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CNIA President's Letter



**MARINANGELES
GUTIERREZ
RIVERA**

August/Agosto, Feeling HOT HOT HOT!

CNIA Monthly Meetings: We're disconnecting from Zoom, so come show your pretty faces. We'll be back at the Community Center and hope you'll join us for food, drinks, and community!

Volunteer for our Annual Events:

Saturday, September 16th: It's a two-for-one day deal! Don't miss it. **Tour of Homes:** Open your doors and welcome folks to your home, garden, work shed, trailer, or any space you're proud of.

We're looking for hosts who will receive a small thank you gift for participating. Sign-up to volunteer and help on the day of the event. If you'd like to be a sponsor, please contact us. Most importantly, purchase your ticket! **Forward Warrior!! Mural Project:** There will be an artist market, muralists at work, and so much more. Come out and celebrate the annual painting.

Saturday, November 4th: Chomp & Stomp returns. This incredible event draws nearly 10,000 folks for chili, bluegrass, and the artist's market. Year after year, neighbors like YOU make it possible – so sign up and contribute however you can. We're always looking for volunteers to make the magic happen - visit Cabbagetown.com to volunteers for shifts!

Carroll Street One Week Closure: Thanks to everyone who attended the July meeting. There were many great questions and ideas. We appreciate those engaging online as well. We recently met with the Business Working Group for feedback and robust discussion. Since then, we've paused the Residents Group until further information is provided from the City. We hope the invitation for the Residents Group goes out in the following two weeks. If you'd like to be part of this project, please write to us at president@cabbagetown.com.

Join CNIA! Make sh*t happen. Let us know your interests at cabbagetown.com/membership. We're looking for folks to chair: Communications: Social Media & Calendar Management & Campaigns. Transportation: Track and support transit-focused proposals and projects in the neighborhood through a joint-committee with R'town. Member At-Large: Interested but have low bandwidth? Consider our general position and assist where you fit best. CI: The Cabbagetown Initiative manages the Community Center, all our wonderful parks, our famed Chomp & Stomp, and so much more.

Want to get involved but not sure where to start? Write to us at president@cabbagetown.com.

Stay cool,
Marinangeles (aka Marina)

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8th, 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

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

7:00 Meeting Begins

I. Welcome!

II. Review & Approval of July Minutes

III. Atlanta Police Department Updates

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

- Dekalb Ave Resurfacing Updates
- Carroll Street Closure Updates
- City Updates

V. President/Vice President Report: Marinangeles Gutierrez

- Carroll Street One-Week Closure - Working Groups, Update
- Hulsey Yard Mast, CSX Letter, Construction in 2023
- Atlanta Streets Alive Returns!
- 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 Cabbagetown Events:
 - Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair
 - Tour of Homes 2023, September 16th
 - New Neighbor Party, TBA for September
- NPU-N Updates: John Dirga, NPU N Representative
- Forward Warrior!! 2023: John Dirga, Murals Chair
- Historic Preservation & Land Use Updates:
 - Jake Elsas/ Anya Warren , HPLU Chairs
- C'town 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

8:30p Adjourn

WISHING VERY MERRY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO: Cameron Richardson, Hannah Joy, Trey Mayo, Helen Greenfield, Mikel Dominiack, Nick Carpentieri, John Jarrett, Katherine Kennedy, Dane Sponberg, Kim Cohran, Morgan Rich, Natalyn Archibong, Andrew Colella, Brad Cunard, Big Softy, and Ryan Gravel.

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, 7p. Meeting conducted by Marinangeles Gutierrez Rivera. Minutes by Lucy Perkins. Location: Cabbagetown Art Center.

6:30 Social Happy ½ Hour - Food, Drinks, & Community

1. 7:03p Meeting Begins. Welcome! - Amanda Bisgard & Nancy Morales.

Thank you to the Arts Center for hosting! Nancy Morales from the Art Center: *"This is a space that prioritizes and normalizes mental health. Art is a way to facilitate that. The Art Center offers individual and group therapy as well as art classes. It's a safe space to be creative. Come down anytime!"*

2. Atlanta Police Department Updates - Officer Davis. Crime is down over the last 30 days - only four reported crimes. Only big crime was a purse snatching on Wylie. Clean car campaign - don't leave anything valuable visible in your car. **Connect Atlanta:** link your security cameras to their system to help the police. You can compare crime stats on the ATLDPD website. The summer Edgewood detail started last week - 14 officers working on Edgewood from Boulevard to William Holmes Boarder Senior Dr. After the bars close they push the cars to the interstate directly.

3. Review and Approval of June Minutes. Approved!

4. Vice-President Report - Marinangeles Gutierrez. Updates from Council Member's Bahktiari's office: Carroll Street Closure - working with departments for smooth implementation. Dekalb Ave resurfacing - due to end by Q3 with bike lanes added. The council secured wage increases for code enforcement officers and retention bonuses for 911 operators. Worked to amend the City's Charter related to taxation to increase the millage rate associated with the Park Improvement Fund. Authorized the City to issue \$100M in revenue bonds to support the Housing Opportunity Program. Councilmembers Bahktiari, and Westmoreland were able to secure an additional \$3.5M for the Cities Affordable Housing Trust Fund. A resolution to adopt the recommendations of the "Explore South River Forest" report commissioned by the Atlanta Regional Commission and request that the Administration deliver an implementation plan to fulfill the \$100M transformation of the South River Forest by Dec. 1. Staffing up the Solicitor's Office's Safe Housing Program to increase capacity for the solicitor to enforce the Housing Code and improve housing conditions for residents living in substandard multifamily properties. The Office is working to deliver infrastructure and park improvements for the district. They engaged in participatory budgeting to allow communities to provide community input on upcoming projects. The DRIVE initiative is currently being priced out by the Atlanta Department of Transportation, progressing these improvements, and last Friday the Office met with various "Friends Of" groups, including Cabbagetown's to discuss how neighbors can apply for grants. Carroll St One-Week Closure - Working Groups: Seeking Volunteers. DOT did a walk through after the February accident and decided to do a pilot that will cover a one week period of closing Carroll St. The idea is we have a trial period to see what happens. They charged CNIA to facilitate troubleshooting (parking, deliveries, etc). We'll set up three working groups; one to talk to businesses on Carroll, second to talk to residents of the affected area with one representative from each street to discuss concerns, the last group is to decide how to make the best of the closure. This group will help facilitate the engagement portion and feedback from residents. Perhaps we can present the feedback to the DOT. Q: What do we want to track? A: Perhaps the committees can help with that. Q: Will the working groups have effect on decisions?

A: We've not heard from the DOT directly but the councilperson has acted as a liaison and will work with us. Q: Will we have signage earlier on roads to alert trucks to the closure? A: There will be signage and working traffic maps. Neighbor volunteered to talk to Edgewood (they just had a street closure).

Q: Does it stop at Carroll St or go to Boulevard? A: We have only heard about Carroll, from the Stacks gate through to Gaskill. but we've submitted a proposal that asks for help with Boulevard intersection. Businesses are concerned and would like to be heard. Q: How will they get deliveries? What type of barriers will there be? Businesses are hesitant and don't know how this will work. A: The message from DOT is that they spoke to businesses. We're aiming to have the meetings next week to discuss these concerns. Q: Are there other options open like trying a one way? A: It will be a full week closure but perhaps we can approach them with solutions from neighbors. Q: DOT is not taking data from street closure? Will we be heard if they aren't collecting info? Could we collect data as residents? A: We're not clear at this time if any data will be collected that is not neighbor-facilitated. Q: There was a traffic study a long time ago; could we get that information? Q: Has Stacks management been contacted? Could we ask for their help with parking or cut through cars that don't follow the signage? A: Lilliana has contacted them. Q: Were we asked to form these committees or are we doing this to be heard? A: Lilliana's office asked us to form these committees. They may even attend the business meeting. Q: Are there resources allocated for this? A: They seem open to possibly working with us and to help us get resources we request. Sign up for a committee by email president@cabbagetown.com or info@cabbagetown.com

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5. Financial Report - Jack Cunningham, Treasurer. Kaftans and Cocktails party raised over \$1200 for the neighborhood. That in conjunction with prom have been two very successful events. If you have ideas let us know. Movies in the Park: we voted to support funding. Tour of Homes: setting up a payment link to do tickets. We are increasing the budget and pricing options: we've traditionally had tiers. This year we'll do \$10 ahead of time and \$15 day of. Q: Are we working on the merch site? A: We need committees to work on getting products on the commerce page. Someone to propose designs, order product, and store them. Neighbors volunteered! Huzzah!

6. Committee Reports. Historic Preservation and Land Use

Committee - Jacob Elsas/Anyia Warren, Co-Chairs. CSX Proposed Hulsey Yard Mast - Public Comments Submitted. Everyone sent letters saying no to the Yard Mast. Traditionally when they've tried this they get quiet after hearing from the neighbors. The yard mast would be quite large. We will continue to fight it. Please join the committee if you're interested! **Upcoming C-Town Events - Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair.** Movie Night this Friday: Midnight in Paris. Tour of Homes 2023 - September 16th 11a-3p Seeking Homes. All hosts will receive a gift. We are looking for volunteers to work the day of. New Neighbor party coming soon - Date TBD.

NPU-N Updates - John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative. Code enforcement got a boost for salary. Talk to your neighbors instead please! Biggest fear are open buildings where someone could start a fire in. Legislation regarding beltline overlay - *continued on page 13*

TWELFTH SQUARES!

Curated by Yoyocam



JOHN DIRGA

Join us Saturday, August 19th for *Stacks Squares Round 12 on the corner of Carroll Street & Tennelle*. Featuring 10 muralists selected by Guest Curator Yoyocam (*instagram.com/yoyocam*), we'll get started around 10a and continue throughout the day with frosty beverages, icy exotic drinks, and chill tunes. Be sure to grab some selfies of your favorite amazing Round Eleven murals (curated by Savannah Street's Angie Jerez) before they're buffed and refreshed with more of our famous ephemeral offerings. 2023's Summer rotation

of artists will be announced in early August, stay tuned! Donate online via hype.co/@stackssquares or metafollow [@stackssquares](https://www.instagram.com/stackssquares)

More things! Join us at *97 Estoria* on Friday, August 18th for our Artist Appreciation Party! Enjoy Japanese drink specials from Haku, Roku, & Toki. Meet the muralists, and spin the prize wheel for extrafabulous junk. Sign-up for a relaxing Ctown evening making art with friends on Thursday, August 17th as Jamaali Roberts leads *Happy Little Clouds*, a bad-ass Paint & Sip with chill vibes and mellow music. All paints and supplies included. BYO or enjoy our fancy house selections. \$25 *pre-sale* includes canvas! Sign-up now; it costs more at the door: cabbagetown.com/stackssquares

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C'town Chows: *The Sotto Sotto Secret Menu*



**STACY
and JAKE**

OK – do I have your attention? Pretty catchy headline, right? Thank you, thank you, I really appreciate you saying that guys.

Secret menus are very 2010s, and I'll break the news to you now, early, in the article: it doesn't really exist for **Sotto Sotto**. HOWEVER, there is a bit of a menu hack that you may or might not know about, which, candidly, is a game changer. Sotto Sotto (313 North Highland Ave) in Inman Park is owned by the same folks and even shares the kitchen space with neighboring

Napolitano pizza joint, **Fritti** (309 North Highland Ave). As a result, there are some neighbor privileges afforded, which surely benefits us all.

Alright, so now lots of words into the article, and still no update on the secret menu. Here we go: You can order Sotto Sotto pastas even sitting next door at Fritti. For us, this is huge. Pizza and Pasta goes together like Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spaghetti & Meatball, Lamb & Tuna Fish (Adam Sandler fans WYA?). You need the pasta when you have the pizza, and vice versa. You simply cannot have bread covered in sauce and topped with cheese without also indulging in a separate form of carbohydrate covered in a separate sauce and similar type of cheese. Fortunately for us all, some of Atlanta's best carbohydrates can be found at these two establishments.

So, what do you order at Fritti? Well, there are a TON of pizzas, so really, any of those will do. Personal favorites include Regina Margherita (Mozzarella, basil, olive oil) and Quattro Formaggi (Four cheese – white pizza). I personally think pizza should be ordered and subsequently enjoyed simply; crust, sauce, cheese - but I know there are many out there that just need more, they crave more, and I get it, but get yourself a sandwich and not a pizza, OK?

Now, onto the pasta. Preface this by saying I apologize to the staff at Fritti should our thousands upon thousands of Ctown Chows readers flood your establishments ordering pasta from your Sotto kitchen and asking it to be delivered to their seats at Fritti but it's just too good a recommendation not to share. Favorite pastas include: Ravioli Nudi, Lasagnette alla Bolognese, and the Strozzapreti alla Salsiccia. The Ravioli Nudi are more of a rec for an appetizer to share with the group – ricotta, coated in butter and parmigiano, a great vegetarian option. The Lasagnette is essentially a slim lasagna – the best parts of the lasagna being the top crispy cheesy noodle, sitting atop their wonderful Bolognese. Finally, the best dish of them all, the Strozzapreti – a dish that our very own Stacey Abrams calls one of the most delicious things she's eaten. Strozzapreti loosely translates to "Priest Strangler." Sounds offensive, right? Not 100% sure, I'm not Catholic, but if a pasta was named "The Rabbi-Strangler" I might take issue...

Anyway, these are essentially short cut pasta twisted up in the shape as if you were wringing out a towel, leaving forth crevices on crevices to catch all of that unctuous sweet sausage ragu it accompanies. Final hack on Sotto is you can order appetizer portions of the pastas so you can try multiple, but they don't do that on the weekends anymore because SOMEONE ordered one of every pasta dish one Saturday night and backed up the entire kitchen (sorry y'all).



At Sotto Sotto. Photo by Jake.

Cap that all off with a nice, light, refreshing, four scoop, "Small" Phish Food ice cream cone from Ben and Jerry's across the street and call it a night. If you're asking yourself, who could possibly eat all of that, you need to hang out with us more.

As always, drop us a line if there's anything you want us to review at Stacy.Spector22@gmail.com.

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OH, WHAT A NIGHT!



Caftans & Cocktails. Photo by Jamesa M. Rainey-Euler

By Jeanne Dufour

Bright lights, dazzling colors, exotic world music and food, and beautifully caftan-clad party goers all set the scene for the latest Cabbagetown soirée...the international themed Caftans and Cocktails.

On a lovely night in June, the Cabbagetown Community Center had an elaborate, cultural vibe with its flowing fabrics, romantic vignettes, henna artist, and amazing music provided by DJs Soules and Dyer.

The house was jumping to tunes from around the world!

Join us for the next fabulous Cabbagetown extravaganza, whatever it may be! Special thanks to the volunteers for setting up, hosting, cooking, lighting, cocktail making, and breaking down. Couldn't have happened without you.

If you would like to join our team of event organizers, contact Jeanne at 404.307.6866.

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HULSEY YARD, COP CITY, SHAUN HOULIHAN, & WABE RADIO

By Kyle F. Bidlack

In the July edition of *The Cabbagetown Neighbor*, Shaun Houlihan – who served as our Transportation Chair from 2016 through 2020 – wrote a thought piece about guiding our city towards righteous development. He held up Cop City as a warning flag, and cautioned that Cop City could foretell the future of Hulsey Yard.

Shaun caught the eye and ear of Rose Scott (and her intrepid team including Daniel Rayzel and LaShawn Hudson) at *WABE* radio (our *NPR* and *PBS* affiliate for Atlanta).

Rose invited Shaun to her studio on Monday, July 24th, for a brief discussion on the topic. Shaun accepted and they engaged in a thoughtful conversation on the topic.

With regard to Cop City, Shaun said *"This project has kind of been steamrolled in a way that you don't see with a lot of projects. That's another thing that kind of prompted me to write this piece."* Shaun wants to make sure Cabbagetown's wants and needs are not treated in a similar manner.

To hear the interview, go here: <https://www.wabe.org/cabbagetown-resident-on-the-future-of-hulsey-yard-and-its-connection-to-cop-city/>

Skip to the 6:05 mark to get to Shaun and Rose's conversation.

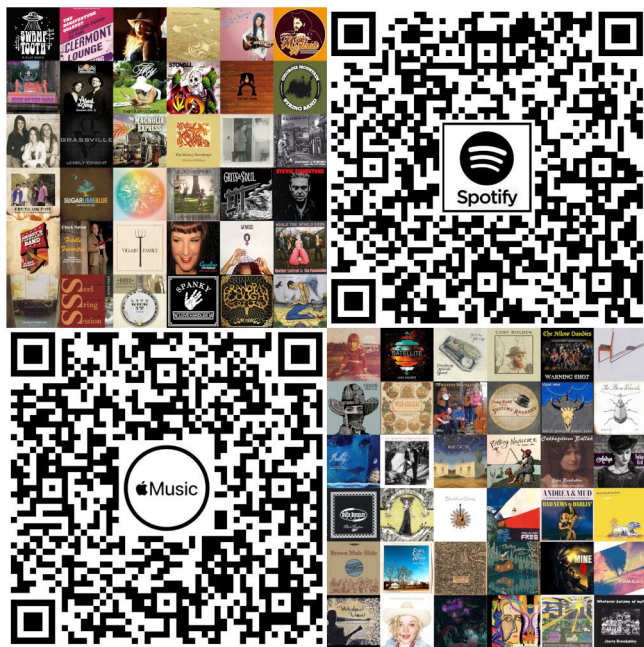
Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

- 1 ELVIS PRESLEY
SUSPICIOUS MINDS
- 2 BOSTON
MORE THAN A FEELING
- 3 TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS
I WON'T BACK DOWN
- 4 TV ON THE RADIO
WOLF LIKE ME
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- 6 RAY CHARLES
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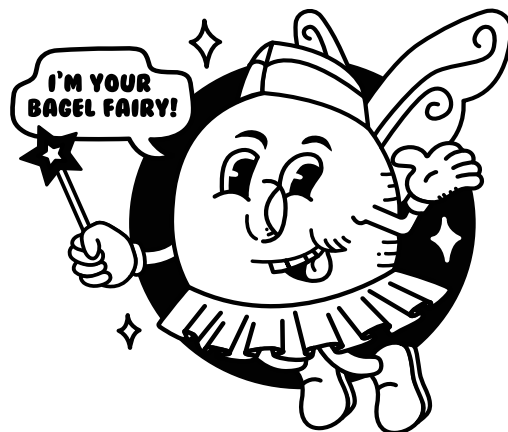


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PLANTS ARE LIKE PEOPLE



Sometimes a plant grows on you. Not literally, of course.

For example, some years ago I purchased a 'Challenger' daylily because it was taller and would bloom later than my other daylilies.

When it bloomed the first time I was disappointed. The flowers weren't as intensely red as the photo in the catalog, and the petals were not as thin

and "spidery" as I had hoped. Though disappointed, I decided to keep it around longer rather than immediately casting it out of my little Eden.

I'm glad I did. 'Challenger' has proven its worth. It wasn't exactly what I expected, but now I am quite fond of it. Its height (reaching five feet or more) gives it a real presence, and it extended my daylily season by beginning to bloom weeks after my other ones. While the red was muddier and not as bright and intense as I was led to believe, it actually blended well with the other things that were blooming along with it or provided a nice contrast to them. And it is a vigorous grower that produces oodles of blooms, to boot.

I debated transplanting 'Salmon Sheen' daylily from my childhood home to Cabbagetown. Salmon is not my favorite color, and many other daylilies are showier and more flamboyant. I moved it here almost out of a sense of obligation. As it grew and bloomed here, I started appreciating it more. Its flowers were exquisitely shaped, sensuous even, with an understated beauty that many new daylilies lack. I see now why it received the Stout Silver Medal, the highest award a daylily can receive, back in 1959. I wish I had noticed its qualities earlier.

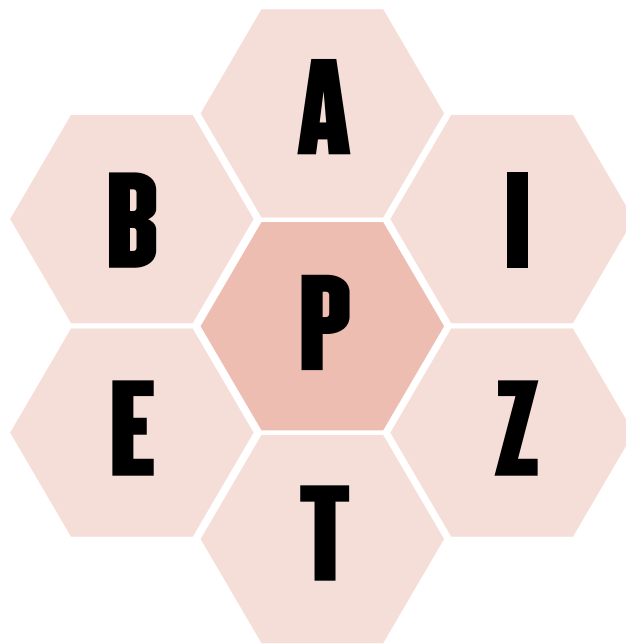
And I have turned up my nose at some common plants that are frequently planted. "Everyone plants that" should not be an excuse for ignoring a quality tree, shrub or flower.

Have you done this with plants as well, dismissing them without taking the time to learn their virtues? Unfortunately, I have also treated people that way. I'm trying to do a better job giving plants and people a fair chance.

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

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 "pangram," 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.....
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- 9..... 23.....
- 10..... 24.....
- 11..... 25.....
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- 13..... 27.....
- 14..... 28.....

CATS OF C'TOWN: TOMMY, AKA TOMMY TWO-TONE

By Chelsea and Melissa

Surely you have met Stephanie, our neighborhood dog-sitter extraordinaire, walking her newest Great Dane, Rocko, with a gaggle of other pups in tow. With so much BDE (big-dog energy), would you ever guess there is also a cat waiting at home? This month, we caught up with Stephanie to talk about Tommy Two-Tone, our second indoor-only subject.

Where did you get Tommy? How did he get his name?

I adopted Tommy in 2010 or so. He was around 3 then, so now he is around 16. You might think that is old, but he is perfectly healthy and spry other than some signs of early kidney disease. He's got some fancy food to help keep that in check. His name when I adopted him was Tommy. His nickname is Tommy Two-Tone because he's a two-tone tabby but also because he could be in a ska band. He also goes by Tommy Burrito which has nothing to do with ska. It just rolls off the tongue, and he is kind of plump like an overfull burrito.



Tommy. AKA Tommy Two-Tone. AKA Tommy Burrito. Photo by Stephanie.

Your street, Savannah, is home to many outdoor cats. Have you ever considered letting Tommy go outside? He is too sweet for the mean streets of Cabbagetown. When I first got him, I let him go outside, but he kept getting picked on by all the neighbor cats so I made him indoor-only.

How does he feel about your pet sitting?

He knows it comes with the territory. He's been through 3 dog siblings with me (Bella, Moose, and now Rocko). He is used to me having tons of pet-sits and foster dogs coming and going.

Maybe he thrives on the changes? Actually, I'm not sure he loves all the changes, but he is happy to not be alone in the house. The only time he is alone is when I am on vacation and his sitters say he screams and cries until I get back into town. It's really the only time he's loud, other than a random 4 AM "PAY ATTENTION TO ME" cry.

Oh, we are familiar with the 4 AM "PAY ATTENTION TO ME" cry. Does he get along with all the dogs? When she was little, one of my cats was best friends with a Chihuahua/Boston terrier mix named Mae, so I truly do believe it is possible.

He's actually pretty good with the dogs, other than a random hiss or boop sans claws on the nose. He really doesn't assert himself. He's just too sweet. He does creep around when there's a new dog over, but then eventually comes out of his shell more and more once he realizes they won't chase him. Those are his favorite dogs. He does not like to be chased or fixated on, but likes to just chill and co-exist with them. Early in my pet-sitting journey, there was a dog that was way too excited about Tommy and wouldn't leave him alone. When his owner finally came and picked him up, Tommy took a shit in the middle of my bed. It's the only time he's ever used the bathroom outside the litter box! It was like he was drawing a line in the sand, or really a poop in the sand. I've been super careful since then about what dogs I bring into my house.

Also very familiar with the shitting on the bed move, unfortunately. You are lucky it has only happened once! Anything else you'd like to tell us about Tommy?

His favorite thing is to lie on my chest an inch from my face while I'm giving him pets. I call him my soul sucker.

Check out Stephanie's amazing photography via her *Instagram* @stephie2cool to see more pictures of Tommy, Rocko, and the rest of the crew.



Tommy and Rocko. Photo by Stephanie.

BOLD PREDICTION

The 2023 Hurricane Season



KYLE F. BIDLACK

We are in the midst of the Atlantic hurricane season which runs from June 1st through November 30th.

First, the good news. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts a near-normal season with no more than 17 named storms. So far, there have been four, and only one reached hurricane status.

Additionally, After three hurricane seasons with La Niña present, we've transitioned into

El Niño this summer, which suppresses Atlantic hurricane activity.

What is El Niño? Good question. During El Niño, trade winds weaken and warm water is pushed back east, fundamentally keeping prime hurricane conditions away from the United States.

Now the bad news. Water temperatures in the Atlantic are historically high. Most reputable sources report temperatures between one and three degrees above normal. According to *CNN*, some waters around Manatee Bay, Florida have reached 100°. That's the same temp as a Jacuzzi hot tub. According to *Rueters*, normal water temps for the area this time of year should be between 73° and 88°.

Here's where it gets a bit scary. According to *Yale Climate Conditions*, A one degree Fahrenheit rise in ocean temperature can increase a hurricane's wind speed by 15 to 20 miles per hour. Doesn't sound like much, right? But consider that a Category 1 hurricane – under normal ocean conditions – hits 95mph. With temps upwards of three degrees above normal, that Cat 1 hurricane can explode into a major Cat 4 with winds hitting more than 140mph and it would not take much for the same storm to blossom into a Cat 5 with winds hitting 157mph or higher. *A hurricane's power increases exponentially from one category to the next as wind speed increases. A Category 5 hurricane, for example, is 500 times more powerful than a Category 1.*

With water temps so warm in shallow waters, we might also see hurricanes gain tremendous strength just before making landfall.

So what does all this mean to Cabbagetown? As a storm moves inland, winds rapidly decrease, but hurricane force winds can be felt as far as 150 miles inland. The stronger and faster the storm is moving, the further inland hurricane force winds will be felt. All these factors mean the chances of severe tropical storms affecting us are much greater. More residents to our south will seek shelter to the north. It might be wise to prepare. If a storm approaches, stock up on food, water, fuel, and money. And maybe prepare for house guests from the south.

I've buried the lede a wee bit, but here's the bold prediction: this season (or during the next two), we will see an unprecedented monster hurricane, that will take more lives and cause more damage than ANY hurricane before. And it's all of our own making. Shame on us. We paved paradise...



END THE EXCEPTION

Worth Rises and Mural Arts of Philadelphia are proud to announce a national campaign to #EndTheException in the 13th Amendment which still allows slavery as punishment for crime. In Georgia, local partners **All of Us or None** & **Cabbagetown Initiative** will empower previously incarcerated artists to install an outdoor mural that explores personal experiences with respect to **liberty, strength, & resilience.**

Thank you to the bold, dope, & woke at **97 Estoria** for making space for justice and awareness. Join our FB group **CabbagetownATL** or follow IG **@cabbagetownusa** to get details about festivities for our Labor Day ribbon cutting, with special guests, including prison reform leaders, and info about **Congressmember Nikema Williams'** organizing the **Bicameral Commission to Finally End Slavery.**

PROJECT DETAILS: CABBAGETOWN.COM/ETE



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CNIA: Meeting Minutes

Continued from page 4. considered three different things. Get rid of parking minimum - NPU did not support. Get rid of drive-thru windows. Get rid of service stations. Going through the zoning approval board. Don't want to deny economic opportunities. John fixed the popcorn machine and can train anyone for Movie Night Ms. Bertha has lived in Ctown since 1982. She is looking after her 90 year old mother and needs help. Lilliana got of us over the finish line to help fix her porch. Need to get things "nailed down" with the contractor (he said it, not me). R'town will distribute the money to Jack or the contractor. Check the newspaper for a neighborhood work day to plant flowers and things around the porch.

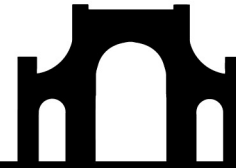
Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) - Lauren Appel, CI Representative. Park news: restrap on Esther Peachy, funds were allocated to the triangle park - will be doing maintenance there. Ongoing conversation with the city about re-mulching the playground - made headway this week. Finally found the right person and we have an open ticket. Community Center - terms of the lease - rent out to small community endeavors. All local (yoga class, art space, events). The city has made all leases standardized but we are making momentum to fix things. Plans to put in access management, shopping for prices. Working on rental prices with preference to locals. Q: How does one go about renting the park? A: Under 75 people, don't need a permit unless you have big deal stuff. Over 75 people you will need to go through the city. In the past we worked with people to use the community center bathrooms. Seeking Volunteers/New Members.

Chomp & Stomp - Lauren Appel, Co-Chair. Will be similar to last year. Please help! Day of and planning. A little bit of help is huge. First meeting is July 19th at 7p. Questions? info@chompandstomp.com

New Business. Alex Joseph (Attorney and Former Prosecutor) from East Atlanta representing the vote to Stop Cop City Referendum campaign. This is a ballot initiative to help the people's voice get heard. It's JUST to get it on the ballot. Reasons to sign the petition: The facility will be 80 acres (three times the size of other facilities); it will cost \$90M (they lied about the price); Fulton County just announced they're building their own Cop City, so we're paying for two?; there's a perfectly good police facility in Forsyth, we should have a statewide facility (not two); there's an environmental impact, destroying Atlanta's largest forest to build this; the river that runs through and EPA report notes the site is polluted and can't handle more; Atlanta would be destroying the environment. To sign, you must be an Atlanta resident and registered to vote since 2021. It can succeed by passing, or by almost succeeding and showing that we are mobilized and want this. Questions? Copcityvote.com - Come by Park Avenue Baptist Church from 11a to 8p to sign or volunteer. **Future Perfect** in Ctown also has a signing station. John Dirga: NPU-N includes Amir's district who voted for Cop City. Working on a mural in conjunction with **97 Estoria** and **Worthrises**. Protesting the exception clause in the 13th amendment which is the extension of slavery. Our congress person, Nikema Williams is supporting a bill. Mural by formerly incarcerated artist to appear on Estoria. **Reynoldstown Farmers Market** on August 6th at Lang Carson Community Center starting at 11a. If you would like to sell or be a vendor please sign up.

8. **Old Business - none**

9. **Meeting adjourned at 8:23p**



CABBAGETOWN RESIDENTS: COME SEE WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT OAKLAND CEMETERY

An open house for our Cabbagetown neighbors

- Tour the newly rehabbed Oakland Bell Tower
- Learn about plans for a new Visitor Center
- Take a mini tour of the grounds
- Opportunities to shape new Oakland programming
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- Gift Shop

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CANINES OF CABBAGETOWN: RANDY



KATIE MARQUELING

This month, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Marina and Charles to talk about their furry family member, Randy.

Katie: Hi! This must be Randy! Marina: Yes, sorry, he can be overly friendly. Charles: He also goes by Randolph. Marina: And Randall. Which apparently means, "wolf shield."

Katie: That's awesome! How did you get Randy? Charles: About 6 years ago, I lost a dog to cancer. A few months later, a friend's mother

sent me a link to a rescue. I saw Randy's picture and thought that's a really handsome dog, so I decided to check him out. He was already big, long, happy, but a little anxious. I could tell he had a good spirit. The woman who rescued him, who must have rescued a thousand dogs, was, like, "he is very special." So I got him in the truck and brought him home.



Katie: Has Randy proven to be special? Charles: Absolutely. Sometimes special needs. Marina: He doesn't trust a lot of things, like thunderstorms and delivery people. Charles: And certain dogs in the neighborhood. But overall he's a lover not a warrior. Marina: Except if you are a squirrel. Charles: Yes, squirrels are a notable exception. He's killed a few.

Katie: Really?! Charles: Randy frequently sits just inside the back door, patiently waiting for squirrels to show up where the bird seed sometimes drops (or where I sometimes place acorns). Once a squirrel gets close enough, he darts under the Japanese maple tree, runs up a ramp that I constructed, and reaches a terrace level where the squirrels try to escape. The squirrels will typically disappear behind the fence, but Randy usually manages to get within 18 inches of their tail. To date, Randy has successfully caught three squirrels. I don't know if I get an assist in that because I planted the acorn bait.

Katie: I think you get the assist. Charles: One of his successes took place when Marina was away on a business trip. She thought that I should taxidermy the squirrel. [laughs] I thought she was crazy. Marina: It's kinda like a trophy and a toy!

Katie: I love it. Marina: We have tried to identify him. We think he is mostly a Treeing Cur. They are specifically obsessed with squirrels. They are called Treeing Curs because they climb up trees to get towards animals. Charles: It truly is his passion in life – hunting squirrels. Marina: That and bike rides. Well, the bike ride is mostly to patrol for squirrels.

Katie: Tell me about these bike rides. Charles: Randy is obsessed with biking. If I walk toward a bike, Randy perks up. Marina: They usually go on 1-2 mile bike rides twice a day. Charles: He also has a peculiar habit of pooping while running. Maybe we should get one of those things that horses have, which catch poop while they're moving... Marina: Charles also takes him mountain biking a few times a week around 5-8 miles. Charles: He is a very athletic dog. Marina: Randy is also pretty smart. He understands both English and Spanish. (Randy displayed these skills, and he is indeed a very smart and very good boy.)

Katie: Wow, I'm impressed! Charles: If Randy gets out, there's no doubt he'll come back. Marina: One time we were in the backyard and realized that the gate was open. We were panicking, trying to figure out where Randy was. We were running around, shouting for Randy. We rushed to the front door, opened it, and he was sitting right there. Charles: He never wants to leave us. We're stuck with the perfect dog.

Honorable mention to Randy's godfather, James.

R'TOWN FARMER'S MARKET

Our great neighbors to the east are very excited to host a brand new market and a few Cabbagheads thought you want to be a part of it!

When will the market be open?

Sundays, from 1p to 4:30p
it will start Sunday, August 6th
and run through Sunday, October 29th

Where can I find the market?

You'll find it in the heart of Reynoldstown at the Lang Carson Recreation Center, which is located at 100 Flat Shoals Ave.



REYNOLDSTOWN
FARMERS MARKET

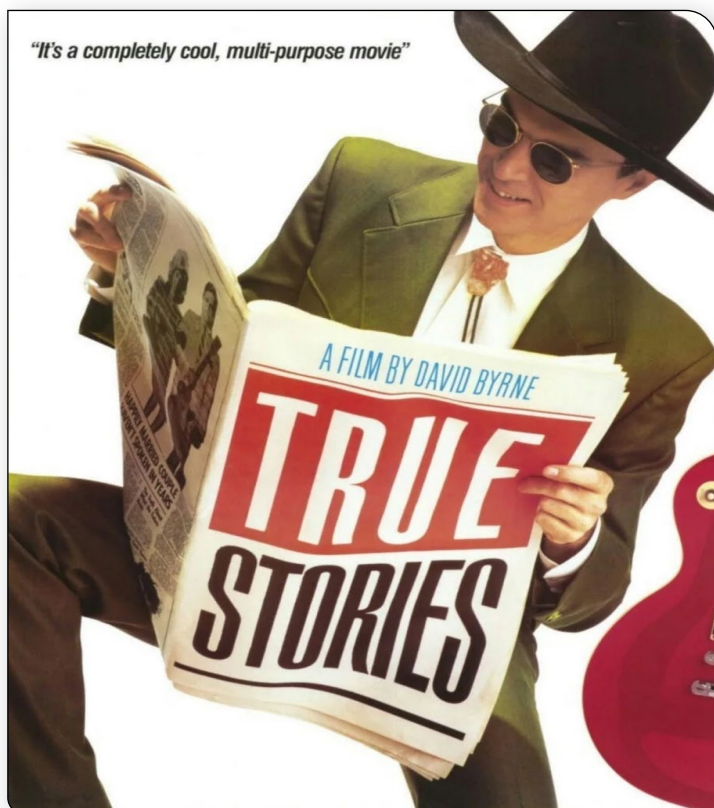
This market will be small, but mighty. Located in the shady parking lot in front of Lang Carson Community Center, the market will be within walking distance of C'town and just 100 yards off the Beltline. R'town put out a survey on social media asking folks if they'd like a market, and within a few days they had over 450 responses with a resounding yes! Their initial plans are to host 18 booths, including produce, eggs & dairy, meat, bread, prepared foods, ready-to-eat food vendors, and non-food items.

MOVIE NIGHT!

TRUE STORIES: AUG 11TH

By Celine Bufkin

We will be screening *TRUE STORIES* (full title: *True Stories: A Film About a Bunch of People in Virgil Texas*) starring David Byrne, John Goodman, Swoosie Kurtz and Spalding Gray. It is billed as an American satirical comedy, directed by Byrne with a bunch of Talking Heads music, of course.



"It's a completely cool, multi-purpose movie"

"The film is replete with Byrne's eccentric and idiosyncratic observations of small-town life, exaggerated satirical imagery, and surrealist sense of humor," says Wikipedia.

The film was released in 1986 and frankly, I have no idea how I have not seen it before, but I CANNOT wait! This has been a popular suggestion for the last couple of seasons and we are so happy to finally screen it for you fine folks.

FURTHERMORE, for September's MOVIE NIGHT on the 8th, we will be laying down the blockbuster *BLACK PANTHER!!* Wanted to give a heads-up because you certainly will want to gather all your peeps for a fun-filled night in the Park.

As always, the movie starts at dusk – i.e., when it gets dark enough to see the screen. We will show *Looney Tunes* 'toons for the young and young-at-hearts beforehand. Bring your chairs/blankets, a picnic, some bevies and come early to hang with friends and neighbors in BEAUTIFUL CABBAGETOWN PARK!

See y'all there!

A vibrant, stylized graphic for the 'Squares' mural project. The word 'Squares' is written in large, bubbly, teal letters. Below it, a purple building facade is shown with signs for 'AUG 19-20', 'Round 12', and 'SUPER FAT!'. At the bottom, the website 'CABBAGETOWN.COM/SQUARES' is listed.

8/17 THU: Happy Little Clouds - Bad Ass Paint & Sip
7-10pm w/ Jamaali, Community Center, 177 Estoria

8/18 FRI: Meet the Artists Party @97Estoria
8pm-? Suntory Spirits Drink Specials, Prize Wheel!

8/19 SAT: Round Twelve on Carroll Street
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FORWARD WARRIOR!!

Traffic Update

IMPORTANT NEWS: Our annual street beautification event is larger this year, and we are implementing enhanced safety measures for pedestrians, including longer hours, more police presence, traffic lane closures, and additional parking restrictions. We are required by law to tow vehicles that present a public safety hazard or obstruct emergency vehicle access during the event. Krog Tunnel will remain open.

We are thrilled to have our pals CC & Mike from GVG Events return to run a bigger better vintage & maker's market featuring over 50 street vendors between Estoria and Powell. Wylie Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from 10a to 7p on Saturday, September 16th. **NO PARKING** is effective Friday 9/15 at midnight. Enforcement begins at dawn. Alternate routes and transit options are available here: cabbagetown.com/forwardwarrior#transit

The following streets will be **NO PARKING** (6a-9p) during the September 16th event:

- Wylie St (between Powell St and Estoria St)
- Estoria St (between Wylie St and Kirkwood Ave)
- Tye St (between Wylie St and Kirkwood Ave)
- Powell St (between Wylie St and Kirkwood Ave)

Street closures are important for a calm and welcoming environment. Keeping traffic flowing on Estoria & Powell is critical for reducing dangerous congestion. Artists and vendors will clearly display our Event Parking Pass.

Residents with off-street parking **WILL** be able to access their driveways. There is **NO STREET PARKING** for residents or visitors during the event. APD will tow vehicles that present a public safety hazard or obstruct emergency vehicle access. We will be distributing door flyers with a contact phone number to those residents inside the permit zone. If you have special access requirements, please do not hesitate to contact @fwstaff at this address: forwardwarrioratlanta@gmail.com

Thank you for your cooperation.



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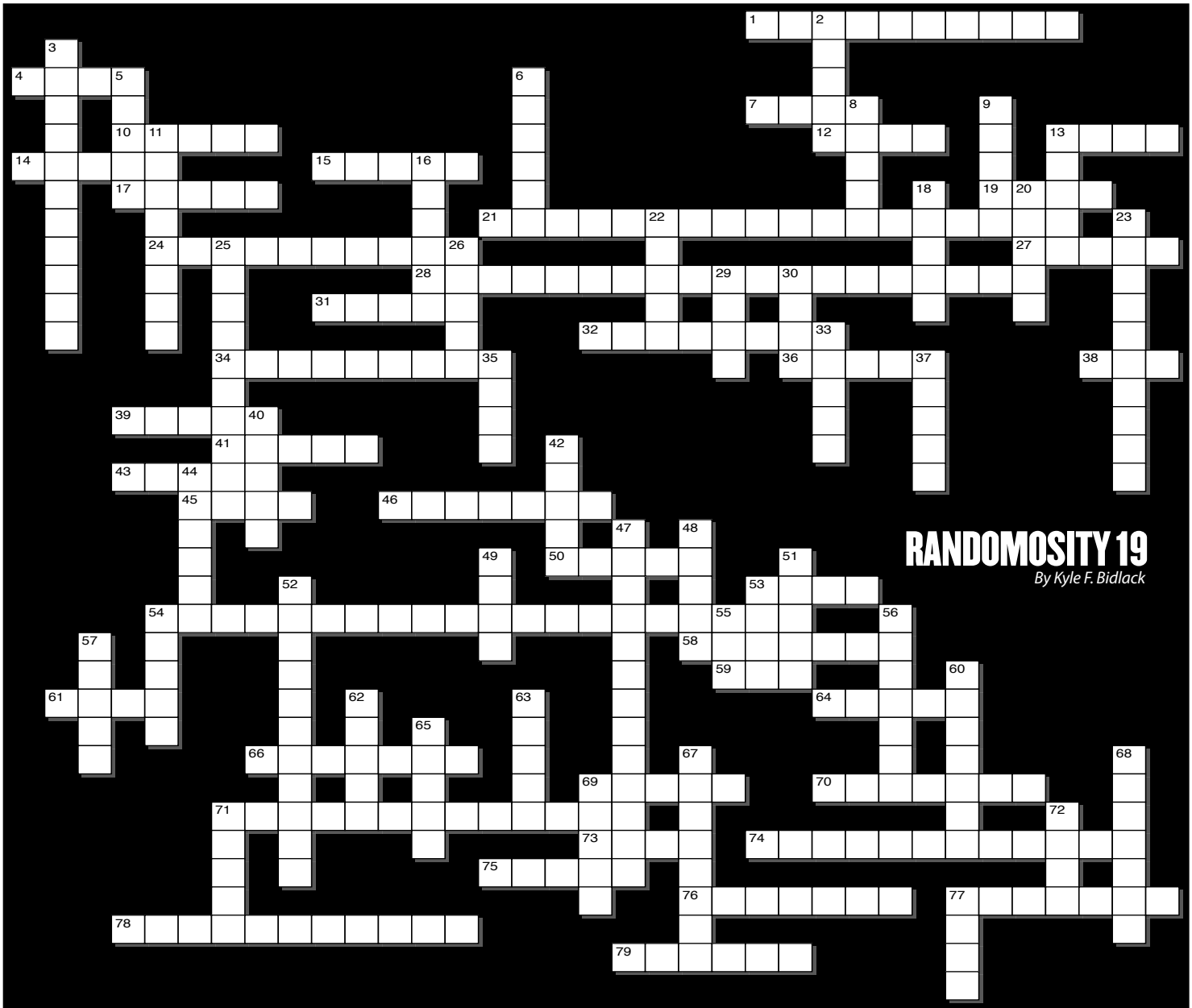


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RANDOMOSITY 19
By Kyle F. Bidlack

ACROSS

- 1) She wrote "You're So Vain" in 1972.
- 4) It makes waves.
- 7) "Everyone is having fun without me" feeling, for short.
- 10) Love, in Rome.
- 12) "Sesame Street" character who refers to himself in the 3rd person.
- 13) Shape of sugar or ice.
- 14) Cosmic comeuppance.
- 15) Like rides on DeKalb & Decatur St used to be.
- 17) He carried the weight of the world on his shoulders.
- 19) State with cities/towns named Lisbon, Milan, London, Moscow and Athens.
- 21) Two bands playing at State Farm Arena on Nov 2.
- 24) Something watered indoors.
- 27) Renaissance masterpiece that stands at 17 feet tall.
- 28) Not smart?
- 31) ___ Fudd, cartoon hunter.
- 32) Large chunks of floating ice.

- 34) A potentially explosive place or situation.
- 36) Wooden strips on a bed frame.
- 38) Month that's a vegetable spelled backward.
- 39) Congratulations.
- 41) Some spell this with an "ugh" in the middle.
- 43) Leader of the Argonauts, in myth.
- 45) Get off the interstate.
- 46) Facing the pitcher, in baseball.
- 50) Uncredited actor.
- 53) Bottom lines for a fashion company.
- 54) Location of July's CNIA meeting.
- 58) Its capital is Montgomery.
- 59) Music purchases before the streaming era.
- 61) Like a ___ in a china shop.
- 64) A poker hand or toilet function.
- 66) Looked for food in the woods.
- 69) In good spirits.
- 70) Premade computer images.
- 71) She released "Nothing Compares 2 U" in 1990.
- 73) Politician Buttigieg.

- 74) The Beatles wrote about a girl with these kind of eyes.
- 75) Karate blows.
- 76) Animal with a sophisticated language of whistles & clicks.
- 77) Pop singer Ed.
- 78) This jazzy crooner sang with Lady Gaga.
- 79) What's expected of a guest for a "Black Tie Required" event.

DOWN

- 2) Tissue or "Miss you," for this clue?
- 3) A really cool name for a hip neighborhood in Toronto.
- 5) Result of inviting an ex to Milltown Tavern, maybe.
- 6) Nickname for our new CNIA President.
- 8) About 80% of this harvested fruit is turned into oil.
- 9) "___ We Trust".
- 11) A small container of fire starters or a toy.
- 13) Porcelain dishes.

- 16) He wrote "Nothing Compares 2 U" in 1984.
- 18) Freezing rain.
- 20) Greek underworld.
- 22) Outside edge of a book.
- 23) He "can't get no satisfaction".
- 25) Breaking with convention or tradition.
- 26) Middle section.
- 29) Spanish for "three".
- 30) Bottom section.
- 33) Noisily drink soup.
- 35) Photo that shows a broken bone.
- 37) Like rental cars after a beach week.
- 40) Ketanji and Elena's partner on the liberal wing of the Supreme Court.
- 42) Flavor of much purple candy.
- 44) Tennis star Williams.
- 47) Artwork on the side of a wall.
- 48) Really hot room.
- 49) Pain in the neck.
- 51) Counterpart of spices.
- 52) Serving coffee and doggie bones since 2001.

- 53) Top section.
- 54) Laid-back.
- 55) 1990s girl group with the hit "No Scrubs".
- 56) Hot tub with underwater jets.
- 57) Acidic beers.
- 60) "Doctor ___," one of the ten highest-grossing films of all time when adjusted for inflation.
- 62) Japanese city of 2.6+ million.
- 63) Summer camp building.
- 65) Word in negative temperatures.
- 67) An additional or supplemental part.
- 68) It might cause you to update your contacts.
- 69) Like I.P.A.s.
- 71) Kind of cup for a small child.
- 72) Secluded bay.
- 77) Quick drink of whiskey.

August Happenings at Oakland Cemetery

By Angie Wynne

August is a busy month at historic Oakland Cemetery. Take a look at just some of the goings-on:

Road Repaving Begins at Oakland

With over \$2.4 million from the 2022 Move Atlanta Forward infrastructure bond, the City of Atlanta is repaving nearly two miles of roads at Oakland Cemetery, replacing failing water lines, installing irrigation for Oakland's gardens, improving drainage and soil stability, and repairing gutters. The repaving work will take place in three phases. Phase one started in late July and focuses on roads in the western half of the cemetery on Bell Tower Ridge. The Cemetery will remain open to visitors while the work is happening, though visitors should be aware that vehicle access to the cemetery will be limited. Families visiting loved ones should contact the Cemetery sexton, Sam Reed, at 404-658-6019 to inquire about accessibility. Phase one work is expected to last through mid-September.



An Open House for Our Cabbagetown Neighbors

Historic Oakland Foundation (HOF) is pleased to invite our Cabbagetown neighbors to a casual drop-in open house on August 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the newly rehabilitated Bell Tower. Guests can tour the new space, learn about construction and plans for a new Visitor Center, and take a mini tour of the grounds. Open house highlights include a small pop-up gift shop, feedback opportunities to shape new programming, and door prizes. Light bites and drinks will be served.

A New Sunset Tour Series

HOF is also excited to announce our newest tour series, The Nightfall Chronicles. Enjoy a special sunset walk through the cemetery as we recount the stories of Oakland ranging from iconic love stories to tales of mystery and mayhem. Each tour ticket includes a complimentary beer or wine. After the tour, enjoy discounts on food from neighboring restaurants Six Feet Under, Republic Social House and DAS BBQ when you show your ticket. Get your tickets at Eventbrite.

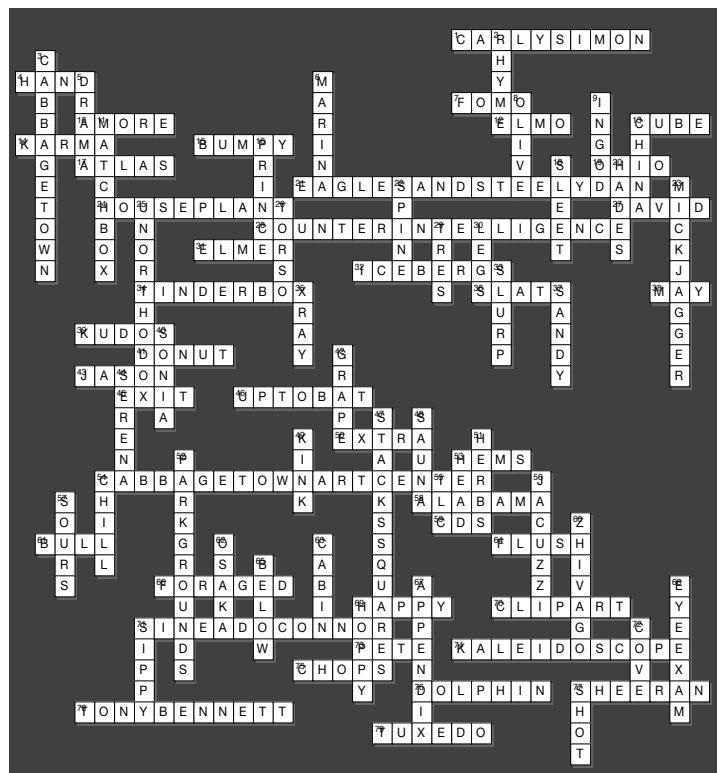
Sunday in the Park and Halloween Tour Tickets on Sale Now!

Families looking for fall activities need look no further than Oakland Cemetery. On September 24, HOF will welcome visitors to its 45th annual fall festival, Sunday in the Park. This year HOF is once again combining its longest-running event with its annual Tunes from the Tombs music festival and welcoming headliners Fireside Collective and Jon Stickley Trio to its North Public Grounds stage along with local acts The Aint Sisters and Black Lion Reggae. Sunday in the Park attendees will find activities for all ages and interests, including living history theater performances, free cemetery tours, food trucks, live music, storytelling, a children's zone, a historical costume contest, and more. The event also includes a market with one-of-a-kind wares from local artists. Tickets for the event went on sale June 15 at Eventbrite and are \$5 off for HOF members.

And finally, Historic Oakland Foundation's largest event, the Capturing the Spirit of Oakland Halloween tours, starts Thursday, October 19. Tickets went on sale to the public on July 15 at Eventbrite and are selling out quickly.

You'll find information on all of these August happenings at oaklandcemetery.com.

The solution to this month's "Randomosity 19" crossword puzzle.



WHO IS THAT?!!!

CAN YOU IDENTIFY ALL THESE CABBAGEHEADS?

Cabbagetown is full of characters, right? We all see (and recognize) each other almost every week. But can you identify these current and former 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. Big thanks to lovely Duwan Dunn for simultaneously suggesting this, and to The Mighty Clay R. Miller for sparking the idea.

