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Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

"Books are the bees which carry the quickening pollen from one to another mind." - James Russell Lowell

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

6:45p: Networking and Snacks

7p: Meeting Begins

1. **Welcome and Announcements**
2. **Valencia Hudson** – City of Atlanta
3. **Lt. Floyd** – Atlanta Police Department
4. **Financial Report** - Julie Stephens
5. **Committee and Other Reports**
 - **Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch**
– Peter Knudsen/Mitchel Watkins
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Barbara Harper
 - **Historic Preservation/Land Use**
– Nicole Seekely
 - **Hospitality Committee**
– Karen Russian
 - **Parking and Traffic Committee**
– Richard Joyce

6. Old Business

- Bocce Proposal for Cabbagetown Park

7. New Business

- **Election of members:**
 - At-Large CNIA Exec Comm Members (3)
 - CI Board Members (2)
 - Public Safety Chair

Adjournment

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

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Pollen count on Tuesday, 29 March 2016. For perspective, a count of 90 is considered high. The main offenders during March were oak, pine, sweet gum, sycamore, and ash.

Center: Off-center

By Whitney Bolster

Lynne Splinter loves to say that if you're gonna live in Cabbagetown, you have to be "a little off-center," and I couldn't agree more.

Ours is a neighborhood filled with a perfectly eclectic mix of creative, smart, quirky, wonderful humans charged with more than just your garden variety esprit de corps. We are just as strong-willed as we are friendly. While we all have lots of different ideas about how to get there, we all want what is best for our community.

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you can, and you talk about what's possible over fried chicken and casserole on a Saturday night. You collect over 140 surveys, and you discover that reviewing your neighbors' ideas for the future of our Community Center becomes a task that makes you love where you live even harder.

So that's where we are now: reviewing your feedback and falling in love with all of you wonderfully off-centered Cabbageheads. We shared some of your ideas in the March newspaper, but some of our other findings have been more subtle. For example, when presented with what would be a typical "yes or no" question, you can expect 7 out of 10 Cabbageheads to respond with "sure." It's a small thing, but it is telling. Unlike "yes" and "no," "Sure" hasn't quite made up its mind yet. "Sure" is thoughtful because "Sure" is more interested

in what's possible than what's right or wrong. "Sure" stops and talks to you when it's out walking the dog.

If you're reading this and you haven't submitted a survey yet, but you're feeling that off-center esprit des corps, the CNIA meeting on April 12th will be your last chance to throw your own "sure" into the mix.

Once we've tallied up all those "sures" and made a list of everything you envision for the future of our Community Center, we will move into Phase Two of the Community Center Redevelopment Exploration, which is Concept Design.

...when presented with what would be a typical "yes or no" question, you can expect 7 out of 10 Cabbageheads to respond with "sure."

To celebrate, we hope you'll join us at the Community Center on May 14th from 4p to 6p for food, art, music, and more!

Stephen Trimble and Jared Serwer from **Perkins+Will** will lead a discussion about potential solutions for the future of the Community Center based on your feedback. **GPCP** will provide entertainment for your little ones, and we will have an art show in the Community Center. If you would like to hang a piece in the show or if you want to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Lynne Splinter (lynnesplinter@gmail.com).

We "sure" do hope to see you there!

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President's letter



**KATHERINE
DIRGA**

Having finally made peace with Daylight Savings Time and gotten used to the new schedule, it's been great to get out and about in the spring weather.

I've been running into neighbors in the community garden, on dog walks, and in the middle of *Little's* runs. As a brown-to-pale-green thumb, it's great to check out what everyone's got going in their planters and hanging on their porches. Springtime in Cabbagetown is pretty close to irresistible, if you ask me.

Speaking of being outside, we have a couple outdoorsy things to talk about this month: First off, check out the information in this paper about the bocce courts that are being proposed for the big park by interested neighbors. We'll have a vote on them at the April 12th meeting.

The community garden is also welcoming beehives, in hopes of both building up the annual yield and doing a favor for everyone's friend: The honeybee. The Garden Team presented about this last month, but on Sunday, April 10th, there will be an info session at the Community Garden with the beekeeper! The Garden is located on Berean Avenue, across from the little church, on the Tennale end.

And finally, we need to elect a few more positions to CI as well as CNIA. We have two wonderful neighbors who've come forward and attended a CI meeting in advance of putting their names into the hat for CI. We also have three at-large positions for CNIA, and a Public Safety Chair that we need to elect. Public Safety Chair will essentially be a liaison between the neighborhood and CRSP/Watch/Valencia Hudson.

Just a reminder, if you haven't yet re-upped as a CNIA member, you'll just need to knock that out by April 11th in order to vote at the April 12th meeting. Find forms on cabbagetown.com/membership, and email them to cabbagechat@gmail.com.

Thanks and see you around!

For The Kids!

By John Jarrett

Come dine out with us at *Agave* on April 19th and support *Wilderness Works*, a Cabbagetown non-profit, that enriches homeless and at-risk children with exciting, experiential activities. Agave will donate a portion of all the proceeds to Wilderness Works. Come and enjoy delicious southwestern food and amazing margaritas! Reservations are recommended. Find out more about us at WildernessWorks.org - Please like the Wilderness Works *Facebook* page and please consider donating. Thank you!

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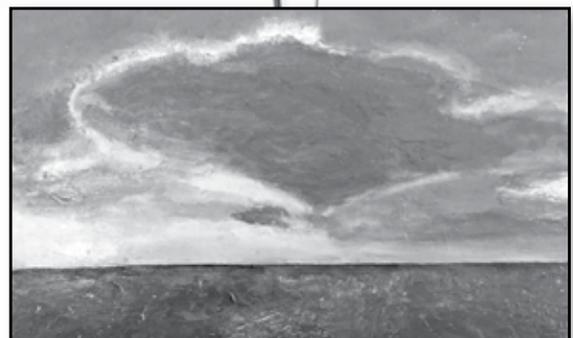
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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center. Meeting conducted by Katherine Dirga. Minutes recorded by Jocelyn Chen Wise.

1. Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison - Residents inquired about a recent hold-up. Reported on filling of potholes.

2. Lt Carter, Crime Suppression Unit, Atlanta Police Department (Zone 6 Precinct) - There was a pedestrian robbery on Sunday, detectives have leads and are working it now, will likely have an arrest soon. There have been some repeat robberies. Clean those cars! Car thieves know that Cabbagetown is a neighborhood to target. Don't leave gym bags, weapons, computers, anything in view in your cars. Put all items the trunk. Don't walk around while looking at your phone.

3. Financial Report – Julie Stephens
End of February balance was \$9,656. Expenses were for the newspaper, pizza expenses. Report will be posted on the website.

**4. Committee and Other Reports
Hospitality Committee - Karen Russian**

There will be a new neighbor party on April 15th, 2016 at Ross' house on Powell Street. Check *Nextdoor* and this newspaper for the announcement.

NPU - Ed Lindahl

No big projects were announced at this month's NPU meeting. The Parks Dept will now handle all gated events. Mayor's office will still handle open events. NPU got money to install some bike racks (about \$4,000). The Candler Park Conservancy is seeking additional board members from a geographically diverse area. If anyone wants to be nominated, let the NPU rep know.

Historic Preservation/Land Use - Matt Wise

Milltown Tavern is submitting in a UDC application to cut through their north wall and install two windows and a door in order to increase visibility to parking lot to prevent smash and grabs. Smokeless Thursdays have been very successful, considering making it non-smoking more of the time. Wants to build a 100sq.ft. smoking terrace with a historically accurate look. UDC staff report came back with few changes. Voted and HP will write a letter in support.

Oakland Cemetery may be approaching neighborhood about possibly opening more entrances and making some changes to make the area more park-like.

Brother Moto (old Industry Studios bldg at Powell and Memorial)

HP will be emailing to see if **Brother Moto** will talk to HP. The regulations show that there may be some issues that are not consistent with Sub-Area 5. A garage may not be permitted without a variance. Details not known about purpose or parking spaces. Greg Giuffrida will forward a write up from EAV to Katherine Dirga to be shared with the neighborhood.

Transportation Committee, Richard Joyce

Changed name from "Parking and Traffic Committee" to "Transportation Committee." Katie Butler has a replacement. City is looking to increase safety on Boulevard, has federal funding

to add crosswalk. Boulevard Tunnel feels this will help keep the area cleaner. Leggett and Platt is going through ARC review for a traffic study and environmental impacts. Discussed residential parking permits, could possibly look at individual streets/blocks to see if neighbors want to have parking permits. Another idea could also be staggering parking to make it harder to drive fast down street. A community feedback survey will go out soon to fuel the direction of the committee going forward. There will be a Parking Outreach Committee to help address abandoned or obstructing cars.

Elections

- President: Katherine Dirga voted in
- Vice President: Kristy Joseph voted in
- Treasurer: Dan Thompson voted in
- Secretary: Jocelyn Wise voted in
- NPU Representative: note that there are no more term limits for this position but representative will be up for re-election every year. John Dirga voted in.
- Historic Presentation & Land Use Chair: Nicole Seekely voted in.

5. New Business

Community Garden Beekeeping (162 Berean), Tom Dearthoff and Sarah - There has been a problem getting good pollination in the community garden. Steve from **Atlanta Beekeepers Association** is willing to put two hives at the garden. Will be hosting an info session for Q&A. Hives will be in the back of the garden, honey bees are unlikely to cause problems because they don't go after animals/pets and have been put at East Lake Community Garden successfully. Steve will tend to bees and honey. Does not appear to have zoning issues. If there are concerns, please attend the info session to be announced.

Fresh Harvest CSA, David Melton - They have a garden in Clarkston, partners with about a dozen organic gardens in GA. Has created an "online farmers market" which allows people to choose a ten gallon basket. Cabbagetown deliveries will be on Tuesdays. Can cancel at any time, skip deliveries if out of town, substitutions allowed. Can add meat, bread, milk, eggs. For every basket, they make a donation to "**Share the Harvest**" which provides food to local family.

Proposal: Bocce courts in Cabbagetown Park - Todd Kane Talked to **Atlanta Bocce Club** about regs, would consider putting courts just east of the large tree where nothing naturally grows. Imagining one or two courts. Looking to get letters of recommendation from CNIA and CI before going to city for approval. If city approves, will get cost estimates and then figure out how to fundraise for it. Voted and CNIA will provide letter of support.

132 Estoria Street - Brian Brunson

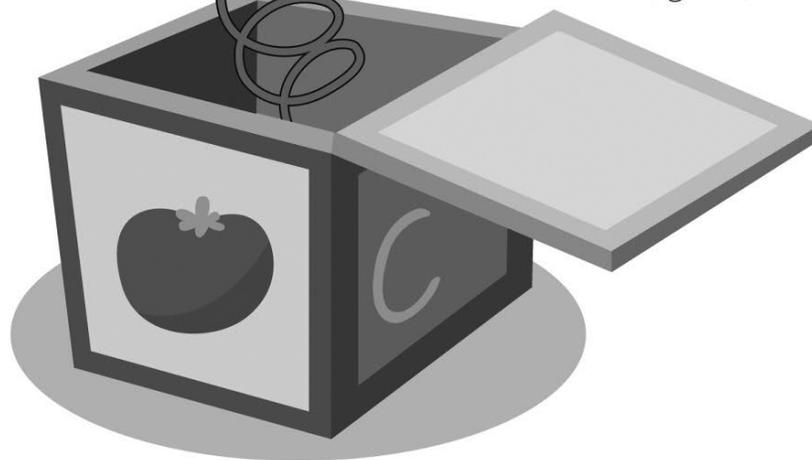
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My state of mind is the same as the state of my wiener dog: not good. It was sort of okay for a long time there, because I was resigned to the fact that the dog was going to pee inside and there was nothing I could do about it. Conflict was thus minimized.

At some point, though, I woke up to the idea that if I didn't want dog pee in the house, I didn't have to put up with it. The wiener dog and I are at least

equal partners here. When it comes to deciding where the pee should go, I am a major stakeholder. And so I started throwing my weight around a bit, asserting my perspective.

This did not go entirely well. See, wiener dogs are difficult. They're stubborn. They want to do what they want to do. Sometimes that means hiding under the covers, or shaking with fear for no reason. And sometimes what they want to do is pee on the couch. And sometimes the way you find out is by sitting on that couch. And at that point, I am ashamed to say, the situation left my conscious control.

Usually I guilt trip myself in this situation. *"How can I fix our relationship? What can I make my dog do that will make him happy?"* I usually take him on a few walks. He doesn't like walks, though, so I drag him around the block and when we finally reach the elevator back home, he wags his tail like mad.

I was sitting around on Saturday when I realized that, having nothing better to do, why not let the wiener dog decide? I am in charge most of the time, after all. Let's give him a shot at the big job.

So we went outside, and he did his business. Normally I would then lead him away from the interior pooping grounds of The Stacks out into Cabbagetown at large. This time, though, I followed the dog. Where does he want to go?

As it turns out, he does not want to go anywhere interesting. He wants to look at the trees, he wants to walk on top of the parking deck, and he wants to sniff the motorcycles. He wants to follow people around the parking lot like a creep, or stand in the middle of the road.

I do have to impose limits. It's usually a bad idea to follow strangers around, for example. *"I let the wiener dog make my decisions for me"* is not something you want to say in a court of law, either.

For now, though, it seems that peace has been restored to the dog and I. *Assuming he hasn't peed on the couch when I wasn't looking.*

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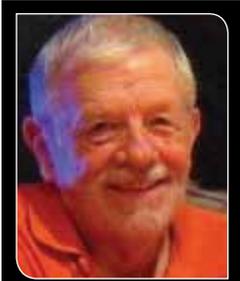
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Where ya been? Where ya going? Cuba Is Still Off-Limits to U.S. Tourists



**TOM
DEARDORFF**

So how did Cabbagetown residents Fran and Skip Wolfe manage it? Well, they were part of an “educational experience”. And they certainly got a good education about the culture of that island just 90 miles from our southern border.

In order to get permission to go to Cuba, one has to have a “license” from the U.S. Treasury Department. Not the State Department, but the Treasury Department (Office of Foreign Assets Control). You need to get permission

to spend money in Cuba. So Skip and Fran signed up with a travel company for a “people-to-people” visit to Cuba. That made it all legal.

Their flight out of Miami was the first eye-opener. Many of the people on the flight were Cubans who had been allowed to come to the States to shop for stuff they couldn’t get at home. So there were folks transporting car parts, flat screen TVs, crock pots, Nike shoes, jeans and a variety of other consumer items for friends and family. Crowded would be an understatement.

The Wolfe’s were booked into a hotel in the heart of Havana. Fran says it was decent but by no means luxurious. There’s not much in the way of luxury accommodations on the island. That is expected to change as more people visit from the U.S.

Supposedly, folks like Fran and Skip who are on an “educational trip” must keep a journal of their experiences to prove that it was indeed educational. Skip did so – in great detail. Of course, no one ever asked him to show his journal. But it was a great idea. When the two spoke about their adventure, they referred to the journal and it triggered many wonderful memories.

Their days were full: Visits to schools, theaters, cigar factories, artist studios, music venues and more. They were treated to special concerts and performances throughout their five-day stay.

Oh yeah, about the cigars. U.S. visitors are allowed to bring back \$100 worth of Cuban cigars. But here’s the problem, a box of premium Cohiba cigars goes for around \$400! And visitors have to beware of black market hustlers haunting the hotels and selling fakes. Skip managed to bring back a few authentic Cubans for friends. Sadly, this writer was not among the recipients.

Their days were busy with scheduled activities, but they were on their own in the evenings. The Wolfe’s found some delightful small restaurants near their hotel. There are lots of “paladares” – small

restaurants in private homes serving amazingly good Cuban specialties. By and large, the food was delicious and well prepared. Fran fell in love with mojitos (not like the ones in bars here). Skip says the beer is not so great but the coffee is wonderful. After dinner most evenings, the couple was able to stroll through central Havana and visit several historic sites. They never felt unsafe.

They noted that there doesn’t seem to be any homelessness in Havana. Nor did they ever encounter any panhandlers, although the street vendors can be quite aggressive at times.

Cuba is quite possibly the only country in the world that has a dual monetary system. There’s the “*Moneda Nacional*” which is the currency for Cubans (pesos). And then there’s the Cuban Convertible Peso, known as the “CUC”, for use by all visitors. The CUC is roughly equivalent to one U.S. dollar. People making purchases with CUCs pay considerably more than the local folks using their local pesos. Credit cards? Not so much. In Cuba, cash is king.



Fran and Skip were treated to a lovely recital by Cuban girls in Havana.

Of course, Skip and Fran saw lots of those old Chevrolets, Buicks, Oldsmobiles and Pontiacs that are shown over and over on U.S. TV. Turns out that most of them are actually taxis. And many of them have long since had their 1950’s era engines replaced with recent Mercedes and other European motors.

Although the infrastructure in Havana and other cities is rather dilapidated, Fran and Skip found it to be a delightfully charming place whose people are warm, welcoming and charming. Like most travel anywhere – ***It’s all about the people!***

Bocce Ball Court in the Park?

By Todd Kane

Recently there has been discussion about adding a Bocce ball court to Cabbagetown Park. Love the idea? Hate the idea? Don't care? This is your opportunity to make your voice heard, after all it's your neighborhood.

The proposal is to build one court, allowing space for a second court, if needed, east of the big tree on the south end of the park. It would be closer to the sidewalk than the tree.



One court would be approximately 11 feet wide and 61 feet long. Funding would be provided through fundraisers, donations and donated labor. We will chalk out the purposed area a few days

If you plan to weigh in on the courts be sure and renew your CNIA membership at least 24-hours before the meeting. If you don't renew you CAN NOT vote. Renew at cabbagetown.com/membership.

before the April Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) meeting.

A vote will be taken at the CNIA meeting on Tuesday April 12th, 7p at the Community Center. If approved the proposal will be taken to the Parks Department of the City of Atlanta. It is a city park and ultimately they have final say.

Come to the meeting, Learn more about this idea and a lot of other things going on in Cabbagetown.

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An Open Letter



LYN DEARDORFF

Councilman Hall and Councilwoman Archibong,

I'm writing regarding the area around the *Krog Street Market* that encompasses the start of the *Beltline Trail* on Irwin, the Krog Market, the new apartment housing on Krog, and the area South to the *Krog Tunnel*.

I understand that a few years ago, Inman Park prepared a Traffic/Biking/Pedestrian Study that was subsequently adopted by the City Council.

My concern is that none of the recommended improvements have yet been done to this area. I believe there's an accident waiting to happen here with the constant traffic of walkers, runners, bikers, pedestrians, commuter cars, shoppers for the Market, delivery trucks parked on Krog throughout the day, etc. Only by the grace of God has one not happened here.

I'd like to point out that the Krog Tunnel, the main artery out of Cabbagetown north (and also serves Reynoldstown), impacts this area as well. Traffic is at a standstill during the commuter hours going North and South at this juncture as well as at the Irwin/Krog intersection. Also, we've seen growing cut-through traffic using Inman Park neighborhood streets as cut-thrus going south to access Memorial Drive through the tunnel to avoid these congested intersections.

As voters we passed a bond issue for purposes of improving such issues as this area. And we realize that the City is also gaining increasing tax revenues for the new developments in this immediate area. And, of course, the City issued permits many years ago, knowing the impact these developments would have.

It is unconscionable that more than a year after the opening of the Beltline here and the Krog Markets that this area remains in the same infrastructure condition that it has been for more than a decade.

May we please have an immediate answer to a timetable for implementing the study as adopted by Inman Park and passed by the Council.

Sincerely,

Lyn Deardorff, President of The Stacks at Fulton Cotton Mill Homeowners Association, Past President of Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association, and Past Board Member, Cabbagetown Initiative Community Development Corporation

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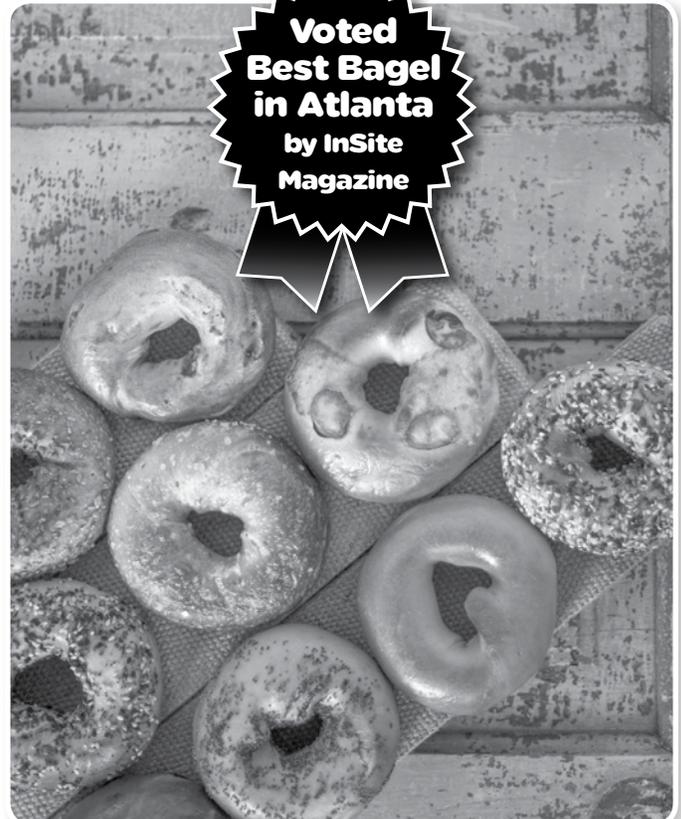
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By Duncan Cottrell, *The Entry Enforcer*

Grant Park Cooperative Preschool is excited to host camps for school age children (5-11 years) at our Cabbagetown campus in addition to our annual summer camp for Preschool children (1-5 years) at our Grant Park campus.

According to the FBI, about 70 percent of break-ins are by forcing in a door, which busts out the doorframe jamb and often breaks the door itself at the lock. The minimum thing you can do is replace the strike plate screws with 3-inch screws or replace the strike with a larger one that takes more screws.

The 2016 GPCP summer camp sessions will begin Monday, June 6th and run through Friday, August 19th with the hours of 9a to 1p. Extended hours (8a to 6p) are available.



“Sustainable Living” is the theme of the GPCP camps. This is the concept of reducing one’s consumption of natural and personal resources. The GPCP summer camps will focus on aspects of sustainability and healthy living, inspired by stories children love. The children will learn playfully through rich experiences in the gardening, cooking and recycling. Children can also enjoy the element of physical play with the hula hoop, yoga and swim camps. A complete listing of the camp sessions and their descriptions maybe found at www.gpcp.org

For door security you have the following options:



- 1: Install a wrought iron security door in front of the entry door. I call them “burglar bar doors.” Doors cost \$130 and up.
- 2: Install a special security storm door in front of the entry door. Adds the advantage of weatherproofing. Door costs \$350.
- 3: Reinforce the door jamb and the door with one of the unobtrusive steel hardware systems now available, like **Door Jamb Armor** or **Strikemaster**. These are 4-foot long, white, steel plates that anchor to the frame & wall studs with long screws. They have holes that receive the deadbolt and knob latch, thus backing them up with steel instead of wood. Equally important is a door shield. If you are handy and have the right tools, you can buy these and install them yourself, though usually there are complications. For single doors, \$240 professionally installed. For double (French) doors, \$400, including a double-keyed deadbolt.
- 4: Once you are inside the house, there are several products you can put in place to prevent the door from being forced in, but they won’t secure the door when you leave. **Nightlock, Door Chucky, & Door Guardian** are some of the brands. \$60-\$70.
- 5: The deadbolt lock is an essential component of the security system. Most residential deadbolts are the relatively flimsy Grade 3. A better choice is Grade 2 or Grade 1. Best readily-available choices are **Kwikset’s UltraMax** or **Schlage’s B560**. High security deadbolts are the ultimate quality, but cost about \$250.

For the preschool camps, there will be three- three week sessions, followed by one- two week session. The Preschool Camps take place at the Grant Park location of GPCP in St. Paul’s Methodist Church at 501 Grant Street.

My business, **The Entry Enforcer** (404.289.6960), provides and installs intrusion prevention products for single and double doors, including solutions for glass doors and windows (think Security Film). I’m happy to help my neighbors know what options they have (think security consultation) and to give advice to those wanting to do their own installation.

The School Age Camps consist of seven - one week long sessions. The school age camps will take place at the Cabbagetown campus located in the Cabbagetown Community Center at 177 Estoria Street. New this year, GPCP is also now offering School Age Swim Camp which will take place at the Grant Park Pool.

Summer Camp at the Grant Park Cooperative Preschool is open to the public. Interested parents may visit the GPCP website at gpcp.org/Grant-Park-Summer-Camp for complete information, pricing and registration forms. Placement in the GPCP summer camp sessions occurs on a first come, first served basis. Early registration is recommended!

GPCP welcomes questions and summer camp registration forms at either of its campuses and can be reached at 404-521-0440 between the hours of 8a and 4p or grantpark@gpcp.org.

Ctown Roll Call *Throwing Clay!*

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 held on Friday, April 15th, at the home of Ros Thompson, 204 Powell Street at 7p. The CRC has had some incredible welcome parties so you don't want to miss this!

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!

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 the welcome party in March.

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, Debbie at 404.272.1906 or email us at debbieweeks64@gmail.com (please type in the subject line: "new neighbor or roll call").

By Kyle F. Bldlack



Join the artists of **Cabbagetown Clay and Glass Works** for a fantastical evening of craft brew and art on Saturday April 23rd, from 5p to 8p at **Eventide Brewing**.

The artists are expanding their operations and their ability to serve a broader community. Show up and support their efforts. Tickets include a tour of the brewery and (six) 6oz beer tastings.

Looking for that perfect garden gnome for your yard? They'll have the best gnomes in Cabbagetown on sale at the venue! Enjoy live music from **haTTrick** and check out the food trucks. Bring your kids and family - kids are free!

Tickets are available through Eventbrite (eventbrite.com). Eventide Brewing is located at 1015 Grant Street SE. eventidebrewing.com

Iconic New Architecture for Tech

By Josh Green, AtlantaCurbed.com

The vision for a **Georgia Tech** glassy brainpower incubator that would peer over The Connector in south Midtown - the High Powered Computing Center at Tech Square - is evolving, but it remains unmistakably John Portman, echoing facets of Westin Peachtree Plaza, Peachtree Center, and even AmericasMart.

The Atlanta Business Chronicle gathered the latest renderings for the 21-story HPCC when reps from **Portman Holdings** and **John Portman & Associates** presented details this week to the **Midtown Development Review Committee**.

The renderings give the clearest indication yet how the 750,000-square-foot tower and data center could form a dramatic, arched plaza over storefronts and restaurants at 4th and West Peachtree streets.



And with soaring street-level glass on three of four sides, it would appear to have a friendlier relationship with pedestrians than many of Portman's iconic downtown works.

The **ABC** report provides these interesting specifics: The project also features a spiral staircase through the heart of the tower, a design meant to encourage collaboration between groups of workers housed on different floors.

Architects said the project's design was still evolving, but its goal is to continue building upon a vibrant environment in Tech Square, a landmark project that Georgia Tech launched more than a decade ago.

Blueprints call for a video wall within the plaza, a restaurant in what remains of the Crum & Forster Building, and a feature described as "cloud columns" facing Spring Street.

Celebrating 420? Then add this



**LACEE
ADERHOLD**

Pineapple Express (2008) R Directed by David Gordon Green. Performers include: Seth Rogen, James Franco, Danny McBride, Craig Robinson, Kevin Corrigan, Gary Cole, Rosie Perez, Amber Heard, Ed Begley Jr, and Bill Hader.

Process server Dale Denton (Rogen) is good at his job, but he finds that a little herbal enhancement makes it much more enjoyable. He takes a break from angry

subpoena recipients to pick up a little pot from his dealer, Saul Silver (Franco). Saul hooks Dale up with a most unusual strain of weed called **Pineapple Express**.

Later that night, as Dale prepares to serve papers to Ted Jones, (Cole), he sees Ted, a drug kingpin, and his dirty cop girlfriend Carol (Perez) commit a murder. Realizing he must get away before anyone sees him, Dale chucks his joint out the window and proceeds to make a ridiculous getaway by repeatedly slamming into several cars as he takes off back to Saul's place. Ted and Carol just miss Dale as they come running outside to investigate. Ted finds Dale's joint, recognizes the scent, and immediately dispatches two hitmen, Budlofsky (Corrigan) and Matheson (Robinson) to track down the Pineapple Express-smoking witness.

After some drug-induced confusion, Dale and Saul realize the batch

of Pineapple Express is so small that Ted could easily track it back to them. They drive off aimlessly into the night with only a large supply of bud and various snack foods. Paranoia soon sets in causing hi-jinx galore and eventually Dale and Saul decide to go see if Saul's dealer, Red (McBride), has any news.

When Red proves to be no help, and with the hitmen on their trail, Dale and Saul set off on a comic journey of bumbling antics in an attempt to survive Ted's wrath. Along the way, they cause a fracas at Saul's grandmother's nursing home, scare Dale's girlfriend, Angie (Heard) and her family into a self-imposed witness protection, and wind up in a decommissioned military bunker full of marijuana crops and machine-gun-toting Asian cartel members.

Will Dale and Saul make it through the Asian drug cartel attack, a blind car chase, and a mildly cringe-worthy dance montage? Watch Pineapple Express to find out.

Seth Rogen and James Franco are the perfect pair in this stoner buddy action comedy, but Danny McBride really steals the show as Red, the drug-dealing middleman with a fondness for cats and kimonos. Whether you partake of the wacky weed or not, Cabbageheads might enjoy Pineapple Express as part of their 420 Festival this year.

Warning: This is definitely a hard R rating containing 180+ f-bombs.

Favorite quote: "Dale - Why would you--? Don't get a gun. Why would he bear arms?"

Trivia: The DVD subtitles have rough edges reminiscent of a pot leaf.

Buzzzzzzzzzzzz!

Ctown Radio!

By The Cabbagetown Community Garden Members

Some exciting news! In early April, Steve Esau, a professional beekeeper will be installing a couple of honey bee hives at the rear of the community garden on Berean Avenue. You probably won't notice any difference in the neighborhood... except maybe a few more bees pollinating the flowers and vegetables in your yard. Steve will be doing all the necessary care of the bees.

We'll all benefit from additional pollination making our gardens and yards more beautiful and bountiful. On April 10th, at 10a, we'll hold an informational meeting at the community garden.

Steve will be there to answer any questions or concerns you might have. We're looking forward to a great growing season in our community garden and all twenty-eight members of the garden are committed to being the best neighbors we can be.

Pesticides have wiped out most of the native varieties of honey bees (and other bee pollinators) in the United States. Current bee populations are also under attack by parasites and disease - and they are losing the battle. Cabbagetown is doing its little part in restoring eco-balance to our world.

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Your Bucket List



**SKYLER W.
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The 3rd Annual BeltLine Boil

Saturday, April 2nd, 11a-7p

O4W Skate Park on the East Side trail

The third annual celebration of community, urban accessibility and low country cookin'.

The event features a local restaurant low country boil competition for charity, live music, cold drinks, hot food and a \$5,000 local charity donation giveaway! beltlineboil.com

Food-O-Rama Food Truck Extravaganza

Grant Park, Saturday, April 16th, 11a-8p

High spirits, community bonding, and great food! Atlanta's top food vendors will be gathered in one place and the food itself will mirror the diversity Atlanta is so known for. The vendors will be selling small portions from their trucks, allowing attendees to partake in multiple delicacies and not be constrained to choosing just one amazing dish. foodoramagrantspark.com

Atlanta Streets Alive: Sunday, April 17th, 2p-6p

Parade begins at the corner of Cherokee and Georgia Avenues

The first Atlanta Streets Alive of the year will take place across seven neighborhoods! The streets are closed to cars and open to people. Bring your bicycle or just your feet, and get ready to explore your community streets in a safer, healthier, more livable way. Join the parade, and line up at the corner of Cherokee and Georgia Avenues at 1:30p. FREE bike decorating and treats for the first 50 people to arrive. atlantastreetsalive.com

Arts at Oakland Presents

Saturday, April 16th, 6p-10p – Oakland Historic Cemetery

The cemetery will transform into an outdoor gallery aglow with light installations made by artist and gardener Cooper Sanchez, and a trio of local artists. The twilight tour begins at the cemetery's main gate. Sanchez's light boxes and backlit molds use pressed plants, beeswax, cyanotype prints, drawings, and glass to reflect the history of Atlanta's oldest municipal burial ground. The tour culminates at the recently erected Beaumont Allen Greenhouse, which will feature works from painter Charles Ladson; Elizabeth Ingram, Design Director of Chef Ford Fry restaurants; and filmmaker Steve Bransford. A Performance from The Shoal Creek Stranglers round out the evening. oaklandcemetery.com

The Beltlite Parade: Saturday, April 30th, 8p - 11p

Starts at Monroe and 10th Street, and ends at Irwin Street.

The Beltlite Parade started when a few friends got together in the spring of 2015 and rode the paved section of the BeltLine from Piedmont Park to Krog Street Market celebrating the arrival of longer days by welcoming Daylight Savings with a light show tribute. This year they add a commemorative t-shirt and are donating proceeds to the Light the Line campaign. eventbrite.com/e/beltlite-parade-tickets-21068131348?aff=efbevent

I'll Sleep When I'm Dead: Grit Over Glamour in the Film Industry



**MARIA
KHODORKOVSKY**

*As Atlanta settles into its role as one of the epicenters of big-budget filming, just about all of us can boast knowing somebody who worked on blockbusters like *The Hunger Games*, *Captain America*, or *The Walking Dead*.*

It's easy to spot our film crew buddies: they're the ones sporting a big grin from the creative, exciting, and challenging work they do. They're also the ones who soldier through that last drink at *Milltown*

or *Estoria* before dragging themselves home, ready to be on location at 6a, ready to work another shift that's almost double the length of a typical one.

He may be exaggerating for effect, but when I asked one local gaffer what advice he'd give the next generation of film crews, he had this to say: *"Have an out ready. Sure, it seems like fun initially, but it will slowly suck away at your soul until your body and mind will break. I believe there was a study done stating that people who work in entertainment generally die before they are 55."*

The study might be apocryphal, but the consequences of 12-hour days spent rigging set equipment or laying down electrical work are very real. In 2006, Academy Award-winning cinematographer Haskell Wexler released the documentary *Who Needs Sleep?* with the goal of shining a light on the effects of sleep deprivation and long work hours in the film industry. While filming, Wexler suffered an ironic twist of fate. As he was driving home after a 14-hour workday, he fell asleep at the wheel. Wexler recalled hearing paramedics ask, *"You think he's alive?"* as he hung by his seatbelt, suspended in the overturned El Camino.

Wexler's near-death experience prompted him to start the non-profit group *12on/12off*, whose three tenets are:

- 1. No more than 12 hours of work.**
- 2. No less than 12 hours of turnaround.**
- 3. No more than 6 hours between meals.**

The simple fact that these are goals to strive for – rather than the obvious and necessary requirements for being a functioning human being – should give us some insight into how taxing it is to work on a film crew. So much of the praise for the entertainment we love goes to the grips, electricians, set dressers, assistant directors, technicians, and everyone else who labors behind the scenes.

SPOTTED!

Spotted in Cabbagetown this month: Matthew Modine stopped into Mary Todd, Nicolas Cage hit Carroll Street Cafe and Milltown Tavern, Usher at 97 Estoria, and Jon Hamm at Homegrown.

Up, up, and away!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

\$20 million is being invested into Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's domestic terminal. It's all part of a twenty year, \$6 billion plan. Here's what \$20 million buys you now-a-days:

- Two 864-foot-long canopies over the curbside pick-up and drop-off areas.
- Curbside fritted glass panels that depict the forested landscape of Atlanta.
- Redesigned light-filled atrium featuring a park-like setting, lush with plants and a large circular skylight.
- Better accommodates for both frequent flyers and leisure travelers.
- Expansive windows at the check-in areas.
- Intuitive wayfinding and signage.

At press time, there was no timeframe for completion of this work.



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Commuter options are coming

By Shayna Pollock

Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) is launching some commuter alternative programs. Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown will be the first two neighborhoods to witness this pilot program. Each neighborhood will receive direct outreach through flyers, mailings, and incentives over the course of three to four months.

CAP is Downtown Atlanta's community and economic development organization, and plays a role as the area's transportation management association (TMA). In this capacity, CAP works with commuters and employer/property management partners to develop and deploy education and outreach practices aimed at

promoting alternative transportation (options other than driving alone), which thereby reduces congestion and improves air quality. Traditionally, CAP has worked directly with employers and commuters at their work sites to switch commutes; however, over the next two years, they are piloting something different.

The TMA is expanding their scope of programs to reach commuters in their homes through a community-based social marketing campaign. The program aims to directly market alternative commutes to the residents of up to six intown neighborhoods over the course of 2016-2017.

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

Contingent	Price
166 Savannah St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$299,900
Pending	Price
182 Estoria St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$339,000
184 Berean Ave 2 BD/2 BA	\$395,000
258 Estoria St. 2 BD/2.5 BA	\$345,000
211 Estoria St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$309,900

COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
442 Cain St.	\$5,000,000
582 Decatur St.	\$4,500,000
470 Cherokee	\$719,900
577 R. McGill	\$690,000
1270 Memorial	\$399,000
1270 Memorial	\$319,000
54 Boulevard	\$207,500

CONDOS & LOFTS

Conditional	Asking
The Stacks Unit E411 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$449,900
214 Reinhardt St 2 BD/1 BA	\$229,000
181 Powell St 2 BD/1 BA	\$147,500

PENDING

CONDOS & LOFTS

Pending	Price
The Stacks Unit E419 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$425,000
Unit E106 2 BD/2 BA	\$379,900
Unit H518 2 BD/2 BA	\$325,000
Unit E102 1 BD/1 BA	\$229,900
Unit H322 1 BD/1 BA	\$229,000
Unit D205 1 BD/1 BA	\$224,900
Unit H118 1 BD/1 BA	\$219,000
Unit F103 1 BD/1 BA	\$210,000
Unit H215 1 BD/1 BA	\$209,900
Unit H403 1 BD/1 BA	\$205,500
Milltown Lofts Unit 105 1 BD/1 BA	Wylie St. \$185,000

SOLD

CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
The Stacks Unit H428 2 BD/2 BA	\$371,000
Unit E218 2 BD/2 BA	\$366,000
Milltown Lofts Unit 1112 2 BD/2 BA	Wylie St. \$288,000
Pending	Price
The Stacks Unit H421 1 BD/1 BA	\$205,000
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