



# Cabbagetown

## NEIGHBOR

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*"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself." ~ Josh Billings*

### Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

**6:45p: Welcome and snacks**

**7:00p: Meeting begins**

- Welcome & Announcements
- Review and approval of Sept. minutes.
- Valencia Hudson – City of Atlanta
- Atlanta Police Department
- Financial Report – Dan Thompson

#### Committee Reports

- NPU – John Dirga
- Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee – Nicole Seekely
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- Hospitality – Laura Bellinger
- Volunteering – Chelsea Arkin
- Cabbagetown Initiative – Chris McCain
- Transportation Committee – Shaun Houlihan
- Property Tax/Affordable Housing Committee – Kendall Rawls

#### Old Business ...

#### New Business ...

**8:05p: Adjourn**

Final September minutes will be adopted at the October meeting. The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street.

# 27hrs of Darkness

## Reveals the light and love of Cabbagetown

By Kyle F. Bidlack

*Even the winter storms of 1982, 1993, 2000, and 2014 didn't do the damage or dim the lights like Tropical Storm Irma. On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Irma's fury swept into Cabbagetown bringing 50mph wind gusts, upwards of five inches of rain, and claimed three lives throughout Atlanta.*



September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:15p. Little's Food Store. Photo by Duwan Dunn

All of Cabbagetown went dark by 3p on Monday. Electricity would not be restored till the early evening hours of the next night. But even the wrath of Mother Nature could not snuff out the light that lives here.

**Little's Food Store** fired up their outdoor grills and served up FREE burgers to throngs of Cabbageheads hungry for a hot meal.

Said Jay Desai, "This is reason #267 for why I love my neighborhood."

Richard and Lasca Theide (and Michael, Tylar, and Ryder) opened their Stacks door and served up fresh, hot coffee to all and offered their

generator for folks to charge devices. Similar acts of compassion were witnessed from Pearl St, to Kirkwood Avenue, to Tye Street.

There are precious few neighborhoods in Atlanta (or America) that come together like Cabbagetown does. David Crowder once called us "A magical little village." Through thick and thin, fortune and misfortune, we understand that there but for the grace of God, go us.

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the Noise  
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# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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# Cabbagetown President's Letter



**KATIE  
BUTLER**

*Hi, neighbors!* We're coming down to the wire for this year's Chomp and Stomp-- Saturday, November 4th is the day!

If you're brand new, Chomp is Cabbagetown's annual chili and bluegrass fest where our neighborhood basically throws a gigantic party for Atlanta, and we happen to also make some dough to keep up our parks.

Last year's token system was a smashing success, so dig through your junk drawer to find any you didn't cash in. If you're out, we've got you. We'll have plenty more at the welcome centers, and plenty of drinks to cash them in on.

Our music lineup this year is set and awesome (*thank John Dirga and*

*Slim when you see them!*). I've put in a personal request with Chesley McNeil for an 11 on the *Wizometer*, so I'm sure that will work out perfectly.

*How can you help?* Glad you asked! Please pitch in by working a volunteer shift (or two...!) It's super fun, you're providing a service to the neighborhood, and you get free beer. What more could you want? A T-shirt, you say? Okay. You've got it.

While we're counting the days 'til Chomp, don't forget that I'll be doing the next session of "bar hours" on October 29<sup>th</sup> at *Petite Chou*. This one will be more of a coffee hours event. They've agreed to stay open late for the likes of us. Join me on the covered patio from 2-4p for coffee talk. Bring your Cabbagetown hopes, dreams and gripes. We'll work on them together.

See you at the CNIA meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> – free pizza, nice neighbors, important Ctown stuff!

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## *Clay R. Miller, Artist and Photographer*

*By Barb Keeney-Harper*

*There are precious few times when art transcends a work to be admired.* Every once in a while, we stumble upon an artist who creates something that lives in our hearts and endures for all our mortal eternity. Art comes in many forms, landscapes, people, abstracts, structures, and more. And it can be argued that few subjects carry more love than the moments that capture the pure emotion and joy of our canine companions.

Perhaps it is because dogs can not talk to us in the traditional human sense. Instead, their facial emotions, movements, protective qualities, and desire to serve, form an unbreakable bond that means more to us than many of our human relationships.

The growth of our dog population in Cabbagetown stands as a testimony for loving people to add dogs to their loving families.

*Clay R. Miller Photography* is launching a new premium pet photography service to the Atlanta area. Clay has a background in photography that spans thirty years, shooting street, editorial and architectural work across the globe. An avid "dog person," Clay is very active with his German Shepherd, Jetta, and his Giant Schnauzer, Bro.

Combining his photographic skills with his love for working with dogs has been a dream come true. Designed to emulate a fashion pictorial experience in the comfort of the owner's home, a session with Clay includes a pre-shoot consult visit to be followed by an additional shoot day.

Multiple looks are achieved with a mobile lighting studio tailored to the size of the dwelling. Clay regards these sessions as relaxed collaborations with owner and dog.

The focus is equal parts anatomy and personality; the look is all about the animal, with no props or distractions. An ideal client is looking for a family heirloom and a lasting moment of time to be displayed prominently in the home.



# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

*Sept 19, 2017 Cabbagetown Community Center CNIA Meeting  
Conducted by Dan Thompson. Minutes by Karyn Corell*

1. Called to order at 7:05p by Dan Thompson: Motion to accept August minutes. Second. Unanimous.

2. City of Atlanta Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong with Liaison Valencia Hudson. Natalyn gave \$1000 contribution to **Stacks Squares Mural Project** at the fundraising event.

**Renew Atlanta Bond update:** Continue sidewalk on Tye, but utility pole problem. Brick is 113k, stamp brick is 72k, concrete is 51k. We are going with brick for continuity. Krog Tunnel lighting project is moving forward. Dekalb Ave project isn't totally halted but is slowed for collaboration among all the projects for the area. **Beltline** refused striping on Wylie (out of their scope) so City Works is going to resurface and stripe. Natalyn/Valencia will bring timing update to next meeting.

3. **Financial report:** Dan Thompson. Balance at end August is \$12,327.56. \$5k of that is earmarked for security grant and will be returned to CI. Zero deposits. Paid \$650 for liability insurance. Have \$3170 in deposits for tomorrow.

4. **NPU:** John Dirga. Fire Dept will give out box fans, smoke alarms, and adjust child safety seats as services for surrounding residents. Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness says tip and toss sitting water because it is prime mosquito time now... stop spreading Zika fear... West Nile is much worse locally. **Little 5 Alive** proposed sculpture by **R Land** for **Findlay Plaza**. Talk to Barton (Eside TAD rep) (Natalyn heard that Pellerin Harp transmission application was withdrawn). Liquor license approved/change of agent for **Folk Art Restaurant. Briarcliff Plaza Landmark & The Majestic** will be deemed historic district of it's own. Mural ordinance on private property is back on the table... we will send letter of vote down. Motion for Nicole Seekely to write letter, Second. Unanimously voted. Taco town aka N Grant Park... exploring ways to get them into NPU.

5. **HPLU:** Nicole Seekely. Met w **Grindhouse** at a special meeting last week. Their details: hours 11a-12midnight at latest, 60 parking spaces, will have 2 speakers facing Memorial on patio but not featuring music... more like background music. **Petit Chou** liquor license Ron and Diana came to meeting to talk about expansion but want to be sure they are always a positive force in our community. Liquor license first, then adding dinner service later. Fri & Sat hours will extend until midnight at latest. 54 occupancy w 20-ish spaces in lot. They also have an agreement with **The New School** across the street to utilize their parking lot in evening hours. Two main seasonal rotation menus planned. They go to NPU next. John Dirga explained that we have everyone sign a letter agreeing to specific parameters regarding parking, music, dumpster hours, occupancy rate, hours of operation and agree to respond in writing to any complaint from the n'hood. Diana further explained

her opinion/passion about community involvement and openness. Motion to support their application, seconded, motion carries.

6. Peyton-Public Safety flyers CRSP join!

7. **Hospitality:** Karen Russian: New neighbor party at Seth & Elena's 221 Pearl. 9/29 at 7p. We have 30 new neighbors.

8. **Volunteerism:** Chelsea. not in attendance.

9. CI not in attendance.

10. **Transportation:** Shaun Holding a walking meeting this Thursday, 9/21 at 6:30p. Meet at our Community Center.

11. **Prop Tax/Affordable Property Committee:** Kendall /Teresa. They are drafting a letter to Mayoral candidates and had a blurb in Cabbagetown Neighbor. Next meeting is Tues 9/26 at 7:30p at 261 Iswald St. They are also reaching out to someone from **Beltline Affordable Housing Dept.**

12. **Old Business.** No old business to attend to.

13. **New business:** Natalyn has offered up a discount ticket for **Trees Atlanta Canopy Conference:** \$20 instead of \$120, this Friday, 9/22. James "Slim" Kelly presenting history on Joyce Brookshire, a musician who lived here for many years. She died this summer at age 74. Because of her influence and activism in Ctown, it's been proposed to name the stage in the amphitheater after her. Talked to CI last night about upgrading the park's amphitheater and Slim can take the whole project and dedication intention to the Parks Department. It will be utilized for monthly small concerts of all kinds. Motion to dedicate it and pursue upgrades. Seconded. Unanimously approved. Motion Slim & Steve will run and plan the concert series in amphitheater next year as Ad Hoc committee. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Adjourned at 8:12p.**

## Ctown Roll Party



September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Photo by Seth Pajak



# Waaaay Bigger than Piedmont Park

By Michael Kahn, Curbed Atlanta

Years ago, officials revealed that an abandoned granite quarry just west of Midtown would be transformed into Atlanta's largest park, complete with a lake. Two years back, solid plans materialized for the 280-acre greenspace (by comparison, Piedmont Park is 185 acres), and earlier this year, the city began soliciting bids for firms to build it.

Now, it's been revealed that the first phase of Westside Reservoir Park will be ready for public enjoyment within the next two years.

City officials announced a 2019 opening at a recent tour of the site. The event offered a glimpse at the unique features of the upcoming park, including an impressive vista of the Atlanta skyline, which will be visible from a knoll overlooking the park's signature reservoir.

Work is well underway to tunnel from the Hemphill water treatment plant to the Chattahoochee River via the quarry, which will divert more than 2 billion gallons of water to the site. Ultimately, the reservoir will hold up to a month's worth of clean water for Atlanta residents to drink.

The park will feature green space, playgrounds, fields, walking trails, and a direct connection to the *Beltline's* Westside Trail.



## The Dog Days of October

**10/16: WE OPEN AT 5P**  
(FILMING TV SCENE DURING THE DAY.)

**SATURDAY 10/21 7-9P**  
"DOGTOWN" ART OPENING & FUNDRAISER  
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# After The Storm

By Councilmember Natalyn Archibong

**In the aftermath of tropical storm Irma, Cabbagetown, along with all the other neighborhoods in District 5, demonstrated unity, concern, and reliance upon one another.** Although this storm brought down trees and power lines in our city, I am very proud of the patience shown by the residents, business owners and their employees as we worked diligently to restore power, remove downed trees from streets and keep us all safe.

I would especially like to extend my gratitude to **City of Atlanta Departments of Public Works, Parks, Watershed Management,**



Councilmember Natalyn Archibong

**and Atlanta Emergency Preparedness.** In addition, **Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Appalachian Power, Sumter S.C. Power, Georgia Department of Transportation,** were tireless in their efforts to assist the constituents of District 5.

Additionally, on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the city council adopted legislation I sponsored

to establish a trust fund for the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Donations to this fund will be given to the **Salvation Army** to assist storm victims.

**AFFORDABILITY AND TAXES:** Cabbagetown, like much of the City of Atlanta, continues to experience an acute and growing affordable housing shortage. The City is currently working with residents to find ways to balance our growth while protecting our legacy residents. Examples of some of our initiatives include: selling at a nominal price, the city's surplus properties to developers of affordable housing and the convening of the City of Atlanta Affordable Housing Commission. This Commission will make recommendations to the City regarding a comprehensive affordable housing policy for the City.

The affordability conversation for existing property owners moves from how to acquire property or livable units, to concerns regarding their rapidly increasing property taxes. I recently met with the Cabbagetown Property Tax and Affordable Housing committee to discuss this very important topic. At that meeting, I distributed copies of a preliminary report issued by the City's Housing and Community Development office regarding establishing Displacement Free Zones and shared with them some emerging strategies for equitable neighborhood changes.

I look forward to working with this group as we continue to develop and implement strategies – both at the state and local levels, to provide real tax relief to property owners.

**UPCOMING LEGISLATION:** On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, the council will consider legislation proposing to decriminalize the possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. The ordinance 17-O-1152, changes the penalty for charges made by the Atlanta Police, for anyone charged with the possession of less than an ounce of marijuana from a fine of up to \$1000 and up to six months in jail, to a maximum fine of \$75 and no jail time. I want to thank the many constituents who have contacted me regarding these proposed changes. It is my intention to support this legislation, and to effectively decriminalize the possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

**EVENTS:** On November 4<sup>th</sup>, please join me at the **Cabbagetown Chomp and Stomp Bluegrass Chili Festival** and 5K run. It will be my honor to serve again this year as a celebrity judge for the Chili Contest. Chomp and Stomp is one of my favorite events of the year and I appreciate the efforts of the volunteers who have worked so hard to make this event a success.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact my office at: 404.330.6048 or email me at: [narchibong@atlantaga.gov](mailto:narchibong@atlantaga.gov).

Sincerely Yours,  
Natalyn Archibong,  
Councilmember 5th District. Atlanta City Council.

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# CRSP Craft Beer & Cornhole Tailgate

By Christopher E. Adams

*Nobody does cornhole like Cabbagetown! Our world famous Craft Beer and Cornhole Tailgate to Support CRSP is set to once again take center stage on October 7<sup>th</sup>.*

What started as a Chomp and Stomp party has evolved into the Cabbagetown Craft Beer Tailgate and Eighth Annual C-hole Tournament to support the Cabbagetown-Reynoldstown Security Patrol (CRSP).

*Creature Comfort* and *Scofflaw* will be on tap. College football will be on big TVs outside (Georgia Bulldog and Vanderbilt fans, this is where you want to be to catch the end of the game!) At the end of the tournie, new names will be added to the highly coveted, extremely low-budget trophy.

If you want to partake in the tournament (and you do, right?), get there by 2:30p to put your name in the drawing (teams are random and co-ed). If you just want to hang out, come anytime.

It all happens at 171 Tye Street. \$20 due at event. Proceeds will benefit The Cabbagetown Reynoldstown Security Patrol.



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# A Festivus for the Rest of Us

By Kyle F. Bidlack

**Every Cabbagehead worth his or her chili KNOWS that autumn means Chomp and Stomp and Romp.** But just in case you want to venture outside of our friendly neighborhood confines, here are a few other festivals going on nearby.

## **Pumpkin Festival: (9/29-10/29)**

On weekends in October, enjoy the beautiful fall colors and cooler weather at Atlanta's favorite place to celebrate the fall season. Stone Mountain Park's annual Pumpkin Festival has become a family favorite with kids and parents alike.

## **Sweet Auburn Music Festival (9/30-10/1)**

Featuring music across all genres, food and family fun, the Sweet Auburn Music Festival is a celebration of harmony and peace within the Atlanta community. A free festival that attracts seventy five thousand plus attendees, Sweet Auburn Music Festival welcomes all as one of the largest festivals of its kind in the South.

## **A3C Hip Hop Festival: (10/7-10/8)**

Atlanta's own A3C Hip Hop Festival has become the nationwide gathering place for anyone who creates hip hop music or is a fan of the culture. The festival features more than 200 performing artists in addition to turntable, producer and break dance competitions and educational programming.

## **Atlanta Black Theater Festival: (10/4-10/7)**

Whether you're a fan of classic, traditional August Wilson, urban contemporary Tyler Perry or all theater, we've searched the globe to bring the very best. Come join celebrities, artists and theater-loving patrons from all over world as they descend on Atlanta for a spectacular annual celebration.

## **Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade: (10/13-10/15)**

Atlanta Pride Festival, the largest pride festival in the Southeast, returns to Piedmont Park each October following National Coming Out Day. Celebrate diversity and community during this two-day Atlanta gay, lesbian and transgender extravaganza

that includes live entertainment, cultural exhibits, the famed Pride parade and the Pride Marketplace featuring more than 200 vendor booths, as well as tons of restaurant and bar promotions.

## **Atlanta Underground Film Festival**

Celebrate Independent Film Month with Atlanta's Underground Film Festival. This four-day event showcases every cinematic genre from around the globe, and features more than 100 remarkable indie filmmakers.



Justin and Kate at the 2016 5k Romp (and Chomp and Stomp)

## **Candler Park Fall Festival: (9/30-10/1)**

Celebrated in beautiful Candler Park, Fall Fest features over 100+ artists, local music and some of the best food vendors Atlanta has to offer. The festival features a 5K race, Kids Zone and a Tour of Homes showcasing the beautiful architecture native to Candler Park.

## **Elevate Art: (10/14-10-21)**

An annual, week-long celebration of public art in

Downtown Atlanta, Elevate Art kicks off with a block party featuring music, food and performance art. Catch various performances, art installations, civic panels and explore Atlanta in the process. End Elevate week with a final-night party and special performance.

## **Indian Festival and Pow Wow: (11-2-11/5)**

Celebrate the nation's first civilization with dance and drum competitions. Get lost in the ancient art of storytelling or enjoy authentic dishes and craft demonstrations. Teach a new dog old tricks with primitive skills workshops, including pottery, open-fire cooking and bow-making.

## **Chastain Park Arts Festival (11/4-11/5)**

The Chastain Park Arts Festival is an annual festival of fine art and crafts designed by artists. More than 150 artists from around the country will display their art at Chastain Park. Admission is free, and proceeds from the festival are donated to charity.



# Azaria in the Hood

By Kyle F. Bidlack

**IFC network television series "Brockmire" will be filming scenes in our area on Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.** They will be working from 5a until 8p in order for them to stage their equipment vehicles and to be mindful of public safety matters, the production will be permitted for the following street closure: Carroll Street – between Gaskill Avenue and Savannah Street SE.



Hank Azaria as Brockmire

**Film Shoot description:** Filming an escape vehicle sequence. Full street and sidewalk closures on Carroll St between Gaskill St and Savannah St SE, two lanes at 1074 ft blocked on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5a until 8p. Police Officers be present on site to direct traffic at all times during the closure period. **NO WORKING TRUCKS ALLOWED BEFORE 7AM, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Brockmire** (Hank Azaria) is a famed major league baseball announcer who suffers an embarrassing and very public meltdown live on the air after discovering his beloved wife's serial infidelity. A decade later, Jim Brockmire decides to reclaim his career and love life in a small American rust belt town that has seen better days, calling minor league baseball games for the Morristown Frackers. The struggling team is led by Jules (Amanda Peet), the strong-willed, hard-drinking owner and Charles (Tyrel Jackson Williams), the naïve but enthusiastic team intern.

# "Commit to King" Fall Festival

By Rebecca Wallace

**On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10a until 2p, King Middle School will host the inaugural "Commit to King" Fall Festival in partnership with its feeder schools.**

For the first time in our cluster's history, students from Parkside, Toomer, Burgess Peterson Academy, Benteen, Michelle & Barack Obama Academy (formerly Stanton), and Dunbar are invited to a joint fall festival at King Middle and enjoy the activities for free. All other community members and families will be able to purchase tickets for a nominal fee.

*"We think this would be a perfect way to start bringing our kids together before they enter into middle school together,"* said Katie Howard, Parkside parent and chair of the festival planning committee. *"And why not celebrate King's new beautiful grounds by putting on a joint event for our community?"*

In addition to the traditional fall festival activities, all event-goers will enjoy a variety of food, live DJ, reptile show, dance performances and more. *"There will be activities for kids of all ages to enjoy – from kindergarteners to middle schoolers,"* added Howard.

All area families are welcome. King Middle School is located at 545 Hill St. SE, Atlanta, GA 30312. The campus has recently been renovated, including all new sports fields and facilities.

The school will be open for tours during the Commit to King Fall Festival on October 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the event, please email Katie Howard: [katiephoward@comcast.net](mailto:katiephoward@comcast.net) or Rebecca Wallace: [Rebecca@RtwCommunications.com](mailto:Rebecca@RtwCommunications.com).

## Ctown Roll Party



Just another Friday night in Cabbagetown. Photo by Seth Pajak

# A New Course



**BRANDON  
SUTTON**

*Last month, I wrote about Hurricane Harvey and how disasters like it are opportunities to wake up to the realities of a rapidly changing world.* Since then, the US has faced two more major hurricane disasters. Yes, Puerto Rico is part of the US, and we cannot pretend that the horrific events unfolding there are not our problem.

It's somewhat paralyzing when we try to contemplate the destruction that our fellow citizens are dealing with. When Irma was

heading toward our shores, I remember feeling serious concern for friends all over the state of Florida and in the Caribbean. There was no getting away from this one, as we experienced here in Cabbagetown with a twenty-seven hour power failure.

Watching this happen was and is heart breaking. Seeing massive hurricanes barrel over islands that have traditionally been places of beauty and escape is tough to witness. But, beyond the abstract, what is happening in these events is about human lives and human suffering. These are our brothers and sisters in agony.

So, how do we respond knowing that millions of people are without power, food, potable water, etc.? Certainly, we can contribute to the relief efforts that are ongoing throughout the islands, the Keys, etc. This is desperately needed right now. But I believe we must also contemplate the broader context that these disasters force us to reckon with; specifically, that our global systems are fragile and vulnerable to disruption.

*We've been lulled into complacency by the story of humanity's incessant march toward 'progress' and economic growth at all costs.* We now find ourselves dealing with consequences of decisions that were made in the name of this progress many decades ago. But it's not sustainable. Simply put, the bill is coming due and we will have no choice but to pay dearly for our unwillingness to face the music sooner. The tab for the three major hurricanes that have lashed the US so far this season will likely be several hundred billion dollars when all is said and done. These are costs that we all pay whether we live in the affected areas or not.

The old story that we've collectively bought into that involves continued conquest of nature, endless economic growth, and the planet's ability to absorb whatever we do to it without major disruption is in desperate need of an update. We need a new story.

*Grief will be part of the process.* We have much to grieve. Between the loss of biodiversity on the planet to the disruption in ecosystems to the degradation of once unspoiled areas of beauty around the world, there is a dark chapter on the horizon. Pretending these things don't exist only prolongs and enhances the agony once we are forced to see them.

*We can face this grief, lean into it, and begin to chart a new course forward if we choose to.* Each of us has a role to play in this great shift, and it starts with being honest about what's happening. *It's hard. And completely necessary.*

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# Whistling Dixie

By Gray Stewart

*One day last April, my son and I went to lunch at Home Grown on Memorial Drive.*

It's a popular meat-and-three near our shotgun cottage in Cabbagetown. The little restaurant has the best local produce around, and the place was packed. Blue-collar black folk from Reynoldstown. Tattooed twenty-somethings from East Atlanta. Government pols from the state capitol a few miles west.

We queued up on the wait-list in the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd and the host told us to expect a half hour wait — no big deal for me, but alarming to Henry. He's a curious 5-year-old who is most at peace with the universe when he has something to occupy his thoughts. I'd fallen down on the job



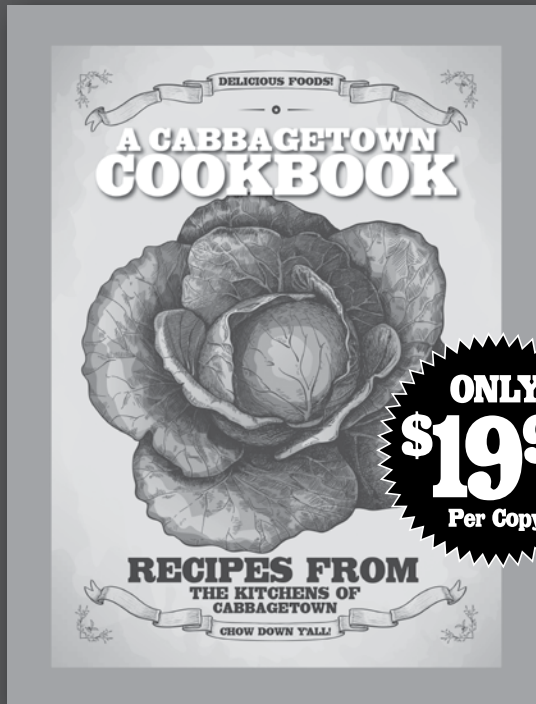
Henry and his dad, Gray Stewart

and forgotten to bring some of "the guys" with me — the small blocky plastic figures from his collection of Lego "Star Wars" kits that usually accompany us in our travels around town. Stormtroopers, Rebels, Clones, Battle Droids, all locked in their never-ending struggle between the dark and the light.

I asked him if he wanted to go for a walk to kill the time, so we navigated our way back through the crowd and out toward the big blue sky. Spring was on the way. We hiked east along the sidewalk as gentrification did its thing beside us. Nail guns popped. Circular saws buzzed. The skeleton of a mid-rise had appeared overnight, I'm pretty sure...

To read the rest of the story, head on over to: [specials.myajc.com/whistling-dixie/](http://specials.myajc.com/whistling-dixie/)

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# Movie review: *Lake Placid* (1999)



**LACEE  
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*Directed by: Steve Miner with performances by: Bridget Fonda, Brendan Gleeson, Bill Pullman, Oliver Platt, and Betty White.*

When an ecologist is killed while tagging beavers on a lake in Black Lake, Maine, Sheriff Hank Keough (Gleeson) calls in local Fish and Game Officer Jack Wells (Pullman) to investigate the scene. Paleontologist Kelly Scott (Fonda) joins the investigation after what seems to be a fossilized tooth is recovered from the body. They head up to

the lake to figure out just exactly what danger lurks in the water.

Shortly after authorities settle in at the waterfront, kooky mythology professor/adventurer Hector Cyr (Platt) arrives, believing that a crocodile perpetrated the attack. His theory proves to be true after a bit of exploration and an interview with the lake's only resident, Mrs. Delores Bickerman (White).

Bickerman explains that the croc is just a sweet pet that followed her husband home from fishing one day. They adopted it and have been feeding it ever since. Authorities must decide how to handle the situation and stay alive in the process. Hector wants to swim with the crocodile as a religious experience. Foul-mouthed Mrs. Bickerman wants them to just leave the crocodile be, and

her opinions rarely come without some name-calling and a saucy threat or two. Eventually Hector develops a plan to capture the beast by dangling a stolen cow from a helicopter as bait. Hijinks and hilarity ensue as the battle between man and beast begins.

*Lake Placid* is a wonderful cross between action and comedy. Oliver Platt delivers what would otherwise be alarmingly rude dialogue with charm that only he possesses. And Betty White makes a meal out of words that just don't feel right spouting from a septuagenarian. It's clear that the writers had a field day with this one.

This is a good old-fashioned creature feature with some genuine scares and a lot of humor thrown in for good measure. Halloween is on the horizon, and *Lake Placid* might be just the thing to get Cabbageheads in the mood for scares and thrills. There are a few mildly gory moments in this action packed adventure, so perhaps put the kids to bed before you watch!

**Favorite quote:** Mrs. Bickerman – *I'm rooting for the crocodile. I hope he swallows your friends whole. You might want to arrest me for that too. Is that a crime? To wish the chewing of law enforcement?*

**Trivia:** Stan Winston believed in the project so much that he built the crocodile on spec with no guarantee that he would be reimbursed. It cost approx. a million dollars. Additionally, the studio that funded the film did so only after having seen the crocodile in Winston's workshop.



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## Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

**What music is Cabbagetown listening to?** Good question. Here are this month's most played songs on the 97 Estoria juke box.

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| <b>1</b> CARDI B.<br>BODAK YELLOW          | <b>9</b> IMAGINE DRAGONS<br>BELIEVER                      |
| <b>2</b> TAYLOR SWIFT<br>AFRICA            | <b>10</b> SHAWN MENDES<br>THERE'S NOTHING HOLDING ME BACK |
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| <b>5</b> SAM SMITH<br>TOO GOOD AT GOODBYES | <b>13</b> DEMI LOVATO<br>SORRY NOT SORRY                  |
| <b>6</b> DJ KHALED<br>WILD THOUGHTS        | <b>14</b> PORTUGAL, THE MAN<br>FEEL IT STILL              |
| <b>7</b> FRENCH MONTANA<br>UNFORGETTABLE   | <b>15</b> 21 SAVAGE<br>BANK ACCOUNT                       |
| <b>8</b> CHARLIE PUTH<br>ATTENTION         |   |



# Less Than \$300,000

By Josh Green, Curbed Atlanta

**Atlanta house-scouts on tight budgets who feared the sub-\$300,000 ship had long ago sailed could be in for a pleasant surprise in Edgewood.**

Full of spunk (and three true bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus a den), this circa-1925 offering stands a few blocks from the Edgewood Retail



District and Coan Park, maybe a mile east of the **Beltline's** new leg through Reynoldstown and Cabbagetown.

Its asking price of \$272,500 is described as an "amazing

buy-in opportunity for Edgewood" in the listing, which also drops the questionable adjective "large" in reference to the overall home.

Another descriptor – "charming" – is applicable to much of the property, however, from the blue facade, to the hardwoods, built-ins, and airy, quirky kitchen, with its exposed beams and throwback cabinetry (at least in terms of color).

Perks include the off-street parking and rare, flat yard with storage-friendly outbuildings. The listing concludes with a warning-praise combo – "Home to be sold-as is but in great condition!"

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# Come On Feel The Noise

By Dexter M. Chambers

**Declaring himself fed up with what he calls Atlanta's refusal to enforce its noise ordinance, Buckhead Councilman Howard Shook introduced legislation at today's council meeting that would simply repeal it.**

"I've tried for years to understand why the police and city solicitors willfully ignore this key law, especially after they and council participated in two excruciating rewrites at their direction," Shook said. "At the end of both exercises they swore they had what they needed-but nothing has changed."

The last straw, Shook said, is when he was told by the Police Department that a certain bar has recently generated 92 noise complaints without a single citation having been issued. He fully acknowledges that his legislation was meant to get the attention of city officials.

**How bad is it?** According to Shook, Atlanta's noise ordinance "has all the effectiveness of mammary glands on a fish."

# The Cool Season

By Kacey Cloues, Owner of Garden\*Hood

**Early October in Atlanta is the perfect time to plant your fall vegetable garden.** The soil is still warm enough to encourage vigorous root growth and the days, while getting shorter, remain sunny enough to nourish nice leafy top growth.

## Garden\*Hood PLANT ATLANTA!

Some of the best crops for fall and winter include leafy greens like lettuce, arugula, kale, chard,

mustards and collards, as well as a number of root vegetables like carrots, beets, and radishes. Certain varieties of lettuce - specifically 'Red Sails', 'Rouge d'Hiver', and 'Winter Density' - can withstand temperatures to about 25°F once mature and are great for overwintering here in the South where winters are generally mild. Herbs such as parsley, chives, cilantro and chervil do well, as do the perennial herbs such as rosemary, sage, oregano, and thyme.

**Things to consider when planning and planting a winter garden: Garden Site.** Areas that may have been full sun in summer may be shadier now due to the sun's lower position in the winter sky. Conversely, trees that provided shade in the summer may lose most of their leaves by Halloween, opening up new sunny spots in your garden. Take a few days to track the fall sunlight before breaking ground in your cool season garden.

**Plant spacing.** Vegetable seedlings available at garden centers are known as "starts." These are plants that are a few weeks to a month old. Remember that these starts will grow quickly while the soil is still warm in Oct/Nov. Give them adequate space to spread out and become fabulous. Plant your seedlings a minimum of 6"-8" apart, allowing even more room for larger cabbages and kales.

**Plant the right varieties at the right time.** Not all kale (or broccoli or cabbage) is the same! Some varieties have been bred to withstand more heat than cold, and vice versa. The starts we sell are suited for this time of year in our climate zone. If you come back in March for a second crop of winter veggies, you'll notice that we'll offer different varieties that are more tolerant of warmer temps in order to maximize yields as we move into spring.

**Take good care of your seedlings.** October is historically a dry month in Atlanta. Watering is essential, and shade netting can be helpful if summer temps persist. Mulch well to regulate soil temperature and moisture levels. Fertilize with fish emulsion every 7-10 days to give your plants a helpful nutrient boost. You want them to grow as much as possible before the soil cools off in Dec/Jan.

**And speaking of cold...** Your winter vegetables can withstand temperatures in the mid-30s, but most will need protection if it drops below freezing. Use lightweight frost cloth, sheets, dry leaves - even big cardboard boxes will work in a pinch. The goal is to provide a pocket of ever-so-slightly warmer air around the plants to keep the frost from damaging their cells.

**Fall is a kinder, gentler season to plant.** The heat and humidity-related diseases and heat-loving pests that tend to plague summer crops usually make an exit by October, leaving us free once again to slow down and enjoy our time in the vegetable garden and cultivate a bountiful harvest.

*Kacey is owner and general manager of Garden\*Hood, an independent retail garden center and landscape design provider. Garden\*Hood provides exceptional, garden-worthy plants for every plantable space in the city and beyond.*

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# Chomp and Stomp Street Closures

By Nathan Bolster, Chomp and Stomp Co-Chair

*Its that time again. Chompin', Stompin', and Rompin' time.*

**Organization is in full swing.** All the info about our incredible festival will be up at [chompandstomp.com](http://chompandstomp.com) but we wanted to make sure that all of our neighbors had info about street closures and parking restrictions around the November 4<sup>th</sup> festival day.

Parking and driving challenges around Ctown go off the charts for Chomp weekend, but just remember – its for a good cause. All of the greenspace, the community center, and various neighborhood events are all funded by Chomp and Stomp so this is the day that we all pitch in. Alicia Thompson will be the site map, parking and

logistics guru this year. If you have concerns about traffic patterns and closures you can email her at [chompandstomp@gmail.com](mailto:chompandstomp@gmail.com).

We of course need all of you to volunteer the day of Chomp and could use some more help in the weeks leading up. Day of volunteers can do so through the website and to join the Chomp Organizing Committee just send me an email at: [nb@nathanbolster.com](mailto:nb@nathanbolster.com).

*Whitney and I look forward to co-chairing another great Chomp. Its one of the many really unique things about our quirky 'hood.*

## 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

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*We wish you happy house hunting!*



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For Sale	Price
190 Berean Ave. 1 BD/1 BA	\$353,000
Sold	Price
680 Gaskill St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$450,000
185 Savannah St. 3 BD/2 BA	\$434,000
255 Iswald St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$397,500

### MULTI-FAMILY

Sold	Price
None this month.	

### LOTS

For Sale	Price
152 Powell St. Single family residence	\$300,000
726 Gaskill St. Single family residence	\$219,000

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For Sale	Price
None this month.	

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For Sale	Asking
The Stacks	170 Blvd
Unit H515 1 BD/1.5 BA	\$334,900
Unit H120 1 BD/1 BA	\$277,000
212 Berean Ave. 2 BD/1 BA	\$259,900
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 808 1 BD/1 BA	\$200,000

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### CONDOS & LOFTS

Pending	Price
The Stacks	170 Blvd
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Unit H526 2 BD/2 BA	\$374,900
Unit E327 1 BD/1 BA	\$325,000
Unit H324 1 BD/1 BA	\$299,900
Milltown Lofts	
Unit 1114 2 BD/2 BA	\$309,900
Unit 1114 2 BD/1 BA	\$290,000

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