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"Whoever said money can't buy happiness, never shopped in a bakery." ~ Anonymous

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

6:45: *Networking and Snacks*

7:00: *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
 - *CI Connect* – Barbara Harper
 - *NPU* – Ed Lindahl
 - *GEM (Formerly Memorial Drive Visioning Committee)*
 - *Historic Preservation/Land Use*
– Matt Wise: 256 Powell Street
 - *Hospitality Committee*
– Karen Russian
 - *Parking and Traffic Committee*
 6. *New Business*
 - Nominations for March Elections
- Adjournment*

Final January minutes will be adopted at the February meeting.

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By Kyle F. Bidlack

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**Von
Baby!**
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President's letter



KATHERINE DIRGA

Everybody's favorite holiday approaches, and it's time to start managing expectations -- either with ourselves or our loved ones. Maybe this year it's time for a new approach. Maybe this year, instead of trying to come up with some kind of perfect romantic experience that is understated and "authentic" and 100% instagram-ready, we can put that passion to work in service of something greater. Maybe this year, we can put that love into... community service! (cue national anthem)

That's right, it's CNIA election time again, when we nominate those neighbors we trust to represent the community and keep us informed about the things that affect Cabbagetown. We have a great group already on board, and a few who are rolling off because their terms are up.

And, new this year, we have three spots open for Executive Committee "members-at-large". This is how to get a peek at what it's all about without jumping into an officer role. If you have been mildly disgruntled or mildly confused about what CNIA does, being a member-at-large would allow you to not only take part, but also to directly affect decision-making. New to C-town? Perfect timing, we'd love to have you aboard.

If you want to give it a shot, just throw your name in the hat at either the upcoming February or March meeting. We'll do the election at the March meeting.

What's coming open:

Vice President
Treasurer
NPU Chair
HP Chair

3 Members-at-Large (new positions)

Also, anyone can challenge anyone for a currently-held position, which in this case would be President or Secretary. (Cabbagetown Debates, yes!)

On a personal note, I can say that I started doing stuff in Cabbagetown kind of as a fluke, and stuck around because I enjoyed the new friends I met. I found it really interesting to learn how our community was built and continues to improve, because it's purely neighbors volunteering their time.

Cabbagetown is unique, because year after year people step forward to take on fundraising, governance, basement-cleaning, gravel-laying, garden-growing and myriad other tasks to give all of us a couple of beautiful parks, a community garden, and the center where we meet each month, while the work we do together makes us all better friends and neighbors, and that can't be bad. So I really encourage you to consider taking part, and I hope to see you or meet you at our February meeting! (Questions? Email us at cabbagechat@gmail.com).

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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th, 2015, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center. Meeting conducted by Katherine Dirga.
Minutes recorded by Jocelyn Chen Wise.

1. Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta Liaison

The pothole near **Agave** is scheduled to be repaired, resident reports that each time it floods it wipes out the asphalt. The pothole on Kirkwood has been repaired. If you report a pothole to the city, please pass along the incident number to Valencia so she can escalate it.

Resident inquired about a huge water bill she received recently. Valencia recommended calling 311 and telling them there is a problem with her city water meter and ask for it to be repaired.

2. Keith Lamar Jr., Assistant District Attorney

- Sam Gibbs case: Break-in at **Papi's Restaurant**, stole liquor only. He was caught on camera.
- Ramone Watley case: Broke into a resident's basement and tried to steal a bike. He got trapped inside. He received a twenty year sentence. He will serve five years.
- Anthony Davis case: scheduled for court in two weeks. He attempted a break-in of **Homegrown**, and was caught on camera. He had just been caught breaking into automobile in March.

3. Lt. Carter, Atlanta Police Department (Zone 6 Precinct)

Lt. Carter switched jobs with Lt. Floyd. So far, 2016 has seen a lower crime rate. Emphasized importance of clean cars - there have been several cases of guns or technology being stolen out of peoples' cars. Put your belongings in the trunk or bring them into your home. Encouraged reporting to police of anything strange or out of place: see something, say something.

Caught one set of juveniles who were robbing valets at Krog Street. **Agave** valets were also robbed. Will look into the mugging at Wylie and Short after **Chomp & Stomp** and provide update.

4. Financial Report:

Year end balance: \$9,302. Christmas Crawl profit was \$1,995.

5. Committee and Other Reports

Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch: No update.

CI Connect

CI meeting took place on January 10th. Remember, meetings are open to the public. Cabbagetown cookbook prototype will be available soon, price TBD. Capital campaign will be raising funds to renovate the community center. Currently, the city owns the community center and the neighborhood has an MOU to run it. Neighbors: look out for a potluck invitation on February 6th to solicit ideas for use of the community center.

NPU: No update.

GEM - Heather Bradley

The corner lot at Tye & Memorial (east of Tye) is being looked at by GEM. The lot is divided into three parcels. Small parcel was potentially going to be developed by **Enfold Properties**. An environmental assessment found coal ash in the soil. It is zoned

"industrial" now and developer is probably unable to build upon it unless it is zoned "residential/commercial." The developer's financing probably won't go through. They never got their plans approved so their variances were not approved.

The large parcel is owned by the Tilly family, they recently expressed that they are not interested in selling the property. Given this new information, GEM will be reevaluating the situation.

Historic Preservation and Land Use, Ed Lindahl 324 Carroll Street

House has been empty in many years, making very minor changes to exterior in order to be code compliant. There is a hole on the side, which they want to be a window. Want to make a back door, and repair roof damage. Repair of stairs, add columns that are very in keeping with the neighborhood. Voted on HP writing a letter of support conditional on Ed providing HP with a drawing of proposed changes. Vote passed unanimously.

Parking and Traffic Committee

An update will be provided in February.

6. New Business

CNIA elections will be in March. Some positions are opening up due to term limits: Vice President, Treasurer, NPU Chair, Historic Preservation and Land Use Chair. There will also be some "At Large" positions on the Executive Committee that allows people to get their feet wet. Questions or comments please contact: cabbagechat@gmail.com. Come with nominations at the March meeting.

Adjournment.

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Cupid's AR-15



**BILL
PHILLIPS**

I had thought I had this column all figured out. I generally work to a strict deadline, which I work towards by doing a lot of mulling. I will mull for a week or so until the hour or two before the last moment, at which point the column will spill out. *(Unless I forget.)*

This column being in anticipation of Valentine's Day, I had good mulling fodder. Being naturally obsessed with women and romantic feelings of all

kinds, I knew I would have something to say. What would it be though? Hmm.

I strive to bear a message of hope and goodwill, of peace and patience and unity and purest serenity. One cannot print a live dove into the paper, but I do my best given our limitations.

In working towards these ends, I knew that I would offer a perspective that would remind all the lovelorn of the True Spirit of Valentine's Day, by whose lights we might connect with those romantic forces that draw us all towards one another, in spite of the limitations of our mortal souls.

"Look," I would write. "These couples you resent — does the light of their love make your life dimmer? Is their joy your misery? Take heart! Good feelings and tenderheartedness overfloweth to all, yea, and verily. And you have Netflix!" It would have been a very well-received column.

Alas, circumstances have revealed to me the terrible truth: There is something deeply frightening about Cupid. It is so easy to forget that Cupid is a small child with no sense of duty, responsibility, or consequences, who has been armed with a deadly weapon. *He should be depicted not as a winged archer baby, but as a toddler riding an oversized quadcopter drone, brandishing an AR-15.*

That might sound funny, but soon enough you'll turn your back on him. Months later you'll be out at the grocery store and **BAM** – a 5.56mm lead punch in your shoulder. From where? Das Luftkind.

And what comes out when you get shot like that? Not blood, but nastier things: Jealousy, anger, simple rage and overwhelming lust. Or, more frequently, utter confusion: Wasn't I done with this person? Wasn't it settled that we wouldn't call each other anymore? Why did they show up at my grandmother's funeral, and why am I horny and angry and sad? These are not appropriate feelings and where is that damned Cupid baby?

Indeed, erotic love is a public menace. Single people, married people, boyfriends, girlfriends... no one is safe. It's sanction and holiday is a clear sign of the decline of late capitalism. *At least Cupid isn't real. If he were, I'd kill him all over again.*

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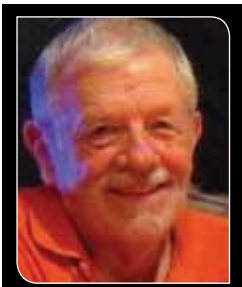


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Where ya been? Where ya going? Just a Little Stroll



**TOM
DEARDORFF**

Last summer, Claudia Ramos and Scott Goode took a walk in the woods; a 221 mile walk.

The couple hiked the John Muir Trail in California. It's part of the Pacific Crest Trail and is considered by many inveterate hikers to be the most beautiful, breathtaking, majestic, awe-inspiring trail in the United States; some say in the world. Claudia and Scott spent three weeks on this magnificent part of our beautiful country.

The John Muir Trail (JMT) is not for the faint of heart and these two Cabbageheads are anything but that. It had been on Scott's "bucket list" for quite a while and when he proposed the hike to Claudia, she was all in.

They started planning. That's the key to successfully walking this challenging trail. Well, planning and training. And they did plenty of both. They spent a full six months plotting out their daily mileage, acquiring the right gear, planning their menus, making travel arrangements, sending food and supplies to various drop points and ensuring they were in good physical shape.

On June 27th, they started south from Yosemite Valley with 40-50 pound packs on their backs. Mt. Whitney, 221 miles away was their ultimate destination. Right through the high Sierras. And on that very first day, there were some highs and lows – not just the terrain. They made more miles than they had planned on that first day, putting them a bit ahead of their schedule.

But there were some hiccups! Scott's air mattress had gotten punctured by thorns. They discovered that there was a leak in their tent (yes, it rains a lot in the high Sierras). And their water filter broke the first time they tried to use it. As Scott puts it: "Oh, s**t! Maybe this wasn't such a great idea after all".

But it all came right by the next day. They hiked to a place on the trail called Tuolumne Meadows. There's a little store there and they got a new tent and a new water filter. Scott patched the holes in his air mattress and they had no further major problems for the remainder of their journey.

The couple decided they didn't want to give up all the pleasures

of life. So they took really good food. Many hikers take freeze dried food in bags to which they add water. While it does provide the needed calories, it's not exactly gourmet eating. Scott and Claudia were the envy of many of the hikers they met on the trail. They had pasta. They had Cheese. They had fresh garlic. They had lentils and rice and tortillas. The extra food added a bit of weight to their packs, but both claim it was worth it.

They even brought along a couple of camp chairs for those relaxing times at the end of a full day of climbing, descending and climbing again. Claudia took along a miniature fly rod and one night they had fresh trout for dinner. The duo saw the sunrise nearly every morning and were at their next campsite by three or four o'clock every afternoon.

While Claudia and Scott are firm believers in the "leave no trace" philosophy of hiking and camping, they actually did leave just a little trace. Along the length of the trail they scattered some of the ashes of their long time canine companion, Zack. "We would just pick out a tree that we thought Zack might like and dropped a few of his ashes under it," said Claudia. "I don't think we violated the 'leave no trace' philosophy with that little gesture". Besides, ashes are biodegradable.



Claudia and Scott at the beginning of their amazing journey. The last line on the sign shows the distance they are about to hike.

Claudia and Scott have been together in Cabbagetown for more than a decade. And guess where they met! They were both working at **REI!** How appropriate.

What's next? So many trails, so little time. They're thinking about the Pembrokeshire Coast Path in Wales. Just another 200 mile walk in the woods (apologies to Bill Bryson).

"....places to play and pray in, where Nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike." - John Muir

'Sno big deal!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

The great blizzard of 2016 walloped the mid-atlanta and New England states in late January. Upwards of thirty inches of snow fell in many states, affecting over fifty million people.

Life came to a near stand-still as schools and businesses closed and well over 6000 flights were cancelled. Sadly thirty-two people (as of press time) perished during the storm.

Here in Cabbagetown, the first snowflakes fell around 5p on Friday, January 22nd. They were some of the biggest, fluffiest flakes (not including Robert Wood) ever seen in these parts. We experienced periods of snow through Saturday morning with little or no accumulation.

Said Joe Farr, *"Huge disappointment for the girls (Tillie and Gracie). They were very excited about the prospect of snowmen and sledding. I told them that there's plenty of winter left and if we are lucky, we will get some real snow this year."*

Said Tylar and Michael Theide, *"We thought it was such a blast! What better way to spend your weekend than playing in the falling snow? Ryder (Tylar and Michael's 21 month old son) couldn't get enough! He threw a fit anytime we came inside to warm up!"*



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**KYLE F.
BIDLACK**

This is part two in a three part series of lessons I learned while attending the University of Rhode Island.

It was the fall semester of 1985. Being a political science major gave me the honour of learning from a wide host of fantastic professors from all spectrums of life. Professor Larry Rothstein was teaching political theory that year and I signed up for his class, along with about twenty-five other snot-nosed students.

Professor Rothstein's classroom was a small, stuffy little room in a hundred year old, granite stone academic building, one of those classic old edifices you conjure when you visualise a northeastern college campus.

Everything about the room harkened back to another century, except for the chairs us students had to sit in. They were those modern, one-piece chair/desk units. Chrome frames, and hard plastic seats with fiberboard desktops. They had little racks beneath to stash books and stuff. Most of them were designed for right-handers, and every class room only seemed to have a precious few for lefties.

I am a righty. The desk right in front of me was a lefty. Professor Rothstein launched into his lecture of the day: A discussion of American political parties. He talked fluidly and brilliantly about the nuances of conservatism and liberalism.

Us students took furious notes. It was still only the twentieth century. We used pencils, pens and notebooks back in those days. Towards the end of the lecture, the guy in front of me dropped his pencil, and it tumbled a few feet away from him. He reached his left arm down, trying to retrieve the yellow No.2 lead Dixon Tinconderoga. But it had tumbled too far away. He reached and stretched... to no avail.

But he was focused and determined. He stretched to the point that his desk balanced on just three legs. Still no luck. Now he was pushing the envelope: Reaching further and further, his desk now precariously balanced on one skinny leg. Professor Rothstein lectured on... students continued to scribble, and my classmate continued to stretch, until he lost his balance and the desk gave way. He (and the desk) tumbled to the hardwood floor. It arose such a clatter that even Clement Clarke Moore would be impressed.

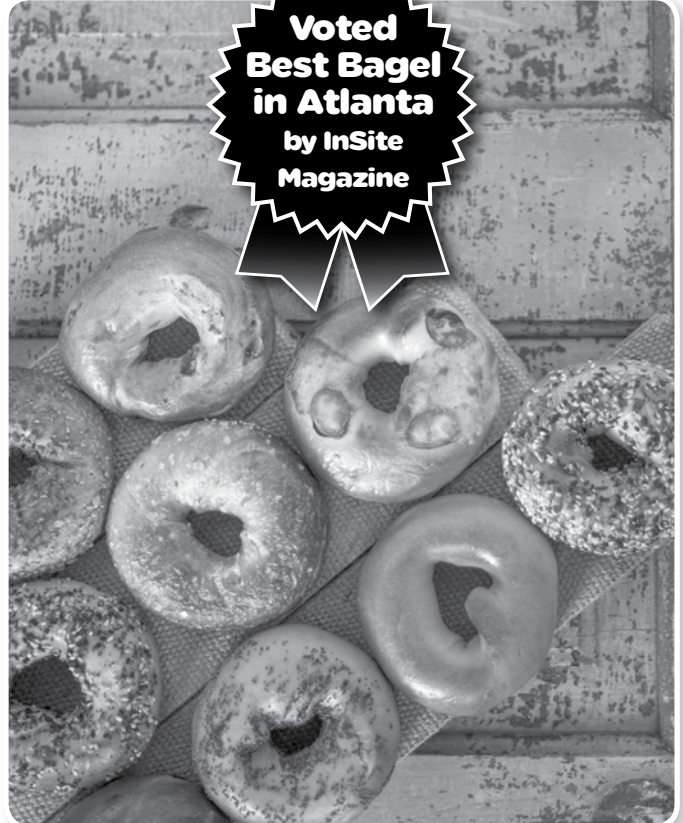
As he layed in a crumpled heap on the floor, all red-faced in embarrassment, Professor Rothstein stopped his lecture, and without skipping a beat, said *"And THAT'S what happens when you lean too far to the left."*

Well said sir. And class was dismissed.

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"Having a baby. BRB."

By Kyle F. Bidlack

On Saturday, January 23rd, Justin Von Hanna posted on his Facebook page "Having a baby. BRB." And some forty-plus hours later, Violet Rebel Von Hanna was born on Sunday, January 24th at 3p to her parents Sasha and Justin. She came in at 7lbs and 13oz and was 19.5 inches tall.

Says Justin "Her mother Sasha is recovering nicely and Violet is excited to see all the dogs and all of the Cabbagetown fun that her parents have been telling her about!"

Once Sasha went into labour, word spread fast across Cabbagetown. Under a full moon, many of us were on pins and needles awaiting word.

And we're all hoping that we will be able to watch Violet grow up right before our eyes. Her first smiles, first tooth, first words, school, sports, recitals, proms, graduation, college... and maybe someday (in the far away, not so distant future) we'll be publishing a photo of Violet with her own new baby, and she'll carry on the most beautiful of Von Hanna and Cabbagetown traditions.

Carol Sagan said it best; "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." Welcome to Cabbagetown Violet. We love you.



Hollywood discovers Atlanta

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Not so long ago, if you wanted to be in the movies, or work in the industry, you had to go to Hollywood. Now, not so much. And Hollywood's loss is Atlanta's gain. *Moviemakers.com* recently recognised Atlanta as one of the top ten cities for movie-types to live and work.

Says *Moviemaker.com*, "Atlanta's doing everything right and then some to accommodate moviemaker locals and transplants, without having to endure a perma-celebrity culture."

Georgia has quietly become home to one of the biggest film industries in the nation, ranking third in production levels. Between support personnel, infrastructure and increasing workforce development, Atlanta has been steadily securing a stable and exciting future in the feature film world. The state's tax incentive program offers, effectively, 30 percent transferable credit (20 plus 10 if you use the state's logo in your credits) for qualifying productions, which contributed \$6 billion generated to the state last year.

So what's been filmed in Atlanta recently? Good question: Films and series such as *Ant Man*, *The Divergent Series: Allegiant*, *Barbershop 3*, *Captain America: Civil War*, *X-Men: Apocalypse*, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*, *The Walking Dead*, *Quantico* and *Furious 7*. *Moviemaker* says *Ant Man* alone employed more than 3,500 Georgians, and the title

"Hollywood of the East Coast" feels thoroughly earned. Much of that traffic came out of *Pinewood Studios*, a full service film and entertainment complex comprised of 11 sound stages on 700 acres just south of Atlanta.

"It seems that the east and west are meeting here in Atlanta," says casting director Tiandra Gayle of Atlanta's NightinGayle Casting. "It's certainly much more cost-effective to shoot here!"

This city has a hip-hop scene that rivals New York and L.A. The restaurant culture is thriving. Housing is affordable – the average rent for an apartment in metro Atlanta is \$1,003 per month. There are four distinct seasons and 217 days of the year are pure sunshine.

You might not ever have – or want – to leave. With so many actors, writers, directors and producers in the city, you can schedule your next big meeting at one of Atlanta's 132 *Waffle House* locations instead of flying to some vaulted office thousands of miles away. Waffles, grits and a greenlight? Win-win-win.

Atlanta ranked first. Can you believe it? Rounding out the list was New York City, Austin, Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Chicago, Seattle, Boston, San Francisco, and Memphis.

Cabbagetown is your Mac Daddy!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Kharma. Last summer, Duwan Dunn and Greg Sifford organised Cabbageheads towards helping paint and repair the beautiful **Coca-Cola** home of Bertha Wise, Jr. It was a glorious effort and Bertha was thrilled. Duwan and Greg did it, because it's the neighborly thing to do.

Fast forward a few months. Duwan's and Greg's trusty Maclintosh laptop is reunited with Steve Jobs in that great motherboard in the sky (in other words, their Mac died). Cyndi and Nick Carpentieri caught wind of this and said **"This will not stand!"**

Cyndi and Nick knew that Duwan and Greg would not want to be the recipients of a community good will effort, so they begged, nagged, and cajoled Duwan and Greg into letting us all help replace the old Mac.

Cindy and Nick organised a **Gofundme** and within a few short days, Cabbageheads had kicked in \$920 towards a new Mac for Duwan and Greg. Said Duwan on **Facebook** "I have lots of thank you notes to write and I will, but it may take a little time to get to all of you." Perhaps John Lennon said it best: **"Instant Kharma's gonna get you. Gonna knock you off your feet."**

We see you Sweet Auburn!

By Michael Kahn, Curbed.com

In January we celebrated the life of one of the most important sons of Atlanta: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King was born, raised and later preached in Sweet Auburn. The area fell on hard times like most of urban America after the midpoint of last century. But times are a-changin' again. In a poignant new feature, **CNN** explores the demise and ongoing rise of Sweet Auburn.

Atlantans are flocking back to the city, seeking places to live. Millennials and empty-nesters alike are forgoing large homes on lush lots in the suburbs for a more urban lifestyle. The streets of Sweet Auburn are filled with a mix of storefronts, some gleaming with new businesses as others next door are derelict and vacant. A burgeoning population in the neighborhood highlights the area's growing attractiveness and the gentrification is taking hold. In some ways, it's a far cry from the neighborhood of Dr. King, though vestiges of the history remain.

The Atlanta Streetcar is the first step of a larger transit network and a means of bringing development. Some big projects are on the horizon: Big Bethel's \$130 million development and the under-construction 200 Edgewood student residences. As one local resident told CNN: "Progress didn't start with Dr. King, and it didn't end with him."

A Place for Guests to Stay

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Since the beginning of time, whenever Cabbageheads needed a place for their guests to stay, they either had to pile them into their home, or ship them off to hotels downtown. But that is set to change by next year.

On a little chunk of land facing Irwin Street, and right next to Krog Street Market, A boutique hotel inspired by architecture near the High Line in New York City's Meatpacking District is set to move forward on "a very accelerated schedule" alongside the Beltline's Eastside Trail.

The 140-room hotel in the Old Fourth Ward would feature a rooftop bar, "European-style piazza" along the **Beltline** and two restaurants included in 4,000 square feet of retail space facing Irwin Street and the multi-use trail.

The project is expected to cost \$35 million. Christopher Plockelman of **Beltway Investment International** of Dublin, Ireland, says the project is predicted to launch this spring, with construction completed by Labor Day 2017.



For Cabbageheads that want their guests to stay a little closer to home, this is an ideal spot and offers our surrounding neighborhoods a type of service not yet found. Not to mention more jobs.

Guests will have plenty of places to walk to, from next-door **Studioplex**, **Old Fourth Ward Pizza**, and **Jake's** to Piedmont Park and of course the restaurants, taverns and cafes of Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown. Will it add more traffic and congestion?

Probably. But with the walkability of our friendly confines, hopefully guests will leave their cars where they park them.

Why can't we be (just) friends?



LACEE ADERHOLD

Welcome to a new monthly column focused on cinema. Lacey Aderhold will focus her professional insight and lifelong passion of film towards illuminating ways for you to whittle away a couple hours. Enjoy.

What If (2013) PG-13

Director: Michael Dowse. Performers: Daniel Radcliffe, Zoe Kazan, Megan Park, Adam Driver, Mackenzie Davis, and Rafe Spall.

Wallace (Daniel Radcliffe) has had a very bad break up. After dropping out of medical school, he has a dull job writing technical manuals. Chantry (Zoe Kazan) loves her job as an animator, and lives with her boyfriend, Ben (Rafe Spall).

Wallace and Chantry hit it off at a party, bonding over sarcasm and little known Elvis trivia. The elephant in the room is the possibility that they may have deeper feelings for one another. Neither wants to confront their own feelings, much less tread into the possibility that the other might feel the same. This delightfully quick-witted film explores the age-old question: *Can men and women be just friends?*

As the story unfolds, Chantry's friend Nicole (Mackenzie Davis) and Wallace's former roommate Allan (Adam Driver) question Wallace and Chantry's friendship. Throughout the course of the film, Nicole and Allan become a couple, and begin pushing Wallace and Chantry towards one another. To complicate things even further,

Ben takes an assignment in Ireland for six months. During that time, Chantry's sister Dalia (Megan Park) makes a pass at Wallace. This forces both Wallace and Chantry to consider their feelings.

Chantry and Wallace each drive the film, but it feels like it is told primarily from Wallace's point of view, as his being single allows him to be a bit more true to his heart. Allan constantly gives the worst unsolicited advice ever spoken. Allan's statements are hilarious yet somehow believably delivered, and that makes for some fantastic scene stealing moments for Driver.

The interstitials/montages feature a little animated butterfly that holds significance to Chantry. Usually, I'm not one for mixing animation with live action, but this is so delicately done, it doesn't pull focus from the plot of the film. And the animation pulls the audience back into the world in which these characters live. This, combined with Kazan's sweetness, keeps her from becoming the villain in a situation where she has to decide between two men.

What If balances romance and comedy, offsetting the daily minutiae of real life with hilarious, sometimes over-the-top events. February is coming up, and that means Cabbageheads can't go anywhere without reminders of love and smooches, so *What If* felt like the right choice for my first review. Warning: I'd rate this on the stronger side of PG-13 for language and adult content.

Favorite quote: Allan - "How much for the flying moose?"

Trivia: Daniel Radcliffe previously worked with Rafe Spall's father, Timothy, who portrayed Peter Pettigrew in Harry Potter.

NP-You! Make new friends.



ED LINDAHL

Hello, Friends and Neighbors! It's time for Cabbagetown to elect a new representative to Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) N.

For those of you unfamiliar with Atlanta's NPU system, it was "established in 1974 to provide an opportunity for citizens to participate actively in the Comprehensive Development Plan, which is the city's vision for the next five, ten, and fifteen years.

It is also used as a way for citizens to receive information concerning all functions of city government. The system enables citizens to express ideas and comment on city plans and proposals while assisting the city in developing plans that best meet the needs of their communities" per the City's NPU website. Typically, the matters covered involve, but are not limited to: zoning, land use, business license issuance, parking, and special events.

NPU-N consists of seven neighborhoods stretching from Cabbagetown to Lake Claire and two business organizations within that footprint. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at the Little Five Points Center for Arts and Community and the Cabbagetown rep reports back on proceedings at the following month's CNIA meeting.

The Cabbagetown representative position also currently serves as NPU Secretary, so you'd be expected to take notes and draft up minutes to be presented back to the NPU in time for the subsequent month's meeting.

Nominations for the position are currently open. The opening will be discussed at the February CNIA meeting and elections will be held in March.

More information about NPU-N and the NPU system in general can be found at npunatlanta.org. Anyone with any questions is free to e-mail me at cabbagetown.npu@gmail.com.

OPEN HOUSE AT PARKSIDE

Parkside Elementary is having an open house for prospective parents on Tuesday, February 23rd at 8:30a. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our local elementary school, meet the principal and tour the building.

Your Bucket List



**SKYLAR W.
MINTER**

38th Annual Groundhog Day Jugglers Festival
Friday-Sunday, February 5th-7th – Yaarab
Shriners, 400 Ponce de Leon Ave.

You'll see jugglers, unicyclists, yo-yo experts, hoopers and family fun for all ages. Admission is free to spectators for all daytime events and only \$30 for the whole weekend to participate in workshops and games. The free public show is Saturday from 2 to 4p. The show includes a juggling competition and a performance by

Atlanta's Seed & Feed Marching Abominable Band. A Light Extravaganza will be at 9p and a Late Night Cabaret at 10p Saturday night. atlantajugglers.org

Pancakes & Booze Atlanta Art Show

Saturday, February 7th, 8p – Georgia Freight Depot

Join over 60 emerging artists and a free pancake bar! There will be live audio performances, and live body painting. This event is 21+ ONLY. pancakesandbooze.com

Annual Blinkie Awards

Friday, February 12th, 7p-11p – 848 Spring Street NW

Happy birthday to better biking! 2016 is the 25th anniversary of your Atlanta Bicycle Coalition. Join us at The Garage at Tech Square for a night of awards, fashion show, music, fun and good food! Tickets at \$10 for members. Not a member? Become one between now and February 11th and get a free ticket to the Blinkies! Rolling solo? You'll meet lots of new people! Riding tandem? Get the Valentine's Day weekend started off right. atlantabike.org/blinkies2016

Love Stories of Oakland

Saturday and Sunday, February 13-14th, 3p-5p – Oakland Cemetery

Enjoy more than 25 tour stops through Oakland's Victorian garden cemetery as we recount the loves, lives and losses of Atlantans of days past. Love Stories of Oakland also examines the symbolism of love and devotion found on the monuments, headstones and mausoleums throughout the grounds. oaklandcemetery.com

Get Your Rear in Gear 5K Run/Walk/Kid's Fun Run

Saturday, February 27th, 8a – Grant Park

Help raise funds for colon cancer awareness efforts in the Atlanta-area. Money raised will stay in our community to encourage screening and education for the nation's No. 2 cancer killer. With your help, we can increase positively impact screening rates for this highly preventable cancer. events.getyourrearingear.com

CORRECTION

In the January edition of The Cabbagetown Neighbor, we mistakenly reported that our rainfall total for the year was 6 inches above normal (68.38"). It was actually 18.67 inches above our twenty year norm (49.71). Our apologies.

Long Live Rock & Roll!

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Lemmy Kilmister (70), Glenn Frey (67), Paul Kantner (74), and David Bowie (69). While those four men have left us, they did not take their music with them. They gave their songs for us to enjoy till the day our souls are no longer bound by their mortal chains.



The David Bowie mural at The Krog Tunnel.

For days after their deaths, the juke boxes at **97 Estoria** and **Milltown Tavern**, played **Motorhead**, **The Eagles**, **Jefferson Airplane**, and **David Bowie** more than they have in many years. And while we've heard the tunes thousands of times, they somehow sound different now. We listen a little more closely. Because now the songs not only remind us of the greatest days of our lives, but also that the days of our lives are limited.

When our heroes die, a little bit of our perceived immortality dies too. A big part of Rock & Roll (and all music) is the escape of the mundane: The chance to dance where only our imaginations and the music can take us. So it feels odd that those very same songs seem to ground our spirits and remind us that life is not just sex, drugs, and rock and roll... but that death looms large in life.

Building boom in Cabbagetown

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Just when you thought we couldn't squeeze anymore homes into our magical little village, **Blammo!** New houses sprout up all over the place. Wylie Street, Picketts Alley, Savannah Street, and Gaskill Street.

If you were around thirty years ago, and someone told you that Cabbagetown would become one of the most sought after neighborhoods in Atlanta, you might have said **"you're crazy!"**

Fast forward to 2016, and Cabbageheads proudly proclaim **"We're crazy like a fox!"** With each passing day, Cabbagetown continues to morph, and while we have more houses and more businesses, more cars, more dogs, and more babies, one beautiful, rare, and coveted constant remains, the character of our people. Hopefully, in another thirty years, Violet Rebel Von Hanna will be just as proud of her neighborhood, as you are today.

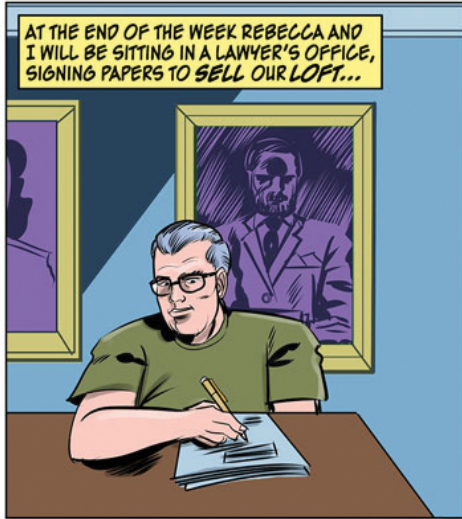


GRUMBLES

THIS WEEK'S TRUE EPISODE:
FAREWELL ATLANTA!

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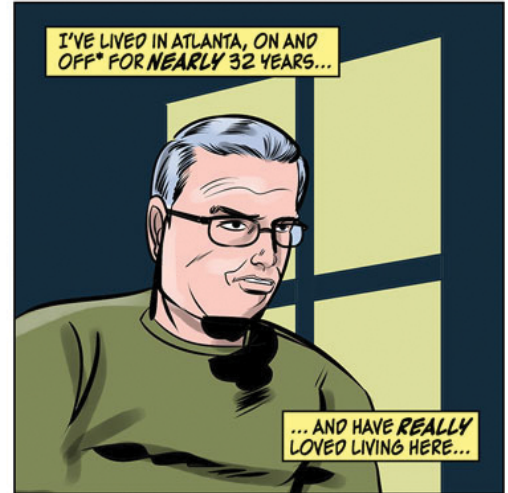
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AT THE END OF THE WEEK REBECCA AND I WILL BE SITTING IN A LAWYER'S OFFICE, SIGNING PAPERS TO SELL OUR LOFT...



I HAVE TO ADMIT IT'S WITH BITTERSWEET FEELINGS THAT I APPROACH THIS EVENT...



I'VE LIVED IN ATLANTA, ON AND OFF* FOR NEARLY 32 YEARS...

... AND HAVE REALLY LOVED LIVING HERE...

* WE LIVED IN INDIANAPOLIS FOR ABOUT 2 1/2 YEARS...



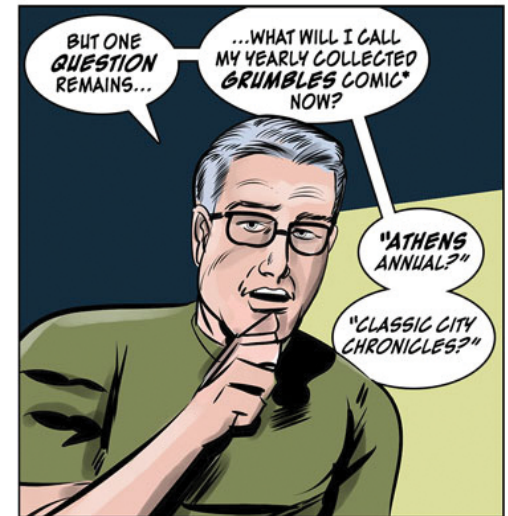
... ALTHOUGH INTOWN TRAFFIC CONGESTION HAS BEEN IRRITATING ME A LOT LATELY...

GET MOVING!



REBECCA AND I HAVE ALSO ENJOYED OUR TIME LIVING IN CABBAGETOWN, AND ARE SORRY TO SAY GOODBYE...

... BUT WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW ADVENTURES IN ATHENS, GEORGIA...



BUT ONE QUESTION REMAINS...

... WHAT WILL I CALL MY YEARLY COLLECTED GRUMBLES COMIC* NOW?

"ATHENS ANNUAL?"

"CLASSIC CITY CHRONICLES?"

* I PUT OUT 2 ISSUES OF "CABBAGETOWN CHRONICLES"...

GRUMBLES GUY ON TWITTER

[HTTP://GRUMBLES GUY.TUMBLR.COM](http://grumblesguy.tumblr.com)

APD nabs six criminals

The Atlanta Police Department announced the apprehension of six individuals connected to the recent rash of smash and grab burglaries in the metro Atlanta area.

The smash and grab burglaries, which investigators believe are related to gang activity, occurred at multiple businesses throughout the city dating back to August 2015. Atlanta Police investigators were able to recover thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise.

Atlanta Police is partnering with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and multiple police jurisdictions to identifying other individuals who are believed to be involved in these burglaries. Atlanta Police have arrested and charged 4 men and 2 women:

Cordarrell Taylor, 29, is charged with Burglary Smash and Grab, Participation in Criminal Street Gang Activity, Probation Violation, and Criminal Damage to Property in the 2nd Degree.

Marquez Watson, 23, charged with Theft by Receiving Stolen property, and Participation in Criminal Street Gang Activity.

Freddrick Hammond, 26, charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Participation in Criminal Street Gang Activity x2, and Burglary Smash and Grab.

Johntavis Bailey, 24, charged with Gambling, Probation Warrant-Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon, Probation Warrant-Possession of Firearm During Commission of A Felony, Probation Warrant-Theft By Shoplifting, Burglary Smash and Grab Felony, Criminal Damage To Property – 2nd Degree, Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon, and Participation in Criminal Street Gang Activity.

Uniqua Davis, 25, is charged with Theft By Receiving Stolen Property, and Possession with Intent To Distribute Marijuana.

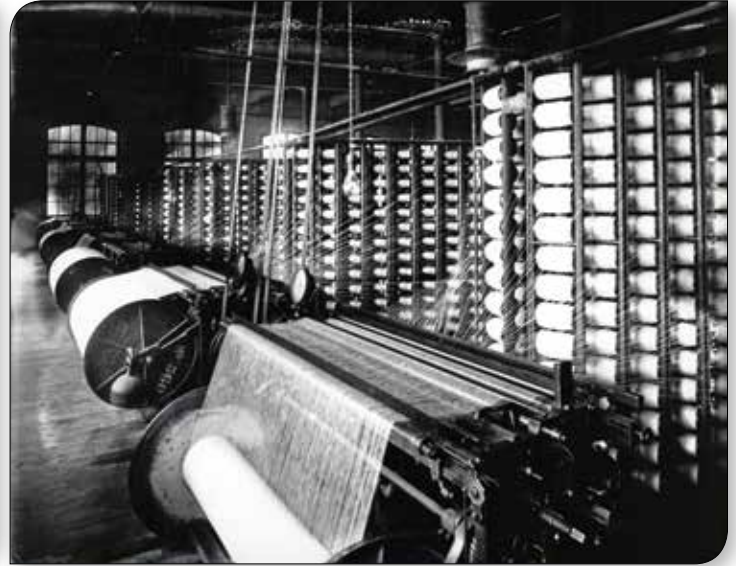
Ashley Askew, 23, is charged with Theft by Receiving Stolen Property.

Heavy Industry: Past & Present

By Kyle F. Bidlack

While the days of heavy industry at *The Fulton Bag & Cotton Mill* have long since been relegated to the history books, Cabbagetown still has muscle and still feeds our nation's need for Steel. *Stein Steel*, on Kirkwood Avenue was established in 1923 and is going strong.

Some claim Stein Steel has an annual revenue of \$20 to \$50 million and employs upwards of 90 workers. Below (top to bottom and left to right), a worker at the cotton mill in the year 1959. Yarn spinning machines in 1920. And a peek inside the cavernous confines of Stein Steel.



Want to be a police officer?

Georgia's Largest Law Enforcement Agency is looking for the 'Best of the Best'. Is that you?

The Atlanta Police Department is now accepting applications for police officers. If you want to train and work alongside Atlanta's finest, then apply today.

Atlanta Police will be hosting job fairs every Friday during the month of February starting February 5. The job fairs will be held at the Public Safety Headquarters, located at 226 Peachtree Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303. The job fairs will start promptly at 10a.

Experience is not required; however, all individuals applying for employment with the Atlanta Police Department must meet the following conditions:

- United States citizenship or naturalization documentation
- Minimum age of 20 (At least six months after your 20th birthday).
- A valid driver's license.
- High School diploma or GED certificate.
- Honorable or uncharacterized discharge from a military branch (if applicable).
- Successful completion of the cognitive skills examination and personality assessment.
- Visual ability cannot be less than 20/100 in each eye uncorrected, and must be corrected to 20/20 with glasses, contact lenses or Radial Keratotomy surgery.
- Medical examination required upon offer of employment.

For full details and requirements please visit: www.joinatlantapd.org or call: 404.546.7650.

APD has added fourteen new 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles to its fleet. The SUVs are assigned to the Active Shooter Response Team, Training Academy and the Special Operations Section.

The new SUVs features include full-time digital video and audio recording, automatic download of video clips to a network of distributed video servers, an integrated real-time GPS Field Management System with mapping and wireless "hot spot" capabilities with access to various data sources including our Computer Aided Dispatch System (CADS), crime maps, Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC, internet/intranet resources and our predictive policing software (Predpol).



Pimped-Out Stacks Loft Shoots for the Stars

By Josh Green, Curbed.com

Buyers hell-bent on living in historic Cabbagetown have surely noticed that almost nothing is for sale beyond units at **The Stacks**, a pioneering, decade-old Atlanta loft conversion that's stood the test of time (and the wallop of a tornado).

Now, this airy, top-floor, two-bedroom pad at the former cotton mill appears to be trying to capitalize on that scarcity – and its own customized uniqueness. For 1,855 square feet, the asking price is \$470,000, plus another \$438 in monthly HOA fees. If our crack research is accurate, no **Stacks** loft has recently sold above the \$400,000 threshold besides a larger unit (2,100 square feet) that fetched \$430,000 back in May – which, granted, is eons ago in this market.

So it could come down to a buyer who appreciates the cash that was obviously spent on upgrades like zebra-wood cabinetry, a **Wolf** range and **Miele** convection oven, built-in wine cooler, overhauled master bathroom and what looks like a custom glass-railing staircase. The soaring ceilings and city views were probably there to being with.



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The little things in life...

By Barb Harper

Congratulations! *Tiny Doors* Director Karen Anderson has been invited to speak at *TEDxEMORY* on Feb 27th! We're so proud of her hard work and tireless dedication to bringing Atlanta together through tiny art. *Tiny Doors #8* is in Cabbagetown at *Milltown Tavern*. Stop by and enjoy! Here's what could happen when you do:

The other day I was outside of Milltown and a little girl and mother were walking by.

Me: *Have you seen the new tiny door?* Mom (with a little girl): *What's that?*

Me: Let me show you (and we walk over to the tiny door). Immediately the little girl was on her knees going up to the tiny door.

Little Girl: *Can I open the door?* Me: *Yes.*

Little Girl: *The door is locked. Do you have a key to open it?*

Me: *No, What do you think is happening behind the tiny door?*

Little Girl: *It's probably a mouse sleeping.* Me and her mother: *Smiling and laughing.*

Thank you Tiny Doors of Atlanta for bringing more joy to Cabbagetown!



The Tiny Door at Milltown Tavern.

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!



MULTI-FAMILY

For Sale	Price
692 Kirkwood 3 Units	\$745,900

HOUSES

Active	Price
55 Chester Ave 4 BD/3.5 BA	\$719,000

Sold	Price
665 Kirkwood Ave. 2 BD/2 BA	\$411,000
265 Iswald St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$366,000

CONDOS & LOFTS

For Sale	Asking
The Stacks Unit E411 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$470,000
Unit E218 2 BD/2 BA	\$367,500
Unit H518 2 BD/2 BA	\$325,900
Unit D205 2 BD/1 BA	\$229,900
Unit H118 1 BD/1 BA	\$219,000
Unit H403 1 BD/1 BA	\$205,500

Conditional	Asking
The Stacks Unit H130 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$299,900
214 Reinhardt St. 2 BD/2 BA	\$229,000

PENDING

CONDOS & LOFTS

Pending	Price
The Stacks Unit E319 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$379,900
Unit E419 2 BD/2 BA	\$379,900
Unit E108 1 BD/1 BA	\$239,900
Unit E105 1 BD/1 BA	\$234,900
Milltown Lofts Unit 904 2 BD/2 BA	Wylie St. \$285,000

COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
582 Decatur St.	\$4,500,000
692 Kirkwood	\$745,900
75 Boulevard	\$535,000
348 Auburn	\$500,000
1270 Memorial	\$399,000
1270 Memorial	\$319,000

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CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
The Stacks Unit E109 2 BD/2 BA	\$330,000
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