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"Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education." - Mark Twain

## CNIA Meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Pictured above, Officer Trotter from the Atlanta Police Department talks with a gathering of approximately a dozen concerned Cabbagehead citizens.

Items of note from Officer Trotter; A lot of pedestrian robberies along Boulevard, from Dekalb to Ponce, especially leaving the MARTA station. The CSX Stairwell is particularly unsafe.

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Photo by Skyler Minter

Artist Chris Stevens with friends and art buffs at the opening night of his show at Carroll Street Cafe.

## Neighborhood Meeting

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

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Pizza
2. UDC cases, TBD
3. CNIA Officer Elections
4. Bylaws Amendment Vote
5. Committee and Officer Reports
6. New Business

CNIA meetings are held at 7p on the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Center, 177 Estoria Street. If you have an item to add to the agenda, please email [cniaboard@gmail.com](mailto:cniaboard@gmail.com).

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## Chris Stevens, intergalactic illustrator

By Skyler Minter

Cabbagetown resident artist Chris Stevens had a reception for his exhibit at *Carroll Street Cafe* this past January. Friends and fans alike joined Stevens to view the collection of vivid paintings hatched from his appreciation for whimsical machines with grandiose personalities. *Cabbagetown Neighbor* (CN) caught up with Stevens later and was allowed a nominal peek into the mind of this budding artist.

### CN: When did you begin painting?

CS: I started doodling about two years ago, really, really badly. It was more verbal jokes - Fake cereal boxes and magazine covers, but my inability to make things look round, 3-D, etc. made me want to figure it out. Once my artist

friend Dale introduced me to oil pastels (which is somewhere between drawing and painting), I'd found my medium and really got going.

### CN: Why robots?

CS: I've always loved the future we never got - the plump rocket ships with '50s tail fins, the wheel-shaped space station, flying cars a la the *Jetsons*, and of course, clanky metal robots.

The robots are the most fun, since space-ships don't do anything but fly or stand there, and robots DO stuff.

I draw the occasional non-sci-fi piece, but it's mostly bots.

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# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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# SEABA Update

By Ashley McCartney

SEABA made great strides in 2011 and we are looking forward to an even better 2012. As a recap, our soirees in 2011 had an average of 20 guests each, up from ten or less in the past! We now have 77 members on our Facebook page. We began our quarterly luncheon series with great reception from our members and speakers.

We sponsored the Twisty Park Festival and attended Grant Park's Birthday celebration commemorating the Grant Park Conservancy in an effort to show our commitment to this community. We had ten businesses host events, five of which had never done so before.

We began what I think will be a lasting relationship with Maynard Jackson High School. SEABA is really growing, which allows us to better achieve our mission-help small businesses in South East Atlanta.

Our first soiree of 2012 was a huge success! The Shed at Glenwood graciously hosted our 18 guests. They really went out of their way in providing us with delicious hors d'oeuvres and fabulous service. We thank the Shed for their gracious hospitality and their support of SEABA.

Our next soiree will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:15p at *Sweet Cheats*, 692 Kirkwood Ave, SE right across from Cabbagetown Park. Shirley is excited to host us. Come have some delicious post-Valentine's Day treats and meet other business owners in the community. Bring your business cards!

In March, we will begin our 2012 business luncheon series at Zoo Atlanta. Rick Hudson will give his famous "Beltline 101" presentation, which fills us in on the progress and how the project can better our businesses and community.

In April, Gardenhood will host us for Networking in the Garden. This was one of the favorite events from last year and we thank Garden Hood for offering to host us again.

Good things are on the horizon for SEABA. Please check out our new SEABA website at [www.seabaga.org](http://www.seabaga.org) for information about our new membership guidelines, leaders, membership benefits, and much more. If you would like to be on our mailing list just send an email to [ashmccartney@gmail.com](mailto:ashmccartney@gmail.com) and we'll get back to you.

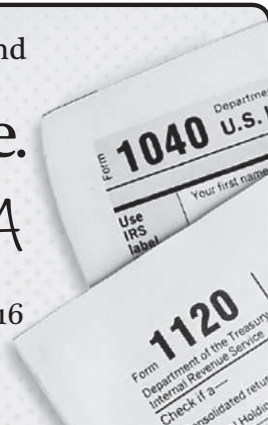
SEABA (South East Atlanta Business Association) was created through the merger of the Reynoldstown/Cabbagetown Business Association and the Grant Park Merchants Association in 2006. Our most important goals are to strengthen and grow the business community and enhance the quality of life for all residents. SEABA is a 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation operated by volunteers.

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# Stacks of cash

By Kyle F. Bidlack

## Remember the Stacks Lofts+Artists Tour?

It was a truly amazing two day event at *The Stacks*. The holiday gala brought together neighbors from all over Cabbagetown and allowed us to marvel at the architecture, decor, history and artists around *The Stacks*. You probably remember they charged \$5 for admission to the tour. The organizer's goal was to make two donations towards admirable efforts around Cabbagetown. Here is a brief snapshot of the financial results of the tour:

Escrow from 2011:	\$1,159.05
Expenses:	\$5,243.67
Receipts:	\$7,905.00
Escrow for 2012:	\$1,020.38

By our estimation, that left the organizers with \$2,800 to donate to worthy causes around Cabbagetown. And here is what the Stacks Lofts+Artists Tour team decided to do...

## City Camp and Wilderness Works

City Camp and Wilderness Works is run by it's Director, Bill Mickler and is located near the corner of Boulevard and Memorial. Bill creates a safe, nurturing, creative, environment for kids in our neighborhood. They do things like take field trips to The Georgia Aquarium, The High Museum and attend musical performances.



Pictured above is a bunch of fine young men at City Camp and Wilderness Works with (from left to right) Director Bill Mickler, Kyle F. Bidlack and Michael McPherson.

The Stacks Lofts+Artists Tour was able to present City Camp with a check in the amount of \$1400. Bill thanked all his neighbors and friends at *The Stacks*. In actuality, it is all Cabbageheads who should thank Bill for all he does with the children in and around Cabbagetown. A job well done Bill!

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***"I like to practice playing my alto saxophone." Three other boys proudly told us they play the guitar, violin, drums and practice vocals.***

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The tour organizers spent some time with the boys of City Camp and asked them what they like to do around City Camp...fully expecting them to say "play video games or basketball."

Instead they heard things like, "I like to practice playing my alto saxophone." Three other boys chimed in and proudly told us they play the guitar, violin, drums and practice vocals.

## Grant Park Cooperative Preschool

On Tuesday, 17 January 2012, Lyn Deardorff and Kyle F. Bidlack visited with the staff and children of The Grant Park Cooperative Preschool (GPCP). GPCP operates within the cozy confines of The Cabbagetown Community Center.

As you know, Cabbagetown is a tightly knit community that is built upon the broad shoulders of its blue collar roots. We believe there is nothing we can't accomplish. Our vibe has slowly morphed into an equally vibrant, diverse and artistic community that has a firm grip on the "can-do" roots of our past.

Appropriately enough, GPCP uses music, art, literature and imagination to encourage it's students to learn, and expand their minds. These kids believe that anything is possible which is just fine with us, since they will be the next generation of Cabbageheads who will continue to make our neighborhood a great place to live, work and create.

Lyn Deardorff and Kyle F. Bidlack presented a check in the amount of \$1,400 to GPCP.

The teachers were overjoyed! They told Lyn and Kyle that this donation pushes them so close to their goal of creating a new playground for the kids at the Grant Park campus.

So we say to all the owners and residents of *The Stacks*, to Aderhold Properties, to the tour sponsors, to local business owners, to the staff at *The Stacks*, to the courtesy guards, volunteers, guests and all of Cabbagetown...Bravo!



# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

January 10, 2012 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center)

By John Dirga

1. Meeting called to order by President Ashley McCartney at 7:05p.
2. Valencia Hudson reports no resident complaints during the month of December 2011.
3. Officer Trotter, APD, announced a home burglary in East Lake with (according to neighbor witnesses) suspects casing the house for 45 minutes but the police were not called.

Cabbagetown Beat 606 is the quietest part of the zone. Glenwood and Moreland Avenue (previously of Zone 3) were just added to the beat.

Three juvenile suspects (along with the vehicle & the firearm) were caught in a coffee shop robbery.

A lot of pedestrian robberies along Boulevard, from Dekalb to Ponce, especially leaving the MARTA station. Response time can be delayed as officers are stretched thin. According to Officer Trotter, CSX Stairwell is particularly unsafe.

A woman was robbed while using her cellphone, and could not identify the perp because she was engrossed in the phone call.

4. CNIA Board filled two committee chairs:

Newsletter: Skyler Waldrop Minter and Kyle F. Bidlack. Skyler and Kyle promised new energy, new design, more photos, more advertisement revenue, and more dynamic content.

Public Safety: Sam Gris. Sam started by pointing out one of the neighbors had parked in a handicap spot. He encouraged residents to file police reports whenever an incident occurs: that is how APD tracks major AND minor crime trends. Call 911 for ANY incident. Take cell phone photos of graffiti vandals, and forward to Graffiti Task Force.

6. Holiday Crawl Report:

Gross \$1,355

Expenses \$359.34

Raised \$995.66 for CNIA.

69 families contributed. The event was deemed very successful!

5. No UDC cases.

7. CI: Treasurer Michael McPherson reported \$102,000 in treasury, including \$20k deposit from legal settlement. On February 27<sup>th</sup>, there is another court ordered deposit of \$25k.

8. CNIA Treasurer: \$8398 in treasury, \$475 in Newsletter revenue. \$922 net income, and \$209 loss for the year. There was a \$4,000 subsidy from CI.

9. NPU update: Small grant to provide street toppers. Current design is the letterhead from Historic District signs.

10. George Berry presented a plan for "3 Points Park", designing a triangle lot on Gaskill and Fulton Terrace. CI has been cutting the grass. There was a plan with a gazebo & brass plaque. It might need a sidewalk. UDC suggested a trolley waiting station.

The lot is 70'x60'. There was an argument about what would happen to donations if the plan changed. A neighbor went on the record that an old photograph of trolley stop may assist with the UDC. The discussion was deemed unproductive.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42p.

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## Sweet Cheats

*"You may find yourself living in a shot gun shack. And you may find yourself behind the wheel of a large automobile." And if you happen to be driving (or walking) on Kirkwood Avenue at the North end of Cabbagetown Park, we suggest stopping into the cozy little bakery known as "Sweet Cheats".*

*Cabbagetown Neighbor has learned that Sweet Cheats will now open at 7a...so if you are on your way to work and need a good cup o' joe, stop in and see Shirley. She has some great plans for the months ahead. Stay tuned...*

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## Bon voyage Greg & Duwan



*Pictured above; Lynne Splinter playing the washboard at Greg and Duwan's spirited, colourful and eclectic bon voyage party.*

Two of our favourite Cabbageheads are flying the coup. Duwan and Greg are doing what most of us only dream of: Giving up most of their worldly possessions, buying a boat and sailing the world.

We will miss them tremendously. They have been a big part of nearly every Cabbagetown event, lending their beautiful energy and aura to our neighborhood. We will miss them more than they know. Wishing them calm seas and gentle winds.

# Buckled up?

By George Berry, *The Wood Guy*

As I travel through the neighborhood, I see a lot of front porches with wooden floors that are buckled-up. This is caused by improper installation. Wood flooring is usually made with a groove cut in one edge and a matching projection sticking out the other edge called a tongue. Tongue & Groove for short, sometimes abbreviated as "T and G".

The error in installation happens when people forget that wood expands and contracts with changes in humidity. From kiln-dried to just existing in an environment with fifty percent relative humidity, wood can expand by a little more than one percent of its width. This doesn't sound like much, but in an eight foot section, that adds up to one foot!



So if your front porch is 16 feet wide, all the floorboards could be two inches wider in humid weather than in dry weather. Since the boards are usually nailed at both outside edges or pinned in by walls, the boards have no place to go but up, hence the buckling. Adding to the predicament is the fact that some boards actually get wet when it rains. This just compounds the problem.

***The way to prevent the wood floors from buckling is to put a penny on edge above the tongue at both ends and the middle of each board when it is installed, leaving about a sixteenth of an inch gap between each board so that each board can expand and contract without pushing on boards on either side of it.***

Now that you are a better informed homeowner, you can be penny-wise and not pound-foolish.

If you have any woodworking or carpentry questions that you would like to ask the Woodguy, e-mail them to: [askwoodguy@aol.com](mailto:askwoodguy@aol.com) with "Cabbagetown" in the subject line.

# Rockin' Winter Soiree

By Emily Staggs and Jenny Schulz

Grant Park Cooperative Preschool's (GPCP) highly anticipated annual auction will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10p at Grant Park's stylish new redevelopment, *The Jane* (437 Memorial Drive, opposite Oakland Cemetery). Open to the public, GPCP welcomes parents & singles alike to join us for a rockin' night of great food, yummy adult beverages, auction fun and live music!

This year's live music features Atlanta's own *Yacht Rock Schooner!* Singer Kevin Spencer describes his group's sound as "a mixture of *Kenny Loggins, the Gibb brothers and Michael McDonald, with just a hint of Christopher Cross thrown in.*"

Join us for a memorable evening of fun and philanthropy. Auction items typically include vacation home getaways, artwork from local artists and class projects! 100% of the proceeds support the school. Please be aware that GPCP's Rockin' Winter Soiree is an ADULT ONLY event. Purchase tickets online today at <http://gpcp.org/event/95686/>

Express Pay will be available again this year allowing you to swipe a credit card when you arrive at *The Jane*. Tickets: \$35 advance VIP tickets (unlimited beer and wine); \$20 advance tickets; \$25 tickets at the door.

Our school is a cooperative that values integral parent participation. We serve Grant Park, Cabbagetown and surrounding areas. Educators cultivate experiences that nurture essential qualities such as self-competence, inner discipline, critical thinking, self-respect, responsibility, self-confidence, empathy, and curiosity.

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# Chomp kick-off

By Zoë Chamberlain and Katherine Dirga

Yes, it's that time of year again-2012 *Chomp and Stomp* planning begins this year in March. From now 'til November, CI and CNIA are looking for big involvement from the 'hood on every aspect of *Chomp & Stomp*. What did you like? What fell flat? Got an idea for something new and exciting at our little neighborhood festival? Got some constructive or just highly vocal criticism? We're all ears!

***But how do I make my thoughts known, you might ask?***

On Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 4p we are throwing a kick-off party and we need you there. Bring your ideas, comments, and dreams for 2012, the 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the biggest family picnic and hootenanny in Atlanta. Festivities are taking place at the Cabbagetown Community Center, 177 Estoria Street.

Some food and libations will be provided by our wonderful local restaurants and businesses, but please bring your favorite dish or drink to share. You know this neighborhood loves a potluck!

**Bonus:** a slideshow of Chomp 2011 pictures taken by the very talented Christy Pensinger will be shown too.



# The new economy

By Lyn Deardorff

Small business is not to be trifled with. President Barack Obama's announcement in January, of a proposal to elevate the Small Business Administration to Cabinet rank is a move in the right direction.

In the United States, firms less than five years old create the vast majority of net new jobs. It is mom and pop shops, garage start-ups and fledgling companies with good ideas that generate growth.

"Preserving Now" might just be one of those fledglings the Obama administration is betting on. This Cabbagetown start-up is a creator of preserved food products made in small handcrafted batches.

Launched this last Fall, *Preserving Now* is excited to offer jarred products such as Rustic Apple Butter, Cranberry Apple Chutney, Ginger Pear Butter and a host of other fruit-based items. Soon to be added are pickles, relishes and condiments.

Started by three Cabbagetown friends, Lyn Deardorff, Karin Kane, and Melody Trivisone, *Preserving Now* products can be found in *Little's Food Market*. Many of you had a chance to sample products at the *Chomp and Stomp* and *The Stacks Lofts+Artists Tour*.



Lyn tells us that *Preserving Now* products are different from many you'll find on shelves. Because they are made with organic and natural products as well as

low or alternative sugars, the foods are not only healthier but taste more authentic. Using agave syrup in some recipes, for example, allows a low glycemic index – good for children (no sugar spiking!) and adults who are smartly watching their sugar intake levels.

Recipes are developed to take advantage of the increased flavor profiles offered by using all natural products with no preservatives and no artificial anything, Lyn reports. Watch for these foods to appear at other locations and local green markets this year.

The good news for *Preserving Now* is 2012 started with a small but distinct economic uptick.

In December, the economy added 200,000 jobs, and the jobless rate fell to 8.5%. We've got a long way to go but a growing economy is a major ingredient for the success of small businesses just like *Preserving Now*.

*(CNN and Amy Wilkenson contributed to this story)*

## Charting a course for 2012

By Ashley McCartney

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the *Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association* board and the *Cabbagetown Initiative* board had our annual joint meeting.

The agenda included an introduction of CNIA's new volunteers, Lyn Deardorf and Karin Kane, a recap of Cabbagetown Initiative's 2011 financial report, the status of ongoing projects and Chomp and Stomp 2012 planning (yes, it is already that time!).

To get the neighborhood motivated for Chomp and Stomp 2012, we are planning a pre-Chomp kickoff party for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 3p at the Community Center. More details to follow. If you are interested in serving as chair or co-chair of Chomp and Stomp 2012, please email us at [cniaboard@gmail.com](mailto:cniaboard@gmail.com).

Also discussed was the importance of the two boards working together for the benefit of the neighborhood and our need for motivated volunteers to accomplish our respective missions.

I can personally state that Cabbagetown is very lucky to have a slate of volunteers who tirelessly work for the benefit of the neighborhood.

Some of the ongoing projects we discussed included the Esther Peachy Park revitalization, the paving of the Mollie Street entrance to Cabbag-

etown Park, Three Points Park and Krog Street Tunnel beautification. We need neighbors to help us accomplish these Cabbagetown projects!

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# Every vote counts

By Ashley McCartney

As we saw in the Iowa Republican Presidential Caucus this past month, every vote does indeed count.

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the CNIA Board met to discuss the happenings of our Cabbagetown neighborhood and elect a few committee positions.

We unanimously voted to elect Skyler Minter and Kyle F. Bidlack as co-editors of the Cabbagetown Neighbor. Kyle gave us a presentation of their thoughts for the future of the newsletter and, as you can see, the Neighbor now has a different look. Also, they shopped different printing

vendors and, although we stayed with the same printer, we are now saving the neighborhood about \$100 per month in print costs.

If you have anything to contribute to the Neighbor, email our new editors at [news-letter@cabbagetown.com](mailto:news-letter@cabbagetown.com).

After hearing a presentation and introduction from Sam Gris, the CNIA board unanimously voted to elect him as public safety chair. We are excited about his goals for the committee! If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please email him at [samgris@gmail.com](mailto:samgris@gmail.com)

**We also reviewed the CNIA bylaws. By unanimous vote, we suggest to the neighborhood an amendment to require double signing on our bank account.**

Currently, our bylaws do not explicitly require double signing and we believe that, moving forward, this would be the best practice. We need your vote to amend the bylaws.

So, if you have an opinion as to this amendment, please join us on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.



## Cabbagetown conundrum

By Kyle F. Bidlack

It's a situation faced throughout Cabbagetown. What to do when on a narrow two-way byway while confronted with an oncoming vehicle and not enough room for both vehicles to pass?

**Here's the solution:** The common courtesy is the vehicle traveling on the side of the road that accomodates street parking, is obliged to give way to the other vehicle.

**Why?** The vehicle on the parking side of the byway, has the only opportunity to pull over and allow traffic to continue flowing. This means we must all look ahead and plan accordingly, even if it means you must give way, a block in advance. The alternative is a traffic jam and a delay in reaching your destination.

Courtesy and patience on cabbagetown byways should be a mainstay and serve as an example to the rest of our fair city.

## Chris Stevens, intergalactic illustrator

Continued from the front page.

**CN: Where do you draw your inspiration from?**

CS: Mostly from Mystery Science Theater-type sci-fi B movies, and my own warped imagination.

**CN: How does living in Cabbagetown help you as an artist?**

CS: My neighbors are weird/kind enough to be very encouraging. Also, I have my vacant-lot garden/mess, Flap Jack Flats,

which doesn't contribute directly to the art, but at least gets me out in the sun and air and exercise, so I don't just sit indoors at the drawing table and turn into Gollum.

**CN: Do you have any upcoming events, exhibits or opportunities you'd like to share?**

CS: I'll have another exhibit in February at MISTER, the HIV resource center in Midtown (<http://www.positiveimpact-atl.org/page/1009/M.I.S.T.E.R.-Project>).

I'm also pondering greeting cards, a self-published calendar, and other remunerative projects featuring cute 'lil robots. It's hard to pull myself away from making art in favor of the drudgery of marketing it, but my "crayons" cost \$3.25 a piece, and the money's 'gotta come from somewhere.

**Chris Stevens' art is on exhibit at Caroll Street Cafe through the end of February 2012.**



# There's gonna be new sherriffs in town

By Ashley McCartney

At the CNIA meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7p at the Community Center, we will be electing a new slate of CNIA officers.

Pursuant to our bylaws, the officers are President, Vice President, Neighborhood Planning Unit Representative, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Nominations are open until the day of the election.

So far, the volunteers/nominees are:

## **For President:**

### **Lyn Deardorff-volunteer**

Lyn has been a five-year resident of *The Stacks* with her husband, Tom. During her time here, she has co-chaired *The Stacks Lofts+Artists Tour* for five years since its inception, currently serves on *The Stacks Advisory Council*, and chairs the Landscaping Committee of *The Stacks*.

Lyn has been retired for over one year but has started a new small business, *Preserving Now*, with two other Cabbagetown residents and she is working to renew and re-open the *Savannah Street Neighborhood House* as a viable neighborhood facility hosting workshops, classes, and events for the area.

Lyn's past experience encompasses retail management, including owning her own retail book and gift store in Decatur. She managed several *Starbucks* and *Borders Bookstores*. Prior to that, Lyn worked over 25 years in accounting and financial management, serving in her last capacity as CFO for an engineering firm.

Lyn and Tom resided in Decatur for 30 years with their four children attending school there. During that time, Lyn was active in Decatur Community organizations. Past activities include serving as an elected City Commissioner on the Decatur City Commission, the Downtown Decatur Development Authority, as Treasurer and member of the Decatur Business Association which secured and renewed the abandoned Scottish Rite Hospital in Decatur.

## **John Dirga**

### **Nominated by Katherine Dirga**

John Dirga has been actively involved in the neighborhood since moving to Cabbagetown in the late 1990's. He currently serves as the Vice President of the *Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association* and has served in other roles including Recording Secretary.

John is also active with *Chomp and Stomp* in coordinating the music and he was instrumental in procuring the *Chomp and Stomp* CD. John truly loves the neighborhood and we hope he considers this nomination for President.

## **For Vice President:**

### **Tracy Garvin-volunteer**

Tracy currently serves as Treasurer for the *Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association*.

Tracy has been an active member of the neighborhood since he moved to Cabbagetown in 1997, including being instrumental in the construction of Cabbagetown Park.

Tracy is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 25 years experience. We appreciate Tracy's willingness to continue to serve the neighborhood in the role of Vice President.

## **John Dirga-volunteer**

In addition to being nominated for President, John has also volunteered to continue to serve as Vice President.

## **For Neighborhood Planning Unit Representative: Brad Cunard-nominated by Zoë Chamberlain (current NPU Representative)**

Brad is the owner of *Little's Food Store* and has been nominated to serve as Neighborhood Planning Unit Representative.

As the owner of a neighborhood business, Brad has experience in dealing with the NPU. Brad has shown his love and commitment to this neighborhood and we hope will accept this nomination to serve as NPU Representative.

## **For Treasurer:**

### **Karin Kane-volunteer**

Karin is a resident of Cabbagetown and has been working tirelessly to restore and reopen the *Savannah Street House*.

She is a relative newcomer to Cabbagetown having rented a home for a year and now is a home owner here.

She enjoys meeting and mingling with the people of Cabbagetown and looks forward to more of it. As our community grows, she wants to be an active part of it.

Karin is currently retired and feels like she has the time and energy to contribute to our humble community.

Her background is primarily in the restaurant business and she feels this experience can be of some help in dealing with issues that come up in the neighborhood. Karin has graciously volunteered to fill the position of Treasurer.

## **For Recording Secretary:**

### **Ashley McCartney-volunteer**

Ashley has lived in Cabbagetown since 2007 and has now completed her second term as President of CNIA. She loves this neighborhood and would be happy to serve as Corresponding Secretary.

## **For Corresponding Secretary:**

### **Tracy Garvin-volunteer**

### **John Dirga-volunteer**



# A wintry afternoon in Cabbagetown

Tuesday afternoon, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:34p at *Little's Food Store*

Dan Bitter stopped into *Little's Food Store* for a warm bit to eat and friendly conversation with friends and the staff at *Little's*. Should you find yourself with a hankerin' for some home-cooked goodness and

a neighborly chat, *Little's* is one of several spots in Cabbagetown that has just what the doctor ordered. We highly recommend the world-famous Little Burger Double with cheese and chili.

## Cabbagetown Mardi Gras procession

Were you in Cabbagetown last year around this time? If so, you might remember a uniquely Cabbagetown event officially known as *The First Annual Krewe of Cabbagetown Mardi Gras Konvertible and Kool Kar Procession*.

If you weren't here, the good news is you can partake in the second annual processional on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. You can simply watch or participate. If you want to get involved, line up at 97 Estoria at 2:30p.

The procession begins promptly at 3p. Bring a decorated vehicle full of bedazzled people and lots of beads and candy. Come outside between 3p and 4p so we can toss something fun your way!

For those lucky enough to catch a green *Milltown Tavern* cup, bring it to Milltown on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for a free beer (must be 21 years of age or older...sorry kiddies).

Cabbagetown is the place to be. Come show off or simply soak in the vibe! After the processional, the organizers will host a potluck finale at 190 Powell Street. For more information, see Debbie Weeks or email her at: [debiweeks@hotmail.com](mailto:debiweeks@hotmail.com).

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## Water art by Mother Nature

**Saturday afternoon, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
3:14p on Tennelle Street, Cabbagetown**

Cabbagetown received 1.44 inches of rain on Saturday and rainfall throughout the area added a little over half a foot to Lake Lanier; Water we sorely need as Lake Lanier is still ten feet below it's summer water levels.

Thanks to lots of good Cabbageheads, our usual flood zones (Krog Tunnel and the corner of Carroll Street and Boulevard) did not flood, despite the heavy rain. Why? The aforementioned "good Cabbageheads" made sure the storm drains were clear of dead leaves thus allowing the water to drain rapidly. Thanks guys and job well done!

We also have it on good authority (Lacy from *Milltown Tavern*) that neighbors Zoë Chamberlain and Craig Fanti helped some neighbors with some flooding in their homes. Bravo Zoë and Craig!

## Valentine's dress?

We know we should have told you about this during the Christmas and New Year season, but there is a swanky new consignment shop called "*Doubletake*" located at 659 Auburn St.

They were voted "Best Consignment store in Atlanta" by *Atlanta Magazine* and are open: Wednesday 11:30 - 5p, Thursday 11:30 - 5:30p, Friday 11:30 - 5:30p & Saturday 11:30 - 5:30p.

*Doubletake* offers you labels like: Diane von Furstenberg, YSL, Valentino, Tory Burch, Prada, Zac Posen, Rachel Roy, Marni, Jimmy Choo, Gucci & Stella McCartney. Looking for luxury? Stop by today.

## Just Listed in Cabbagetown!



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Built in 2008, this Victorian Bungalow in Cabbagetown has an open floor plan and includes 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, hardwood floors, and a fireplace with gas logs. The large kitchen contains stainless steel appliances, sealed concrete counters, a breakfast bar overlooking dining area and living room, and French doors leading to a spacious deck. Large backyard for outdoor fun! Driveway with parking pad for 2 cars. Walk to restaurants, parks and a coffee shop with dog park.

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# Crime Blotter

By Sam Gris and Kyle F. Bidlack

## 112 Krog St NE, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 8p Theft from auto.

Stolen Items: Apple Macbook Air, Ipod, Passport, Purse, Glock handgun, Cell Phone, and a Laptop.

## Date and specific location not recorded. On Boulevard SE, Theft.

Stolen: Blackberry, EBT Card, Drivers License, Zoloft, Xanax and Lomitol, GPS, Briefcase with \$4,500 cash, Kodak camera, 2 pairs of underwear, Checkbook and debit card.

## Location not specified, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:41p Theft from auto.

Victim lives in Conyers, Georgia. Vehicle info not listed. Someone entered vehicle and stole listed property: AT&T HTC cell phone, Louis Vuitton Bag, Glock handgun. No signs of forced entry. No prints were lifted.

## 97 Estoria St. SE, January 7<sup>th</sup> 9p to 9:30p. Theft from auto.

Officer spoke with victim #1 who reported that she parked her vehicle in the parking lot of 97 Estoria at 9p. At approximately 9:30p,

an unknown male advised her that her car window was broken. She went to her vehicle and confirmed that the passenger window was broken. Victim also reported that some of her friend's items were missing.

Victim #2 reported that two of her bags were missing from the car. Due to rain, no prints were lifted.

## Date and specific location not recorded. Pedestrian Robbery On Boulevard SE.

Victim was talking on cell phone. Cell phone was stolen. Victim could not provide a description of thief.

## Estoria St. SE, January 10<sup>th</sup>, between Mid- night and 12:30a. Theft from auto.

Victim lives on Berean St in Atlanta. Someone broke the passenger side window of victim's 2008 Pontiac G6 and stole: 2 Apple I-pods, and a GPS unit. Officer was unable to recover prints.

## 944 Wylie St SE, between 9p on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 1:30p on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Theft from auto.

Someone stole the following property off a 2006 Toyota Scion: TN license plate (846YXX) and tag decal. The front passenger window was destroyed.

Below is a year-over-year comparison of crime totals in zone 6 (of which, Cabbagetown is a part)

Type of Crime	2011	2010
Aggravated Assault	245	267
Auto Theft	854	805
Drug Arrest	92	362
Larceny	1,343	1,166
Non-Residential Burglary	114	200
Residential Burglary	818	872
Robbery	376	382
Vehicle Larceny	1,644	1,714

Statistics courtesy of The Atlanta Police Department. All aspects of the data provided herein are susceptible to a degree of error due to the complexities of the process involved in compiling and mapping the data.



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# Peachy keen

By Edward Lindahl

**Esther Peachy Lefevre Park Update:** Cabbagetown residents interested in the renovation and redesign of Esther Peachy Lefevre Park met with City planners multiple times over the course of 2011 and the City's designer is ready to meet with Cabbagetown residents to discuss the progress to date and the drawings that will be submitted for permitting purposes.

Pat Katz from the City of Atlanta Parks design group is scheduled to be in attendance at the February CNIA meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center to discuss the concept that the neighborhood and the Parks Department have formulated together.

Please come out to the meeting to see the concept presented in detail and to weigh in with your thoughts and questions.

In the meantime, any questions can be directed to Edward Lindahl: lindahl@gmail.com.



# Announcements

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## Events Calendar

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

### Tour of the Sweet Auburn Curb Market

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30p Atlanta

Join us for the opportunity to sample from some of the Market's best restaurant and food vendors.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2518228088>

### Atlanta Jewish Film Festival

February 8-27<sup>th</sup>, in theaters city-wide, Atlanta

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlanta Jewish Film Festival is a treat for movie buffs and animation lovers alike. Don't miss it!

<http://www.ajff.org>

### Cookies & Cosmos for Kids Cancer

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30p, Studioplex in O4W, Atlanta

All proceeds for this event go to benefit the Cookies for Kids Cancer (a non-profit organization).

<http://cookiesandcosmos-eventful.eventbrite.com/r/eventful>

### Cupid's Undie Run

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12p – Neighbors Pub, Virginia Highlands, 1.5 mile run through Virginia Highlands. Run in your undies while raising money and awareness for the Children's Tumor Foundation.

<http://www.cupidsundierun.com/at/>

### 3rd Annual Winter Beer Carnival

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2-7pm

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<http://www.winterbeercarnival.com>

### Atlanta Community Food Bank Supper Club

Tuesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00a to 11:00p

Alma Cocina, Downtown, Atlanta

Dine out with your sweetheart, friends, family and co-workers at Alma Cocina between 11a-3p and 5-11p and 20% of your tab will be donated back to this great organization!

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### Five and Dime Kids Consignment Sale Spring 2012

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9a-3p and 5p-8p, and Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9a-1p. Epworth United Methodist Church, Candler Park, Atlanta.

Shop for high quality, name-brand clothing, toys, and other equipment for children at discounted prices.

[www.fiveanddimekids.com](http://www.fiveanddimekids.com)

### Chomp & Stomp Kickoff Party

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 3p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

Gear up for *The Chomp* and find out how you can help make 2012 another great year for our neighborhood fundraising festival. Interested in serving as chair or co-chair for Chomp & Stomp?

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## Mardi Gras for Paws

On Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, *Milltown Tavern* will host "Mardi Gras for Paws" to benefit *The Barking Hound Village* which focuses on rescuing and bordering abandoned dogs.

\$10 is all you need to enjoy live music, drinks, a low country shrimp boil and a Mardi Gras doggie parade which will crown a king and queen doggie...dress your dog up in Mardi Gras regalia for your chance to win prizes.

The event runs from noon till dark. Sponsored by *Milltown Tavern*, *Black Dog Construction*, *Barking Hound Village* and *Constellation Brands*.

# Cabbagetown Portraits

**Zach Moore** is a hair stylist who lives at *The Stacks*. While he works in Buckhead, he calls Cabbagetown home. "I love old whisky and fast cars," says Moore, "but above all I love my wife and son more than life itself."

A Cabbagehead's initiation to the neighborhood starts with a feeling of coming home. That's how you know you're not just passing through, when you feel like you should have been living here all along. Dane Sponberg felt exactly this way, the first time he stepped foot on Carroll Street.

Sponberg set out to interview and photograph any willing Cabbagehead. It started as an endeavor to learn more about his new home and became a two-year project that earned him an MA in Photography from SCAD-Atlanta and a slew of new friends.

Sponberg spent hours interviewing each person he photographed and he came to realize a common thread; "Whether they had lived here 10 year or 10 months, each person had such a strong sense of belonging in this neighborhood."

Sponberg is working on a book, *Cabbagetown Portraits*, which will be self-published in this Spring. We'll keep you posted on this exciting artistic effort.



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# The Real Estate Report

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in the Cabbagetown area can be directed to the following resident agents: Nadia Giordani 404.221.1777 • Lynne Splinter 404.582.0006 • Judy Staples 404.271.7824 • Debbie Weeks 404.272.1906 ...happy house hunting!

## CONDOS & LOFTS

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
<b>Milltown Lofts</b>	<b>791 Wylie</b>
Unit 201	\$99,500
2 BD/1 BA	
Unit 901	\$90,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit 911	\$81,900
2 BD/1 BA	
Unit 909	\$80,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit 910	\$120,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit 501	\$73,000
1 BD/1 BA	
<b>The Stacks</b>	<b>170 Blvd</b>
Unit H309	\$185,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit E121	\$179,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit E424	\$275,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit E007	\$199,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit E010	\$164,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H119	\$119,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H509	\$139,900
2 BD/1 BA	
Unit E113	\$199,900
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## COMMERCIAL

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
None reported.	

## MULTI-DWELLING

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
742 Kirkwood Quadraplex	\$270,000

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## CONDOS & LOFTS

<i>Sold</i>	<i>Price</i>
<b>Milltown Lofts</b>	<b>791 Wylie</b>
Unit 1114	\$269,900
2 BD/2 BA	
<b>Under Contract</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Milltown Lofts</b>	<b>791 Wylie</b>
Unit 501	\$73,000
1 BD/1 BA	
<b>Sold</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>The Stacks</b>	<b>170 Blvd</b>
Unit E123	\$159,900
2 BD/2 BA	
<b>Under Contract</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>The Stacks</b>	<b>170 Blvd</b>
Unit H409	\$129,900
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Unit E227	\$168,900
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Unit E128	\$206,900
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit H508	\$169,169
2 BD/2 BA	
<b>Under Contract</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Soft Park Lofts</b>	<b>174 Chester</b>
Unit 113	\$69,900
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit 146	\$155,000
2 BD/2 BA	
Unit 111	\$99,900
1 BD/1 BA	

## HOUSES

<i>For Sale</i>	<i>Asking</i>
200 Estoria St.	\$400,000
3 BD/3 BA	
187 Tye St.	\$375,000
3 BD/2.5 BA	
125 Short St.	\$299,000
3 BD/3 BA	
209 Powell St.	\$350,000
3 BD/2 BA	
127 Short St.	\$310,000
3 BD/2 BA	
<b>Sold</b>	<b>Price</b>
139 Savannah St.	\$221,000
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