

Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

"Baseball is like church. Many attend and few understand." - Leo Durocher

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

Agenda

6:45 to 7p: Networking & Snacks

7p: Meeting

1. Welcome & Announcements

- Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison
- Atlanta Police Department

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Committee & Other Reports

- Hospitality
- Historic Preservation & Land Use
- Boulevard Tunnel Initiative
- Neighborhood Watch/Public Safety
- CI Connect

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- Discussion of Cabbagetown Reunion
- Discussion of New Hospitality Ideas

7. Public input

Remember: Starting now, membership forms must be submitted 24 hours prior to the first meeting in which you wish to vote – See www.cabbagetown.com/membership and click on the link entitled "Membership Form".

You may email a scanned copy to bcbrunson.cnia@gmail.com prior to the April deadline and bring your original to the meeting.

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The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street. If you have an item to add to the agenda, please email cniaboard@gmail.com.

A New Sherriff in Town



Pictured above (from left to right): Karin Kane, Bryan Brunson, Lyn Deardorff, John Dirga, Lynne Splinter, Whitney Cheesbro and Jared Serwer

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Cabbagetown has a new slate of Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) leaders. For the past two years, Lyn Deardorff has smartly led us through the challenges and triumphs faced by an in-town neighborhood.

Now she hands the torch to Bryan Brunson, our newly elected President. Bryan brings with him a talented team of new CNIA Officers and Chairpersons (see page two for the complete list).

We are in good hands. Bryan has lived in Cabbagetown for over eight years and has helped us through some very challenging times. He takes over a CNIA that has gained stature during the Deardorff administration: One that is properly structured and organized to lead effectively and get things done.

One of Bryan's main goals of his administration is to increase revenue for Cabbagetown. "My

belief is that we need to throw a spring fundraiser. While Cabbagetown is much better off than we were five years ago financially, we need to do more as costs increase in the coming years relating to the community center." says Bryan.

And while Bryan is immensely talented and committed to Cabbagetown, he and his administration can not do it alone. Bryan will need your help. Attend CNIA meetings, volunteer for initiatives near and dear to your heart, and lend your talents.

Cabbagetown stands on the precipice of an epic chapter in our history. We have evolved into one of the most sought after neighborhoods in all of Atlanta. The coming years will be crucial in continuing that momentum.

And we'll need your help.

**Puppy
Love
See Pg. 11**

Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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CRSP Dine-out

By Christopher E. Adams

Help support the Cabbagetown-Reynoldstown Security Patrol (CRSP) by dining out at **Harper's Station** Wednesday, April 30th! A portion of sales that night will go to help provide increased coverage this spring and summer.

CRSP March Madness Membership Drive

In less than two years, the Cabbagetown-Reynoldstown Security Patrol has gained the support of two neighborhoods, over 130 households, and 13 businesses. As membership has increased, CRSP has seen substantially fewer crimes and some notable arrests by its officers. But in recent years, some of the most troublesome intown crime has occurred in the summer – When school is out, days are longer, and there are more people on the streets.

You can make C-town and R-town safer this summer by becoming a member, or encouraging a neighbor to join Cabbagetown-Reynoldstown Security Patrol.

Thanks to \$1,400 in additional donations from current members, for every new member that joins between now and April 15th, the matching committee will donate at least \$140 in matching funds.

All funds from new memberships and matching funds will be used to increase coverage this summer. CRSP's goal is to gain 10 new members by April 15th. This would mean about 110 hours of additional coverage this summer - about 9 extra hours per week.

CRSP has the following memberships:

- Household: \$200/year or \$17/month.
- Individual (single-person): \$99 or \$8.25/month
- Condo/Apartment: \$50/year or \$4.50/month
- Business Gold: \$1,200/year or \$100/month
- Business Silver: \$600/year or \$50/month
- Business Bronze: \$300/year or \$25/month

To become a member go to: cabbagetownsecuritypatrol.org

Clean sweep

By Kyle F. Bidlack

In early March, Ashley McCartney put the word out that we needed volunteers to clean out the basement of our Cabbagetown Community Center. We'd like to give a big pat on the back to the following folks who gave up the better part of their Saturday, to make their neighborhood a better place.

Huge thanks to: Gabriela Garcia, Lynne Splinter, Barb Keeney, Ashley McCartney, Russell Hull, Matthew Tester, Bennett Adams, Kennard Garrett, John Wingfield, Chris Correa, Jason Alvarez, Gracie McDonald, Candace Peterson, Brice Dallas, Caleb Peterson, Julie Stephens, Peter Knudsen, Marshall Edwards, Christopher Dupree, Cameron Peterson, Shirley Hughes, Colin Middleton, Taylor Morris Brent Thomason and Virginia Tester. **Special thanks to Sweet Cheats for a tasty breakfast and to Marshall Edwards for the use of his truck.**

GOLF FOOD DRAW COFFEE!

Milltown Mornings Breakfast Update:

You have told us how much you like **Cafe Campesino**. So we are adding a 16oz cup and more accomodating prices.

12oz cup: \$1⁷⁵

16oz cup: \$1⁹⁵

Bottomless cup: \$3⁰⁰

“The Zur Gesundheit Milltown Golf Championship” is Back! 4/26 at Brown Mills! Register with Your Bartender.

New Spring & Summer Menu Will be Here in a Couple of Weeks.

Your Favorites are Returning:

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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center). Minutes Recorded by Whitney Cheesbro.

Meeting called to order at 7:07p

1. Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison for Natalyn Archibong – She is here to take care of lights, potholes, garbage cans, and anything public safety, email her at narchibong@atlanta.gov. Edgewood and J Wesley Dobbs have fenced in the sidewalk during construction creating difficulty walking safely in that area – she will look into it. Neighbor curious about a “do not enter” sign at Powell requested last month; she reported it is in the works. Neighbor suggested a yield to oncoming cars sign for Carroll Street, she will see if that is a possibility. Berean has wrong way traffic from Pickett, would like a do not enter sign there as well.

2. Monica and Katherine – Horticulturalists that are taking over the garden lot at Berean and Pickett. Will raise chickens and have a garden. They plan to clean up and maintain the lot. Neighbor asked how many chickens? Answer: 24. If you have questions email cabbagetowncoop@gmail.com. There will be a variety of chickens and NO roosters.

3. Minutes of last meeting – approved unanimously

4. Treasurers report – Lyn for Karin, the wonderful food is from **97 Estoria**, thanks Luis! After check for printing and receiving ad revenue, \$6,155.15 ending balance in the bank.

5. APD Report – Sgt. Thomas was present to speak with the community. Neighbor asked about suspicious activity he saw in one of the stairwells at BLVD tunnel, is there a number to call? If you see something – call 911.

6. Historic Preservation - Jared Serwer HP – can't make it tonight. Lyn was at the HP meeting and the owner and architect are here to speak to us tonight. HP approved the new roof subject to any additional UDC staff recommendations. Property is a Savannah Street house from 1904, and the owner has lived there since 1997. He will be making an addition to expand the home to a 3/2. House is one story with a steep roof; plan is to build out the attic space. Staff report conditions is clarify the setbacks for other houses and adding a deck on the side and rail shouldn't rise above the fence. Motion to approve subject to conditions – unanimous, HP will write letter of support.

7. Public Safety - Matt and Shirley filling in for Robert – **97 Estoria** won second place for PBR Christmas tree contest and they have generously donated \$250 to CRSP of their winnings! Matt Neighborhood Watch – thanks for the hard work! He is rolling off as the coordinator, so he will help someone else take over.

8. Hospitality – Karen Russian – Spring Roll call is Friday 21st. Party will be at 193 Tye Street, Amanda Bolster's house.

9. CI Connect - Lynne Splinter passed around the treasurer report, they have approximately \$165k in bank. Lynne is heading up the advisory committee to study the feasibility to redevelop this building into a green building. Neighbors gave positive feedback. What is the benefit to us if we don't own the building? City wants to get rid of the building – it isn't unlikely they will sell it at the end of our lease. If you want to be involved, talk to Lynne. It will be an informal email group.

10. BLVD TUNNEL – Ben updated us on the Living Walls plan. The painting will take place in April, and **The Stacks** will allow the party to come through to Carroll Street. Artist is NY based **Momo**. City council has the proposed artist sketches for approval. Part of the mural preparation is the city pressure washing, LW will prime the walls. LW is looking for volunteers for cleanup and asking for local businesses to help out for the street event. All the money raised will go towards security cameras in the Tunnel. See BLVDTUNL.com

11. NPU-N John – Neighborhood planning unit meetings are the third Thursday and open to the public. March 17th is fix a leak week. People over 65 can get a discount on city waste services. Lauren Clayton is our legal contact to speak to about vacant property and code enforcement. Don't forget to register your alarm at crywolf.us/oss/atlantaga. New 12k sq ft project was approved behind Druid Hills Church. It will be 8k sq ft of retail and 4k sq ft of restaurant space. Project important because parking is disappearing for businesses that had an offsite parking lease. They approved Candler Park movie nights and the Spring Festival on Ponce. Traffic calming proposed around Lake and Elizabeth was approved, there will be a public hearing March 18th.

12. Old business – Called current officers up for thanks and voted for new officers. Here are your new CNIA officers: NPU-N – John Dirga, Treasurer – Julie Stephens, Secretary – Kelbi Morris and Christina Bonaccorse will share the spot, Vice President – Jacqueline Edwards, and President – Bryan Brunson.

13. Cabbagetown Strong Event – Great art auction event to support relief efforts in the Philippines (see FB page) – can purchase regular and VIP tickets, also a silent auction at **Milltown Tavern**. Lots of great sponsors and prizes, come support them April 5th.

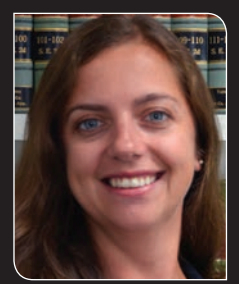
14. New business – none

15. APD - Officer Shaver – You will see him around the neighborhood. He likes to try to get to know the neighbors. Introduced Officer Henry who is just out of the academy and being trained. Car break-ins are down, good job with clean cars! Update of the three persons caught last month breaking into cars at **97 Estoria** – they are doing some time! He is also on CRSP patrol and made an arrest the other week. Call 911 if you see anyone or anything suspicious. Share on the list serve – but make sure you call 911 first!

Adjourned 8:13p

SEABA Update

By Ashley McCartney



**ASHLEY
M^CCARTNEY**

Caramba Café hosted our Business Networking Soiree on March 20th, 2014. What a blast! We met new people, reconnected with familiar folks and got to try the Platinum Margarita, for which Caramba Café was on course to win best margarita from Margarita Madness.

We also got to sample some of the delicious bites offered by Caramba Café. We thank them for their generosity in hosting us. Swing by and try one of those

margaritas - you won't regret it!

Our next event will be a Business Luncheon hosted by *Zoo Atlanta* in the Ford Conference Room on April 17th, 2014 beginning at noon. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Justin E. Giboney, External Affairs Manager/Redevelopment, *Invest Atlanta* (Atlanta Development Authority) has agreed to be our guest speaker. Mr. Giboney will give a 20-30 minute presentation on what's new on the economic development front impacting local businesses.

In like manner, an update on TAD's, Turner Field redevelopment; and share a list of resources, programs and funds available to assist new, small and medium sized businesses. This will be followed by a brief question and answer period of which members of the audience are encouraged to participate. The cost to attend is \$12 and all are welcome. Please RSVP to ashley@mccartneylawfirm.com as space is limited. This is sure to be a great event!

On May 15th, 2014, *Dakota Blue* in Grant Park will be hosting our business networking soiree from 5:30-7:15p. As always, we

**dakota
@blue
a neighborhood joint**

will be provided with some snacks to munch on and we are responsible for our own bar tabs. Bring your business cards! This is where deals get started.

Please check out our SEABA website at www.seabaga.org. If you would like to be on our mailing list or know more about our organization just send an email to ashmccartney@gmail.com and we'll get back to you. We are also on *Facebook*.

SEABA (South East Atlanta Business Association) was created through the merger of the Reynoldstown/Cabbagetown Business Association and the Grant Park Merchants Association in 2006. Our most important goals are to strengthen and grow the business community and enhance the quality of life for all residents. SEABA is a 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation operated by volunteers.

President's letter

By Bryan Brunson, President, CNIA



**BRYAN
BRUNSON**

Hello Cabbagetown! As seems like is often the case, it came down to a few days before officer elections with no volunteer to be President. I had been working closely with Lyn Deardorff on 670 Memorial and had indicated that if nobody stepped up, I would serve.

Quick intro - I grew up in Carrollton, went to Georgia Tech for undergrad and then to Emory. Other than some time in Telluride and Moscow, Atlanta has been my home. I built a house in Cabbagetown back in 2005. After being here 8

years, I can't think of another neighborhood in which I would rather be. It's because of the tight sense of community that we have, along with the diversity of quality people that make this place truly unique (I mean where else can you live where one of your neighbors is a Home Depot officer and another is a nationally recognized skate boarder).

I have been active in the neighborhood on various fronts throughout my years here and am looking forward to helping us all to build on our current momentum. I truly am excited about what we can do. My goals while I am serving the neighborhood are:

One: Move forward on all of our projects such as Neighborhood Watch, Boulevard Wall Project, CSX, etc... Our presidential leadership has been excellent in CNIA for as long as I can remember and CI for the past five years. We need to continue to forge ahead.

Two: Increase the number of events we do through the hospitality committee (which means more volunteers are needed). I have some ideas such as a coordinated night at the Drive-In, challenging Grant Park to some activities in the park or a Friday night (or Sunday afternoon) at Turner Field. Our closeness as a neighborhood is what makes C'town what it is and we could always do more.

Three: Increase revenue for the neighborhood. My belief is that we need to throw a spring fundraiser. While Cabbagetown is much better off financially than we were five years ago, we need to do more as costs increase in the coming years relating to the community center. When I first moved here after Chomp, we were hauling trash in the back of my truck and I said, "we should do a spring fundraiser" to which the reply was, "too much for us to pull off twice a year." I realized then that it was basically CNIA officers who were actually personally moving the trash on a Sunday. I said to myself, "that's probably right!" But, now, with the success and organization that exists with Chomp, we CAN and SHOULD do one.

So initially, the topic of "New Hospitality Ideas" is on the agenda for April's meeting. I strongly encourage anyone who has ideas and wants to participate in organizing to come to the meeting. It is SPRING, so weather permitting, the meeting will be OUTSIDE in the PARK - hope to see you there! BTW, a park is not a courtroom so bring your kids!

I would like to end by saying a big **THANK YOU** to Lyn (and everyone else) for everything they have done the past two years. Your efforts have amazed me. Lyn leaves very big shoes to fill - so looking for some people to step up and get active! - Bryan bcbrunson.cnia@gmail.com



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Letting go

By Bill Phillips, Cabbagehead from *The Stacks*



**BILL
PHILLIPS**

What is a community, anyway?

I'm not a native of this city. I'm a transplant. I came to Atlanta from elsewhere in the southeast to go to school. I ended up staying because I couldn't get out of college, I couldn't manage to graduate yet. I got a couple of awful jobs in town to pay for part time enrollment, and when it was over I just didn't quit that last job. And then I had a job that I did like. So I stayed, long after those college friends had gone.

I'm not a native of this community. I've been kicking around all over Atlanta for years, mostly finding places I don't like. I lived in campus dorm rooms. I lived in a rundown "luxury apartment" complex over by where the big *Wal-Mart* complex is now on Howell Mill. I lived up in Sandy Springs in a similar joint. I moved to Wylie Street in Reynoldstown; to another place over by *Parkgrounds*. I moved into the duplex across from *Little's*. I moved into *The Stacks*.

I'm a bit out of place where I live, too. I've come in late. I'm not a native of my floor in H building, I mean. Some of my neighbors have been here for ages.

Others have been here even longer, of course, longer than *The Stacks* have been here. And we all inhabit the space left by an older community, a community that ours grew up inside and alongside of as it aged away. Not all of it has been let go, but soon enough it will be. And then ours will slowly be let go in the long run, too, in one way or another.

Even to be here, transplants like myself - like most of the folks in our little neighborhood - had to let something else go. I've left some bit of space open for someone else back in Mississippi, and I don't know - maybe somebody will pick it up for me someday. They can have it, too.

And I mean no disrespect by that, because it's not mine anymore. If somebody out there is tired of the neighbors knowing who they are, tired of not having enough space, tired of having to deal with the hell that can be living with other people, if they'd like some peace and quiet and hard-earned solitude, then they should go right on ahead. There is a cozy spot that I have left for them.

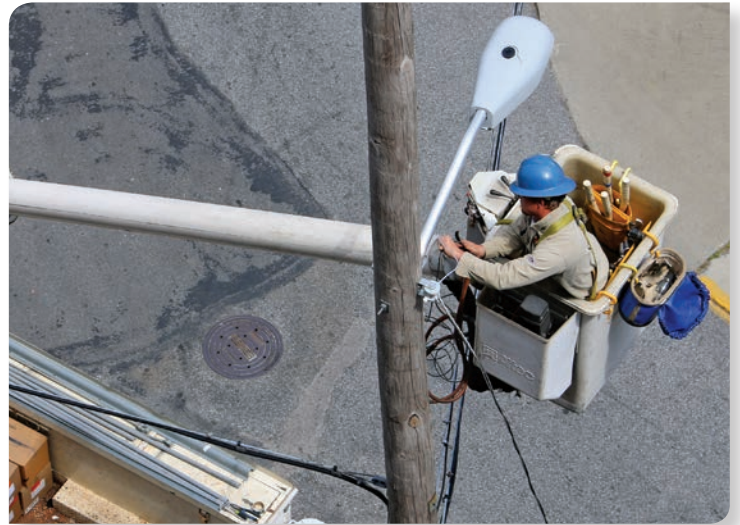
As I write this, it's past midnight. The neighbors are being a little louder than I might prefer. I know who they are, and I do not plan on complaining. That does not necessarily make me a good neighbor, but it does make me this: A neighbor who does not complain. And just think: I could move elsewhere in the city, or even back home, and revert to being nobody at all.

New street lamp

By Kyle F. Bidlack

On Friday, March 28th, a new street lamp was installed at the corner of Carroll and Tennelle Street.

For those that are not from around these parts, that corner can be tricky. It's been the site of a few accidents over the past few years. The new street lamp should help in the overall safety of Cabbagetown, Cabbageheads and those who visit.



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Shine on Laura Boone

By Mikel Dominiack

Odds are you have walked past the tan house with indigo trim and picket fence on the corner of Berean and Pickett, and wondered to yourself who lived there.

When I first arrived in Cabbagetown, that house looked very much like it hadn't seen any love in a very long time but like many homes it was reborn in 2008 after the tornado heavily damaged the structure.

If you have been fortunate to catch the blonde owner in the yard playing with her faithful companion Tallulah you most likely thought "Hmm I don't think I know her."

The person I am "Shining A Light On" this month is self-identified homebody/work-a-holic, Laura Boone. Laura has lived in Cabbagetown since 2001 and is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in Environmental Design/Visual Design.

Originally from High Point, North Carolina, she has called Atlanta home since 1993. In May of 2004, she embarked on a rather risky venture to create a company called **TurnerBoone** that furnishes interior office spaces in unique, creative and exciting ways. They are dealers, distributors and installers of furniture, flooring and modular building products to the commercial interiors industry.

It was a risk to say the least, but with the unprecedented business growth Atlanta was experiencing it wasn't long before TurnerBoone was ranked among the top ten furniture dealerships in the Atlanta metro area. After being in business for ten years her 100% woman owned and operated company is seeking a larger building for the company which currently employs more than fifteen sales associates and design specialists.

Laura has a great business head but also has clairvoyant and clairsentient talents that have lead to a side practice within the psychic community. Having these abilities has opened Laura up to a large number of people seeking advice from the universe.

She often is a reader/speaker at retreats and events and sees private clientele at her reading space in Buckhead. Late last year I was going through a rather difficult time in my life as I had just lost

a very dear friend. My stability had been challenged and I was feeling rather hopeless when Laura suggested that I receive a reading.

Using astrology and tarot, Laura very clearly explained what has going on in the heavens that affected me, connected to her spiritual side through a reading of my cards, gave me insight as to what could happen in my future and how I could work towards making it a reality.

I left extremely excited for the future and so far the reading has been spot on.

Laura has a great zest for life, a wonderful sense of humor and an ability to empathize.

Like a true Cabbagehead, she finds it difficult to think of living anywhere else and enjoys participating in the many events held here.

Due to her very hectic schedule it is often difficult to find her at home but should you see her in the yard I encourage you to introduce yourself.



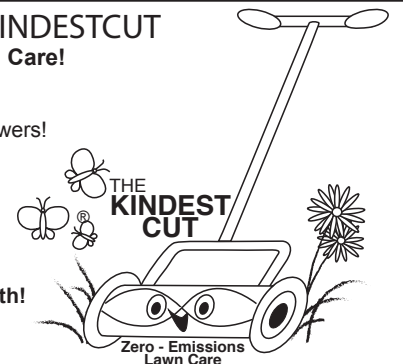
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Restaurant review BTI update

By Brandon Sutton



**BRANDON
SUTTON**

Agave has been a major pillar of Cabbagetown for 14 years, and they continue to serve up delicious Southwestern cuisine and mouthwatering margaritas seven nights a week.

Aside from being a great neighbor that supports our community over and over again, *Agave* actually serves up some of the city's most unique culinary creations. Much of their food is based on flavor profiles from New Mexico, where founder

and Executive Chef, Jack Sobel, was raised. In particular, the Hatch Green Chile plays a starring role in many of their dishes.

14 years after opening, several of the original entrees are still on the menu; a testament to their cult following amongst loyal customers who can't get enough. Starters like the Guajillo Mussels, the Chicken Poblano Soup, Chile & Lime Fish Tacos, Smoked Chicken & Hatch Green Chile Quesadillas, and the Ceviche Martini are favorites.

Dinner entrees like their famous Cayenne Fried Chicken, Chile Seared Jumbo Diver Sea Scallops, New Mexican Rack of Lamb, and Tenderloin Medallions are hard to resist. And on a cold winter night, the Southwestern Burrito & Stew is an excellent combination to fill you up while warming you up at the same time.

Don't forget to finish things off with one of the decadent desserts. Personal favorites include the Belgian Chocolate Mousse and the Spicy Peanut Butter Mousse Pie, but the Banana Dark Chocolate Ganache Cheesecake is pretty darned good, too.

A few things you might not know:

1. *Agave* has a dedicated vegetarian menu! But you have to ask for it. Check out the veggie burrito, enchiladas, or quesadillas as standby options, but be sure you try the Rigatoni Green Chile Vodka Pasta to spice things up a little.
2. The tequila selection is one of the most extensive you'll find, anywhere. If you're unfamiliar with the nuances of tequila, belly up to the bar when Lisa is bartending and let her guide you through the menu. To get the full effect, sip on a good Anejo (tequila that's been aged) as an after-dinner treat.
3. All seafood is brought in fresh daily. There are no freezers (or microwaves) on the property, so you can be sure you're getting the freshest food possible.
4. The Hatch Green Chile & Red Chile found in most of *Agave's* food is shipped in directly from New Mexico each week.
5. A few times a year, *Agave* hosts pre-fixe tequila dinners, which are not to be missed, seriously.
6. Appetizers are 2-for-1 at the bar nightly from 5-7p!

Stop in to see what *Zagat*, *Sunday Paper*, *Creative Loafing*, *Jezebel* and many others have been raving about for over a decade. But be sure to call ahead for a reservation – the word is definitely out!

By Nicole and Ben Braxley

The Boulevard Tunnel Initiative Board is pleased to announce that we are super close to securing enough funding to get a security camera along Dekalb Avenue at the top of those shady stairwells.

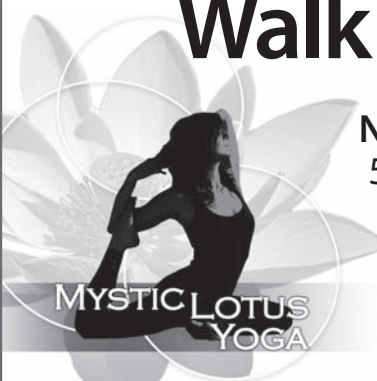
We've been gathering funds from here and there for the \$10,500 camera that will offer 24-hour surveillance over about three-quarters of both stairwells. It is linked directly to the Atlanta Police Department and offers infrared vision at night to compensate for the lack of lighting.

We have just over \$1000 left to fundraise before it can be installed. Feeling gracious? It's an amazing cause to keep our neighborhood safe! Consider donating to our Paypal account- it's tax-deductible!

April is a HUGE month for us. It's time to mural the tunnel with our partner, Living Walls! Please see our ad in this paper for dates and details. Consider volunteering for one or more events. Check out www.blvdtunl.com, LIKE us on Facebook, or email climbingdoctor@gmail.com with comments/questions.

See you in the tunnel!


Editor's note: Tom Aderhold (*Aderhold Properties*) recently made a \$2,000 donation. Cabbagetown Neighbor thanks Tom for his continued commitment to Cabbagetown.



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Crime is down

By Kyle F. Bidlack

At the March CNIA Meeting, Sgt. Thomas, Officer Henry, and Officer Shaver shared news that crime in Cabbagetown was down significantly. We usually see an up-tick during the summer months but we've got a lot of dedicated folks in place that are looking to buck that trend. Want to keep an eye on crime in Cabbagetown? Go here: www.atlantapd.org/Zone6.aspx



From left to right: Officer Henry, Officer Shaver and Public Safety Chairperson Robert Tubbs

Pet registry

By Mikel Dominiack

At one time Cabbagetown had a pet registry but it seems to have fallen to the way side. With all pets that reside here we need something that is fast, user friendly and available 24 hrs.

I have presented CNIA with a proposal that covers all of these items but want to make sure it does what the community needs so please send me any input you may have. I believe I have created a very concise and easy to use website.

The Cabbagetown Pet Registry would have the following:

- Online registration form**
- Searchable databases dog/cat**
- Violet Alert – Email Blast for lost pets**
- Local Resources**
- Pet Classifieds**
- Adoption Center**

The registries are arranged by large, small and mixed breeds for dogs and by color/markings for cats. So if you find a lost animal you simply go to the appropriate registry and begin searching by size/breed.

Each breed has a photo and description of what a typical animal of that breed would look like and the number of registrations of that breed in our registry. When you find the pets registration you will be provided with the owners contact information, a picture of the pet, as well as all the specific information pertaining to that animal.

The "Violet Alert" is like an "Amber Alert" but for pets. If your pet decides to go off on an adventure you go onto the website and click the "Activate Violet Alert" tab and your registration is automatically emailed to every person in our database so that the entire neighborhood can help you locate your best friend. No more calling 20 different people to say Rover ran away again!

Community resources, events and a classified section with pet specific services will also be available on the website. In addition, a local rescue group will be providing a number of adoptable dogs and cats if you are looking to increase your family.

The costs are rather small considering the benefits, the site would cost \$4.99 a month, and there would be a one-time charge for the website itself. A small registration fee would offset the costs of the project.

If you would like more info, to make a comment or suggestion or would like to see the proposed website please contact Mikel Dominiack at Traceman@live.com or at 404.234.6585

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Puppy love: Cabbagetown style

By Kyle F. Bidlack

On an unseasonable cold day this past March, a sweet, ragged, loveable pitbull wandered into **Garden*Hood**. Garden*Hood is that cool place to get plants on Boulevard (Just South of Cabbagetown).

The guy who runs Garden*Hood is a great fella by the name of Butch. Butch befriended the dog, fed him and gave him some water. A customer told Butch he might want to bring the dog in and get him scanned, just in case the owner had a bio-tag inserted into the pup.

Butch, being the nice guy he is, did just that. And wouldn't you know the dog **DID** have a bio-tag. Now here is where the story gets really good... The dog's address was listed as being waaay over on the West side of town. And get this, the dog has been

lost and wandering the streets since June of 2013. The dog's owner must have lost all hope after ten months of searching.

The dog was quickly reunited with his family. Can you imagine how that family must have felt to be whole again? Like Chad "Emer" Reilly said *"That's like thinking your best friend in the world was dead, and then suddenly getting him back!"*

Well said Chad. And well done Butch! Cabbagetown Neighbor thinks we should ALL go to **Garden*Hood** and buy something from Butch. He deserves a little good karma.

GRUMBLES

**THIS WEEK'S EPISODE:
BECOMING A ZEN MASTER...**

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TAKE THIS WITH YOU AND PUT IT ON YOUR TABLE.

... AND FOR SOME REASON I FOUND THOSE INSTRUCTIONS PATRONIZING...

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HEY!!

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DATE NIGHTS WITH MY WIFE...

... AND I REALIZED WHAT AN OLD GEEZER I HAD BECOME...

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GRUMBLES GUY ON TWITTER

SO ALL I ENDED UP SAYING WAS:

THANKS!

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Krog update

By Josh Green, *curbed.com*

Construction activity in Inman Park next to the Beltline is for a new parking deck that will serve future apartments, the Stove Works office complex and **Krog Street Market**, an official confirmed Monday.

Krog Street Market developers Paces Properties are building the deck to absorb an influx of traffic when the much-anticipated project opens, which is now expected to happen in late July, spokeswoman Tara Murphy told Curbed Atlanta.

Paces sold an adjacent three-acre lot where they'd planned to build a Beltline-connected multifamily project. Trammel Crow Residential will now build the 222-unit "Alexan Krog Street" apartments, which will wrap the parking deck and nearly conceal it from view, Murphy said. Until then, the deck will serve office workers, Rathbun's, Krog Bar and will house overflow parking from the 30,000 square-foot marketplace at night.

One selling point, Trammel Crow officials hope, will be the apartment project's hundreds of feet of Beltline frontage. Beltline officials are working with the developer on a suitable link between the projects. Otherwise, Beltline patrons will be able to access the Eastside Trail via ramps at the rebuilt Edgewood Avenue bridge, pending its completion.

A Trammel Crow press release describes Alexan Krog Street as "a mix of one bedroom and two bedroom units with high-end finishes, including: stainless steel appliances, full size side-by-side refrigerators, granite countertops, 42" cabinets, washer/dryers in every unit, and hardwood flooring.

"The on-site amenities look like they'll meet the status quo for Atlanta's new apartment wave — and that means necessities like a dog wash, bike repair shop, large clubhouse and resort-style pool. Some other added perks sound pretty cool: an outdoor rooftop patio, bocce court and ... wait for it ... outdoor hammock garden.

Edgewood Bridge

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Under a sun-drenched Sunday sky, some 3,000 Atlantans gathered on the new Edgewood bridge to celebrate its imminent re-opening on April 1st. The project took exactly one year to complete and is ready to re-connect Cabbagetown with its friends to the North and West. Pictured above is "The Quaildogs"



Hollywood invades The Stacks

Photos and story by Kyle F. Bidlack

Hollywood has established residence at *The Stacks*. The new Vince Vaughn movie titled “*Term Life*” is set to shoot a couple scenes in the old power plant building.

Production crews spent a couple days prepping the set in advance of two days of shooting. Word on the street is the scenes shot at The Stacks will include “simulated gun-play” and propane explosions.

Peter Billingsley (*A Christmas Story*) is directing, Hailee Steinfeld and Jordi Molla are co-starring with Vaughn.

In “*Term Life*,” Vaughn’s character is hunted by a ruthless mob. Vaughn takes out a life insurance policy on himself to benefit his estranged daughter, played by Steinfeld. Molla will portray a ruthless and debonair member of the Mexican cartel who blames Vaughn’s character for the death of his only son (played by William Levy).

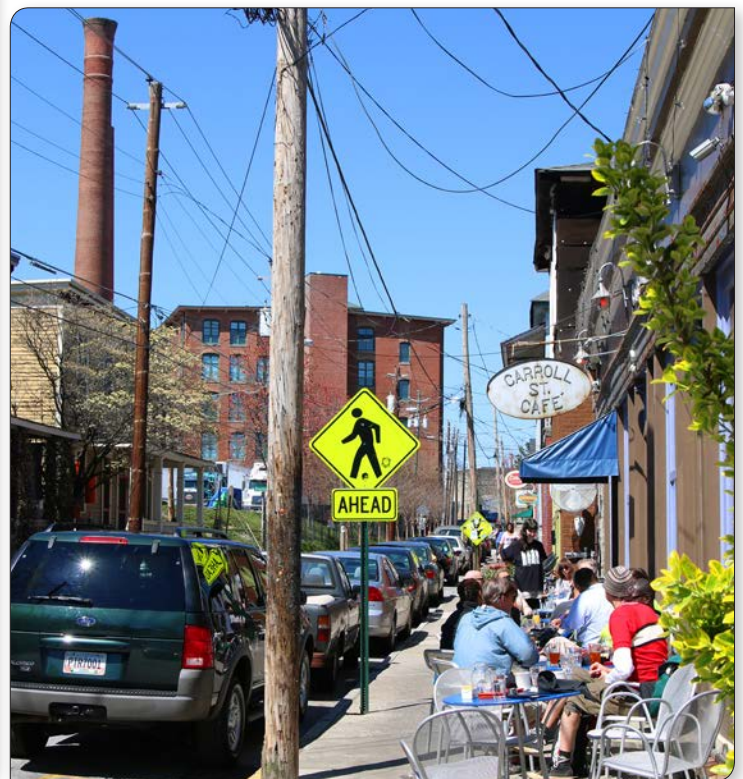
Stackians and Cabbageheads are taking good care of the production crew; delivering hot coffee on cold nights and look forward to welcoming cast and crew to our humble little neighborhood.



Klieg lights are ready to illuminate *The Stacks* for “*Term Life*”.



Production trucks strike an imposing pose in *The Stacks* lot.



Crew members grab a break at Carroll Street Café.



Pickin' in the park

Photos by Kyle F. Bidlack

Did Sunday March 30th mark the end of cold weather in Cabbagetown? It was a beautiful day made better by the sounds of these two gentlemen playing banjos and delighting park patrons and neighbors on Tye Street where Spring flowers have sprung.



“The people make the neighborhood.”

By Gavin Godfrey, *Creative Loafing*

Sean Fahie’s in the middle of a serious decision that will impact our forthcoming tour of Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown. “Should I bring the bottle, too, or just the flask?” he asks.

The visual artist, designer, writer, and Cabbagetown resident doesn’t like to trek the terrain of his neighborhood without infusing his bloodstream with good spirits. Today’s drink of choice is the Kraken rum. It’s a gorgeous day and we’re heading out of Fahie’s crib near the intersection of Boulevard and Reinhardt Street. On foot, we have two specific missions: walk to Speakerfoxxx’s house in Reynoldstown and find the area’s unofficial mayor, **Mr. Grumpy**.

While the journey starts on narrow Carroll Street, home to the popular cafe of the same name, **Village Pizza**, a recently Kickstarted **Little’s Food Store**, **Milltown Tavern**, **Memorial Tattoo**, **Agave**, and more, Sean is quick to point out that it’s the people who make this ‘hood.

“I love Cabbagetown because of its community,” says Fahie, a resident going back four years to his days of living around the corner from the late Ria Pell’s digs on Tye Street. “The people make the neighborhood.”

And it seems as though those people are always out in droves, beautiful weather permitting. We run into photographer Vek Neal, who lives above **Graveside Tattoo** and is readying for a bike ride that will include other local artists such as Ruby Velle (sans her band **The Soulphonics**) and muralist Brandon Sadler.

The cast of Cabbagetown characters isn’t complete without a mention of Mr. Grumpy, a resident for more than twenty-five years. To the Cabbagetown outsider, little is known about the man who drives around in a golf cart. His backyard parties in the spring and summer are the stuff of legend, Fahie says.

A few Kraken swigs, and a mile or so later, we’re in front of Mr. Grumpy’s house on Powell Street when we hear the voice. “Free books!” In a white pickup truck near his driveway littered with folk art and guarded by two giant Great Danes, Mr. Grumpy motions to the cardboard boxes full of paperbacks.

“Do you mind if we get a photo of you?” Fahie asks.

“No nudes,” Mr. Grumpy tells us.
“Maybe this will help me find a new boyfriend.”

Fair enough.

Mr. Grumpy mentions that members of **Black Lips** live nearby, and that Bertha, the lady with the “Coca-Cola house” (she’s become famous for her extensive memorabilia collection), lives around the corner on Berean Avenue.

“Cabbagetown is the best neighborhood — hands down. There isn’t an artist here I don’t know,” he says.

A few blocks away in Reynoldstown, we find Speakerfoxxx at home. In one of the rare moments of her week when she’s not spinning records or doing hair, the Dope Girl is in her yard, patching up her old Toyota.

She tells us to hop in her car, where Shawty Lo’s “Atlanta, GA” is the background music for a quick ride before we stop for hot toddies at ParkGrounds coffee shop.

Speakerfoxxx remembers first discovering Reynoldstown at 17 when she came to see Pell. Now she calls the area home and is still in love with the early 20th century shotgun houses interspersed with newly built, more modern homes.

“Reynoldstown doesn’t fit in with the rest of the surrounding neighborhoods, it’s a little broken down, a little forgotten,” she says. “That’s why I like it.”



David Thayer outside his one-of-a-kind home.

Speakerfoxxx and Fahie talk future collaborations, and how they’re both excited by the influx of ambitious, young artistic types making their way into the area for more than just **Chomp and Stomp**, Cabbagetown’s annual chili cook-off and festival.

“You get an interesting mix of people willing to share ideas and co-mingle in the same neighborhoods,” Fahie says.

Sounds like a place worth visiting.
Next time, we’ll bring the Kraken.

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LIVING WALLS

Bucket list

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

Cabbagetown Strong Fundraiser **Saturday, April 5th, 5:30p-until**

Help a community rebuild from the typhoon that destroyed parts of the Philippines in remembrance of how we helped one another after the 2008 tornado. *Milltown* is partnering with *Sweet Cheats* and *The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition* for an Art Roll & Stroll and we need your help and participation. Come out for an evening of art, fun prizes, and helping those in need! [facebook.com/cabbagetownstrong](https://www.facebook.com/cabbagetownstrong)

Atlanta Dogwood Festival

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 11-13th at Piedmont Park

For more than 75 years, the Dogwood Arts Festival has filled Atlanta with live music, arts & crafts, food booths and family-friendly activities. A juried art competition recognizes artistic achievement in such categories as sculpture, painting, jewelry and photography. The Kid's Village features arts and crafts, face painting, rock climbing and huge inflatables that are sure to please kids of all ages. The festival also hosts the U.S. Disc Dog Southern Nationals, a world-class competition starring the top Frisbee dogs in the nation. www.dogwood.org

Atlanta Streets Alive – The West End

Sunday, April 20th, 2-6p, West End, Atlanta

Atlanta Streets Alive: Where we close the streets to cars and open them to people. Bring your bicycle or just your feet, and get ready to explore your community streets in a safer, healthier, more livable way. The West End route connects with the West side Beltline and will travel the streets of Ralph David Abernathy, White Street and Murphy Avenue. www.atlantastreetsalive.com

Inman Park Festival

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 25-27th, Inman Park

Festival highlights include a well-known street market featuring local art, the Inman Park Tour of Homes showcasing the stunning Victorian homes of the late 1800s, a 5k run where participants are encouraged to come in costume and the famed Inman Park Festival parade of eclectic fun. The event includes children's activities, live music, and a dance featuring some the finest ballet and modern dance companies Atlanta has to offer. inmanparkfestival.org

Northside Beltline 5K and 1K Youth Fun Run

Saturday, April 26th, 8a, Tanyard Creek Park

The Atlanta BeltLine Running Series kicks off with the Northside 5K and 1K Youth Fun Run, a run/walk winding through the beautiful Collier Hills, Collier Hills North, and Ardmore neighborhoods along the Northside Trail. The APD and AFD will be back to compete in a rematch for bragging rights! beltline.org

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Remembrance Garden

By Mikel Dominiack

Cabbagetown has a long and colorful history and the very early days have been documented quite well. But there is a portion of Cabbagetown history that is not as well chronicled: The last thirty-five years since the mill closed in 1978.

The rebirth that resulted from the closing of the mill turned this neighborhood into what most referred to as the worst neighborhood in Atlanta. Most people wouldn't even drive through here let alone consider living here.

But a few brave souls saw the potential and decided to make it their home, even though most people thought they were crazy and warned them against it.

Those people were the new generation of Cabbagetown and their fortitude and dedication needs to be documented for future generations to come. Sadly many of them have come and gone onto other places or passed away without as much as a whisper.

A project has been proposed that will create a unique park in Cabbagetown that will celebrate these individuals.

"Remembrance Garden at Whisper Park" is a project that incorporates the names and dates of those Cabbagetown residents who have left a lasting impression on us. A multi-tier fountain will rest on a sidewalk of engraved pavers with the names of our friends and family of Cabbagetown.

Each paver will be given a unique identifier that will correspond with a database of information about the specific individual and their contributions to our community. The database will be available online and accessible to residents, visitors, and family to view.

At this time it is just a proposal and has been presented to "CI". If approved, a planning group will be needed to work out the logistics. If you would like more information please contact: Mikel Dominiack: Traceman@live.com or at 404.234.6585.

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Chomp and Get It!

By Alicia Thompson

Hello happy hood. Don't run screaming for the hills, but we are about to start the planning for the best fest in Atlanta. The 12th Annual Chomp & Stomp Chili Cook-Off, Bluegrass festival and 5K Romp will be held on Saturday, November 1st.

Are you interested in being part of the team or have you had an awesome idea for Chomp and you don't know how to get it out there? Well I know how you can share. Come meet the new Chomp Queens Whitney and Ali on May 4th 2:30p, at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

We plan to kick off Romp, Chomp, and Stomp 2014 with a little food and drink Cabbagetown style (which leaves a lot of room for interpretation). As always we are always looking for input, committee members, polite criticism for what we have done wrong, and praise for what we do right!

Here are a few basics on how Chomp works: We meet 9 times between June and November. We meet one Sunday a month in June, July, and August. Then we meet twice in September and 4 times in October. No demerits for missing a meeting but we request an update from you. We have a blast and personally it has been a fabulous way for me to really get to know my neighbors. For the past 11 years Cabbagetown has pulled off an amazing festival with 100% volunteer effort. It is what makes us special. This festival raises funds that maintain our parks, green spaces, the Community Center and clever projects you can think up that benefit Cabbagetown as a neighborhood.

So come on over and be part of your community. May 4th 2:30p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

The Real Estate Report

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

Cabbagetown area can be directed to the following resident agents: Chrissie Kallio at 404.295.2068
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| 209 Pearl St. 4 BD/2 BA | \$334,900 |
| 265 Tye St. 2 BD/2 BA | \$299,000 |
| 730 Gaskill St. 2 BD/2 BA | \$275,000 |
| <i>Contingent</i> | <i>Price</i> |
| 248 Iswald St. 1 BD/1 BA | \$175,000 |
| <i>Pending</i> | <i>Price</i> |
| 597 Pickett St. 4 BD/2 BA | \$349,900 |
| 667 Gaskill St. 3 BD/2 BA | \$349,900 |
| 125 Short St. 3 BD/3 BA | \$309,000 |
| 800 Harold Ave. 2 BD/1 BA | \$225,000 |

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|--|---------------|
| The Stacks 170 Blvd Unit H220 1 BD/1 BA | \$183,000 |
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| Milltown Lofts | |
| Unit 911 2 BD/1 BA | \$139,900 |
| Unit 206 2 BD/2 BA | \$229,900 |
| The Stacks 170 Blvd Unit H224 1 BD/1 BA | \$195,000 |
| Unit H223 1 BD/1 BA | \$204,900 |
| Unit H403 1 BD/1 BA | \$140,900 |

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| The Stacks 170 Blvd Unit E111 2 BD/2 BA | \$274,900 |
| Unit D104 1 BD/1 BA | \$189,900 |
| Unit H421 1 BD/1 BA | \$149,900 |
| Unit D304 1 BD/1 BA | \$159,900 |
| Unit F112 1 BD/1 BA | \$199,900 |
| 181 Powell St. | |
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| Unit 1002 2 BD/2 BA | \$232,500 |
| Unit 1103 2 BD/1 BA | \$149,900 |
| Unit 308 2 BD/1 BA | \$229,900 |

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| <i>Sold</i> | <i>Price</i> |
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| The Stacks 170 Blvd Unit E010 1 BD/1 BA | \$185,000 |
| Unit E226 1 BD/1 BA | \$198,000 |
| Unit H507 1 BD/1 BA | \$190,000 |
| Unit E124 2 BD/2 BA | \$229,900 |

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| <i>Sold</i> | <i>Price</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 216 Berean Ave. Duplex | \$195,000 |

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| 536 Decatur St. | \$1,700,000 |
| 318 Boulevard | \$500,000 |
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