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"The city of Atlanta has always had a good spirit." ~ Ivan Allen

It probably comes as no surprise to you, that when a group of Cabbageheads are asked what makes us, us, they mostly say that it is you, that makes us who we are. "...when you walk anywhere in Cabbagetown to get to a party or some other function, you have to leave early. If you don't, you will be late because there are so many people to talk to on the way" says Karin Kane.

Quirkiness is a word that Cabbageheads often use to describe us and our confines. *"I am thankful that I get to live in this homespun quirky neighborhood. There's no other place like it! The people I've met have grown from being acquaintances to friends and even like family! Heck, I met my future husband in a Stacks elevator!"* Says Nina Caltabiano Elsas.

What Makes Us... Us

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Says Ashley McCartney *"We are friends in good times and in bad. We get stuff done and care about each other and our 'hood, despite our differences."* And it is our perceived differences that seems to weave us together so tightly.

Who are these people that so naturally serve the role of community tailors... poetically stitching us all together? A few names came up time and time again. Barbara Keeney Harper, Karen Russian, Katie Butler, John and Katherine Dirga, Alicia and Dan Thompson, and Reverend David DeChant, to name a few.

"Neighbors come together to find solutions that raise the quality of life in the neighborhood. At the same time, the folks willing to give their time are some of the most approachable, endearing, and fun people to be around--which makes hard work seem easy. Chomp & Stomp, the Halloween Crawl, and the Christmas Crawl are all good times, not to mention the new neighbor parties or events held by the incredible businesses of the neighborhood.

And...if at any of these events you should have too much fun, there are plenty of professionals around the neighborhood; professionals that can help you out of jail (if you get in a scrap) or provide you with a mimosa to ease you aching head...whatever your post-party needs may be there is someone in Ctown that is probably able and willing to help. Gain perspective by taking part and the Christmas Crawl is your next opportunity" says Michael McPherson.

Our ability to persevere is one of the traits that has bound us together for decades on end. *"Cabbagetown survived a difficult paradigm shift from being one of Atlanta's most notoriously dangerous neighborhoods to becoming one of the most desirable places in the city. Ever since the tornado, the sense of community has grown and taken hold, and we are now populated by diverse but like-minded people who share a common ideal - keep Cabbagetown groovy"* says James "Slim" Kelly.

"Cabbagetown is a charming, eclectic, historical neighborhood. I LOVE the architecture. Being designated historical, protects us from inappropriate development" Says Edie Morton.

Remember that scene at the end of Schindler's List? Oskar Schindler heroically saved 1,200 Jews from the death camps. But for Oskar, it wasn't enough. He demanded more from himself.

Cabbageheads are a little like this (*a little*). We are a pretty darn welcoming lot – one of the friendliest neighborhoods in Atlanta – yet many of us demand more of ourselves.

Ashley summed it up best when she said *"We have become quite a tourist destination and sometimes our small C-town Krewe may be put off by that (I am guilty of this as well). Maybe we could be a little more welcoming. This phenomenon is, in large part I think, because we are very protective of our 'hood and are hesitant about the changes we are facing in terms of the development around us and what that brings to our small, unique space."*

"We could provide a more pedestrian friendly environment whether that be providing traffic calming measures, not allowing cars to drive/park on sidewalks, providing continuous sidewalks, or installing lighting for safety at night." ~ Nicole Seekely

That sentiment dovetails nicely into what Katie Butler shared; *"There are many things we could be doing better by typical neighborhood standards, but the thing I most want us to keep doing – and do better – is staying like Cabbagetown. Not necessarily "shitty," but original. Outside of the norm. To me, the key is figuring out how to help the people who are here want to stay here."* Cont. on page 3

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Cabbagetown President's Letter



**KATIE
BUTLER**

If it isn't one gigantic party, it's another. Am I right?! Your Cabbagetown Christmas Crawl is just around the corner, folks. I hope you've recovered from *Chomp*, because the Crawl will require some serious long hours of celebratory fortitude. Keep your eyes open for more details, but for the love of Festivus, mark your calendars for Dec. 16th!

This year, in addition to the typical holiday revelry, your CNIA board is going to solicit your suggestions for 2018 priorities. At our

mid-November board meeting, we established a list of potential projects for better serving the neighbors in 2018, but we need you to help us prioritize them. Look for ways to let us know what you think during the Crawl.

You'll also be able to renew your CNIA membership (FOR FREE) at the Crawl. What does this get you? As a CNIA member, you will have the priceless (literally) opportunity to vote on issues that are important to you in Cabbagetown, like parking, housing variances, and voting to adjourn the meeting when it's clearly already over. You'll also get a discount on neighborhood merch and the first crack at volunteer opportunities (including Chomp shifts for 2018). If, by some combination of bad planning and Grinch-ness, you will

not be able to come to the Crawl, you can always email me with your suggestions, membership request, or offer to volunteer at cabbagechat@gmail.com.

Per tradition, we will not have a December CNIA neighborhood meeting. Instead, we will have a Cabbagetown Christmas Crawl on December 16th. So, our next official neighborhood meeting will be Jan. 9th, 2018, while we're all back on our diets and trying to be nicer and more on-time, or whatever other resolutions we've set. So, you can bet it will be a healthy, timely, nicer neighborhood meeting than any others. In fact, your CNIA board has committed to making each meeting in 2018 a bit more relevant for you. In January, look for a neighborhood meeting plan that will bring an outsider to us once a month. Want to know what's up with the *Beltline*? What about hearing the latest on the Memorial Drive developments? Want to ask tough questions of the *Atlanta Office of Entertainment* (film people)? Come to a 2018 CNIA meeting.

Bar Hours will also return in January. I know that not everyone can attend or wants to attend CNIA meetings, so these Bar Hours are an informal way for you to come and chat with me about your concerns and ideas for Cabbagetown. This next "round" (HA!) will be Sunday, Jan. 28th at Agave from 5 to 7p. Until then, if you want to chat about something, email me at cabbagechat@gmail.com, find me *on Facebook* or *Nextdoor*, or ask your St. Bernard to bring me a note with a barrel of mountain brandy (please?). **Let's connect!**

What Makes Us...Us

Continued from the front page. Shakespeare wrote "brevity is the soul of wit." And some of our favourite quotes were also some of the shortest.

"In Cabbagetown, it's more okay to be yourself than in any other place I've ever lived."

~ CNIA President Katie Butler

"I am thankful that Cabbagetown is a tight knit community of weirdo's."

~ Former Cabbagehead of the Year Jay Desai

From HJ McGinness to Connie and Bruce Veates – dogs, parks, shops, taverns, and restaurants – these are a few of our favourite things.

"It always puts a smile on my face to see happy families and dogs playing in the parks. They make me so happy to be a part of this small community"

~ Connie Veates.

And finally, a big part of what makes us us, is our ability to dream in a weird, wild, lucid stream of consciousness.

Case in point, Michael McPherson: *"As for what might be done better, I dare not point to one thing over another. There are always new ways to use the parks for events. We've seen wedding parties and Soccerfests, but we could see more concerts and other revenue generating events that might be fun and helpful. And to what end might revenue largess be committed?"*

Who's to say that the neighborhood should not at some point erect a monument to its protector, progenitors, or the unknown millworker?

Who would deny that the community center could benefit from an overhaul? Are there not neighbors in need? Could the devil actually be convinced to come have a fiddle competition in the neighborhood and, if so, who would challenge the rascal?

A zip line from the Stacks to Peachy Park? Renaming streets is wildly popular. Whatever might be done, I am doubtful that there is a group of neighbors anywhere that might enjoy themselves as much while getting it done."

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th, 2017, 7p Cabbagetown Community Center.
Meeting Conducted by Katie Butler. Minutes recorded by Karyn Corell.

1. Atlanta Police Department – Lieutenant Gruen

Slight uptick in crime with change in daylight hours... a neighbor asked about burglary last week. APD calls them "robbing crew"... ended up being Whitehall/Gibson that was hit... also happened in Kirkwood and East Lake the same morning. Crews do move. APD said EAV is getting hit hard with robberies right now.

2. **Katie – Hello & Welcome... Grab an agenda.** Membership details... fill out a 'hood membership form annually to vote at meetings. Motion to accept October minutes. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. **City of Atlanta – Valencia Hudson.** Met with Beltline folks. They're looking to put speed tables on Wylie from Krog to Carroll (already putting them from Krog to Flat Shoals. Neighbor also asked her to look at large pothole on Gaskill. Neighbor asking about parking on Berean and how handicapped parking spot gets put in front of house of a person with a flat driveway. What can the city do to help alleviate parking problems? Another neighbor chimed in how we've been talking about parking and permit parking. Valencia said lines could be put in to help regulate parking efficiency.

4. **Dan Thompson – Treasurer.** Balance at the end of October was \$6,140.31. A \$5,000 check to CI cleared. \$71 pizza cleared. \$69 Sept party fund check cleared. Deposited \$1,175.00 in ad revenues. Received bill for three months of newspaper printing: \$4k total. Hoping CI helps with \$2,900 of it from Chomp edition newspapers.

5. **Property Tax/Affordable Housing – Kendall.** Explained mission and how/why committee was started. Natalyn attended last meeting and explained what is being done on westside Beltline area to help keep housing affordable. Natalyn promised to get us into priority zone 1 or 2. She said the best thing to do reach out to elected officials often and strategically. Committee doing research on most recently elected officials to share and also providing "letter of concern" templates for residents to share to try to affect the next decision cycle. ctowntaxes@gmail.com is how to get in touch with the committee or get involved. Next meeting is early December. Dekalb passed a penny sales tax increase to allow for freezing of the property tax rate.

6. **John Dirga – NPU.** APD clean car: Adding bicycle cops to L5P. Marta said don't use phones by the train doors because they are getting snatched. There are TEN code enforcement complaints in our neighborhood. Solid Waste bill going up. Probably \$60 per. Bulk pick up will only be twice a year unless you call for a special pick-up. Phase 1 of Zoning Quick Fix is being implemented. Westside Affordable Housing District. Pullman Yard being developed by **Atomic Entertainment**. Height is 50 x 90' limit and no FAR requirement. 85% lot coverage. 100% Clean Energy Plan: All city properties to have clean energy by 2035. GDOT re-stripping and resurfacing from Pearl to Candler to make a center turn lane. Shorten pedestrian crossing distances to create more walkable environment.

7. Peyton – Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch

Crime is up a smidge. Masked guy in Cabbagetown Park robbed someone night before Chomp. Two home burglaries in Reynoldstown. None in CTown in over a year. Keep your damn cars clean! Car break-ins still our biggest problem. APD Hope unit to help homeless that might be sleeping in our area. Tent behind **Friendship Baptist**. The church is okay with him staying there. Citizens police academy offered by APD. Free to participate. APD cameras at Krog/Wylie. If the camera has a blue light, then it's a APD camera. Leave porch lights on with time change since our 'hood lighting is not great. Get a carbon monoxide detector since the heat is now on.

8. **Hospitality – Laura Bellinger.** Christmas Crawl is Dec 16th. Email going out to sign-up for things to bring. It's a four-house-crawl: appetizers, soup/salad, main course, & dessert.

9. **Chelsea – At-large board member: Volunteering.** Let her know if volunteers are needed for neighborhood tasks. Alert Katie of any neighbors who may need a Thanksgiving basket from annual Reynoldstown project.

10. **Paul – CI.** Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Chomp. Next CI board meeting is December 11th. The Bolsters will have a Chomp post-mortem recap in next couple months.

11. **Shaun – Transportation/Traffic Committee.** Memorial resurfacing in 2018. Signal going in at Bill Kennedy and **Krobar** entrance. Reynoldstown **Marta** station is point of concern. Needs improvement, clean up, and handicapped access. Berean parking issue raised by neighbor. Shaun proposing Parking Benefits District idea. Revenue goes back to the 'hood. Savannah/Tennelle neighbor very upset about Carroll Street patrons parking on their street, leaving no places for residents. **GaTech City Planning** students are presenting tactical traffic solutions. This is the result of our 'hood paying for traffic study and trying to finding solutions.

Masters City Planning Students. Complete streets design for Berean Ave. A one month treatment to see how it affects speeds from Gaskill to Tennelle. Potential treatments include: horizontal deflection, alternating parking, vertical deflection, contra-flow bike lane striped, sharrows, widening the sidewalk, etc... Hash marks for parking spaces too. Repaint crosswalk at Gaskill. Contraflow lane on westside of Berean and sharrows. Green paint and signage for conflict points. Three options: Reverse parking, contraflow bike lane on westside, planters/sidewalk extension. Motion to support contraflow bike lane, seconded, option B carries. Motion to put tick marks for parking spaces on eastside. Motion to have parking tick marks put in, seconded, all in favour.

12. **Old Business: None**

13. **New Business – John Dirga.** Atlanta Planning Advisory Board taking nominations for the neighborhood matters and partner awards. We would like to nominate Peter Ferrari and **Forward Warrior!** Motion, Second, all in favor.

Adjourned 8:45p



Relaxing and enjoying family time on Carroll Street, after Chomp and Stomp

Cheers!

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Chomp & Stomp was Awesome!



By Kyle F. Bidlack

You did it again Cabbageheads! You threw another big ol' chili and bluegrass festival, and 25,000 of our best friends ascended upon our friendly confines.

It ain't an easy undertaking. But from our guests perspective it looked almost effortless. The party, the planning, and the weather were all perfect.

Big thanks go out to everyone who played a role, but especially to the spirited beer crews that ran the kegs at the corner of Kirkwood and Short. The awesome craft artists near Peachy Park. The emcees that introduced the bands and ran the games.

And extra big thanks to all those that directed and helped out with the 5k Romp, especially those volunteers near Krog Tunnel that helped push runners up the hill with heartfelt words of encouragement.

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*Saturday in the park,
I think it was the Chomp and Stomp.
People talking, really smiling,
A man playing guitar
And singing for us all
Will you help him change the world
Can you dig it (yes, I can)
And I've been waiting such a long time
For today.*

The Great American Failure

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Selfishly and short-sightedly, I'll say this story started on 17 June 1972. That was the day the Nixon administration orchestrated and executed the break-in at the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, DC.

It was a huge failure in leadership that left a deep and poisonous scar on human beings of a certain age. And for all living Americans, it was a critical moment in time when our elected leadership made all the wrong moves.

It was a massive moment in time when confidence and trust was lost. It was also a moment when those in the political spotlight gave Americans an example on how NOT to act. Yes, there was backlash. The populace rose up and the Administration stepped down.

But history shows that instead of the pendulum swinging back towards the right and righteous, the balance of the 1970s, 80s, 90s, into the new millennia, and up to today, witnessed leadership of all race, creed, colour, culture, tint or hue, bowing to the worst of our human capabilities.

The last forty-five years of failed leadership has left a profound affect on all of us. Being exposed, manipulated, and infected by bad actions, words, lies, and motives has had a trickle-down

effect. The last forty-five years of this great American failure has been compounded – and this is the crux of my point – **we as a people have begun to mirror our leadership.**

It has changed our children, our parents, the way we parent, the way we educate, learn, listen, and live. We have moved towards the lowest common denominator, instead of aspiring towards that shining city upon a hill.

If a society is to succeed, it must shun the worst of our human traits and simply aspire to do what is right and good. A dumb-ass saying has gained popularity over the past twenty years – If you ain't cheating, you ain't trying – and THAT asinine expression is a microcosm of our general failure. If you are cheating, then you are destroying whatever endeavour you are a part of.

The good news is the story is not yet done. We can change the denouement. The way we vote. The way we listen and learn. The way we eschew corruption, cheating and bad acts. The way we demand and enable the best from ourselves, our neighbors, and our elected officials.

Then and only then will the great American failure be but a dismal chapter and not a dark conclusion.

Celebrate the Season

By Lisa Archibald

Celebrate the Season with Grant Park Cooperative Preschool!

Grant Park Cooperative Preschool is a learning community based on the principles of community, cooperation, process and growth, and diversity. This 17-year old school, with locations in Grant Park and Cabbagetown, focuses on the total development of the child. There are many upcoming opportunities to celebrate the season with GPCP!

Candlelight Tour of Homes - December 9th and 10th

The Candlelight Tour provides an intimate and charming way to experience both the past and present of the historic Grant Park neighborhood. And you'll soon realize that "Candlelight Tour" isn't just a slogan, as you'll be enchanted by the warm glow of candles and holiday lights at every stop. There is hardly a more delightful way to experience the Grant Park neighborhood.

Mediterranea Dine Out - December 12th

Stop by Mediterranea on December 12th for some great food, and help support Grant Park Cooperative Preschool!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RONNIE!

One of Cabbagetown's favourite sons, Ronnie Edwards turned 79 years young last month! Next time you see Ronnie around the 'hood, be sure to wish him well.



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The Atlanta Police Department will be recruiting Police Officers on Saturday, December 9th, 2017 in Atlanta, GA at the City of Atlanta Public Safety Headquarters (226 Peachtree ST S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303). Interviews will begin promptly at 9a. Qualifying SAT, ACT, COMPASS, CPE or Accuplacer test scores will be accepted. Please be prepared to be in attendance for at least three hours. Plan accordingly and come early.

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CNIA December Meeting & Social Calendar

Tuesday, 12/5/17
7:15p Cabbagetown Property Tax and Affordable Housing Committee Meeting.
261 Iswald Street

Tuesday, 12/12/17
There is NO CNIA meeting in December! Instead, we will all attend a fantastic party, put on by CNIA and YOU.

Saturday, 12/16/17
Evening Cabbagetown Christmas Crawl. You don't have to celebrate Christmas to crawl, y'all. Keep an eye out for more details on where to be, what to

bring, how to dress, and what vocal warm-ups to practice!

Monday, 12/18/17
7:00p Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee Meeting.
Public meeting of your Cabbagetown HPLU committee to review neighborhood requests for housing and land use changes. They are here to help. Cabbagetown Community Center: 177 Estoria

Thursday, 12/28/17
Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) Meeting

The Cabbagetown Christmas Crawl!

By: Laura Bellinger

Hear ye, hear ye, Ctown residents! This year's Christmas Crawl is Saturday, Dec. 16! Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-gulp! 'Tis the time of year for Cabbageheads to come forth from their homes and make merry with neighbors and partake in nourishment and booze. It's a time to celebrate the wonderment and blessings of our world with a potluck progressive dinner on Dec. 16th, from 5:30 to 10p.

If you are a Cabbagetown resident, sign-up in advance at tiny.cc/cabbagetowncrawl to bring your favorite food or liqueur to one of our host homes. With a food or beverage contribution, entry is \$10 a person. Otherwise, it's \$20 a person. Kids party for free. Proceeds go towards keeping Cabbagetown wonderful.

- 5:30p – Cocktail hour/appetizers at 184 Berean Ave. (Fred Perry)
- 6:30p – Soups and salads at 160 Savannah St. (Gray Stewart)
- 7:30p – Light feast tapas and casseroles at Caroll Street Lofts
- 8:30p – Dessert at 186 Estoria St. (Ann Marie & David Dechant)
- 10:00p – One Free Irish coffee per resident at Milltown Tavern

We're looking forward to seeing you for our 15th year of this joyful, raucous progressive dinner.

Due to the size of Ctown homes, this festivity is planned for Ctown residents and their families. If you have friends that would like to share in the merriment, please encourage them to join us at Milltown Tavern, after the 10p serving of free Irish coffee for Cabbagetown residents.

Tough Choices



**BRANDON
SUTTON**

Atlanta has a choice to make, and it's a particularly tough one. We are electing a Mayor on Dec. 5th in the runoff election, and the woman that takes the helm at City Hall is going to lead the city at an important time in Atlanta's growth.

Many people are disappointed with the choice, myself included. After all, 53% of the voters cast their ballots for candidates that are not in the runoff.

In some ways, this is a wakeup call.

Although Dec. 5th is the day we have to choose between the two Mayoral candidates, we can choose right now to be more involved in the city so that our voices are heard consistently. If more people participated in civic affairs, perhaps we would not be in this position. Alas, here we are.

The candidates are pounding the pavement in an attempt to woo undecided voters and it can be tough to get a strong sense of what they will actually DO once they are in office.

They are also each going out of their way attempting to woo Cathy Woolard voters, who represented 17% of the vote on election day. The surprising (to some) strong 3rd place finish by Cathy sent a clear signal that a significant chunk of the city wants to see us move forward with bold vision, prioritizing Affordability, Transportation, and Livability. The question for Cathy's supporters is: which of the candidates best aligns with her vision?

They each have major flaws and it's questionable which one will be the better leader. There seems to be a sense around town that we're left with a toss-up. Which will be 'less bad'?

If you're concerned about ethics and transparency, it's tough to overlook the strikes on Keisha's record, not to mention the full-throated support of the sitting Mayor, who himself has a litany of questionable dealings. If you're concerned about equity, transportation, or affordability, Mary's platform may not inspire, nor does her fixation on car-centric transportation solutions.

Cathy Woolard hosted a conversation with the two candidates at the Carter Center on Nov. 28th, then held a press conference where she announced that after much struggle and internal debate, she has decided to endorse Mary Norwood. Some of her supporters were surprised, but she was faced with a very difficult situation and went out of her way to give the candidates an opportunity to earn her (and her voters) support before making a decision.

Although I am a huge Cathy supporter and respect her tremendously, her endorsement does not provide a definitive answer. I'm still truly undecided and I'll be 'holding my nose' one way or the other on Tuesday.

What I can say for certain is that we must do better as a city. We must show up and participate. It's vital; now more than ever. The 53% who voted for someone else have to stay engaged so that their hopes for the city are not forgotten. *It's up to each of us. We must do better.*

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Misguided. Wrong. Criminals.

By Kyle F. Bidlack

During the early morning hours of November 23rd, vandals defaced the storefronts of Sock Fancy and Brother Moto. They broke windows and sprayed white paint all over the facades of these two small, budding businesses on Memorial Drive.

According to two websites (that will not be listed here), the anonymous criminals confessed to their crimes.

Misguided. The criminals committed their crimes in a misguided attempt to bemoan the affects of gentrification, capitalism, condominiums, "the soulless rhythms of the American way of life" and the loss of "iconic graffiti".

It should be noted that the two targeted businesses are both small businesses that support their workers, surrounding neighborhoods, and work with their neighbors to ensure a harmonious co-existence.

Wrong. These criminals are by the laws of the society they live in, wrong. They damaged the lives and properties of our neighbors. There are many right ways to voice one's opinion, affect change, and influence the character of society. This is not one of those ways. Vandalism and destruction is anathema to our society.

Criminals. The individuals who committed these crimes are now wanted by the law, and when they are apprehended, they will feel the full weight of the criminal justice system.

Proactive. For those that might be sympathetic to the actions and motives of these criminals, I say there are limitless creative and legal ways to voice your opinions and affect change. You can get (legally) involved in a wide variety of initiatives aimed at providing low-income and/or blue collar housing. You can join together, voice your thoughts, petition politicians, maybe even buy property and provide the anti-gentrified homes you envision. Granted, none of these proactive options are easy, and seldom do they deliver instant gratification, but they do afford you the opportunity to be a hero, not a zero.

Many of the low-income and blue collar folks that work and live among us are simply trying to make better lives for themselves and their families. Over a period of time, they will succeed and many will help those around them. These criminals only suck the soul out of those trying to live their dream. And let's not forget that many of those dreamers have been working hard for decades. Criminals are not a friend to the low-income worker or the homeless. They are only allies to the decay of a better life for all.

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Chomp Chili Champions

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MEAT DIVISION

Place	Team Name	Chili Name	Score
1	Butt Stuff	Da Bombriskety	28
2	Clownbite	Vindivoodo	28
3	In Vino Veritas	Baby Beans	27.5
4	Spoon-tang	Rocco's Friend	27
4	Pig parts bbq	White lightning	27
6	Butt Stuff	So Fresh and So Green	26.5
6	Big Top Chili	Bearded Chili	26.5
6	Spicy Boys	Poblano Picasso	26.5
6	Grateful Red	Grateful Red	26.5
10	Chillax	Love Sauce	26
10	Covfefe	Live Mas Chili	26
12	Dude, Where's My Chili?	The Walter	25.5
13	ATL Clunks	Beans In Ya Mouth	25
13	Women for Peter Aman	Aman to good chili	25
13	Beanstie Boys	Licensed to Chili	25
13	AKQA	Eggsceptional Smokin' Chili	25
13	The J Crew Jimmy's	Hot Dollop	25
13	Kutler Kitchen	Yoni's Triple Double Chili	25
19	Chili Dawgz	Chili Dawgz	24.5
19	Dude, Where's My Chili?	The Dude	24.5
21	Arrakis	GomJabbar	24
21	Chilluminati	Mom's Super Bowl Chili	24
21	Bluth's Original Chili Stand	This chili will burn your crack	24
21	Ancho Average Chili	Chili Con Carnage	24
25	It's Always Sunny in Cabbagetown	Troll Hole Chili	23.5
25	Carnie	Exit Wounds	23.5
25	ATChili	ChilATLien	23.5
25	Netflix and Chili	The Dirty Bird	23.5

VEGETARIAN DIVISION

Place	Team Name	Chili Name	Score
1	Motherpuncher	Motherpuncher	29
2	Culinary Masochists	Eggplant Garam Masala Chili	29
3	The Habanero Is My Companero	The Habanero Is My Companero	27.5
3	BigDDunioCo.	Green Chili tortilla	27.5
5	Chilluminati	Ron Swanson's Nightmare	26.5
6	Liliana for Atlanta	Chili-ana Bakhtiari	20.5
7	Michael and Maureen Chili	Michael's Chile	19.5
8	2Needy2Speedy	Chill yr Idols	16.5

Winter Gardens

By Halley Beagle, Assistant Nursery Manager at Garden*Hood

With winter right around the corner, it is time to start fortifying your garden for the coming months. Atlanta typically experiences cold, wet winters with a lot of fluctuating temperatures, providing gardeners with many unique challenges.

Watering is still crucial at this time of the year, especially for your new plantings. Deep weekly soakings through fall will help your plants have the best possible chance for survival through the winter months. Wet soil provides good insulation for roots against freezing temps.

Mulching is also important, but your timing on this will need to be precise. Wait until after the first frost to lay a thick layer of mulch. The objective with mulch will be to regulate the soil temperature, not raise it. A 3"-4" layer of mulch around the base of the plant, completely covering the roots is ideal. Take care not to pile too much at the crown of the plant, though, as moisture will collect and can cause damage. There are plenty of choices available when it comes to mulch, but don't discount your own leaf litter as a viable option!

Fertilizing and pruning are both things that you should resist until spring. Fertilizer promotes new growth which will not have time to harden off before the cold sets in. Once fertilizer is in the soil, it will be impossible for the plants to absorb it all before

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they go dormant. The leftover fertilizer will sit on the roots all winter and can cause

extensive damage. A better option for this time of year is to top dress with ¼" to ½" of worm castings which will slowly leach down into the soil and help replace nutrients absorbed during the growing season.

Pruning can be hard to resist, but holding off will ultimately yield better results for your plants. Like fertilizer, pruning will stimulate tender new growth that will not be able to withstand the impending winter conditions. The resulting wounds can also open up the opportunity for disease and rot to set in while the plant is dormant. Perennials might not be the most attractive things in your garden this time of year, but leaving the stems can provide some winter interest as well as much needed protection for the plants and for wildlife. If you must, wait until after the first killing frost to ensure the plant is fully dormant before pruning.

Containers will also need special considerations during the winter months. Fluctuating temperatures will cause excess moisture in the soil to freeze and thaw, which can cause cracking in your pots. Raising your pots off the ground with pot feet will help allow that excess moisture to drain. If you are concerned about frost damage, the best option is to cluster your pots together and wrap them using burlap, blankets, hay bales, etc. for insulation.

Once you have gotten your garden ready and your tools tucked in for the winter it's time for you to settle in with a warm drink and rest up. Spring will be here before you know it!

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Mission Puerto Rico: *No Pet Left Behind*

By Eric Nave

Please join us at Milltown Tavern on Friday, Dec 8th at 7p to help raise awareness and money for Second Chance Animal Rescue of Puerto Rico (SCAR-PR). There will be live music, an ugly Christmas sweater contest, a 50/50 raffle and a silent action. Cash donations will be accepted. If you would like to learn more about SCAR-PR or donate cash directly, you can do so at: scarpr.org

SCAR-PR rescues, rehabilitates, and secures permanent homes for abandoned and abused dogs found on the streets of Puerto Rico. Not only that, they provide each rescue with food, shelter, medical care and *love!* Their goal is to place each rescue into a loving home. Sometimes those homes can only be found off the island, and as you can imagine, getting these pets to their forever homes, can be an expensive endeavour. That's why we really need your help.

Second Chance Animal Rescue of Puerto Rico has a very unique and touching story as they are still without power and running water in the interior of Puerto Rico with over 150 pets to tend to. One person, owner and founder Bonnie Lukas did all this. Bonnie was all alone for the first week of the disaster. It's a testament to her passion for this rescue and the animals of Puerto Rico.

It doesn't take a climate scientist to underscore the severity of the 2017 hurricane season. Many of us right here in Cabbagetown felt the affects of Hurricane Irma as some of us were without power approaching 30 hours and others housed temporary refuges from both Irma and Harvey.

Both Hurricanes Harvey and Irma gleaned national attention due to the fact that they both impacted the mainland of the U.S. and brought widespread devastation. While our national disaster relief agencies were struggling from these back-to-back storms, we on the mainland were largely spared from the affects of Hurricane Maria that laid waste to the Caribbean. Hurricane Maria made landfall on November 20th in Puerto Rico as a Cat. 5 storm that tracked right down the middle of the island from east to west.

As it stands right now most in Puerto Rico are still without power and clean running water to drink. Many have to flee their homeland and find safe confines elsewhere. Many are fleeing to the U.S. with what little possessions they still own.

However, one possession they are not able to flee with – at least via air travel – are their pets, unless they are under 20lbs. Many are just leaving their pets at the airport as they board planes for other destinations. Are you wondering "*why would anybody just leave their pet at the airport?*"

Well, the Federal Government has laid claim to any extra cargo space in the belly of a plane that is not being used for luggage. This is being done to aid in the recovery effort and make certain that supplies continue to flow into the country. The real issue is that this applies to outgoing flights from Puerto Rico, which is preventing the ability to crate a pet and have them ride in the cargo hold of the plane.



Many of us who are pet owners can't imagine the heartbreak of leaving your beloved family pet behind. This has to add unimaginable emotions to an already bad situation. It's this very thought that has sparked a few of us here in Cabbagetown to try to bring some awareness to this issue and help raise money to get as many of these pets back with their owners as possible.

The wonderful folks at **Milltown Tavern** have a long history of helping pet related charities and are spearheading this effort. Together, we can all help Bonnie Lukas make the world a better place... one pet at a time.

Movie review: *Storks* (2016)



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Directed by Nicholas Stoller and Doug Sweetland with performances by Andy Samberg, Katie Crown, Kelsey Grammer, Jennifer Aniston, Ty Burrell, Anton Starkman, Keegan Michael Key, Jordan Peele, and Danny Trejo.

The days of storks delivering babies have long since passed, and the baby-request letter department has become obsolete.

Storks now act as a general package delivery service. The stork factory runs like clockwork due to the precision timing and efforts of all the employees, storks and a variety of other birds. All the employees, that is, except for a single human orphan. Tulip (Crown) was almost lost years ago during an "incident" with one of their carriers, and since then, she spends her days trying to help with mostly catastrophic results.

Junior (Samberg) is about to be promoted to The Big Boss slot. All he has to do is fire Tulip. Hunter (Grammer) is the current boss bird, and he has decided that since "the orphan" is turning 18, she should be liberated. When Junior can't bring himself to fire Tulip on her birthday, he quickly comes up with a plan to keep her around without being visible to Hunter. Junior makes her the new head of Letter Sorting. The only rule is that she is not to leave the sorting room.

Nate Gardner (Starkman) wants a brother. His parents Henry (Burrell) and Sarah (Aniston) have put off the "where babies come from" conversation for far too long, so Nate goes looking for information on his own. He stumbles on an old brochure for Storks baby delivery, and proceeds to forge a request letter in his parents' name.

When Nate's letter arrives, Tulip unintentionally turns on the baby machine, and all of a sudden, she is looking at an adorable baby ready for delivery! The next thing she knows, she and Junior are off on a mission to deliver the baby before Hunter finds out and Junior loses his big promotion.

Throughout the journey, they run into several speed bumps, not limited to wolves (Key and Peele), plane crashes, and Jasper (Trejo), the stork responsible for Tulip's situation!

Will Junior get his promotion? Will Tulip and Junior deliver Nate his baby brother? Will Tulip ever learn who her family is? Watch *Storks* to find out! With Baby New Year right around the corner for Cabbageheads, perhaps *Storks* is just the movie to put folks in the mood for a fresh start come Januaryst.

Favorite quote: Junior – *Just a brief exposure to baby cuteness can ruin your life!* **Trivia:** This is Jennifer Aniston's second animated film. The first -*The Iron Giant*- was almost twenty years ago!

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Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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|---|--|----|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | OASIS
CHAMPAGNE SUPERNOVA | 9 | CARDI B
BODAK YELLOW |
| 2 | SMASHING PUMPKINS
BULLET WITH BUTTERFLY WINGS | 10 | RAMONES
THE KKK TOOK MY BABY AWAY |
| 3 | POST MALONE
ROCK STAR | 11 | YELAWOLF
TILL IT'S GONE |
| 4 | TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS
FREE FALLIN' | 12 | POST MALONE
ROCKSTAR |
| 5 | GREEN DAY
BRAIN STEW | 13 | JANE'S ADDICTION
JANE SAYS |
| 6 | OUR LADY PEACE
CLUMSY | 14 | FOO FIGHTERS
EVERLONG |
| 7 | ERIC CLAPTON
COCAINE | 15 | GENESIS
LAND OF CONFUSION |
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By Jacob and Nina Elsas

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In addition, our first rotating exhibit will be focusing on the great Joyce Brookshire, Duchess of Cabbagetown, who passed away last June. Honoring us (and Joyce's memory) will be two very special guests: Slim Chance and Elise Witt, who will perform some of Joyce's beautiful songs.

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