



# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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*"I'm pretty sure I'm gonna stick with country until I ride off into the sunset." ~ Darius Rucker*

## Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

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

**7:00p: Meeting begins**

- Welcome & Announcements
- Review and approval of Aug. 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
- Liquor License for 701 Memorial – Grindhouse - Alex Brounstein
- Liquor License for Petit Chou – Ron Fisher
- Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch Committee – Peyton Stinson
- Hospitality – Laura Bellinger
- New Neighbor Party! September 29<sup>th</sup>
- 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 August minutes will be adopted at the September meeting. The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street.

# The Calm Before the Chomp



By Kyle F. Bidlack

*In less than sixty-five days, twenty-five thousand friends will ascend upon Cabbagetown for our fifteenth annual Chomp and Stomp.*

Until then, there's a lot of work to do, and Co-Chairs Whitney and Nathan Bolster are more than up to the task.

Before things get really revved up, Whitney took a moment to enjoy a Cabbagetown sunset from her window. Good for you Whit. We hope Nathan served you a glass (or two) of wine.

Whitney and Nathan will need your help. Be sure to lend a few hours of your time when the call goes out.

In the meantime, enjoy the last vestiges of summer. *Be like Whitney and eat the sun like a peach.*

*Whitney Bolster, Chomp and Stomp Co-Chair, takes a moment to enjoy the calm.*

**Autumn Arrives on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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And the parents' network of Cabbagetown kids at

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# President's Letter



**KATIE BUTLER**

*You know what?* I felt fall today. It was slight, and I'm not holding my breath for biking weather quite yet, but it was slightly cooler, and there was a breeze. Remember what that's like?

Even better, we all know what the coming of fall means in Cabbagetown: **Chomp and Stomp!** Last year was downright dreamy, wasn't it? Sunny, cool, amazing music, beer a-plenty and some darn good chili. Did you know that Chomp

and Stomp is one of the last community-run festivals in Atlanta? Most fests pay a company to take care of the details, but here in ol' Cabbagetown, we like to do things the hard way...and the homemade way. I've never run the festival, but several of your neighbors have taken on this task with fantastic success. Easy for me to say, having never run the thing, but I think that what makes Chomp special is precisely that home-made feeling. This year, the crack team of Whitney and Nathan Bolster are at the helm again, and that is great news for the people of Atlanta.

It takes over 450 people to get this homemade feeling. I'm serious! I wrangled the volunteers for a couple of years. The Cabbagetown Initiative (fundraising arm for the neighborhood) sets up a Chomp committee, and those folks do **ALL** of the planning. They recruit over 400 volunteers to help us pour drinks, sell spoons, coordinate artists & restaurants, organize the chili mayhem, and keep the race organized. Through all of this effort, we have a ton of fun, but we also earn enough money to keep taking care of our parks, pay the community center bills, and contribute funds to **Forward Warrior!**

**Wanna be part of all of this?** You know you do. I made some of the best friends I have by volunteering to help on the Chomp committee. YOU are what allows us to keep this festival feeling homemade and special. Write to [info@chompandstomp.com](mailto:info@chompandstomp.com) if you'd like to help out!

Meanwhile, this month's CNIA neighborhood meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 p, 177 Estoria. We have a light agenda this month, but you will hear about our plans for improving transportation, get an update on our property tax and affordable housing committee, get some **FREE PIZZA**, and have the golden opportunity to interact with your friendly neighbors! Come on out!

**You know how much I love this bar hours thing?** Lots. At the last one, a neighbor helped to get CNIA back on track vis-a-vis the Boulevard Tunnel, AND we witnessed our Councilmember Natalyn Archibong donating \$1000 to CNIA to help fund new art through the **Stacks Squares** project. The next bar hours will be more like Coffee Hours. It will be on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at **Petite Chou** from 2-4p. Ron and Jennifer have agreed to keep us supplied with cold drinks and coffee on the patio after they've finished the day's service. Until then, if you want to chat about something, email me at [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com), find me on Facebook or Nextdoor, or send a note with a secret acrostic... Let's connect!

# Ryan Rose, Artist

By Barb Keeney-Harper

**Meet Ryan Rose, a long-time artist residing right here in Atlanta.**

Throughout the past four years, Ryan has been making amazing and

provocative artwork with characters created by Ryan himself.

His characters live in a land called **Toonland** and thrive through his art and clothing. Toonland has been gaining notoriety through art shows across



Ryan Rose

out our fair city. **Milltown Arms Tavern** proudly announces a new art show featuring the work of Ryan Rose on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9p. Learn more about Ryan at [thedashmo.com](http://thedashmo.com)

## CNIA Sept. Calendar

**Monday, 9/11/17, 7p**

**Cabbagetown Initiative Board Meeting.** Public meeting where your 11 CI board members meet to ensure we maintain our parks, talk Chomp and Stomp, & bask in each other's company. **177 Estoria.**

**Tuesday, 9/12/17, 6:45p**

**CNIA Meeting.** There is FREE PIZZA!!! YOU CAN'T WAIT!!! But you'll have to. **177 Estoria**

**Monday, 9/18/17, 7p**

**Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee Meeting.** Public meeting of the committee that does the most to keep Cabbagetown looking and feeling like Cabbagetown. **177 Estoria**

**Thursday, 9/28/17, 7p**

**C'town/R'town Transportation Committee Meeting.**

Public meeting where you can join your neighbors to help solve all of our parking, driving, biking and walking woes. **177 Estoria**

**Thursday, 9/28/17, 7p**

**Neighborhood Planning Unit-N Meeting.** Public meeting where Cabbagetown, Candler Park, Druid Hills, Inman Park, Lake Claire, and Little 5 Points talk about development in our area. Little 5 Points Center for Arts and Community. **1086 Austin Avenue**

**Friday, 9/29/17, 7p**

**Roll-Call Party!** This Ctown tradition for welcoming new neighbors will next take place at the home of Elena Paulsen and Seth Pajak at 121 Pearl St. Please come and meet your neighbors, old and new!

# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center, 177 Estoria Street. Meeting conducted by Katie Butler. Minutes recorded by Karyn Corell.

## 1. Meeting called to order at 7:01p by President, Katie Butler.

Announcements/Reminders: Neighbor members will need to complete an application/be a member of the association to vote in neighborhood events and issues.

## 2. Motion to approve July minutes. Second. Unanimously approved.

3. **Zone 6 APD: Police Sgt Dorsey shared that crime is down.** The biggest problem in our area remains car break-in's... Stay vigilant.

4. **City of Atlanta Liaison: Valencia Hudson.** Krog lighting project is starting in October. **Blvd Tunnel** work order has been submitted for pressure washing and street sweeping. John Dirga met with city about painting curb on Carroll Street. Neighbors continue to express concern about confusing road striping lines on Wylie. Valencia commented, it's a **Beltline** project, but if it's not handled properly, the city will step in. Tye from Memorial to Gaskill need trees trimmed again (Peyton asked for). Notice the additional garbage cans at Krog/Wylie, Blvd/Carroll, & at the **Krog Tunnel**.

5. **Treasury Report: Dan Thompson.** July balance is: \$13,077. \$3,863.50 spent for transportation study, \$750 for liability insurance, and two months of newspaper printing at \$569.16.

## 6. NPU John Dirga

a. Code enforcement: Call 311 or call 404.546.3300 if you feel 311 is too slow. Don't bother submitting photos.

b. 10/12 all you can drink at **Monday Night Brewery**.

c. New bike locking stations are inside **Marta** station gates now. Some also have bike repair stations.

d. Festival approvals:

• **Reynoldstown Wheelbarrow Festival** is 9/9/17 and .5k road race

• **Give-a-Fetch Camp Bow Wow Festival** is 9/23-24 from 10-4. Free vet check ups, 3 shelters represented, photo ops for pets/owners. Dogs on leash permitted.

• **Fall Festival on Ponce** 10/14-15.

e. **Emory Annexation...** see the news online. Public hearings 8/28 at City Council and vote is on 9/5.

7. **HPLU: Nicole Seekely.** Alex (owns **Grind House Killer Burgers**) presented map of zoning change. Wants back corner of parcel rezoned to residential. Restaurant and parking lot staying as is. The residential lot is behind the building that was included in the purchase. Applying for changed from R5 to R4B so they can build two houses there and sell them. The immediate neighbors are in favor of the change. Historic Preservation Committee supports approval. Two houses already about the current paved, empty lot. Motion to support. Seconded. Approved unanimously to support.

## 8. Volunteer Recruitment-Chelsea Arkin

New opportunity calling for volunteers to get involved with

the dedication of the amphitheater at **Cabbagetown Park**. We'd like an event planner or an events booker volunteer to manage impending shows. Thinking of starting the concert series in spring.

## 9. Peyton: Crime and Safety

Keep in mind, check smoke detector and contact the local fire department if you need one. Luis at **97 Estoria** says attempted break in at the bar...tried to kick in the front door. Has video.

## 10. Shaun Houlihan—Transportation

**Dekalb Ave Complete Streets Project:** They are getting some kick back from some areas about all the changes. Sean wrote an email of support for the neighborhood including repaving, removal of suicide lane, adding bike/ped lanes, improved crosswalks. etc. Motion to support. Second. Unanimously voted in favor. CNIA will write a letter of support. Dekalb Ave infrastructure tour meet at **King Memorial Station** 5p on Tu 8/15. Next ct/rt committee meeting is Thurs, 8/17 at Cabbagetown Community Center. Meet at the Community Center and go on a walk-about. David Chatmon asked about permitted parking. **Public Works** is making the process seem quite laborious and discouraging. Sean referenced that only a couple of our streets are interested/have specific problems.

11. **Kendall Rawls: Affordable Housing Committee.** Email her if you'd like to join/chime in/help: [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com)

VISITOR: Andy Goldstein, Property tax consultant. Should've received revised notice that indicates the rollback to the 2016 rate. Caution: When values go down, millage rates go up. Looking ahead to 2018, city promises to pop values back to the sticker shock of this year. Concerned about high values and high millage rate? He suggests that you appeal your property value, so that you can lock in your value through 2019 if you go all the way through the appeal process and have a hearing in front of the citizens review board. You do not have to make a case, but you do have to show up. Whether you win or lose, you freeze your rate for three years. Andy is representing senior citizens at NO CHARGE. If you know a senior that needs help, please reach out to Andy on their behalf. 404.822.3643 or [andy@YourTaxRep.com](mailto:andy@YourTaxRep.com)

Josh posed a question about quantitative easing, but Andy doesn't believe it will come to fruition. Join Kendall and our new committee to help find ways to advocate for people to keep their homes.

## 12. Hospitality: Karen Russian & Laura Bellinger

New Neighbor Roll Call Party 9/29 at Seth and Elena's on Pearl at 7p. BYOB. Submit names to of new neighbors to Karen Russian so everyone can be invited. Barb wanted to remind everyone about the Romp 5k registration being open. Laura said there's a new chef at **Cabbage Pie** and new hours. 4p-11p weeknights.

## 13. Old Business: NONE

## 14. New Business: a. John Dirga – Stacks Squares Mural Project.

There will be a pool party at **The Stacks** on 8/27 at 4p. It's a free  
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# CNIA Meeting Minutes, Continued

fundraiser for paint. Over 50 artists signed up. Round one in fall and will rotate every few months.

**b. Amphitheater dedication:** Slim Chance suggested dedicating it to Joyce Berkshire. Asking for support to move forward to dedication process, clean up area and prepare it to be an actual venue in prep for performance series. Motion to announce intention to dedicate it to Joyce in newspaper and ask for opinions, and additional candidates for nomination. Motion to wait, second, and unan.

**c. David Brown-District 5 City Council candidate.** 28 y/o from Gwinnett Co. Attended Georgia State. Litigation paralegal. Platform: Education reform, transportation, criminal justice equity/reform.

**d. Lead Dog Marketing:** Managing an event in *Krog Tunnel* on Thurs night. Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 7-10p. Tunnel closure would start at 5p. Promoting new season of *FX American Horror Story*. Free event, open to the public. Katie requested (and was granted) maintaining open access cyclist/pedestrians through tunnel, clean-up, contribute money to our community, and arrange access for emergency vehicles. There will be no vendors, alcohol, catering, band, pyrotechnics. This is approved/denied through Mayor's office of special events. We will send a letter of our position and what we support/do not support

when utilizing Krog Tunnel. John suggests it's probably smarter for us to emphasize safety concerns rather than inconvenience. Many neighbors concerned over setting precedent of tunnel being closed for events. Motion to submit a letter saying "*We are happy that the applicant has addressed our public safety events, but we are concerned over the hours of the tunnel closing and would like to see a shift to less impactful hours.*" Voiced a desire for a permanent change to the permits process so that we have a voice regarding our right of way being used as an event space. Motion. Second. Unanimously approved. (Update: Event has been cancelled)

**e. Ali Carter from Council 3 office.** Council Member At Large Dickens office. He suggested sending letter of position to City Council about our neighborhood position regarding tunnel usage. He would like us to know that he has submitted a paper, commissioned a study and the outcome proves we need a separate Dept of Transportation for City of Atlanta. Andre Dickens champions affordable housing. *Westside Beltline* will be required to provide percentage of affordable housing.

f. Katie Butler presented visuals of the new integrated website.  
**Adjourned at 8:45p.**

## Are You Ready for Some Football?

**WE HAVE THE NFL TICKET AND THE COLLEGE GAME DAY PACKAGE!**

**SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 7-9P  
ART OPENING WITH RYAN ROSE  
"IN TOONLAND - ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE"  
COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF ROSE WINE**

**SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 7-9P  
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# Honouring Joyce

By James "Slim Chance" Kelly

A proposal to honour the cherished legacy of Cabbagetown folksinger and community activist Joyce Brookshire by naming the Cabbagetown Park Amphitheater in her memory will be brought up for a vote at the next CNIA meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7p at 177 Estoria.

Cabbagetown residents are invited to discuss and vote on this proposal at the meeting. Given Joyce's rich and productive history of wonderful music and dedication to empowering and promoting the welfare of Cabbagetown residents, she is remembered as an effective and positive force whose work was critical in shaping the current neighborhood environment, and creating a sense of pride in our community.

While other musical performers have roots in Cabbagetown, Joyce's efforts have had the most lasting and positive impact, and dedicating a stage to her in Cabbagetown Park would be a fitting tribute to both her music and her support of the community.

Our Senator, Nan Orrock, recently made the following resolution: Senate Resolution 1333 By: Senator Nan Orrock of the 36<sup>th</sup>. A RESOLUTION: Recognizing and commending Joyce Brookshire; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Joyce Brookshire's music is a portrait of her life and the life of her community, the Cabbagetown Mill Village in the heart of downtown Atlanta, where she was born and raised; and

WHEREAS, in the 1880's folks from the North Georgia mountains moved to Atlanta and began to work at the *Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill*, and Joyce's family was among those who brought their rural way of life to build a new community in the city; and

WHEREAS, Joyce's musical influences were many, including her father, a truck driver, who played guitar and sang in a quartet at the family church; neighbor Grace Mote, who played Kitty Wells and Webb Pierce on one of the first record players in the neighborhood; and the rhythm and blues and rock and roll music of the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Joyce began writing songs at age ten and hasn't quit since; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970's Joyce went to work at *The Patch*, a drop-in center for kids in crisis in the Cabbagetown neighborhood, and it was there that she met Esther LeFever, who was to have a major impact on Joyce's life as she was a folk singer, political activist, ex-Mennonite, and friend to the poor and disadvantaged and greatly nurtured Joyce's talent as a songwriter and performer; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970's and 1980's Joyce toured with folk legend *Guy Carawan* and lived in the Knoxville, Tennessee, area for several years playing with her band the *Phantoms of the Opry* with *Phyllis Boyens*, who played *Loretta Lynn's* mother in the movie *Coal Miner's Daughter*; and



Joyce Brookshire 1941-2017

WHEREAS, Joyce has used her songs to express not only her own feelings, but to become a voice for the hungry, the homeless, and the poor; and

WHEREAS, along with the *Indigo Girls* and other noted Atlanta musicians, Joyce is featured on the infamous *Don't Eat Out of Dented Cans* album produced by *WRFG Radio*; and

WHEREAS, her music has been featured in the theatrical productions Cabbagetown: *Three Women*, *Ponce de Leon*, *Blood on Blood*, and *Texas Two-Stepping with the Girls*; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 she was nominated for a Georgia Emmy for outstanding achievement in original music; and

WHEREAS, her first solo album, *North Georgia Mountains*, was released in 1977 by *Foxfire Records*; and

WHEREAS, Joyce, known as the "*Empress of Cabbagetown*" and its best known advocate and celebrity, continues to tell her wonderful stories through her music.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE** that the members of this body commend Joyce Brookshire's outstanding contributions as a talented and successful songwriter and performer and as a magical storyteller through song.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joyce Brookshire.

# Preserving Our Forests

By Dexter Chambers

**The Atlanta City Council this week authorized the purchase of 6.2 acres of forested land located at 770 Shadowridge Drive.**

In November 2016, the council approved legislation authorizing the city to procure privately-owned afforested property containing eighty percent or more canopy cover, a minimum forestation standard of 1,000 DBH (Diameter at breast height) inches and/or a minimum of fifty mature trees per acre.

**"We have to do all that we can, not only to preserve, but to also increase our existing tree canopy",** said District Five Councilmember Natalyn Archibong.

Atlanta's tree canopy covers almost half of the city – 47.9 percent – according to an assessment released in 2014 by the *Atlanta Tree*



Atlanta in the forest. Photo by Arthur Thompson.

**Conservation Commission and Georgia Tech.**

The city will maintain the property as greenspace and make it available for public use. Recreational activities on the property will be restricted to those with minimal impact as determined by the city's Parks and Recreation Dept.

The city and local environmentalists believe that an effective method of protecting and maintaining Atlanta's urban forest is to procure privately-owned property that is already forested and preserve its afforestation in perpetuity.

A major benefit of purchasing afforested property, in comparison

to purchasing and planting new trees, is that many trees on afforested property are mature, thus providing a benefit to the city's tree canopy that would not be provided by a new tree for many years.

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## Party Time! Excellent!

By Laura Bellinger

**New Neighbors:** We would like to extend a personal welcome to each and every new neighbor. If you have been here less than a year and you have not received an official C'town welcome, please call Karen at 404.422.3515, or Debbie at 404.272.1906 or email us at [debbieweeks64@gmail.com](mailto:debbieweeks64@gmail.com) (please type in the subject line, new neighbor or roll call).

**Volunteers:** Volunteers to do a variety of small tasks, but right now, we need "neighborhood watchers". We identify many new neighbors by researching home sales, but so many of our new neighbors are renters. We don't want to miss anyone! Most folks know who is coming and going in their own little piece of C-town, so we need you to give us the heads up when someone new moves in. If you are interested in being a "watcher" or know someone who is new to the neighborhood since last Spring, please give us a call or email at the contacts noted above.

We also need volunteer welcomers, party hosts, etc. If you are interested in getting involved, please let us know!

# Fulton County Tax Appeals

By Tiffanie N. Reker

**Fulton County Property Tax Appeals are due by Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.** Even if your assessment did not increase you should consider appealing. Fulton County will likely raise values in 2018. Appealing your current 2017 value and going before the Board of Equalization will ensure your value is frozen until 2020. Your value will probably increase in 2020; however, you'll have ample time to prepare for the increased financial burden. Do not appeal if you appealed and went before the board of equalization for 2015 or 2016 taxes because they can raise it.

**Appeals can be filed online or by mail.** If you mail your appeal, send it via a trackable method. Choose **uniformity** (neighbors are lower) or **value** (comps) as the grounds for your appeal. Next, fill out your opinion of the value and an explanation. Then you will be asked if you prefer to be billed at 85% or 100% of the value. To be on the safe side, select 100%. If you select 85% and they don't lower your value you'll be responsible for coming up with the difference.

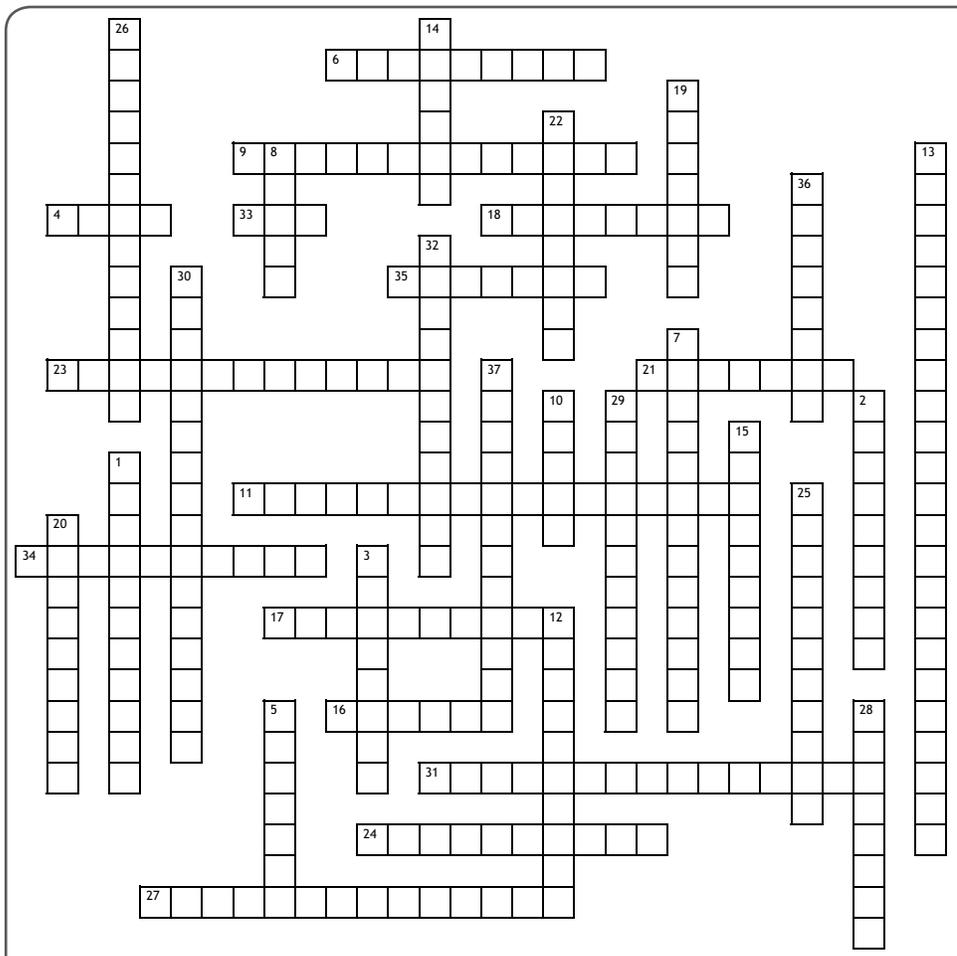
Depending on the volume of appeals received it may take a while to receive a letter of determination. No matter what the letter says (even if they offer to lower your value), reject it. You **MUST** go to the Board of Equalization to have your assessment frozen for three years. You will at least get the offer that was in the letter when you go to the board, but you must physically go to the board hearing to have your assessment frozen.

For more info and to file an appeal online via the Appeal Resolution Center, please visit [www.qpublic.net/ga/fulton/appeals](http://www.qpublic.net/ga/fulton/appeals)

**Still need help walking through the process?** Email me at [tiff-sellsatl@gmail.com](mailto:tiff-sellsatl@gmail.com) and I'll walk you through it. If this seems overwhelming and you want someone to handle it for you, Andy Goldstein is a great resource and has attended a few of our CNIA meetings to help educate us on the topic. You can reach Andy at [andy@yourtaxrep.com](mailto:andy@yourtaxrep.com).

## Our First Crossword Puzzle

By Karyn Corell



**Across**

- 4 The leader of the Cabbagetown Sirens walking group
- 6 Luis pours a fine beverage at this watering hole
- 9 Some people believe this street should be ONE WAY
- 11 The spot for \$5 tapas Monday nights
- 16 Old time grocery on Kirkwood
- 17 The tiniest park in n'hood
- 18 The UDC designates Ctown as a \_\_\_\_\_ district.
- 21 Ctown Park Sculpture
- 23 Legendary Ctown Musician
- 24 First Saturday in June
- 27 The best party of the year
- 31 Meetings & preschool happen here
- 33 Handyman we hate to love
- 34 Neighbor purveyor of Comfy Chicken
- 35 The new history center house is located on

**Down**

- 1 AKA Mr Grumpy
- 2 "New" name for the old cotton mill
- 3 The infamous brothers on Gaskill are Ronnie and \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Go to \_\_\_\_\_ for a stellar burger
- 7 Everyone's favorite neighborhood fall festival
- 8 Southwestern dining spot that anchors the neighborhood
- 10 Number of tiny churches in Cabbagetown
- 12 The eastside gateway to the neighborhood
- 13 THE spot for unpredictable fireworks
- 14 One of the streets where cats roam a plenty
- 15 The bend in Estoria is called
- 19 Cabbagetown racers
- 20 Little Darling dining spot
- 22 Street that changes names
- 25 Grab a cruffle at ...
- 26 A favorite past time among neighbors

# Cabbagetown Initiative: Monthly Meeting

*Cabbagetown Initiative Community Development Corporation  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7p. Location of Meeting: Cabbagetown Community  
Center, 177 Estoria Street, Atlanta, GA 30316.*

*Present at Meeting: Chris McCain, Katie Butler, Morgan Felts,  
Heather Bradley, Kendall Rawls, Joe Farr, Tova Baruch. Not Present:  
Alexa Mosely, Adrienne Ford, Paul Freeman. Guests Present: Liliana  
Bakhtiari, Nathan Bolster*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cabbagetown Initiative CDC was called to order at 7:02p on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Cabbagetown Community Center by President Chris McCain.

**I. Approval of Agenda.** The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

**II. Review of Previous Minutes.** The minutes of the July meeting were distributed and unanimously approved.

**III. Treasurer's Report.** Postponed.

## IV. Reports

**a. Governance Committee.** Nothing to report.

**b. Chomp & Stomp Committee.** Whitney and Nathan gave an overview of the budget and projected expenditure. Board decided to postpone any vote to allow all members to review.

**c. Parks Committee.** Tova presented bids offered for the planting of a flower bed in Northwest corner of Cabbagetown park. After discussion, motion by Joe Farr to provided up to \$3,500 to David Thayer for replanting.

**d. CNIA.** Katie reported on CNIA's last meeting's minutes.

**e. Community Garden Committee.** The Garden is doing well.

**f. EPL Committee.** Paul (via email) had no new news.

**V: Liliana Bakhtiari, candidate for Atlanta City Council,** gave a general overview of her background and motivation for running.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:48p.*

*Minutes submitted by Joe Farr, CI Secretary.*



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parkside Screen on the Green

*By Rebecca Wallace*

**On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>,** the PTA of Parkside Elementary School will welcome families, friends and neighbors to a viewing of "The Lego Batman Movie" for the 2017 Parkside Screen on the Green.

The PTA will transform the field located on the left side of the school into an outdoor movie-watching venue. Moviegoers can start gathering around 7p, with the movie starting around 7:30p. Admission will be \$3 for adults, which includes one free child admission, and \$1 for each additional child, with a maximum of \$10 per family. Attendees are welcome to bring their own refreshments, but light concessions also will be available for purchase. While fees mainly go to cover the event costs, proceeds will go PTA.

*"We have an amazing school yard with great spaces, so we thought this would be a fun way to share it with our surrounding community,"* said Parkside PTA president Leigh Schrope.

**Speaking of fall,** mark your calendar for the inaugural King Fall Festival! 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 for free. Everyone else will be able to purchase tickets for a nominal fee. Event-goers will enjoy a live DJ, reptile show, dance performances and more! The first-ever joint fall festival will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10a until 2p. More details to follow.

Parkside's community events and many of the programs put on by PTA are made possible by its generous community partners. Parkside's 2017-2018 sponsors include *Intown Pediatrics, ISU Paragon* and *The Neighborhood Ballet*.

Diverse as the community it represents, Parkside Elementary serves Grant Park, Summerhill, Boulevard Heights, Ormewood Park, Woodland Hills, Glenwood Park and Cabbagetown. For more information on Parkside, please call 404.802.4100 or visit [Atlanta.k12.Ga.US/Parkside](http://Atlanta.k12.Ga.US/Parkside) and [facebook.com/ParksideElementaryPTA](https://facebook.com/ParksideElementaryPTA).

# Booyah! 1000 Bucks! Thanks Natalyn!

**On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>,** the organizers of *The Stacks Squares* hosted a meet-and-greet the artists at The Stacks pool. The goal was to have fun, meet the artists and raise money for the public art event. And wouldn't you know it... our Councilwoman, Natalyn Archibong made an appearance, gave a glowing speech, and donated a \$1000 B.A.C. (big-ass check) from her office. On behalf of all Cabbageheads, Thanks Natalyn!

# Vision



**BRANDON  
SUTTON**

*The topic of vision and forward-thinking leadership* has been on my mind lately, but it's even more prominent considering the tragedy still unfolding in Houston.

Hurricane Harvey reminds us that we are part of a tenuous system that's held together in some ways, by hope and prayer. The destruction wrought by this storm is tough to comprehend, but much like Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill of 2010, we shouldn't be surprised by the impacts. When

we roll the dice and engage in risky development and risky business, sometimes we lose the gamble, with terrible consequences.

Atlanta isn't a coastal city, so we don't live with the same concerns and fears that our counterparts along the Gulf do, but we are certainly not immune to the realities that a rapidly changing world can visit upon us at any time. I'd direct you to the drought of 2007-2008 as exhibit A.

Natural disasters notwithstanding, we're also perilously addicted to fossil fuel and oil-based transportation modes in our fair city. Some of us get around it if we don't venture too far, but for the lion's share of Metro Atlanta residents, burning fossil fuel is clearly a foundation of life. Availability of fresh water is also a huge deal, as we've had to face in the ongoing, and not yet resolved, water wars with our neighboring states.

**Depressed yet?** Don't be. All of this is solvable with bold vision and strong leadership. Some of the leadership we need is local. Some is statewide. Some is national, and indeed some is global. We need to cultivate and celebrate big thinking that is audacious and bold. We need to rise up and demand better from our leaders at every level.

I spend a lot of time lobbying for federal climate policy, and in that work, we have a saying: **"Politicians don't create political will – they respond to it."** We must generate the will to change course or it will never happen.

I recently had a sit-down with Liliana Bakhtiari, who is running for City Council for District 5, and I was impressed with her big-picture thinking and desire for bold action. Two weeks ago, Cathy Woolard came by and answered a litany of questions about the future potential of **Hulsey Yard, the BeltLine**, and how life in Cabbagetown may be affected. Both these women see much more than the immediate tactical issues that we face as a city. They strike me as leaders that have an ability to take the long view and recognize how decisions made today will impact the city in 10, 15, and 20 years from now.

The world watches as events unfold in Houston, and we all grieve for the losses therein. But let's not forget that our lives are connected to those events as well. The same warming climate that contributed to Harvey's intensity could easily throw our region back into a drought at any time. Let's be proactive and show the world that Atlanta intends to lead in bold thinking to tackle this global issue just like many notable Atlantans have done throughout history. With thoughtful leadership, we might just solve our oil addiction and water woes as well.

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# Cabbagetown Roll Call

By Debbie Weeks

The Cabbagetown Welcome Roll Call Committee (CRC) is ready to "Roll Call" again! For those of you new to the neighborhood, we hold a welcome party twice a year to welcome our new neighbors to the neighborhood. *It's a blast so don't miss out!*

Our next Welcome party will be Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the home of Elena Paulsen and Seth Pajak, 121 Pearl Street. Big thanks to Elena and Seth!

The CRC has had some incredible welcome parties so you don't want to miss this one!

To keep the momentum going, we need your help! We would like all existing neighbors to come to the party to welcome our new neighbors. *Having said that, this is gonna be a PARTY!*



Elena and Seth are ready to party!

We would like to extend a personal welcome to each and every new neighbor, provide you with a fact sheet about Cabbagetown and send you a personal invitation to this awesome welcome party.

Cabbagetown is more than just a neighborhood. It's a state of mind – a state of being. And making the scene at the Roll Call Party let's the world know that *you are here.*

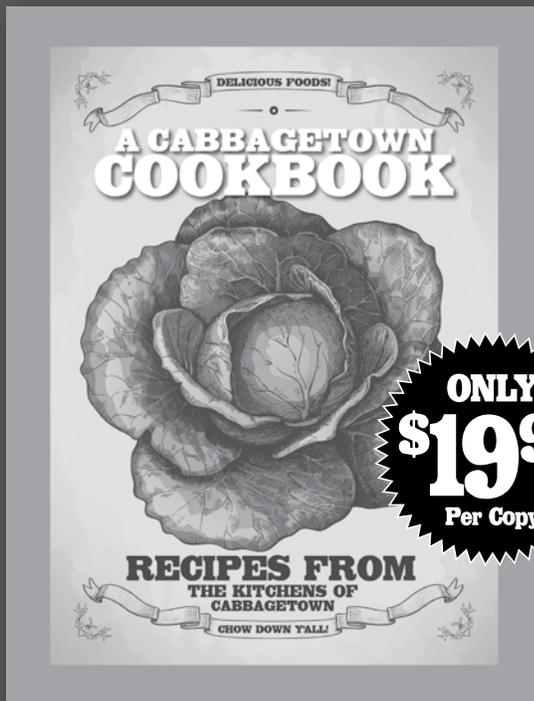
The Roll Call Party is one of our best and most cherished traditions. It's guaranteed to give you memories you will never forget. We promise!

So, if you have been here less than a year and we have not done this yet, please get in touch with the CRC by calling Karen at 404.422.3515, or

Debbie at 404.272.1906 or email us at

[debbieweeks64@gmail.com](mailto:debbieweeks64@gmail.com) (please type in the subject line: "new neighbor or roll call").

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# Movie review: *Term Life* (2016)



**LACEE ADERHOLD**

*Directed by: Peter Billingsley with Performances by: Vince Vaughn, Bill Paxton, Hailee Stanfield, Jon Favreau, Terrence Howard, Jonathan Banks, and Jordi Mollà.*

Nick Barrow (Vaughn) plans heists. Jimmy (Favreau) finds the targets, and hires Nick to investigate every angle and come up with the perfect plan. Harper (Banks) finds the thieves. This arrangement has worked well for Nick through the years. Separating the pieces keeps

him out of jail, and mostly out of trouble.

Today, the plan went wrong. The heist of \$250,000 from the police evidence locker went off as planned, but the thieves were ambushed and killed once the job was done. Unfortunately for Nick, one of the double crossed thieves was the son of a very powerful drug kingpin, Viktor (Mollà). After the job goes bad, Viktor abducts and interrogates Nick, threatening his estranged daughter, Cate (Stanfield).

Once he escapes, Nick has one goal. He must stay alive for 21 days for his life insurance policy to kick in, so his daughter is taken care of in the event of his death. He must keep her safe and figure out who framed him for the double cross. Of course, 16-year-old Cate

has no interest in going anywhere with her father, so the tension is high. And, to make matters worse, Jimmy has no idea he and Nick are walking into an ambush when they go to meet his hook-up who recommended the heist.

As it turns out, money stolen from the evidence locker was linked to an Internal Affairs investigation of a unit of dirty cops led by Capt. Joe Keenan (Paxton). The set up and double-cross were planned by Keenan to get rid of the evidence in his upcoming case.

The further Nick and Cate get into their investigation, the more they realize that Keenan is involved! Once again, bullets fly, and Nick is wanted for murder. They've run up a good tally of pursuers including drug dealers, local police, and dirty cops, and they can trust no one. They retreat to an out of the way motel to lay low while they figure out what to do.

*For Cabbageheads*, this is like watching a home movie. *Term Life* was filmed in Atlanta, and more specifically, the penultimate gun-fight was filmed in the Boiler House at *The Stacks!* Will Nick and Cate escape their cavalcade of pursuers? Will Nick clear his name? Will he and Cate find a common ground? Watch *Term Life* to find out.

**Favorite quote:** Harper: "At this age, they're either angry at the world or they're just plain hostile." Nick: "Well then, I'm lucky, because she's both!"

**Trivia:** *Term Life* is adapted from a graphic novel of the same name.



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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 Milltown Tavern juke box.

- 1 SIOUXSIE & THE BANSHEES  
CITIES IN DUST
- 2 TOTO  
AFRICA
- 3 YELLO  
OH YEAH
- 4 YO GOTTI  
RAKE IT UP
- 5 TEARS FOR FEARS  
HEAD OVER HEELS
- 6 QUEEN  
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY
- 7 THE THE  
UNCERTAIN SMILE
- 8 DJ KOOL  
LET ME CLEAR MY THROAT
- 9 BIG BOI  
KILL JILL
- 10 SOUNDGARDEN  
BLACK HOLE SUN
- 11 LUIS FONSI  
DESPACITO
- 12 MIGOS  
BAD AND BOUJEE
- 13 TINA TURNER  
THE BEST
- 14 SHE WANTS REVENGE  
TEAR YOU APART
- 15 VAN MORRISON  
INTO THE MYSTIC

# ISO: Jammable Party Porches

By John Dirga

*Is your lovable little Cabbagetown front porch ultra-cute, and Instagr-amazing?* Is it in the Goldilocks Zone; not too close, yet not too far from the Chomp & Stomp hustle bustle?

*If so, we'd love to have you host a Chomp & Stomp Porch Jam!* It's easy! An hour or so of acoustic music, set-up & broken down by volunteers, and nobody needs to go inside your castle. For more information, please contact [chompmusic@gmail.com](mailto:chompmusic@gmail.com).

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# A Road Map for Transportation

By Shaun Houlihan

*Thanks to all of your input*, and the hard work of *UrbanTrans* and your transportation committee, we now have a 'road map', if you will, to help guide the city of Atlanta in making transportation improvements to the neighborhood.

The transportation plan lays out priorities, suggests improvements for things like speeding reduction and pedestrian safety, and has a wealth of information on projects planned or ongoing in the area that impact transportation. The full report can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/cr-transport>

We're going to be taking an active stance towards making these improvements a reality; part of that means getting out and assessing the infrastructure in person. For this month's meeting (September 17<sup>th</sup>) we will be walking along Memorial Drive and Berean Avenue to view and discuss some areas that need attention and learn what *GDOT* has in store for the Memorial corridor. Meet at the Cabbagetown Community Center, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.

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# We're Number One!

*According to a new report by FilmL.A.*, seventeen feature films were shot in Georgia in 2016, beating California as the top location for feature film production and making it the number one filming location in all the world.

FilmL.A.'s annual Feature Film study revealed the United Kingdom came in second for shooting with 16 feature films, with Canada taking third place with 13. Meanwhile, California was in fourth place with 12 feature productions. New York, and Louisiana tied for fifth.

# Grass Heroes

By Kacey Cloues, Owner of Garden\*Hood

*Summer's been busy and recently quite hot and dry, and your garden may be showing it.* Want an easy, elegant solution to the August garden blahs? Try ornamental grasses, the unsung heroes of the late-summer landscape. Grasses have a special place in our hearts because they really kick into high gear when fairer-

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weather plants start losing their cool in the hottest, driest parts of the summer. Versatile and tough, boasting a

wide range of color, texture, and bloom, grasses are adaptable to many growing conditions, spaces, and design styles.

*Tips for gardening with grasses:*

**1) Select varieties that are appropriate for your site.**

Grasses range from big and bodacious to petite and polite; from incredibly drought-tolerant to thirsty, wetland-dwellers and can tolerate a wide range of light conditions. Pick varieties that suit your space, keeping in mind that the conditions may be vastly different from one side of your garden to the other.

**2) Plant them while it's still hot.**

Grasses perennialize more effectively when they have a good spell of warm weather to put down roots before the cold sets in. Plant them no later than early October, keep them well-watered the first few weeks in the ground, and they'll be happily on their way.

**3) Cut your grasses back in the late winter or early spring.**

Dormant grass stems are hollow, and when they're cut, they'll collect water, leading to potentially fatal crown rot. Leaving the stems of your grasses standing tall through winter protects their crown areas from over-saturation. Plus, it provides valuable habitat for wildlife.

When it comes to timing your annual grass cutting, let nature be your guide. When you see tiny shoots of bright green new growth emerging from the crown, it's time to cut back the previous year's growth, but if you need to put an actual date on the calendar to remind yourself, aim for the last week in February.

Cut your grasses according to their mature heights. Grasses that grow 6' or taller should be cut to 6"-8" above the soil level. Grasses that grow to be 3'-5' tall may be cut to 4"-6". Shorter grasses should be cut down to about 3".

**Some of the very best grasses for Atlanta gardens:**

**Sun-lovers:**

Panicum virgatum 'Northwind' (native switchgrass)  
Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah' (native switchgrass)  
Schizachryum scoparium 'Prairie Blues' (native Little Bluestem)

**Shade-dwellers:**

Carex divulsa, (European meadow sedge)  
Carex flacca 'Blue Zinger', (Mediterranean sedge)  
Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance', (Japanese Sedge)

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# Chomp 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

Cabbagetown area can be directed to the following resident agents: Chrissie Kallio at 404.295.2068 • Lynne Splinter at 404.582.0006 • Debbie Weeks 404.272.1906.

*We wish you happy house hunting!*



### HOUSES

Pending	Price
712 Kirkwood	\$449,000
2 BD/2 BA	
680 Gaskill St.	\$449,000
2 BD/2 BA	
185 Savannah St.	\$425,000
3 BD/2 BA	

### MULTI-FAMILY

Sold	Price
None this month.	

### COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

### CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Asking
None this month.	

### PENDING CONDOS & LOFTS

Conditional	Price
<b>The Stacks</b>	<b>170 Blvd</b>
Unit E327	\$325,000
1 BD/1 BA	
<b>Milltown Lofts</b>	
Unit 1114	\$309,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit 201	\$290,000
2 BD/1 BA	

<b>181 Powell Street</b>	
Unit 11	\$185,000
2 BD/1 BA	

Pending	Price
<b>The Stacks</b>	<b>170 Blvd</b>
Unit E409	\$415,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit H324	\$299,900
1 BD/1 BA	

Milltown Lofts	
Unit 101	\$280,000
2 BD/1 BA	

### SOLD CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
<b>The Stacks</b>	
Unit ?	\$415,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit H223	\$320,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit F111	\$299,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H427	\$280,000
1 BD/1 BA	
<b>Milltown Lofts</b>	
Unit 101	\$275,000
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Unit 305	\$215,000
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Unit 701	\$212,000
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