

Cabbagetown

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"Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire." - George Bernard Shaw

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, 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. State Representative Candidate Presentation

- Simone Bell, Incumbent
- Erica Long, Challenger

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Christina Bonaccorse
- Kelbi McCumber

3. Treasurer's Report

- Julie Stephens

4. Committee and Other Reports Historic Preservation/Land Use

- Jared Sewer

Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch

- Robert Tubbs/Matt Wise

CI Connect

- Lynne Splinter & Barbara Keeney

Boulevard Tunnel Initiative

- Nicki Mlynski

Hospitality

- Karen Russian

NPU

- John Dirga

5. Old Business

6. New Business:

- Discussion of Proposed Art Legislation led by Bryan Brunson

7. Public Input

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

Kick up your heels!

By Heather Bradley
and Adam Bird

It's finally spring time in Cabbagetown and you know what that means: Beautiful yards blooming, the return of Friday movie nights in the park, neighbors gathering nightly for porch-tails, and Cabbagetown Prom!

Join us at the Community Center on May 17th, 7p-12p for a "Black and White Ball". Kids bring your dancing shoes from 7p-8p. Big kids stay until your feet hurt...and then kick off your shoes and dance some more! Get gussied up in your best black and white – creativity encouraged! We need volunteers and donations of mixers and liquor for the event. If you'd like to volunteer or donate, please email Adam Bird at shortstreetbird@yahoo.com.

Admission price is \$15 per person or \$10 per person if volunteering or donating.

This price includes adult and non-adult beverages, food, a super fun DJ, the opportunity to take prom photos in front of a custom-designed "Black and White Ball" backdrop (\$5 digital copy and \$10 for a printed copy), corsages and boutonnieres (\$5 each) and the priceless feeling of supporting your community.

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Tickets, photos, and corsages/boutonnieres can be pre-purchased online at mkt.com/cabbagetown-initiative-cdc, at Sweet Cheats, or at the door on Saturday, May 17th. *See y'all there!*

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A better Christmas

By Stacia Familo-Hopek

Greetings fellow Cabbagetown neighbors! My name is Stacia Familo-Hopek. I purchased a loft at *The Stacks* almost a year ago and have really enjoyed getting to know the neighborhood and the community. I've been amazed at how this community comes together to support one another and have fun together. Last year I also joined the board of one of the oldest non-profit organizations in the metro Atlanta area – *The Empty Stocking Fund* (ESF).

Since 1927 ESF has provided holiday gifts and books to children living in poverty. What's unique about our organization is that parents have the opportunity to actually shop for the toys and books that will best match their child's interests versus being handed a random gift that their son or daughter may not enjoy.

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To learn more about ESF or to make a monetary donation please go to our website at www.theemptystockingfund.org.

We are gearing up for our second annual summer online auction and have a goal to raise at least \$20,000!

THE ASK: To prepare for the auction we are asking local businesses for donations of products or \$25, \$50, or \$100 gift certificates for services to include in the online auction. This could be anything from dining, brew pubs, bars, car services, hair or salon services, gift baskets, products from retailers or gift certificates for retail establishments, tour certificates, Braves tickets, golf packages, hotel stays, etc.

If you are a business owner or manager and would like to make a donation of a gift certificate or product for the auction, please contact me at stacia@axis9.com by Friday, May 30th, 2014. All donations are tax deductible and we will be able to provide you with a receipt for your records.

The products or gift certificates will be listed on our "Bidding for Good" online auction page from July 14th-25th. For every \$20 we raise we are able to provide a child living in poverty with two toys, a book and three pairs of socks!

Thank you, in advance, for your contributions and support of *The Empty Stocking Fund*!

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Saturday, May 10th 3-5p
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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center).
Minutes Recorded by Christina Bonaccorse.

Meeting called to order at 7:08p

1. Welcome and Announcements:

Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison –

- Camera's in the Blvd tunnel – are not monitored 24/7. If someone calls in, the camera footage can be pulled up. The camera can be pulled up for live feed in real time if necessary.
- John asked about viewing camera footage history in case there is a crime committed. Valencia said that they could review the history if there was a past/previous crime.
- 243 Berean & 253 Berean – Water meter cover issue. Valencia suggested that residents send her an email.
- A resident mentioned the missing water meter cover in front of Agave.
- Street study on Pearl for speed bumps.
- Street lamp on Tenelle & Carroll installed. Kyle said thank you!

Atlanta Police Department

- Officer Gruen – Past week stats: Crime up from 91 crimes committed to 92 this time last year. Most crimes were car entries. 5 auto thefts. Burglaries are on the rise as well. Don't leave anything in cars; ask neighbors to look after your house if you are away. Auto theft on 209 Estoria on 4/3 & 175 Chester. Robbery 185 Flat Scholes on 4/2. Aggregated assault on the 1100 block of Wyle between 3p – 11p.
- In the past nine days there have been 7 people arrested with guns.
- Sgt. Gruen stated that the police department is moving hours around so that there are more patrols during the day.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting -- approved unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report – Julie Stephens

- \$4500 in funds. Expenses were hospitality & had to purchase new checks & printing of the newspaper.

4. Committee and Other Reports

- Historic Preservation/Land Use – Jared Sewer
- Lynn stated that there were no new items re: applications as of last night. Pavilion requested to be approved. Esther Park was approved per the park being renovated. John asked if there was a design for the pavilion. Barb said that they are working on a design. John is concerned that the design on the playground was different than what was built. Barb stated that it will be brought in for review & that it's stalled at the moment.
- Block on Tye/Estoria (Grady parking area) – Brian mentioned that the owner requested a curb cut on the Tye side. Brian reached out to the owner and asked that he come to the meeting tonight but not able to. Lynn said that Doug Young (AUBC) meets the guidelines and that it calls for a type 2 application, which means that Cabbagetown doesn't have much input on it. The only problem she sees that there were notes on the drawing that it is something for future zoning use.
- Met with Natalyn Archibong re: Memorial buildings.
- Application for property an Ind. Studios was dismissed and nothing moving forward with design.

Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch – Robert Tubbs/Matt Wise –

- Meeting for CT/RT security Patrol is at Park Grounds on 4/8 at 8:00p.
- Currently there is no replacement for Matt. Requested candidates to replace him.

CI Connect – Lynne Splinter and Barbara Keeney

- Total of \$142k in funds.
- \$1500 Camera approval at BTI Camera re: Micro grant.

Boulevard Tunnel Initiative – Nicki Mlynski

- Mural is going up this month.
- Events in April Saturday 4/12 cleanup- 9a.
- 4/19 Artist Market – being put on by Living Walls
- 4/24 Thursday pub crawl to start at Carroll Street thru tunnel.
- Camera cost \$10,500. Tom Aderhold, gave money, CSX, Natalyn Archibong gave money. \$1000 a year to maintain.
- Blvd will be resurfaced in 2014 in the fall.

Hospitality – Karen Russian – not in attendance

- Bryan praised the team for Amanda's house party.

NPU:

- John – 3/27 meeting approved Sweet Aubrun BBQ
- Approved \$50 for LSP community center.
- Old News – Blvd Tunnel was approved for art wall & camera's
- Camera funds available. Funding ongoing for additional cameras
- Approved East Atl. Spring Fest. – Class E – Langston on 5/10
- 1st liquor license application for Krog Market turned in for Luminary restaurant and are requiring 38 parking spaces.
- NPU Meeting – Subdivision under Monica Woods & Lang Ent. Of Tucker. Lot on the corner of Kirkwood & Pearl to be made in to 3 lots. Will come to NPU and then to UDC. All they have to do is prove that there is enough land to build. NPU suggests voting against.
- 4/14 Beltline sub meeting at Trees Atlanta to discuss the Cabbagetown area/portion re: bikeways & will get to see drawings.

Voting on tonight:

- 1) Urban Garden & Market Statute – Cabbagetown community garden is currently illegal. If produce only, you can sell items & have 3 parking spaces from 7a – 9p. Motion was given by Lynne Splinter
- 2) Window signs – wanting to limit this.
- 3) Proposed to move Keep Atlanta under mgmt. of Department of Public works – Lynne motioned for John to vote with his conscience.
- 4) Works of Art on Private Property – Mostly about large murals not being commercial. John stated that this is to preserve the value of property. John suggested that he would vote against it. Lynne made a motion that it is voted against it. Vote was 11 against, 0 opposed.

5. Old Business – None at this time.

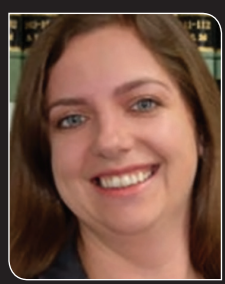
6. New Business -

- Bryan introduced himself and thanked Lyn & her team.
- Discussion of Cabbagetown Reunion/Call for Volunteers – Brad Cunard
- Traditional neighborhood event on the 1st Sat. in June
- Carroll street blocked between Gaskill & Sholton

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SEABA Update

By Ashley McCartney



**ASHLEY
M^CCARTNEY**

On April 17th, 2014, **Zoo Atlanta** hosted our Business Luncheon, which had over 25 attendees, including the Honorable Councilperson Natalyn Archibong, Fulton County Commissioner Joan Garner and Brenda Muhammad, candidate for Fulton County Commission, among other notable guests.

Mr. Justin E. Giboney from *Invest Atlanta* (Atlanta Development Authority) gave a riveting presentation on what's new on the economic development front impacting local businesses. The feedback from our guests was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to continuing to be an educational resource to our membership.



Speaking of membership, if you haven't yet paid your dues for 2014, the rates are the same: \$24 for an individual, \$60 for an organization with more than 5 people. You can send payment to SEABA at 275 14th Street, NW, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30318

or pay at our next event. Membership applications are available on our website at seabaga.org.

**dakota
@blue**
a neighborhood joint

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

First, I want to invite all of you to the next neighborhood meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th at 7p – hopefully in the park – weather permitting.

Both Simone Bell (Democratic incumbent state representative for our district) and Erica Long (challenger in the Democratic Primary) will be present to speak on their viewpoints and how they would represent us in the next session. I strongly encourage all of you to come out.

On the city level, our neighborhood has voted to oppose a proposed ordinance that would severely regulate private art that can be seen from a road or other public location. The proposed law can be found at <http://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/2014/images/proposed/14O1022.pdf> and it is quite a scary read, IMPO.

It would basically require anything such as a mural on the side of the wall at *The Stacks* to go through a complicated permitting process in which city officials will decide whether the art is appropriate. If you have any interest in helping to oppose this ordinance, please reach out to me at bcbrunson.cnia@gmail.com.

Finally, Cabbagetown is playing coed softball this summer! Be on the lookout for an invite to join the Cabbagetown team – we need a name – email me with any ideas - I've come up with "Twisters", "Chompers" and "Chili Peppers" so far.

The Mill used to have its own baseball team and they were called the "Strikers". We will play on Thursdays starting in June and will be sending out an invite for players once we have locked down sponsors which will dictate what the player expense will be (estimated to be \$25 - \$30 per player). So, dig out the bats and gloves and get ready to play some ball over at East Lake Park alongside some of our intown neighbors!

Clearing lot debris

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Brad Cunard, *Little's Food Store* and a small army of volunteers are prepping for Cabbagetown Reunion Day on the first Saturday of June. And we should put our best foot forward. Last year, the neighborhood invested in sodding, leveling and cleaning the empty lots on either side of Little's. Not to mention more than ten volunteer hours to improve the visual appeal of the lots. Over the past few months, those lots have been littered with household and commercial debris. We call upon the responsible parties to clear the lots of said debris no later than the Friday before Reunion Day.



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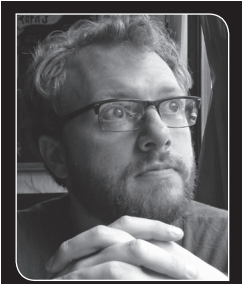
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Butchering life

By Bill Phillips, Cabbagehead from The Stacks



BILL PHILLIPS

I've been thinking lately about what I want to do with the time I have in this life.

I'm sorry, that's disingenuous. I've always been thinking about what I want to do with the time I have in this life, for ever and ever, for as long as I can remember.

In fact, that's one of only three things I remember from when I was three years old: my Knight Rider & Dukes Of Hazzard

themed birthday cake, the nightmare horror I felt when my mother went to the hospital to deliver my sister, and that time when I sat in bed looking out the window, waiting for my parents to come get me fixed up to get out of bed. I must have been thinking about God, because I sat there and mused: "If eternal life means sitting around like this all day, I think I'd rather not."

The same spirit came to me recently. I was talking to my friends Becky and Rob – both remarkable and responsible people, as far as I can tell – who have each self-published books and brought children into their families this year. This is impressive, because it is ludicrous. I asked Rob how he did it and he told me this: "I think the only way is to eat every part of the horological buffalo."

Oh my God! Oh hell absolutely no, no no no no no. Make a sacrificial animal of my easygoing lifecycle? Is this how it happens? A ruthless partitioning, a butchering of the free and easy day, cutting out an hour at a time to satisfy obligations and needs, to work toward achievements? Is this how you get to eternity, by inexorably subdividing the day into various – ugh – purposes?

I'm not sure what do about this. I had hoped that adulthood might be found this way: I'd find one thing I'm good at that people seem to like, and then I'd do it as hard as possible. (Except when I don't feel like it.) Apparently that won't work, though. Apparently I must do everything that needs to be done, all the time. Every time. Unless I'm on vacation.

There must be some way out, some hidden trick that I, in my infinite cleverness, can suss out. Perhaps the whole thing can be skipped. Perhaps true happiness may be found as a hobo, or as an austere and mysterious bachelor surrounded by wiener dogs and books. Perhaps a blow must be struck in the name of copious leisure time against this capitalist machine we are all trapped within, a strike of disorganization. I've got to figure out what it is. I promise I'll join the rest of you soon – just as soon as I get this licked.

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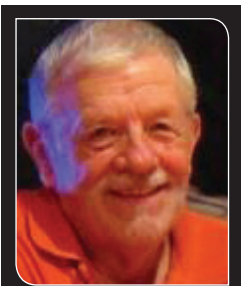
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Cabbagetown: Old school

By Tom Deardorff



TOM DEARDORFF

Ronnie Edwards has spent most of his 76 years in Cabbagetown, sometimes wandering as far away as Grant Park. And oh! The stories he can tell. If you name a street in Cabbagetown, chances are Ronnie has lived on it. Powell? Yep. Savannah? Check. Gaskill? That one, too. And so on.

Ronnie started working at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill in 1955 when he was just 17. He worked the second shift (3p to

11p) as a “winder”. He would stand in one spot while thousands of yards of cloth would pass by him on rollers. His job was to inspect the cloth, mark any defects, stop the rollers, repair the defect and start it up again.

The workers got a 30 minute lunch break. They usually would walk down Carroll Street to *Mrs. Martin’s Café* (it’s now the vacant lot next to *Little’s*) for a burger. A few months into that job, he just couldn’t take it anymore. So he quit. As Ronnie put it, he didn’t “stay quit” from the Mill very long.



Mr. Ronnie Edwards. Photo by Tom Deardorff

He could always talk his way back into a job because he was such a good worker and such a good talker. All told, he was employed four different times at the Mill.

Many nights, when Ronnie and his workmates got off work, they’d slip over to one of the neighborhood bootleggers and pick up a half pint or two of rotgut. They’d slip off behind some houses and put that stuff away. It wasn’t unusual for a couple of guys to get into a fistfight. But by the time they came to work the next day, all was forgotten.

Ronnie was one of the millions of kids in the United States who contracted polio during the 50’s before vaccines. He was one of the lucky ones: he survived. He had to have a couple of operations on his legs and it was touch and go as to whether he’d walk again.

But he did! And he rode his bike. In fact, while recuperating from one operation, Ronnie had a job as a delivery boy for a grocery in Grant Park (it was where the Grant Central Pizza place is now). He was paid \$15 a week.

The bicycle has been Ronnie’s primary form of transportation his whole life. You’ve probably seen him riding up and down the streets of Cabbagetown on his can recycling mission. As a matter of fact, he never did learn to drive.

He is very proud of his house on Gaskill street (first one on the left, east of Carroll). And he should be. His was one of the very early *Habitat for Humanity* houses. He and his brother, Marshall and his nephew, Mario put a lot of sweat into that house. Marshall and

Mario presently share the house with Ronnie. And best of all, last year he paid it off!

In nice weather, you’ll often find Ronnie sitting out on the porch on the swing. You absolutely cannot walk past without him giving you a holler. It seems like he knows everybody in Cabbagetown and everybody knows him. And the great thing is, if he runs into a stranger, they won’t be a stranger for long. I’ve seen him walk

up to folks sitting outside at *Carroll Street Café* and just start telling them a story. And most folks love it.

If you run into Ronnie, on his porch or on the street, get him to tell you a story. It doesn’t take much prompting and it’s a fun way to spend a few minutes.

Editor’s note: Mr. Tom Deardorff has graciously volunteered to write a monthly column illuminating the “old school” days of Cabbagetown. We hope you enjoy learning about what life was like in Cabbagetown in decades past.

Welcome to Parkside Elementary

By Chris Adams

If you've strolled through this month, among dogs and Frisbees, you've probably noticed a more recent phenomenon: Kids. They're everywhere. Not long ago, one might have wondered if these kids would leave Cabbagetown when they reached school age. But that's changing too.

Two years ago, C-town was redistricted to Parkside Elementary School in Grant Park. The timing was fortuitous. In and around Grant Park, momentum has been steadily building for Parkside.

As Katie Howard explains, *"the school is rich in academics, resources, and diversity, which is exactly what I want for my girls."* Parkside parents like the 21st century facility (with smart boards in every class). And they appreciate the small classes (21 on average) and robust gifted program (with two full-time teachers – a rarity).

But most of all, parents "love the community" at Parkside, says Jennifer Botz. *"I feel like teachers and staff truly love my children. My input is welcome and the teachers and administrators are accessible."*

Rebecca Kaye agrees. *"We considered homes near Mary Lin [Candler Park] and in Decatur. But we chose Grant Park in large part because of the great reputation Parkside has among educators I respect: the rigorous instructional program strong in mathematics, science and engineering and the student body that is truly diverse, racially and socioeconomically."* Her family *"loves working shoulder-to-shoulder with neighbors invested in Parkside. It is clearly our best choice for my kids' future success in school and in life."*

Kaye's son, who attended GPCP for preschool, was reading after one semester in pre-k at Parkside. Botz' son was accepted into the gifted program and *"has always met or exceeded expectations for the CRCT."*

Since income-level strongly correlates with achievement, at a mixed-income school, overall test scores can be misleading. Yet middle-income students at Parkside do about as well on the CRCT as their peers at the well-regarded Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School. And lower-income students do better than average for APS. Parkside's "value-added" scores are also strong.

While past test scores are a trailing indicator, leading indicators include strong parent support and the recent hiring of award-winning principal, Caitlin Sims. An Emory alum, Mrs. Sims is particularly skilled at building partnerships and community buy-in. She is already drawing rave reviews for her focus on educating the "whole child."

Parkside has 20 after-school clubs, including award-winning chess and robotics teams. Important aside: the "Robo Pandas" are the top robotics team in APS. At the Super Regionals this year, their innovative designs included heat sensing-satellites that dispatch firefighters across the globe to put out forest fires and clear snow during blizzards. You can't make this stuff up. Kids can also play golf, tennis, soccer, or piano. *Continued next page.*



Kids at Cabbagetown Park. Photo by Chris Adams



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Parkside continued

Parkside Elementary is the type of school Cabbagetown could really embrace. It recently received a grant to build a "Learning Garden," where students get multi-disciplinary lessons while harvesting kale. And for Principal Sims, who formerly led a fine arts academy, art is integral to the school's "whole child" philosophy.

Indeed, enthusiasm for Parkside is starting to spread across I-20. As Pearl Street parent Gila Herman explains, "more and more parents in Grant Park are sending their kids to Parkside." Herman is excited about sending her daughter to Parkside in the fall. "I am confident that eventually it will be the established thing to do."

The best way to evaluate a school is to see it for yourself. To schedule a tour of Parkside, email Danielle Harris: daharris@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Editor's note: Chris Adams is a former elementary school teacher and now practices education law. He, his wife Audrey, and their daughter Indie live on Tye Street.



GRUMBLES

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE
WAKE-UP CALL...

ART & STORY BY
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I WAS RUDELY AWOKEN THE OTHER NIGHT BY AN INSISTENT SOUND...

I JUMPED UP, AND SUDDENLY REALIZED WHAT IT WAS...

FIRE ALARM!!

IT'S WHAT I'VE FEARED THE MOST, LIVING IN A 4 STORY INDUSTRIAL LOFT.

AS I FRANTICLY PULLED ON MY PANTS...

...I TRIED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I SHOULD BRING WITH ME...

KEYS... WALLET, PHONE...

...IF THE WHOLE PLACE WERE TO BURN DOWN.

SHOULD I BRING MY LAPTOP?

WAAA! WAA! WAAA! WAA! WAAA! WAA!

I KNOW I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING...

MEOWR?

OH, YEAH... THE CAT!

AS IT TURNED OUT, IT WAS A MINOR ELECTRICAL FIRE...

... BUT IT'S AMAZING HOW CLARIFYING AN EMERGENCY CAN BE...

... TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE.

WAAA! WAA! WAAA! WAA!

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CNIA meeting minutes continued

- Calling for volunteers for setup/cleanup
- Small Artist Market was suggested as well. Asked for CNIA support in keeping it going.
- Discussion of New Hospitality Ideas – Bryan Brunson.
- Bryan meeting with Ashley about Prom.
- Would like to see smaller/easier ideas for the community.
- Asking for additional ideas like small events in the park, etc.
- Maybe small event at the drive-in as a test run.
- Shirley mentioned something as simple as the Friday night movies on the 2nd Friday a month.

7. Public Input

- Bernie thanked everyone for being involved in the **Cabbagetown Strong** event, which helped raise funds for families in the Philippines. Funds will be used to support families hit by the typhoon. Will help support 8 to 10 families. Bernie will take pictures as they are building. A big thanks to everyone for the \$16,108 that was raised.
- Meeting for CT/RT security Patrol is at Park Grounds on 4/8 at 8p
- Ericka Long – Dem. Primary running on the 20th of May.
- Senator Nan Orrock – will be at Legislative Town Hall Union Hall on Logan Street from 11a – 1p

Meeting adjourned 8:23p

Your Cabbagetown bucket list

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

Memorial Drive Visioning

Saturday, May 10th, 9:30a-1p

Meet under the large trees in Cabbagetown Park.

Have you ever wondered if there was a better use for the land on Memorial Drive between Tye and Estoria Streets? Cabbagetown residents are holding a visioning session facilitated by Matt Wilder of **Pond and Company**, an architectural, engineering and planning firm (Matt designed Cabbagetown Park). Lunch will follow the meeting, so please bring a side dish. Please contact Tova Baruch at tovabaruch@gmail.com, with questions.

Southeast Study Group Meeting: Atlanta Beltline & Atlanta Streetcar Environmental Assessment Kickoff

Monday, May 12th, 6p-7:30p

Trees Atlanta, 225 Chester Ave SE

The Federal Transit Administration in cooperation with the City of Atlanta, **Invest Atlanta**, and **Atlanta BeltLine**, is conducting an environmental review process for extensions of the Atlanta Streetcar. The purpose is to refine conceptual project alignments, evaluate ridership potential, capital costs, land use, economic development, and environmental effects. Please join us to discuss how this process will unfold and the next steps. beltline.org/event/7435

Cabbagetown Prom

Saturday, May 17th, 7p - until...

Cabbagetown Community Center on Estoria

Dance the night away with neighbors and friends, while raising funds for Cabbagetown Initiative. There will be a free-flow of drinks from 7p - Midnight (beer, wine and mixed drinks) along with great locally-sponsored food and scrumptious desserts provided **Sweet Cheats**. **DJ Ree De La Vega** will keep your socks hoppin' all night long. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 with a food or liquor donation. Pre-ticket sales are available at squareup.com/market

Paint & Pedal Fest

Saturday, May 17th - Historic 4th Ward Park Skate Park

This is a first-time local collaborative New Belgium event with ABV Galleries and artist Greg Mike. We will have 4 live art walls being painted throughout the day, an Artist Tent with fun hands-on crafts. **Atlanta Bicycle Coalition** will be manning the bike valet. Two chances to win New Belgium cruiser bikes when you valet your bike. We will also have 4 custom painted New Belgium Cruisers for auction. Celebrate local artists, drink New Belgium Beer, eat food from the food trucks and have fun for free right off the beltline.

www.newbelgium.com/events

Historic Grant Park 40th Annual Tour of Homes

Saturday and Sunday, May 17th-18th

This year's tour, "A Stroll Through Time," guides visitors through more than 15 sites in order – from the oldest to the newest – to show how the neighborhood evolved. The tour will include a broad range of architecture styles, from one of the oldest homes in Atlanta to a Queen Anne Victorian built in 2001. www.gpna.org

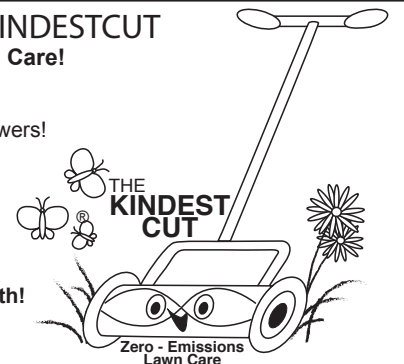
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Golf champions

By Kyle F. Bidlack

On Saturday, April 26th, Milltown Tavern hosted the Fourth Annual Zur Gesundheit Milltown Spring Golf Championship. Thirty-four golfers competed at Browns Mill Golf Course under a perfect sky.

Who won? None other than our CNIA President, Bryan Brunson and his team comprised of his father Mr. Bill Brunson and Justin Marlett Esq. Together they shot a seven under par, 65. Their names will be immortalized on the Zur Gesundheit Championship stein (pictured to the right).

In second place at five under par was Stephen Dennis, Ferris Scott Thomas, Michael McPherson and Kyle F. Bidlack. In third place at four under par was John Osborne, Kevin McDonough, Alvin Colon and Chris McGinness



From left to right: Bryan Brunson, Mr. Bill Brunson and Justin Marlett, Esq.

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
Lynne Splinter at 404.582.0006 • Debbie Weeks 404.272.1906
...happy house hunting!

HOUSES

For Sale	Asking
267 Tye St. 3 BD/3 BA	\$329,000
252 Estoria St. 2 BD/2.5 BA	\$285,900
265 Tye St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$295,000
785 Kirkwood 2 BD/2 BA	\$279,000
730 Gaskill St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$250,000
Contingent	Price
113 Pearl St. 4 BD/3 BA	\$334,900
664 Kirkwood 2 BD/2 BA	\$299,900
139 Berean Ave. 2 BD/1 BA	\$215,000
Pending	Price
597 Pickett St. 4 BD/2 BA	\$349,900
667 Gaskill St. 3 BD/2 BA	\$349,900
209 Pearl St. 4 BD/2 BA	\$334,900

HOUSES SOLD

Sold	Price
125 Short St. 3 BD/3 BA	\$297,500
800 Harold Ave. 2 BD/1 BA	\$220,000
248 Iswald St. 1 BD/1 BA	\$173,500

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For Sale	Asking
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit H131 3 BD/2 BA	\$255,000
Unit H426 1 BD/1 BA	\$200,000
Unit H411 1 BD/1 BA	\$178,000
Unit F103 1 BD/1 BA	\$159,000
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 1107 2 BD/2 BA	\$207,000
Contingent	Asking
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E417 2 BD/2 BA	\$280,000
Unit H518 2 BD/2 BA	\$249,000

PENDING CONDOS & LOFTS

Pending	Price
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit H220 1 BD/1 BA	\$183,000
Unit F104 1 BD/1 BA	\$165,000
Unit H403 1 BD/1 BA	\$140,000
Unit D304 1 BD/1 BA	\$159,900
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 911 2 BD/1 BA	\$139,900

COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
582 Decatur St.	\$4,500,000
536 Decatur St.	\$1,700,000
318 Boulevard	\$475,000
1270 Memorial	\$399,000
1270 Memorial	\$360,000
Sold	Price
420 Edgewood	\$450,000

SOLD CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit E111 2 BD/2 BA	\$274,900
Unit H223 1 BD/1 BA	\$204,900
Unit F112 1 BD/1 BA	\$199,900
Unit H224 1 BD/1 BA	\$195,000
Unit D304 1 BD/1 BA	\$155,000
Unit H421 1 BD/1 BA	\$149,900
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