
- 9/21 - Fall Concert Series @ Brookshire Amphitheater
- 9/22 - New Neighbor Party!

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

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Happy fall equinox,
Marinangeles (aka Marina)

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2023 at 7p
Meeting to be held at the Cabbagetown Community Center (177 Estoria Street). Find this month's links & materials at www.Cabbagetown.com/agenda

6:30 Neighbor Meet & Greet with Drinks & Food

7:00 Meeting Begins

I. Welcome!

II. Review & Approval of August Minutes

III. Atlanta Police Department Updates

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

- Dekalb Ave Resurfacing Updates
- Pearl Street Traffic Calming Updates
- City Updates

V. President/Vice President Report: Marinangeles Gutierrez

- Oakland Cemetery Tour
- Invest Atlanta - Owner-Occupied Rehab Program
- 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

VII. Chair Reports:

- Upcoming Ctown Events: Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair
- NPU-N Updates: John Dirga, NPU N Representative
- September Mural Events: John Dirga, Murals Chair
- Historic Preservation & Land Use Updates: Jake Elsas/ Anya Warren , HPLU Chairs
 - 677 Gaskill Proposed Design
 - Special Meeting Results & Update on Amicus Brief by Atlanta Preservation Center
- Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) Updates: Todd Gandee, CI President
 - Membership Drive: Seeking folks to take on President, Parks, and other chair positions.
 - Chomp & Stomp Planning: Lauren Appel, Co-Chair

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business

8:30pm Adjourn

WE HEAR IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, AND YOU LOOK MAAAAAAHVELOUS! Whitney Reed Bolster, Stephanie "Bella Zella" Zell, Jen Bhalla, Adrienne Gilbert, Michael Bodnar, Nikki Vest, Miranda Hawkins, John "Doer of Everything" Dirga, Lacy Cole Ford, Joseph Keenan, Tory Soesbe Maurice "Mo" Vandenburg II, Brian Holloran, Sean Bastarache, Steve Seachrist, Marion Yoder, Kevin Thompson, Brian Brunson, Shannon Donahue, Maranda Donato, Alison Dealy, Terri Jagger Blincoe, Trent Gilbert, Dan Snyder, Karyn Corell, Kelly Reilly, & Lorelei Desmond.

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, 7p. Meeting conducted by Marinangeles Gutierrez Rivera. Minutes by Lucy Perkins.
Location: Cabbagetown Community Center.

7:02p: Meeting Begins

Welcome & Introductions - Marinangeles Gutierrez, CNIA President Atlanta Police Department Updates

Some vehicle crime but it's mostly outside of Ctown. Hoping that will go down as school goes back in session. Burglaries but not residential, mostly restaurants and bars. Large concentration of crimes is mostly in the memorial area – car thefts and car break-ins.

Review and Approval of July Minutes: Approved!

Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) – Lauren Appel, CI Representative

Seeking Volunteers/New Members - passion for parks? Please join! Want to help with Chomp! Join!

Chomp & Stomp: Need volunteers - next meeting tomorrow. On track for artist applications and individual chili applications. If you have an interest in the planning side of things please join.

Park Pride Grant – applying to help fix up the amphitheater. Only outlet is in the mud pit - want to build up the area. The grant would help with flooding and erosion but is mostly capital improvement; just submitted the letter of improvement. Q: How much is it? A: it's a matching grant but we're hoping for \$100,000. It could be higher if we can raise funds. They'll match up to \$150,000.
Q: Water fountains back on? A: We'll work on it!

CI meeting is on Thursday - please come!

City of Atlanta Council Person Liliana Bakhtiari's office: Parker Short

No longer moving forward with Carroll street closure. Going to work on making it safer for pedestrians in some other way.

On August 18th Liliana will be doing Coffee with the Council Member at 1p - come talk. Council unanimously approved Atlanta's FY 24 budget, and within it was able to secure wage increases for the City's Code Enforcement Officers as well as retention bonuses for E-911 operators. Continue city's abortion fund - continue to protect women's right to choose. Heat vulnerability survey has been made public. It will act as a road map for how to alleviate heat in the future. City affordable housing bill is fully funded. Working to end homelessness in the city of Atlanta Q: Old Fourth Ward, south on Boulevard crossing over Edgewood traffic light - right lane must turn right - traffic needs to be addressed. Few people turn right and if they didn't go straight from that lane traffic would worse. A: Reach out to Pat Husbands and DOT through email so he can address that. Q: Will the Carroll Street changes be insular with the city or will the community be involved? Businesses have a lot of great ideas. A: We don't know exactly what the process will look like. It's gone back to DOT but we will try to get community engagement. Comment: Would like to have feedback from the businesses. They did not feel engaged before. A: Will talk to staff and make a robust effort to include y'all. Q: Are other neighborhoods trying street closures? A: Not sure, but you can look up all of DOT's projects on their website.

Vice-President Report - Marinangeles Gutierrez

Atlanta's Streets Alive is back - looking for once a month volunteers.

Go to the DOT website for more information. Beltline is having a lot of meetings. Thursday they will have a meeting to finalize the last section by Bill Kennedy that will take you all the way to the West Side. Reynoldstown Farmers Market on Sundays. If you can make it it's 1-4p.

Carroll Street One-Week Closure: over the last month and a half we've had a lot of meetings and input and a working group section with the businesses. There was a lot of discussion and information collected. There were a lot of specific questions about deliveries, sanitation, what happens next, will this solve the safety on the street? Marina collected the questions and presented them to the City Council office and they were unable to give responses. They realized more planning was required. Feedback asked for more intentionality but agreed that Carroll Street does not work as it is. We would like to be included with the city's discussion. Q: Can we still submit ideas? A: We haven't heard a final from them but they're going to consider and go back to the drawing board. Marina is willing to have these conversations with the community and invest the time. Q: Can we establish a deadline with the city to hear back? A: The next meeting we're trying to get them to come in-person. We may have to move the meeting to a Wednesday so they can come. (Tentatively September 13th)

NPU-N. NPU U - At NPUatlanta.org you can take courses and learn about Atlanta specific things like the Atlanta city design course. Full course listings on the website. Voted on liquor licenses - all were approved. Approved requests for festivals - Candler park festival, Little 5 Magic Carnival Festival, Spring festival on Ponce. Ponce is not engaging with their neighborhood and not cleaning up so we voted to not approve that festival. Forward Warrior!! and Chomp and Stomp approved. Looking for folks to support CNIA. Need president and vice president. Comms person with social media and calendar. Transportation committee needs someone. Meeting first Thursday of the month - very interesting stuff! Money to move around! There will be traffic calming in the 'hood and pothole filling. Working on bike lanes. Q: Do they have to live in the 'hood to join a committee? A: We will check the bylaws.

Financial Report - Jack Cunningham, Treasurer. No events to report Kaftans and Cocktails payments went through - it was very successful! Karen Kane is owed a reimbursement for last month's movie. Tour of Homes - payment link is live. We have slightly raised the price - purchase in advance to save money. Miss Bertha - community support. We've received the funds and are ready to write the check to the landscaper to help her. We received annual renewal for insurance - we approved the three year contract locking in our price. It will help keep our events going. CNIAreasurer@gmail.com for any questions

Committee Reports - Historic Preservation and Land Use

Committee - Jacob Elsas/Any Warren, Co-Chairs. Check the website for info on HPLU. Issues that could affect us in the future: September 2023 the Huxley Yard is installing an antenna. There will be a 70ft tall rail communication tower antenna on the other side of Blvd. The first one, (165ft tall) got stricken down by Atlanta Historic Preservation. Concerned that this tower will be a gateway to taller, worsen towers. Next steps? *Continued on page 13*

THE LIGHTS GO OUT ON THE INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULB

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Thomas Edison patented the incandescent light bulb waaaay back in the late 1800s. It only took technology 130 years to render that invention obsolete. With little notice, shoppers in the United States are no longer able to purchase most incandescent bulbs. Taking their place are LED (light emitting diodes) lights, which – love them or hate them – have already transformed America’s energy landscape.

They’ve driven down electricity demand in American homes, saving people money. LEDs have also helped lower the nation’s emissions of greenhouse gases, which warm the planet and are a major cause of climate change.

“Going from an incandescent to an LED is like replacing a car that gets 25mpg with another one that gets 130mpg,” said Lucas Davis, an energy economist at the University of California, Berkeley.

The cost savings will come as a boost particularly to lower-income households, which spend a larger proportion of their income on utilities. According to the Energy Department, over the next three decades, LEDs will cut carbon dioxide emissions by 222 million metric tons. LED light bulbs last up to 50 times longer than their incandescent counterparts. All this progress took over a decade of legislative work. Next up is compact fluorescent lights.



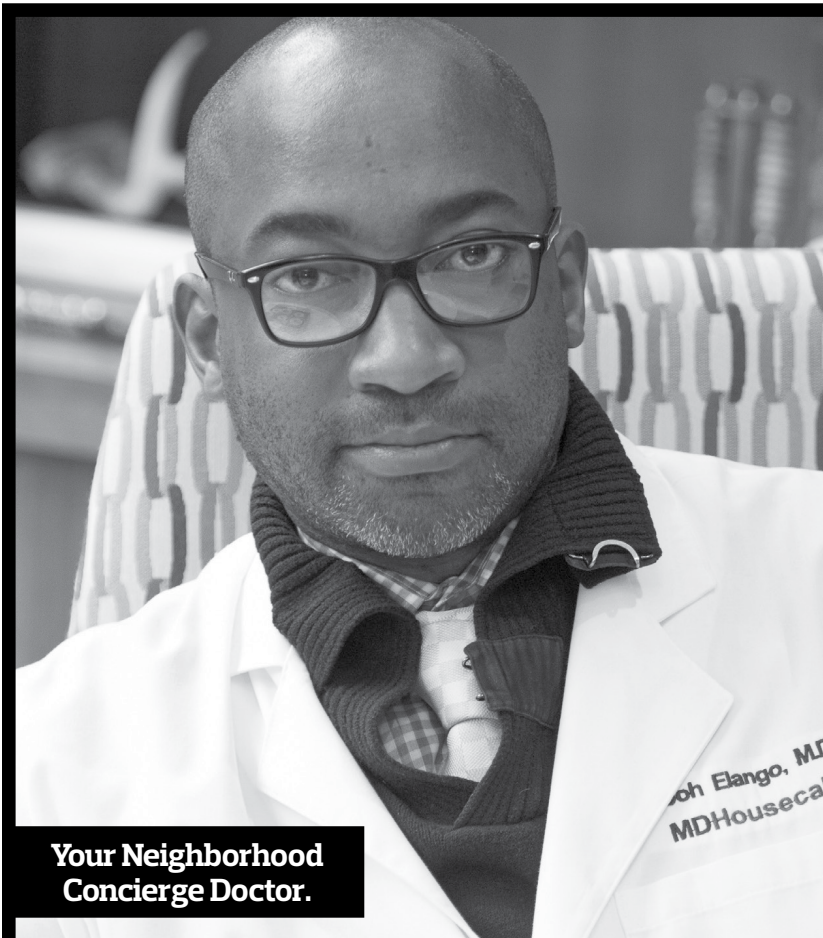
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C'town Chows: *Reynoldstown Chows?*



**STACY
and JAKE**

Cabbagetown's sister, Reynoldstown, has seen quite a few new restaurant openings this summer, so let's take a look at what they've got cooking up just a few blocks away.

Over on Wylie Street where the former Stein Steel building resided, you'll find **Breaker Breaker** – the new trucker-beachside-style establishment. From the owners of beloved burger joint **Grindhouse House Killer Burgers**, Breaker Breaker offers something unique and nostalgic to the neighborhood. From a quaint diner look-and-feel interior to a welcoming outdoor patio that stretches down the beltline, this spot is perfect for a Friday night catch up with pals, a casual weekday lunch or just chatting over some drinks.



At Breaker Breaker. Photo by Stacy.

As we placed our order at the walk-up counter and waited for our food, we ordered some drinks around back at the bar. It was a humid 90-something degree Friday evening, so we really needed something cold to take the edge off. We ordered the **Mucho Nada** (White Claw mango vodka, mango puree, chamoy + tajin rim) and **Vaya**

con Dios (tanteo habanero tequila, passion fruit liqueur + lime juice). Both were super very tasty and surely hit the spot.

As for bites, we wanted to explore what the menu had to offer. For starters, we ordered **Dockside Poutine** (fries, cajun gravy, crab + cheese curds), **Cabbage and Crispy Rice Salad** (carrot, avocado, orange, mint, cilantro, basil, toasted pumpkin seeds + vinaigrette) and **Fried "Calamari"** (hearts of palm, enoki mushroom, onion, jalapeno, sweet chili sauce). The gravy on the poutine was perfectly seasoned, the crab was aplenty and the fries themselves were delectable and curved in shape – making them the perfect vehicle to scoop up all that goodness. The salad offered the ideal balance in flavor to the savory poutine as it was citrusy, herbaceous and refreshing. The vegetarian play on calamari was surprisingly just as satisfying as the real thing – love when that happens!

As for the main dish, we split up the **Shrimp Po-Boy** (shredded lettuce, tomato, pickles, tartar sauce, cocktail sauce). Usually, if we get a similar dish anywhere else in Atlanta (or even at the beach for that matter), the shrimp is tiny, the batter isn't flavorful

and the sandwich ends up being disappointing. Well, quite the opposite with this sandwich! The shrimp were quite large, the batter was well-seasoned and didn't fall off the shrimp, and the accouterments perfectly complemented each bite.

Needless to say, we were really impressed by this new joint and expect to see it packed out the rest of the summer and into the fall when the much-needed patio weather comes back. After we stuffed our faces, we wanted to check out another Reynoldstown newbie for a nightcap – **Whoopsies!** And yes, that's the name of this new spot, not us being embarrassed about getting more to drink after we were already full from a big meal.

Whoopsies is a quaint, intimate, cozy cocktail bar. They also serve up more than just cocktails with their elevated cafeteria-style plates – which we're looking forward to trying another time. I ordered a glass of Pinot Noir and Jake ordered the nightly special cocktail – but he can't remember what it was (sigh), although he does remember it being electric blue in color and quite boozy (enough said!). To top off the evening, we ordered a pecan pie with loads of homemade whipped cream, which was to die for.

Reynoldstown is surely churning out some cool new spots over there, and lucky for us Cabbageheads, we're just a hop and a skip away.

As always, feel free to give us any recommendations at stacy.spector22@gmail.com.

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And don't forget "arts and crafts"! Sorry, we didn't have enough room to fit "arts and crafts" into the headline without reducing the typeface size. But we hope you buy so many arts and crafts, you need a wheelbarrow to carry them home. *The Wheelbarrow Festival* has been around since 1996, and it's so much more than a festival. It is a celebration of community. It is a coming together of neighbors. It is an honoring of that special something that is essentially Rtown.

The Reynoldstown Wheelbarrow Festival will take place on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 from 11:30a - 7p at Lang-Carson Park – in the heart of Reynoldstown.

The 'hood will come alive with live jazz and blues music, food and drink, Atlanta's only .5k race (about 547 yards), a kids zone, cornhole and pickleball tournaments, Rtown merchandise, and much more!

Schedule of Events

- 9a: Pickleball Tourney Finals
- 1-6:45p: Arts + Crafts Market
- Noon-7p: Live Music
- 2-2:30p: .5k Race
- 2-5p: DEAL Impact
- 2:30-4:30p: Kids Zone
- 1-5p: Cornhole Tournament

Wheelbarrow Festival: Saturday, Sept. 9th, 2023 from 11:30a - 7p



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VIOLET REBEL, THE UNIVERSE IS LISTENING TO YOU.

By Kyle F. Bidlack

One of our most wonderful and thoughtful Cabbageheads is Violet Rebel Von Hanna. Violet – along with her mom – recently spoke passionately before the Atlanta City Council at City Hall, in defense of the Weelaunee Forest in southeast Atlanta.

Violet dreams of playing in the trees, cuddling with squirrels, and flying with birds. And she advocates for the preservation of forests. Now it seems the universe is more in tune with Violet.

Tiny Forests or Miyawaki Forests, are small scale densely planted native urban forests. These forests have been successfully grown on private properties in Japan and elsewhere for more than forty years. The rest of the world is catching on. Tiny forests have been planted across Europe, in Africa, throughout Asia and in South America, Russia, India, and the Middle East. And now, the United States is finally coming around... thanks in part to souls like Violet.

Tiny Forests can grow as quickly as ten times the speed of conventional tree plantations, enabling them to support more birds, animals, and insects, and they sequester more carbon, while requiring no weeding or watering after the first three years. They help lower temperatures in places where pavement, buildings, and concrete surfaces absorb and retain heat from the sun.

Keep doing what you're doing Violet Rebel. The universe is listening.

Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

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| 1 ELVIS PRESLEY
HEARTBREAK HOTEL | 9 THREE DOG NIGHT
MOMMA TOLD ME |
| 2 PINK FLOYD
WISH YOU WERE HERE | 10 THE GUESS WHO
NO TIME |
| 3 ALICE IN CHAINS
WOULD? | 11 ELVIS PRESLEY
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| 6 PIXIES
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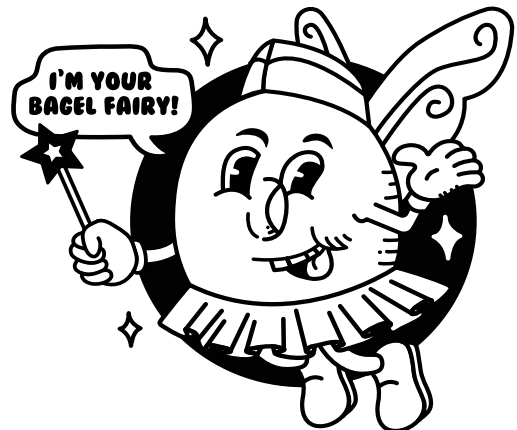


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ARTY SCHRONCE

Word lovers and bird lovers are aware of the charm of goldfinches. Bird lovers know how beautiful these small, yellow birds are. They may be amused at the acrobatics of them perching daintily on the heads of spiny thistles or hanging topsy-turvy feasting on the seeds of sunflowers. Word lovers know that a group of goldfinches isn't simply called a flock; it is called a "charm." There is no magic to attracting these charming birds to your garden, however. They readily come to feeders or to plants offering tasty seeds.

The goldfinch found here is properly called the American goldfinch, to distinguish from other species of goldfinches. The male American goldfinch is bright yellow with a small, black cap. Its wings and tail are black and white. The female is a duller olive yellow and lacks the black cap. In winter the male resembles the female. The birds have a distinctive warbling call that sounds like they are joyously chattering to one another and an undulating flight pattern that may make you think they are simply flying for fun rather than to get from one place to the next.

If you have a bird feeder, you may already know how fond goldfinches are of thistle and sunflower seed, but you don't have to put up a feeder to attract these beauties; you can plant things for them to eat.

Annual sunflowers are a favorite. Choose the small-headed types instead of the ones with the mammoth heads. The small seeds are easier for the goldfinches to eat and the numerous flowers of the small-headed types make them more attractive. Sunflowers are easy to grow and need to be sown in the spring.

Mexican sunflowers (tithonia), cosmos, zinnias and marigolds are on the goldfinch's menu and are also sown in the spring. The sulfur cosmos with its gold and orange flowers has naturalized in parts of Cabbagetown and re-seeds itself every year. Be less stringent about removing the spent blossoms of all these annuals in late summer so there will be plenty of seed for the goldfinches to eat.

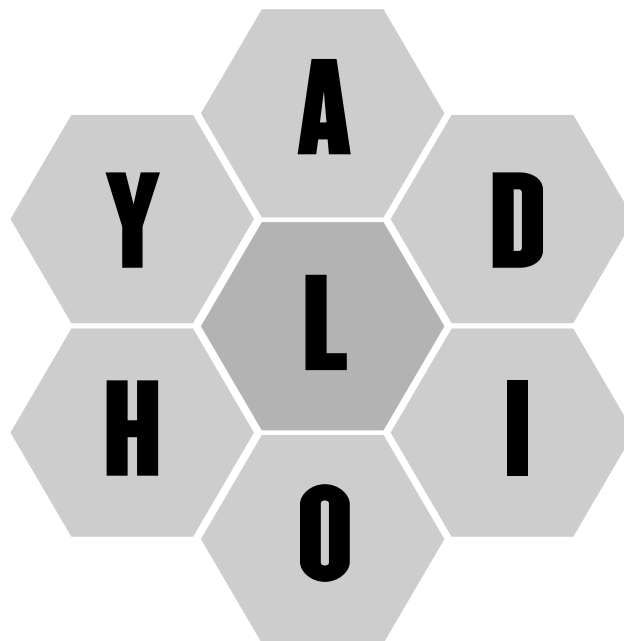
Purple coneflowers and coreopsis are two native perennials whose seed goldfinches feed on, especially the purple coneflower. These can be planted in the fall or in the spring. The regular Eastern purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) is preferable to the newer hybrids of various colors.

If you need an excuse to leave dandelions in your lawn, look no further. The seeds of dandelion are another goldfinch favorite. Our native red maple, tulip poplar, elms, river birch and sweet gum are a few of the trees goldfinches use as food sources. While these may be too big for some of our gardens we can encourage others to plant or preserve them instead of planting exotic trees.

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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 "panagram," which uses every letter at least once. *How many pangrams can you find?*



- 1 15
- 2 16
- 3 17
- 4 18
- 5 19
- 6 20
- 7 21
- 8 22
- 9 23
- 10 24
- 11 25
- 12 26
- 13 27
- 14 28

Last month's Panagram solution: Baptize

THRIVING THROUGH THRIFTING



KATIE MARQUELING

In a world that's fixated on all things shiny and brand-new, I set out on a personal mission at the beginning of this year. My goal was simple: avoid buying anything that wasn't second-hand.

Thanks to the digital age, my quest kicked off on platforms like *Nextdoor*. What started as an online neighborhood message board led me to a plethora of sustainable discoveries.

I snagged vibrant, green plants from my Ctown neighbors, postcards from Iman Park

that I repurposed into heartfelt thank-you notes, and even stumbled upon free knitting supplies. The possibilities seemed endless.

Then came Craigslist – the mother lode of local treasures. I was on the hunt for filing cabinets, and boy, did I strike gold. Not only did I find them at a fraction of their new price, but the friendly neighbor I bought them from also had a footstool that I'd been eyeing for a while.

Oh, and if you live at The Stacks, let's not forget those mailbox areas. I'm convinced they've got a touch of magic. They somehow always have just what I need. Running late for a conference and needed a folder? Boom, there were about 50. Trying out yoga and fed up with sliding around? Bam, a yoga mat was waiting for me. Mentioned to my partner that we seriously needed a bed frame? Guess what? One appeared out of nowhere, just missing a few bolts that we already had lying around. My all-time favorite? On a super bad day at work, someone left boxes of candy in the mail area. Talk about a mood booster!

Now, let's talk about the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity ReStore. This hidden gem just around the corner became my haven. Here, I not only discovered a side table that seamlessly blended with my home's style, but I also contributed to a worthy cause.

All those thrift stores scattered across Atlanta? They transformed into my style sanctuaries (okay, you got me, I'm not exactly fashionable). Amidst the clothing racks, I stumbled upon pieces from my favorite brands – a win-win for both my wardrobe and the planet. And let's not forget, it wasn't just shopping; these outings turned into enjoyable hangouts with my friends.

As an avid reader, one of my major concerns on this journey was having enough books. But the magic of Cabbagetown always comes through. Through the little libraries around the neighborhood and the book exchange spots at *The Stacks*, I managed not only to keep up with my reading pace but also to delve into new releases from my favorite authors. Borrowing books and swapping stories kept my adventure vibrant. It's clear now that sustainable living is about more than possessions; it's about the experiences we share.

As I continue to embrace the world of second-hand treasures, I'm feeling more empowered than ever. What used to feel like

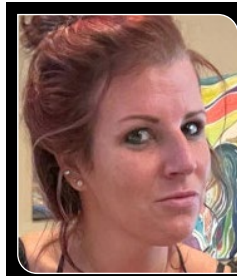
a daunting challenge has evolved into a journey of growth and exciting discoveries. Each reclaimed item and every unexpected find reinforce the potential for creating positive change.

And here's the exciting challenge – I invite you to be a part of it too. Let's explore the realm of second-hand gems together. Uncovering hidden treasures and breathing new life into old items offers a world of possibilities for those willing to step away from the traditional consumer path.

With the consumer-heavy holidays approaching at the year's end, I propose a unique challenge: join me in committing to consuming only second-hand items until the year concludes.

Let's make this holiday season one that's not just about giving and receiving, but also about reducing our impact on the environment and embracing the thrill of thrifted discoveries. As I continue along this less-traveled road, I eagerly anticipate uncovering that path with you. *Together, we can make a difference while making memories that last a lifetime.*

Art is Freedom



SARAH CORLEY

"When you look at a work of art, what do you see? Look deeper and it will set you free."

Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted nothing more than to escape the world around me. I struggled to get past the pain and suffering, to process the anger. An extremely sensitive soul in a too harsh world. I sought solace in every means possible yet none of it brought me peace. Art became my escape. I could create worlds around me that met my

expectations. I could turn my dreams into reality, and I could speak the words I was unable to articulate by using color. I learned that it filled my soul, watching others connect with those creations. There was never much consistency in my life, some due to circumstance and some due to my own actions. The one constant was always art.

Art has been the key to freedom in every facet of life. At some point, it shifted from a means of survival to a way of life. It bestowed the ability upon me to process what I felt. To acknowledge my experiences. To process each step in the journey at a level that I never thought possible. It gave me the ability to create beauty out of the ashes and find freedom even behind the walls. Every phase of my life has circled back to a work of art that broke a chain of bondage in my life. What would the world be without art, but a prison with no door? *For this artist, art is freedom; for without freedom, there is no art.*

[Sarah painted a mural on 97 Estoria as part of the "End the Exception" project. [Visit cabbagetown.com/ete](http://cabbagetown.com/ete) to learn more about her art]

\$3000 Worth of Lumber \$10 Million Worth of Neighborly Love

By Kyle F. Bidlack

In the middle of an August heatwave, a good bunch of Cabbageheads got together to rebuild Miss Bertha Wise, Jr's porch, all under the thoughtful and caring leadership of Councilmember Liliana Bahktiari and CNIA VP Marinangeles Gutiérrez Rivera.

If you know Miss Bertha, you know she can be a wee bit shy. She's probably not going to like us too much for writing this article, but we all love her for so many reasons. Among other things, she takes care of her elderly mother, and needed just a little help making the porch safe for when her mom visits Cabbagetown.

Perhaps The Good Reverend David DeChant said it best; *"I would go to war for Bertha, so building a deck was like getting off easy. I am always rewarded to participate in her palace. I've now been on her roof and in the crawl space."*

Soules Landscapes was the contractor, and the builders included *Hudson Soules, Garrett Wheeler, Craig O'Day, and David DeChant.* Bertha supplied cold water and Coca Colas throughout. Once the porch was rebuilt, everyone celebrated with a Miller Lite.



Rev. David DeChant and Miss Bertha Wise Jr. Photo courtesy of Dirga.

There were rumors of the whiffs of Bob Marley's ghost present but those have not been confirmed. Bertha hid a time capsule in the porch with mementos for the next builder to find in thirty-five years.

The build presented a few challenges. Parking on the Upper Berean is almost always sparse, so the entire team hopped into one truck and rode over like real laborers in the back.

Not only that, but random folks stopped by and questioned whether or not proper permissions had been granted. Rev. Dave explained *"we were only repairing the existing deck and also that people should mind their own business when it comes to Bertha, me, or John Dirga. Is there no tenure here? People don't realize how grateful we should be for John Dirga's involvement. Y'all would still be watching Betamax tapes if it weren't for his devoted involvement keeping us current and orderly."*

Take a good look at David's smile and Bertha's joy. YOU can create moments like this too. Perhaps you have a neighbor who could benefit from a little love. You could take a page out of the Book of John and David. The love you take is equal to the love you make.

Providing generous support, were these loving community members: Jack Cunningham, Brittany Barnes, Nic Cappon, Lady Katherine Dirga, Caela Gray, Amber Hartsfield, Makenna Holme, Bill Johnson, Nancy Lehrer, Edward Lindahl, Kyle Rosenblum, Naomi Siodmok, Peyton Stinson, and Kyle F. Bidlack.

You probably don't need more proof of how awesome our neighborhood is, but consider this sentiment from John Dirga; *"Once you find a place to call home, you should be able to stay there."* Right on John! *And we're glad you're here Miss Bertha.*

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CNIA: Meeting Minutes

Continued from page four. Organizations might be able to protest. They don't accept a lot of public input. Sending a letter (a nice letter) asking them to not use the tower for anything else. Letter from GDOT received on August 4th - street diet for Memorial Drive to ease traffic. Adding one block pedestrian crossing midway through the street; adding Right In, Right Out; One Restricted Crossing U Turn. We can write a letter within 30 days to ask how it's going to affect traffic in our 'hood and how can we be invited to give input. Motion to write a letter - seconded. Supporting the APC (Atlanta Preservation Center) Inman Park lawsuit against the City. There is some leadership that might be shifting towards more modern development and historic is sliding to the back burner. We're concerned about what could happen to areas around us. Lawsuit entails - increase in building heights in inman park and decrease in setbacks. Atlanta Urban Design Commission was supposed to be 11 people who have different roles. Right now there's 9 but they don't have artists or historic preservationists. Lawsuit is suing the specific project where the zoning got changed. Would we like to motion to write a letter of support for the APC - supporting Inman Park in their legal suit against the city to preserve their legal ordinances vs changing the zones. APC is hoping to have support from 'hoods stating that historic preservation comes first. Once the APC sends a final draft we will decide at the next meeting whether to support it.

Upcoming Events - Amanda Bisgaard, Hosp. Chair, Marina representing

True Stories - next movie night. August 24th Bingo night - lots of fun
 Tour of Homes 2023 September 16th- We have 13 homes signed up. Tickets are \$15 dollars ahead of time \$20 day of. Two guided tours at 12p and 2p of the Mill. Seeking Homes & Volunteers. Get your tickets! September 22nd New neighbor party - alley off of Marcus near Pearl

Forward Warrior Update - John Dirga. VIP Chill Tent access if you go on the Tour of Homes. New Sponsors! Artist Appreciation Party September 27th that volunteers are welcome to come.

Impact to Cabbagetown: Impact is expanding - GBG Events will have vendors from Powell to Estoria (50-60 vendors). There will be no parking between Wylie and Kirkwood. No parking on Estoria, Tye, and Powell. We will go door to door on those streets. Maps are on the website. Vendors and artists will have a parking pass with their phone number if you need them to move their car. Beltline East Trail will be open but no moving vehicles. Road will be blocked from Estoria to Powell from 10a to 7p. Q: Could we get signage on Estoria between Mollie and Gaskill? We will work on it. There will be four policemen that can help with safety. Foodtrucks at 97 Estoria. KidZone in the church parking lot. Mini Krog with water based spray paint. \$5 for adults, free for kids. Mommy's Margarita Oasis will also be added. Popcorn machine will be in the chill zone - volunteer! Tent at August 20th August 17-19th - on the 17th there will be a Paint and Sip at community center: \$25 and you get to keep the canvas fundraiser for Stacks Squares. On the 18th the Stack Squares Meet the Artist Party at 97 Estoria. There will be drink specials. On the 19th ten new murals on Carroll & Tennelle. It rotates 3 times a year. Cabbagetown.com/squares

New Business: Dog was lost but dog was found!

Please ignore any flyers in your mailbox.

Motion to adjourn - seconded. Adjourned! 8:40p

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JOHN DIRGA

Get ready! Forward Warrior!! Mural Project returns on September 16th. Now that's an odd choice of words: "returns", right? It's always there. Free and open.

For those of us lucky enough to travel Wylie Street daily, it's a constant pleasure and neverending delight. Don't take that for granted, y'all. It's pretty fantastic to live amidst such incredible creativity. We're surrounded by good vibes, and our streets overflow with beautiful, positive energy.

HELP US CELEBRATE!

This year, we've invited our pals *CC & Mike from GVG Events* to spice things up with over 50 vendors in the *Maker's Market and Vintage Bazaar*. The expanded flea will stretch from Krog to Powell, with unique shopping opportunities all day long. It's a pedestrian-oriented fever dream! Zero cars, 100% fun. Remember, no public parking, and no street parking period between Wylie & Kirkwood on Powell, Tye, or Estoria. Visit the website for the festival map and transit instructions for visitors.

Once a year we welcome a big talented group of artists to **decorate, represent, amplify, and amaze**. Let's show 'em a little hometown hospitality. Generous, kind-hearted folks are needed to keep the talent hydrated, serve cold drinks in the Chill Zone, and welcome families to the Mini-Krog Kids Zone!

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Volunteers receive a fancy t-shirt, drink tickets, eternal joy, and an exclusive invitation to the Artist Appreciation Party later this month (invite-only VIP reception upstairs at *Breaker Breaker!*). Too busy to help? Please consider a tax deductible donation to the Cabbagetown Initiative 501c3 for maintaining & improving public spaces, including our awesome parks! We'd love to have your support. More information: cabbagetown.com/forwardwarrior

SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks to Stacks Squares Round 12 Guest Curator Cameron Moore @yoyocam with assistant Jamaali Roberts @jamstarx and all the fine artists:

- Nuri Durr @actionhankbeard
- Jaleel Wimbush @oskiadejaleel
- Tommy Bronx @tommybronx
- Eric Nine @eric_nine
- Smeesh @smeesh_bb
- Opin @opincreatedyou
- Dannie Niu @dannie.niu
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NEW TO THE 'HOOD?

We're throwing a Party in Your Honour

*You're Invited! Cabbagetown new neighbors,
we would like to welcome you with a party! Let's get wild!
Wear your wildest animal print attire!*

When: Friday, September 22nd at 7p

Where: At the home of Jennifer and Sunil Vatave,
127 Pearl St, Unit B, you can enter through the alley or front door

What to bring: BYOB

More info: Text Amanda Bisgaard at 931.216.8816
or Karen Russian at 404.422.3515

The Cabbagetown Welcome Roll Call Committee (CRC) is ready to "Roll Call" again with a party to welcome our new neighbors! ***So if you have moved to Cabbagetown in the last year – This party is for YOU! It's a blast so don't miss out!***

Our next welcome party will be at the home of Jennifer and Sunil Vatave at 127 Pearl Street, Unit B on Friday, September 22nd at 7p. The CRC has had some incredible welcome parties so you don't want to miss this one!

To keep the momentum going, we need your help! We would like all existing and new neighbors to come to the party to welcome anyone new in the neighborhood. Having said that, this is gonna be a GOOD OL' FASHION 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, longest running, and most cherished traditions. It's guaranteed to give you memories you will never forget. We promise!

*We will be thrilled to see you on September 22nd
to celebrate the wonderful people of our neighborhood.
Old and new, young and old.
DON'T FORGET: Wear your wildest animal print attire!*



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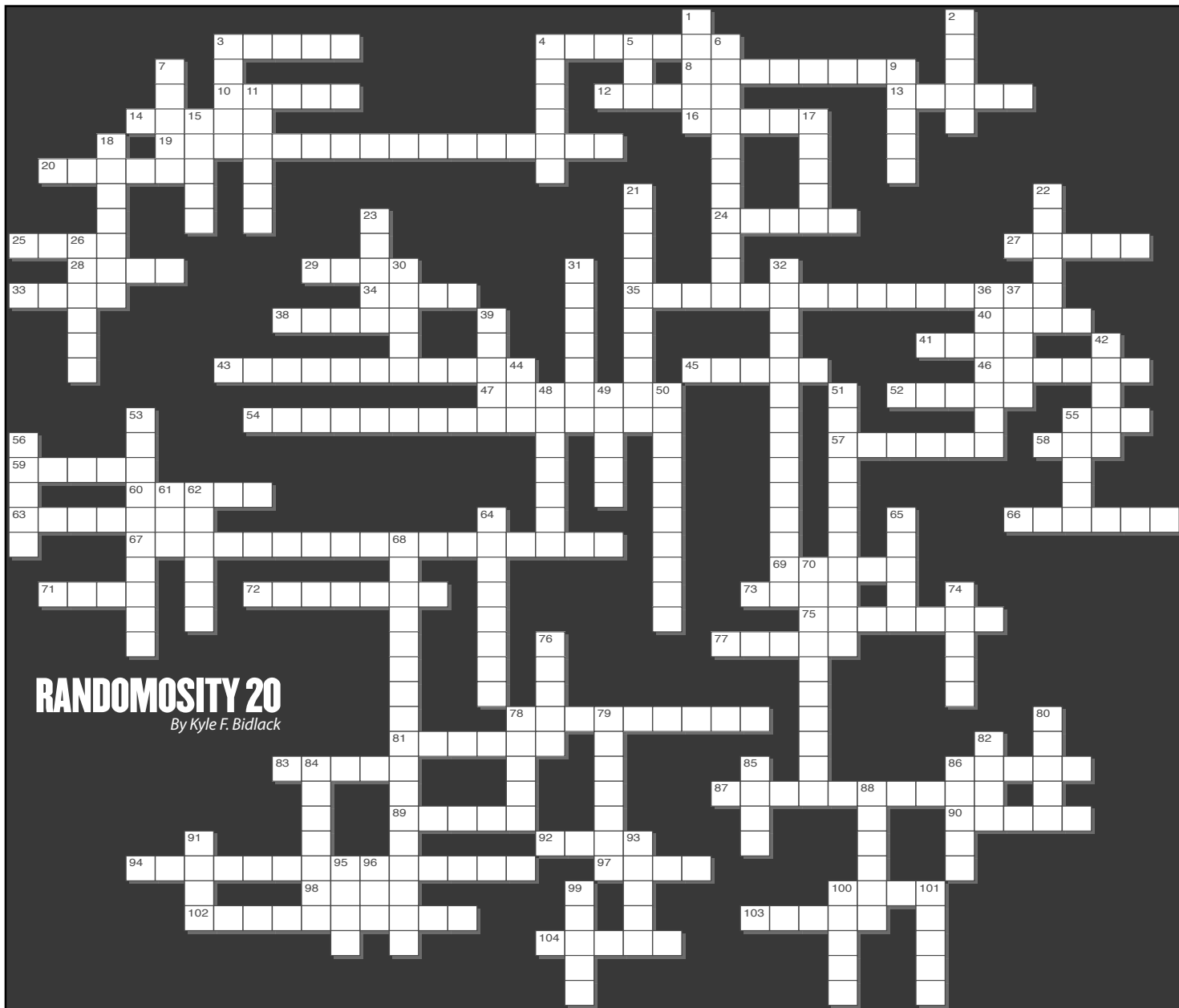
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RANDOMOSITY 20

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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- 3) Came to a close.
- 4) Crosswords, jigsaws, etc.
- 8) Nickname for Taylor Swift fans.
- 10) Summer travel, informally.
- 12) Animal that can weigh 1,800lbs and run 35mph.
- 13) Pop-___ (breakfast brand).
- 14) "Hush!"
- 16) Lets out a sharp cry.
- 19) Where the PGA Tour Championship is played.
- 20) Yiddish for Unkempt guy.
- 24) Run away to marry.
- 25) Computer memory unit.
- 27) Roadside inn.
- 28) Nocturnal birds of prey.
- 29) Musical instrument in Guinness's logo.
- 33) Chief god on Mount Olympus.
- 34) Word associated with golf computers, and snack foods.
- 35) His sold-out "All Hits Tour" hits Milltown on September 10th.
- 38) Shakespeare character in Taylor Swift's "Love Story".
- 40) Many August babies.
- 41) Cotton swab brand.
- 43) Nickname for Ctowners.
- 45) Like the inside of a warm

- chocolate chip cookie.
- 46) 2023 role for Margot Robbie.
- 47) One doing hard manual work.
- 54) Not an out-of-towner.
- 54) The "grateful dead"?
- 55) ___ Jam (record label).
- 57) Pop star Grande.
- 58) Japanese currency.
- 59) What a marathon runner does, but rarely wears?
- 60) Like some cheddar & knives.
- 63) Tool that's used for prying.
- 66) You live on one.
- 67) Atlanta's bagel wizards.
- 69) Crop such as wheat or rice.
- 71) Dominant hand for about 10% of people.
- 72) Asked trivia questions to.
- 73) Letters that move around.
- 75) 4th slot in a baseball lineup.
- 77) Things a boogie boarder rides.
- 78) His 1979 Fox Theater concert was jammin'.
- 81) Prized gold statuettes.
- 83) Personal moving rental.
- 86) Environmentalist Attenborough.
- 87) He was the frontman for Nirvana.
- 89) A topping Taylor & Willow might like on their ice cream.
- 90) Fight against authority.

- 92) Something a musical has that a play doesn't.
- 94) Fills the air during Chomp.
- 97) Taylor Swift, The ___ Tour.
- 98) Official language of Thailand.
- 100) Off-roaders, for short.
- 102) Their only ATL concert was on August 18, 1965
- 103) Shoes that can be decorated with charms known as Jibbitz.
- 104) Rapper LL.

DOWN

- 1) Like eating a melting ice cream cone.
- 2) Each one has a unique stripe pattern.
- 3) Graceland is his former mansion.
- 4) City known for its cheesesteaks
- 5) Where you might find someone who's a real keeper.
- 6) Ctown's favorite bakery.
- 7) Most popular starting guess in Wordle.
- 9) You might suck at it.
- 11) Email action symbolized by a paper clip.
- 15) Painter Picasso.
- 17) Something you might do "like a log".
- 18) Six o'clock TV fare.
- 21) What a traffic sign with a red

- circle and white bar means.
- 22) Sang "Gangsta's Paradise".
- 23) Mass x acceleration, in physics.
- 26) "One bird can't make a pun, but ___!"
- 30) Object that has moved from the wall to your pocket.
- 31) Orange fruit often eaten dried.
- 32) John Dirga's wife.
- 36) Folk tale foe of the 40 Thieves.
- 37) Himalayan country.
- 39) Marine animal whose closest living land relative is the hippo.
- 42) Modern lead-in to "-omics".
- 44) Beaver's construction.
- 48) She rocked ATL on Aug 12th & 14th.
- 49) Actress Witherspoon.
- 50) He invented The Beltline.
- 51) Where Ctown newlyweds might go to honeymoon.
- 53) She got her porch rebuilt this past month.
- 55) Airline with a triangle logo.
- 56) The "S" of NASA.
- 61) Non-kosher meat.
- 62) Soul singer Franklin.
- 64) She tried to buy the Virgin Mary statue at Grant Henry's CHURCH.
- 65) National animal of China.
- 68) They saved the Fulton Cotton Mill from ruin.

- 70) Trump got arrested here.
- 74) Male spouse, informally.
- 76) Coins used in Cologne.
- 78) Rocker Springsteen.
- 79) Powerful greenhouse gas.
- 80) In the upper echelon.
- 82) Word after sugar or candy.
- 84) Make sure to drink enough water.
- 85) Ride the wave.
- 86) Adjective that describes a martini when olive juice is added.
- 88) Moves around the world?
- 91) Family relative with two pronunciations.
- 93) A grate way to cook.
- 95) Former ruler of Iran.
- 96) 1600 is a perfect score on it.
- 99) ___ and sweet.
- 100) Competitor of Lexus & BMW.
- 101) Shopping binge.

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. No one was able to identify all nine Cabbageheads from last month's edition. Here is the solution:

1. Lady Ashley McCartney
2. Celine Bufkin
3. Chelsea Arkin
4. Jacob Elsas
5. Nikki Farr
6. Ronnie Edwards
7. Kelle Burns
8. James "Slim Chance" Kelly
9. Fiona Cunard

