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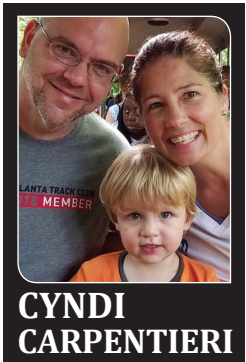
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"Music can change the world because it can change people." ~ Bono

Show Me The Money!

A Reduced Chomp & Stomp Threatens Our Parks



**CYNDI
CARPENTIERI**

Did you know you can earn money for Cabbagetown every time you shop at Kroger? When I heard about the Kroger Community Rewards (KCR) program, I thought it was too good to be true. Free money for Cabbagetown, & I don't have to do anything?? Tell me more!

How does it work? In short, you link your existing Kroger Plus card to Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) and Kroger gives money to CI, up to \$25,000 each year. Easy peasy, right? For us consumers, yes.

Once you enroll in the program, any time you shop at Kroger you earn money for CI. It's a little more complicated on the back end so here's the fine print. Kroger gives away money to charities. (Currently the Atlanta district gives out \$500k annually.) The KCR program helps direct where that money goes.

The amount CI gets each quarter depends on how many KCR non-profits are active that quarter, how many households are linked to CI, how much they spend and how frequently they shop. Each KCR non-profit gets a percentage of their spending based on the total spending by all local participating KCR non-profits. The more we spend, the bigger the slice of pie we get. (How very capitalistic.)

What do you have to lose? Not much if you already have a Kroger Plus card, since they already have your information. (If you don't have a card, get one from the customer service desk at any Kroger.) This program does not affect your fuel points or any other Kroger rewards programs or savings. Also, you earn money when you shop at ANY Kroger, not just the ones near us.

Why would Kroger do this? Brand loyalty. The more you spend at Kroger, the more money your organization gets, but also the more money Kroger gets.



Disco? Murder? Krobar? Cabbagetown loves it's Kroger's.

What does CI do anyway? Since 1999, CI has helped maintain the Community Center, Cabbagetown Park, and the Community Garden. It also manages Chomp and Stomp, which will look much different this year due to Covid-19, a huge blow to our annual fundraising.

To sign up:

- 1) Register your Kroger Plus card at krogercommunityrewards.com
- 2) Link your account to Cabbagetown Initiative (# YG216)
- 3) Scan your card every time you shop. That's it.

Cabbagetown and CI need your help. This is an easy way to support your community. Register today, and tell your friends and family to link their cards to CI also. *Go do it. You'll be glad you did.*

**Psycho
70's**
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President's Letter



**CHELSEA
ARKIN**

Hello Cabbagetown! How is everyone? This month I am going to change our newspaper up a bit. First, I want to hear from YOU. What are your favorite (outdoor) places in Cabbagetown? Let me share mine with you:

1. The hidden bench in the bamboo forest by the bridge. It's one of my favorite places to bring my coffee and pastry from Sweet Cheats (did you know they are now making their OWN BAGELS?): sweetcheatsatlanta.com

2. Our very own Joyce Brookshire Amphitheater. It's the perfect spot to set up a socially distant picnic. You and your friends pick your very own tier. Be sure to grab takeout from JenChan's (have you tried the cheesesteak?) jenchans.com or 97 Estoria (hot tip: the chicken fingers are back!) instagram.com/97estoria

3. My porch. 223 Carroll Street. I have a fan and enough ivy growing that I'm able to hide back there while still watching Carroll Street comings and goings. Please come say hi! I'll give you some tomatoes from my garden and we can watch people try to remember how to parallel park. Bring me a burger from Little's, or better yet a spicy chicken sandwich! littlesfoodstore.com

4. Oakland Cemetery. I know this is not technically in Cabbagetown, but did you know that we (basically) have our own gate? oaklandcemetery.com

What are your favorite places in Cabbagetown? Please share them with me: president@cabbagetown.com One great thing Cabbagetown can look forward to at the end of this month is **FORWARD WARRIOR!!** Obviously, it's going to look different this year. It won't be a public event, so we're looking for volunteers to help with safety, hygiene, and distancing assistance.

Please do not crowd around the working artists! You can contact forwardwarrioratlanta@gmail.com for more information or follow @forwardwarrior on Facebook or Instagram for the link to Twitch stream & YouTube Live. You can always support our neighborhood murals here: cabbagetown.com/forwardwarrior#donate

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our September CNIA meeting (on Zoom) on Tuesday, September 8th at 7p. Login here: <https://zoom.us/j/95657039874> (Meeting ID: 956 5703 9874)

As always feel free to contact me if you need anything. I'm reachable through email (president@cabbagetown.com), phone (770.317.4720), carrier pigeon, or just stop by my porch!

Big thanks to our Councilperson Natalyn Archibong, Valencia Hudson, and Public Works for renewed attention and maintenance towards the Boulevard Tunnel and the grassy Boulevard traffic island.

CNIA Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at 7p

PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting via video conference

<https://zoom.us/j/95657039874>

Meeting ID: 956 5703 9874

Password: 30316

NOTE: A digital copy of this month's agenda and materials can be found at: cabbagetown.com/agenda

7p: Meeting begins

I. Welcome and announcements

II. Review and approval of the August minutes

III. Atlanta Police Department

IV. City of Atlanta – Valencia Hudson

V. Financial Report – Saundra Reuppel, Treasurer

VI. Committee Reports

- **NPU – John Dirga, Cabbagetown Representative**
- **Historic Preservation & Land Use Committee – Nicole Seekely, Chair**
- **Ctown-Rtown Transportation Committee – Genevieve Barber, Chair**
- **Cabbagetown Initiative – Kendall Rawls, CI President**

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

8:35p: Adjourn

Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

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

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| 1 WEEZER
THE GREATEST MAN THAT EVER LIVED | 9 KAYTRANADA
WEIGHT OFF |
| 2 BADBADNOTGOOD
CONFESSIONS | 10 RADIOHEAD
FAKE PLASTIC TREES |
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FAMILY AFFAIR |
| 7 BEASTIE BOYS
GET IT TOGETHER | 15 THE SMITHS
HOW SOON IS NOW? |
| 8 BEASTIE BOYS
FLOOT LOOP | |

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th, 2020, 7p via Zoom. Meeting Conducted by Chelsea Arkin. Minutes recorded by Laura Bellinger.

I. Atlanta Police Department

A. Drag racing has been an issue, including someone doing donuts by the intersection of Wylie and Krog Street tunnel at high speed and someone driving onto the BeltLine. People on bikes may not be aware of what's about to come their way. People who are racing can now be charged. If you see activity like this, please call 911. You can also email Zone 6 Commander at dvillaroel@atlantaga.gov

II. City of Atlanta – Natalyn Archibong

A. Krog Tunnel flooding: Natalyn's office has contacted the Atlanta Department of Watershed Management about this. Their response will be shared. There will be a multi-million dollar fix.

B. Atlanta Watershed Department has extended its non-disconnect date to August 30th. There will be 30 days to negotiate catching up with the bills. Code enforcement was not going around as much as they used to due to COVID, but 311 photos are reviewed. Atl311 app is available through Apple app store.

C. Atlanta Watershed also said flushable wipes are not actually flushable – they have to pull them off of the machine.

D. There's a person living in the tunnel who has been there for over a month. Someone reached out to him to assist.

III. August Minutes approved

IV. Financial report – Saundra Rueppel

A. Report is posted on Cabbagetown website.

V. NPU-N – John Dirga

A. The city has restarted public hearings. They are doing their best to have public input but it is limited. If you want to go to a meeting and register your opinion about something, community members are currently able to view meetings but not able to talk without going through the NPU representative. Our NPU representative can be reached at info@cabbagetown.com You can check out npunatlanta.org for a list of hearings, schedule, etc.

B. If you file a complaint, write down the ticket # in more than one place. It's the only way you can track it down.

C. Three new scooter companies coming to ATL. Total fleet is only half what it was last year, which was 6,000.

D. A development consisting of multiple apartments and a parking garage is being developed at 195 Chester, the lot just before Stein Steel. Stein Steel is also being developed. For additional information, contact, info@cabbagetown.com

E. NPU-N grant is putting in a new mural - more than 30 artists applied. There's a public selection panel reviewing applications, which is now closed. They are also reinvigorating the landscape there while Atlanta tears down and repairs the inside of the tunnel.

F. NPU chair asked what's going on with the complex on Pearl and Wylie. Evidently there's some type of addition.

VI. Historic Preservation Committee – Nicole Seekley

A. A Type III certificate for an addition at 212 Iswald will be

presented in September. A link to the drawings will be uploaded to the website.

B. Hulsey Master Plan website: Trying to see if there was a way we can tap into the micro-grants and ask for 3 years of hosting on Squarespace (\$576). Natalyn gave the neighborhood \$3,000 and we picked a couple of projects that were \$500 each. A motion to give Hulsey visioning committee \$576 was approved during the August CNIA meeting. No one abstained or objected.

VII. Cabbagetown Initiative – Kendall Rawls

A. We're moving forward with a limited virtual Chomp & Stomp consisting of music, merchandise and a virtual romp (you run at a specific time and your time won't count against other racers).

B. The park is looking great, good to have Jim Pribble back on.

C. Conservancy for raising donations for our parks: Moving forward with the language supporting a collection of park spaces across the community. It's going to be called **Friends of Ctown** and this is to support the maintenance of our green spaces. You can do a one time gift or recurring gift at reasonable levels. We want to be able to maintain our parks and green spaces no matter what happens. It's a 501C3, tax deductible.

D. Thank you to Genevieve and her wife for weed wacking the west side of the triangle.

VIII. Transportation Committee – Genevieve Barber

A. Slow Street Effort: The 4 barricades are from the city. We've had a month to watch them in action and are now entering phase 2. The city filled them with water; the committee now has the ability to drain the water.

B. The barricades are now going to be painted with something like "slow down, yield to pedestrians" and then the artist can paint whatever they want. We are putting out the word for a call to artists. We are not responsible for the speed bump. If you are an artist and are interested, reach out to genevievesbarber@gmail.com

IX. New Business

A. For Forward Warrior!!, we're asking that people watch this via Live Stream from home and not congregate around artists. Artists will be distanced over a couple of weeks.

B. Dionne and Liz were nominated as our Atlanta Public Advisory Board representatives. APAB is a citizens group that has a representative from each NPU (there are 25)

C. We're trying to get larger, or if not more, garbage cans by the tunnel. The impact is something we need help with – it was created by the existence of the BeltLine. The solution is not more frequent pick-ups so the only solution may be more cans. Heard a number of 10k per can. Studies show that when there are cans people use them.

D. A request was made to set up a time to talk about the Cabbagetown Community Center.

E. Black Lives Matter rallies at corner of Boulevard and Memorial: Monday-Friday, 6-7p: join!

Nevermind The Silver Our Clouds Have Cleaner Linings

By Kyle F. Bidlack

It was more than fifty years ago that The United States passed the Clean Air Act – Legislation that over the years was derided as useless and an economy killer. But according to The Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA), since 1970, aggregate emissions of criteria air pollutants in The United States is down 74%. Meanwhile, our Gross Domestic Product is up 275%.

Not all that glitters is gold. In 2002, The Atlanta Journal Constitution declared that Atlanta "has some of the worst air pollution in the country." According to the Southern Environmental Law Center "Metro Atlanta has been in violation of health-based air quality standards since 1970, when Congress passed the Clean Air Act. Under the 1990 amendments to the law, the region was required to adopt a long-range transportation plan to reduce ozone pollution - rated as 'serious' on the EPA list - and comply with the standards by 1998." We didn't meet the deadline. But we have made some progress.

Atlanta and Cabbagetown still has a long way to go with regard to high ozone days, but consider this – back in 1998, we experienced 95.5 days of high ozone content. By 2018, we had reduced that number to 7.5 (According to The American Lung Association).

From 2000 to 2002, we averaged 14.3 days of high particle content in the air. By 2016 to 2018 we were averaging .03 days.

According to The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Cabbagetown experienced 94 unhealthy days in the year 2000 – 14 of those days were rated "very unhealthy".

By 2007, we improved (slightly) to 76 unhealthy days with only 4 days measured as very unhealthy. General improvements were made over the next twelve years – averaging 27 unhealthy days each year over that period.

Fast forward to this year. From January through August we have recorded only 1 unhealthy day (EPA).

According to the AAPCA, Georgia now leads all member states in reducing ozone concentrations. From 2006 to 2018, we lowered our concentrations by 23.16%. We also lead all member states with regard to reducing fine particulate matter – down 25.19%.

We're making progress nationwide too. According to the EPA, carbon monoxide levels are down 83% since 1980. Lead levels are down 99%, and ozone levels are down 31%. Carbon dioxide levels are down roughly 91% since 2006.

Over the past ten years or so, you might have noticed more hawks, owls, and other birds occupying the skies over Cabbagetown. Not to mention more butterflies, fireflies, healthier trees, and cleaner and more plentiful rainfall. Human beings have benefitted too, especially at-risk folks and those with respiratory challenges.

And while many experts predict that when COVID-19 retreats, pollution will very quickly return – there is still a silver lining in this horrible pandemic: Vehicle emissions are way down and our roads are less congested. Air travel is way down too, as is pollution from jet engines. Couple that with the fact that truck and train traffic in Hulsey Yard has also been greatly reduced, and we are left with perhaps the cleanest air in Cabbagetown since before the Industrial Revolution.

Some long-term good may also result. After seeing positive results from six months of the new "work from home" (WFH) model, businesses are now seriously considering WFH as a permanent solution. The affects of that decision are far reaching: Less building and less cutting down of trees and clearing of natural settings. Less vehicles on the road, less demand for new roads, quicker commute times, and lower demands for fuel. Less stress, more family time, and great improvements in personal hygiene are other side effects. Looking even further down the road, we can probably look forward to a reduction in real estate prices (due to reduced business demand), and a reduction in education costs (thanks to technology).



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Slim's Pickin's: The Psycho 70's!



**SLIM
CHANCE**

A little background – from 1970 to 1979 I was 13 to 23 years old. Totally immersed in the hippie/drug/rock music culture, these were what most of us call the formative years. I wish I could remember more about them, but I did start college and pave the way to my career as a shrink.

As I was trying to construct this particular list, I told the bossman Mr. Bidlack that it was very difficult, and sent him a list of 50 albums released in 1970, of which

I own and love 44. That's just ONE YEAR!!! Anyway, here is a small scattering of what I tuned in, turned on, and freaked out to in an amazing decade of music.

George Harrison: All Things Must Pass (1970) – When *The Beatles* disbanded, Harrison had enough songs to release a triple album, although the third LP was just a lengthy jam session. Whether he kept the best tunes from his Fab Four years to himself or the band rejected them, this was an absolute enlightenment to his immense talent.

Jethro Tull: Benefit (1970) – Tull's third album shifted away from their blues style to a more mixed electric/acoustic based folk-rock sound, with unusual instrumentation and complex tunes that have aged incredibly well. Ian Anderson gets some guff for the prog leanings, but he is a genius. Fight me.

Mahavishnu Orchestra: Birds Of Fire (1973) – While not my entry point into Jazz Fusion, John McLaughlin's guitar playing and compositions were other worldly. Complicated and emotional, he and his stellar band created new dimensions with sound.

Zappa/Mothers: Roxy & Elsewhere (1974) – You knew there would be some Zappa on here, right? Some of his best work are these recordings, with probably the best band he ever had, and featuring some of the best guitar solos he ever played. The late George Duke is all over this, so there's that. My high school senior year soundtrack.

Al Green's Greatest Hits Vol. 1 (1975) – I gave up trying to pick an album from the Reverend that I had not already discussed, but it was so difficult I decided to cheat a bit and go with the

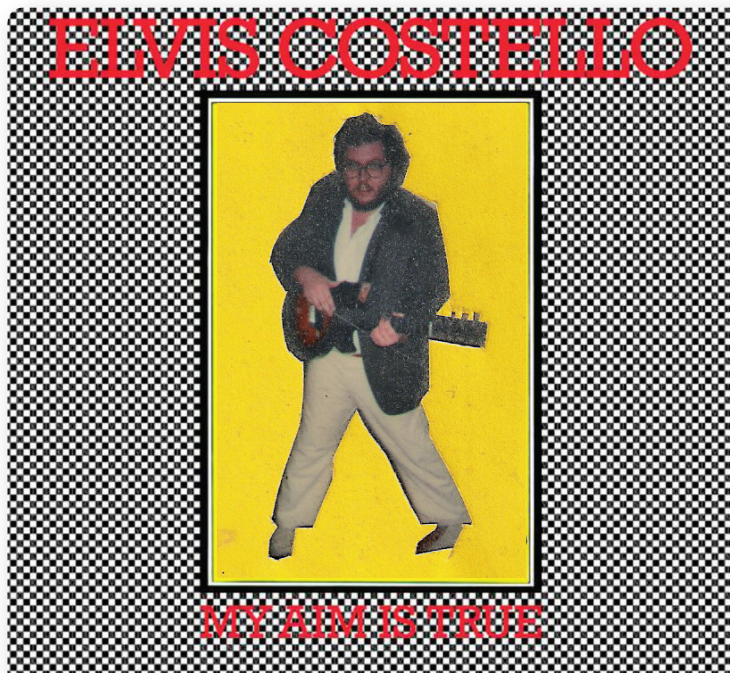
best compilation of baby making soul music I have ever heard. Fortunately for me, I didn't make any babies back then, but I tried. Too immature. Still am.

Elvis Costello: My Aim Is True (1977) – I still remember the moment I heard "Now that your picture's in the paper being rhythmically admired..." freezing, and being totally blown away by every note, every word, and the pure energy of this debut. A true paradigm shifter, and the launching pad of a most prolific and successful career. Elvis is king.

Sex Pistols: Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's The Sex Pistols (1977) – If Costello was the set up, "Bollocks" was the knockout punch. The ferocity of the music and snarl of the controversial and provocative lyrics results in this one often deemed as the quintessential punk record. I tend to agree, although there are

so many great examples out there. They lasted one year, how punk is that??? I had a ticket to see them in Memphis, but got snowed in, in a little town in west Tennessee called Bucksnot. Truth.

Willie Nelson: Stardust (1978) – While a few other Willie albums from the 70's are more my favorites, this was groundbreaking, made him an international superstar, and showed me the way to appreciate the crooner pop classics of the 30's, 40's and 50's. An absolute must have record, and one I listen to often when I need an emotional lift.



Brian Eno: Music For Airports (1978) – so much to say about Eno, so few words left. His affinity for ambient music started in the mid 70's, and this diamond stands as one of the most perfect and essential recordings of the genre. Any of his albums would be right at home on this list, but I especially dig this one.

Kate Bush: The Kick Inside (1978) – One of the most ethereal and captivating debut albums ever recorded, my girlfriend Kate was only 20 years old when released this masterpiece. Capturing the hearts of romanticists all over the world, Kate has never released anything less than stellar, and this is a fitting intro to her wonderful work.

Honorable Mention: Yes: Close To The Edge. Devo: Are We Not Men? Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon. David Bowie and King Crimson: every damn one of them.

Parks & Rec: Part One



**ANNA
PFEFFER**

As our new normal keeps us inside more, behind masks, and 6-feet apart, finding creative ways to connect with loved ones and find new things to do is so important.

Thankfully, we have the amazing Cabbagetown Park and Esther Peachy Lefevre Park in our neighborhood where we can get outside for some fresh air. Pack a blanket, snacks, and beverages and make an afternoon of it!

Or stop by *Sweet Cheats* for a beverage and a decadent delight! Just a friendly reminder they are closed on Mondays.

Parks are so important. Designated "green" space among all the chaos humans create. Not all parks are green though... One of my favorite parks is the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in the Florida Keys.

This was the first place I ever snorkeled. I will never forget my first time jumping into the water at Molasses Reef and seeing all the vibrant colors of the coral reef and fish. Yellow, orange, green, blue...even purple! And a nurse shark swam by to say "Hi!" on this first underwater adventure. You can learn more about this underwater playground at <http://pennekamppark.com>.

We now go to The Keys pretty regularly. As a scuba diver, we have returned to Key Largo for several dive trips. Delta even has direct flights from Atlanta to Key West (EYW). However, if you like a scenic drive, you can fly into Fort Lauderdale or Miami and take the 3-hour drive down along The Keys. On the way, you'll drive along the Seven Mile Bridge with amazing views of every blue your eyes can imagine. It's an absolutely stunning drive. Don't forget to stop for a snack along the way at Wahoo's.

Just remember to pick up your trash when enjoying parks outdoors. Leave only footprints on land and bubbles in the water. We only have one planet!

Smokes, Drinks, and Drones

By Kyle F. Bidlack

The pandemic is not keeping "the inventors of things" at some of Atlanta's biggest companies, from inventing things. David Allison over at Atlanta Business Chronicle, first reported these developments.

Home Depot is developing ways that product pricing can be updated in real-time, thus maximizing competitiveness and profits. The system would constantly analyze local prices on the same item and take into account volume of sales, size of retailer, and a few other market influences.

Coca-Cola is developing new sports drinks custom tailored to your *biometrics*. Their dispensary of the future might take into account your weight, vital signs, body fat, and taste preferences, then dispense a sports drink custom-made, just for you.

Most tobacco-based smokes are wrapped in paper that is – in part – made from tobacco. Manufacturers have found that this

provides a more pleasurable smoking experience. Alpharetta based *Schweitzer-Mauduit International Inc.*, has determined that paper or tobacco based wrappers don't provide the save levels of satisfaction for smokers of alternatives, like hemp-based products, so they are developing wrappers that are created from pieces of cannabis.

United Parcel Service is working to make the dream of drone-based deliveries of small packages, a reality. Their idea is to create platforms that can be installed on the upper levels of homes and businesses, thus solving the dilemma of drones entering air spaces cluttered with humans and other obstacles.

Speaking of drones, *AT&T* is developing drones that can be more autonomous (meaning less need for a remote human being guiding the drone). They are also looking at ways that drones can work together to increase efficiency.

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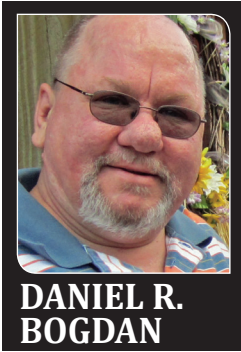
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jenchans.com

Historical Cemeteries Have Burial Plots Available

At Sylvester Cemetery, culture is welcomed. Have you ever been to a graveside concert for Fiddling John Carson? It's sad that we lose great neighbors every month, why not consider green, creative options? Historic Cabbagetowners rest here. We welcome all faiths. Creative headstones are ok. Memorials & sculptures created by Rev. David DeChant are most welcomed. Call 404-368-6700

How Change *Really* Happens



When Cabbagetown was experiencing the darkest days of its history in the 1980s and 90s, the biggest enemy we faced by far, was apathy and indifference.

Those of us who were interested in trying to make changes often came up against a wall of opposition. We could deal with that, because at least we knew those folks were interested in what we were trying to do.

The more difficult and frustrating “enemy”

that we faced was apathy and indifference – the “*who cares*” or “*you’ll never make a difference*” attitude. We saw it all around us and recognized the danger that it represented. Without engaged citizens, nothing would ever change, and we desperately needed to get to a better place than where we were.

Politicians on every level respond to citizens who make it known that they are registered to vote, and are involved on a regular basis. Occasional concerns from others are often set aside or ignored, in favor of the people who they recognize, and consider as likely to vote.

This is more true today than ever before. If you see an issue that you want addressed – whether it’s timely trash pick-up, or how national policies impact your day to day life, it’s necessary that you become involved. The first and most important thing you must do is **REGISTER TO VOTE!**

Whether your interest is local or national, your voice must be heard. Though it’s easy to register, there is a deadline that you must meet in order to vote in the November election: **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th.**

If you’re not registered by then, you may not be able to cast your vote in November. No matter what your point of view, if you don’t let them it known, then you’re part of the problem, instead of the solution! Voting is one of the few ways that you can do this.

Here is the link to register to vote online with the Secretary of State’s Office: registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/welcometoga.do#no-back-button (you can also use this link to verify or change your voter information - name or address, etc.).

If you want to register locally, or wish to vote via Absentee Ballot, instead of in person, contact Fulton County’s Department of Elections and Registration at the following link: fultoncountyga.gov/services/voting-and-elections/voter-registration. The Absentee Ballot option has always been available to registered voters, and is different from “Universal Mail-in Voting” that you hear being hyped in the media.

If you’re already registered – Thank you! If you’re a “go the extra mile” person, contact the campaign for the candidate of your choice. If partisan politics isn’t your thing, you can still make a

huge impact by volunteering to be a Poll Worker. The people that you see on voting day are volunteers - your friends and neighbors. Most of them are older, and semi-retired.

Working in a precinct ensures that the vote is fair, accurate and transparent. It’s also a great way to get a unique view of how the process actually works. This year, there is a critical shortage of volunteer poll workers. This is due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic. Older citizens are more vulnerable to the virus, and are less willing to risk exposure by working with the public on election day.

Being a Poll Worker requires minimal training, and there is a small compensation for your efforts. The hours are long, but the rewards are enormous. You’ll meet people from your community, and interact with others who are involved in the process. You’ll see from the “inside” how voting really plays out on a minute-by-minute, person-by-person level. Use the link to the Fulton County Elections department to get more information.

If your life is crammed with too many things to do – and whose life isn’t – try to make the effort to attend the monthly meetings of the Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (details can be found elsewhere in this newspaper).

Without your involvement on some level, whatever your concerns are, they’ll probably never be addressed. It doesn’t matter what the issue is – YOU are the best person to let them be known! Whether it’s an issue of animal control or controlling who sits in Congress – it’s important that you do what you can to “be the change that you want to see!”

Doing your part by becoming involved helps keep communities moving forward. Without that involvement, progress will stall and begin to backslide. ***Thanks for being part of the solution – I’ll see you at the polls in November!***

1000 Murals

By Art Rudick

ATL1000 celebrates a major creative milestone for Atlanta - the city’s 1,000th mural! In September and October, 2020, the ATL1000 campaign will honor the artists who created these distinctive works through a new celebratory mural in Cabbagetown, a series of murals by Black women artists (curated by Power Haus Creative), along with digital projections in the Downtown Arts & Entertainment District, and a live video feed from the **Forward Warrior!!** mural painting event, and self-guided walking tours.

ATL1000 aims to promote Atlanta as an arts destination, to encourage a community discussion about Atlanta’s street art, and to give Atlanta’s residents and visitors a family friendly, safe street art experience.

Cabbagetown Initiative: Meeting Minutes



Minutes for Monday August 3rd, 2020. Regular Meeting. In attendance: Morgan Felts, Kendall Rawls, Tova Baruch, Ashley McCartney and Barry Hestermann. Todd Gandee, Andrew Byczko and Chelsea Arkin joined the meeting in progress. Jessica Stewart (CICDC Bookkeeper) was also present. Regrets from: Walker Oxley, and Brad Cunard

II. Call to Order – the President called the meeting to order at 7:10p.

III. Approval of the Minutes. July 2020 minutes were previously approved via email.

IV. Officer's Reports

a. President's Report – no report

b. Treasurer's Report – i. Morgan reported that expenses have been routine and aligned with the budget freeze. She further urged board members to continue being conservative and explore possible cost savings where possible. Morgan reminded the board that CI voted to implement a discretionary spending freeze pending further information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and development of the community center situation. The spending freeze remains in place. **ii.** 2019 taxes have been completed and will be filed within the next week or so. **iii.** Given the lack of tenants/non-use of the Community Center and lack of Chomp in the traditional sense, Morgan will be contacting our insurance agent to see if there's any way to realize cost savings by decreasing our insurance coverage given that we likely don't need as much coverage as we would in prior years.

V. Committee Reports a. Chomp & Stomp – The CI board agreed to move forward with exploring a virtual, scaled-down version of Chomp. The areas to be explored along with the responsible person(s) can be found below. **i.** Romp: Tova, Nick and Cyndi **ii.** Merchandise :Morgan and Todd **iii.** Music: Barry and John Dirga **iv.** Social Media: Kendall Rawls

b. Conservancy – i. Ashley moved to establish the Friends of Cabbagetown Conservancy Committee with the mission to establish a sustainable revenue stream in order to maintain and enhance Cabbagetown Park, Esther Peachy Lefevre Park, Cabbagetown Triangle Park, and the Cabbagetown Community Center. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved. **ii.** The Board offered the Committee guidance for donor levels (see bottom of minutes)

c. Governance – board recruitment continues! Please continue to reach out to neighbors that may be interested in serving on CI.

d. Parks – The Board is exploring ways to perform basic maintenance on other areas besides Cabbagetown Park. Barry announced the submission of the CSX grant to help maintain the Wylie Street wall. CI is deeply grateful for the neighbors that have pitched in to help maintain the various areas during this challenging budget time.

e. Community Center – Information regarding discussion and updates on the Community Center has been redacted on the advice of counsel.

f. Community Garden – awarded a \$3,000 grant for improvements. Congrats!

g. Finance – see Treasurer's Report

h. CNIA – the meeting next week will be via Zoom. Information is available at <https://cabbagetown.com/agenda>. Chelsea requests a CI member plan to be present to answer questions regarding the Community Center and Chomp. Barry and Todd will represent CI.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. Open CI Board Seats – CI would love to invite Cabbagetown neighbors passionate about the neighborhood to inquire about open CI seats! We'd love to have your talents!

VIII. Adjourn – the President adjourned the meeting at 8:55p

Tier Title	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost	Swag (each level receives swag from lower tiers)
Cabbagetown Advocate	\$75	\$7	Magnet or Koozie
Cabbagetown Protector	\$150	\$13	Tshirt
Cabbagetown Hero	\$250	\$21	Trucker Hat
Cabbagetown Champion	\$500	\$42	Limited Edition Poster

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Cabbagetown in the Current Environment

Single Family Homes

Active

6 Homes | \$799,000 - \$399,000

Under Contract

2 Homes | \$699,000 - \$490,000

Sold since March 1

10 Homes | \$860,000 - \$499,000

Townhomes/Condominiums

Active

17 Homes | \$750,000 - \$264,900

Under Contract

7 Homes | \$479,000 - \$295,000

Sold since March 1

23 Homes | \$550,000 - \$280,000

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Live It Up at Oakland Cemetery

By Angie Wynne

Historic Oakland Foundation invites you celebrate the approach of fall with us at these September and October events. Sunday in the Park returns for its 43rd year from September 21st through the 27th! We've expanded the beloved fall festival into a week-long event. Help us celebrate all things Oakland with this year's hybrid virtual/in-person format. Virtual activities include trivia, a costume contest and more.

On Sunday, September 27th, grab a picnic from your favorite local restaurant and join us on Oakland's grounds for some on-site activities: small-group cemetery tours, an Oakland Cemetery pop-up shop, and musicians busking throughout the cemetery. Learn more at oaklandcemetery.com/sip.

Shop a great selection of interesting and hard-to-find plants at Historic Oakland Foundation's low-contact Fall Plant Sale! The sale will take place at Oakland Cemetery's Beaumont Allen Greenhouse on Saturday, September 26th with a special members-only presale on September 25th. Shop by reservation. Learn more and reserve your spot at oaklandcemetery.com/plantsale.

Our Run Like Hell 5K, a neighborhood favorite, is also going virtual this year. Register now and run any time from September 27th through October 11th. All proceeds support Historic Oakland Foundation. Learn more at oaklandcemetery.com/rlh.

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. Listings courtesy of each listing agent. 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 at 404.272.1906 • *We wish you happy house hunting!*

HOUSES

For Sale	Price
147 Powell St. 4 BD/3.5 BA	\$799,000
667 Gaskill St. 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$675,000
261 Pearl St. 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$635,000
633 Gaskill St. 3 BD/2 BA	\$629,900
386 Berean Ave. 3 BD/2.5 BA	\$525,000
593 Gaskill St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$495,000
624 Memorial Dr. 3 BD/2 BA	\$439,000



MULTI-FAMILY

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

LOTS

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
None this month.	

HOUSES

Pending/UC	Price
171 Savannah St. 4 BD/2 BA	\$699,000
185 Pearl St. 3 BD/2 BA	\$490,000
266 Berean Ave. 2 BD/2 BA	\$565,000

CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Price
The Stacks Loft H504	170 Blvd \$470,000
2 BD/2 BA Loft H310	\$327,000
2 BD/1 BA Loft F104	\$315,000
1 BD/1 BA Loft F108	\$279,000
1 BD/1 BA Loft H303	\$275,000
1 BD/1 BA Loft E006	\$264,900
1 BD/1 BA 764 Memorial Drive Unit #23	\$324,900
1 BD/1 BA Unit #21	\$323,900
1 BD/1 BA	

PENDING

CONDOS & LOFTS

Pending	Price
The Stacks Loft E111	170 Blvd \$474,000
2 BD/2 BA Loft E310	\$465,000
2 BD/2 BA Loft H130	\$399,900
2 BD/2 BA Loft H213	\$295,000
1 BD/1 BA Conditional The Stacks	170 Blvd
Loft E221	\$440,000
2 BD/2 BA Loft H133	\$390,000
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