

# Cabbagetown

## NEIGHBOR

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*"There is no sincerer love than the love of food." ~ George Bernard Shaw*

### Neighborhood Meeting

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

#### Agenda

6:45 to 7p: Networking & Snacks

#### 7p: Meeting

##### 1. Welcome & Announcements

- Valencia Hudson,  
City of Atlanta Liaison
- Atlanta Police Department

##### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Christina Bonaccorse
- Kelbi McCumber

##### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Julie Stephens

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###### Historic Preservation/Land Use

- Matt Wise
- 228 Powell Street

###### Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch

- Mitchel Watkins & Peter Knudsen

###### CI Connect

- Lynne Splinter & Barbara Harper

###### NPU

- Ed Lindahl

###### Hospitality Committee

- Karen Russian

##### 5. Old Business

- Gaskill Estoria Memorial Committee  
(formerly Memorial Visioning)

##### 6. Old Business

##### 7. Public Input

The Community Center is located at 177 Estoria Street. If you have an item to add to the agenda, please email [cniaboard@gmail.com](mailto:cniaboard@gmail.com).

### 7.79 Inches...

Cabbagetown received 7.79" of rainfall in the month of April 2015. Our thirty year April average is 3.36". That's a surplus of 4.43". For the year, we have harvested 19.28" which has resulted in a modest 1.54" surplus for the year.

## Celebrating Fifteen Years

Of Serving Cabbagetown in a Multitude of Ways.



*Chef Jack Sobel hard at work preparing one of Agave's signature dishes.*

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Fifteen years ago, principal founder Jack Sobel had a dream of transforming an old, rundown Fulton Cotton Mill general store into a premiere New Mexican eatery.

Over the years, patrons and critics alike have heaped awards and accolades upon Agave Restaurant... and Agave gives as well as it receives. Jack, managing partner Tim Pinkham

and General manager Stewart Kranz (and the entire Agave staff) have supported nearly every humanitarian and civic effort Cabbagetown has undertaken. It is hard to imagine our little neighborhood without Agave. And we are lucky to have such talented and dedicated neighbors. Thanks for everything Agave.

**Urban  
Sprawl**  
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# Cabbagetown NEIGHBOR

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# President's letter

By Katherine Dirga, President, CNIA



**KATHERINE DIRGA**

*I love that time every year when you know for sure there won't be another freeze, and for a few weeks the temperatures and humidity will be at human levels.*

Atlanta in springtime is one of our best looks. And with spring come more visitors to our parks, cafés, and bars which means a bit less parking on our streets. I put a call out to the neighborhood for folks

to join our Parking and Traffic Task Force and we had a good response, but the more the merrier. Parking is the thorn in our side at the moment, but traffic flow through the neighborhood will become a big deal as soon as the development on Memorial Drive ramps up. To participate, email: [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com)

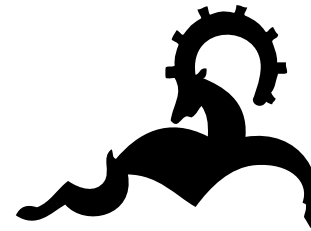
And to that point, we've already had developers in the monthly CNIA meetings asking for variances and sharing their plans. Especially if you live near Memorial Drive, this impacts you, and so you might want to try to attend to some meetings or join the Task Force. The decisions made by just a few dozen folks in these meetings will affect all of Cabbagetown for years to come.

May also means that in one month Cabbagetown will lose our de facto artist-in-residence Sam Parker, who is moving to Boulder. Sam is a well-known local artist, and for the past three years he's been the head of Wallkeepers, and the force behind the murals on the CSX Wall.

With Peter Ferrari, he painted our "Cabbagetown" entry to Krog Tunnel and has coordinated all those great artists whose paintings we've enjoyed since 2012. So if you see him, say thanks. It's a whole lot of work, and he will be missed. Peter Ferrari will be taking over Wallkeepers in June – look for more greatness to come!

Lastly, **Chomp** planning is getting underway again. Several of our Chomp emeriti are ready to move on, so we have some open positions on the committee. So if your only Chomp experience to date is scarfing chili; the Chomp committee is working on a manual that will make all the areas practically turnkey. Practically...

The mosquitos are stirring and the humidity's doubtless on its way, so make the most of every beautiful May day if you can, and if we see each other around, don't hesitate to give me a piece of your mind.



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# Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Cabbagetown Hall (Community Center).  
Minutes Recorded by Christina Bonaccorse.

Meeting began at 7:01p – and was conducted by Katherine Dirga.

## 1. Welcome and Announcements

- Valencia Hudson, City of Atlanta. Not in Attendance
- Atlanta Police Department, Lt. Floyd in attendance.  
3 robberies in the past 28 days, caught two of the three perps.  
Spike in robberies overall in zone six.  
No residential robberies in Cabbagetown or Reynoldstown.  
Two car theft attempts on Pearl Street.  
Caught a few people involved in auto thefts in Candler Park. Perps admitted that they are coming into the community via **Marta**.  
Arrests made from the **Kroger** on Ponce shooting.

## 2. Minutes of Last Meeting – Christina Bonaccorse

- March Minutes approved.

## 3. Treasurer's Report – Julie Stephens

- \$12,036
- Financial Statement will be posted in the newspaper.

## 4. Committee and Other Reports

- Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch
- Propose that Pete Knudsen step in while Laura is away.
- More regular info from public safety will be posted in the Newspaper.
- Mitch stated that greater attendance is needed for the neighborhood watch training so that Cabbagetown can continue having the neighborhood watch signs. Will reschedule training date when possible. Need residents who can attend to accumulate the needed points.
- Pav. Going to the UDC on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## CI Connect – Lynne Splinter & Barbara Keeney

- Tova: 1. Board meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month.
- 2. Signed a contract with an individual to help with sponsorship for **Chomp & Stomp**. This individual will make 20% of amount what he/she brings in. A citizen asked for parameters for the sponsor. Tova is unsure of what is in the contract. Will have sponsorship levels. This citizen asked about changes in concessions like **Sweet Water**, etc. Katherine stated that the Chomp committee is still working on the details of these items.
- 3. Will be reordering poop bags for another two to three months for the parks. Poop bags will be sponsored by **Wag-a-lot**.
- 4. Community Building maint. Issues - Basement drainage/water/mold issues. Have contacted the city with no response as of yet. We are going to get an estimate for repairs.

## NPU – Ed Lindahl

- Notification to amend the NPU by-laws
- 1. Name change community center – all in favor: 25 people.
- 2. Way wording is: all in favor.

## Historic Preservation/Land Use – Matt Wise

• 202 Carroll – Russell sent plans around. An addition/renovation. Met with HP. Only facade change is a window. Staircase on side will be replaced by concrete staircase. A citizen asked if parking is planned depending on the use. They are not on the next HP agenda. Does CNIA want to send a letter to support? The next step is to go to UDC in May. Can address the parking question at a future HP meeting. All were in favor of the motion as long as HP follows-up with parking questions.

• 265 Iswald – adding 500sqft addition on an 800sqft house. 1200 sqft. Want to turn into a 2bd/2 bath single-family house. Has a driveway. HP asks for a motion to support with no variances. All were in favor.

• 742 Memorial - Lot on Memorial between Estoria & Pearl. Will be meeting with the UDC on April 22<sup>nd</sup> UDC. 4.5 story in front, 5 live/work units off Estoria. Asking for height variance for screen wall. Dumpster variance per design between building and the street. 27 condo units. 3 stories off Estoria and 2 on the back. Brick facade similar to **The Stacks**.

Conducted a shadow study as well. Using poured-in place concrete with brick to create an industrial feel. 61 parking spots increased from 45 originally. The added layer includes the elevator shaft. Will be using the existing foundations per inspection. HP does not want to set precedence for other Memorial properties with the height variances because it is an existing and partially developed property. Looking to start around Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.

Matt said he is willing to write a letter to the UDC that it shouldn't be precedence. A concerned citizen asked about the recourse of parking from the UDC. How do we as a community control the parking space? The developer stated that it's per code. Cabbagetown is different. This all goes through business zoning for code review for the businesses. Business zoning is getting stricter for parking.

HP's recommendation is that CNIA support the height variance. Motion made to support plan as it is per the variances as proposed with the conditions from HP.

Variance One for height – 1 opposed.

Screen wall – all were in favor.

Dumpster – one opposed.

## Hospitality Committee – Karen Russian. Not in attendance

## 5. New Business

- Parking Think Tank/Traffic study committee – Katherine will put up a sign-up sheet. Monthly meetings.
- Old Forth Ward – Jennifer, Director of O4W Business Association. Fundraiser on Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Go to: [www.fireinthe4th.com](http://www.fireinthe4th.com). Street Closures 11a – 7p on Edgewood Avenue and Auburn Avenue.
- New Gmail: [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com)

## 6. Public Input

Meeting adjourned at 7:58p.

Thanks to all in attendance for a healthy conversation.



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# Elevator Muzak

By Bill Phillips, Cabbagehead from The Stacks



**BILL PHILLIPS**

*It's so easy to talk to people in elevators. Here is how I do it:*

I talk about the weather.

Maybe this doesn't make me the best conversationalist. It dooms me. I can only be as cheery as the weather itself is. I've tried doing the opposite: "Rainy weather? I actually like it. The sound of the rain on the roof is soothing to me."

I'm fooling myself when I say that: when it's raining outside, Chauncey likes to pee in the elevator, where it is not so wet. Chauncey is a dog, which grants him certain privileges, but this act oversteps them. And I would be lying if I said cleaning that up brightened up my day.

Yet I do lie. I want to brighten up the day for my elevator mates. I do this by arguing with them about the weather. It's not working.

Of course, the whole reason I'm talking about this is that we can talk about the weather and be perfectly happy much of the time recently. It's spring! And things are happening. The world pops up, people get married, dogs take off their little sweaters – rebirth comes for one and all.

I'm not happy this week, though. When winter holes me up inside it, I don't like it very much. I apparently don't like it when the season connects with people, either.

More than anything, getting out of the house and talking to people has gotten me in touch with a status anxiety that is so much larger than I had guessed, although I should've known. I've talked about the fence around *The Stacks* before, about the worry that bubbles up when I see huge swaths of new development for upscale markets near our beloved Cabbagetown. So I knew there was a strong thread of envy and defensiveness sitting in there.

*Who knew it was threaded so deep, though?* Spring brings out the pretty girls in their dresses, but I can't say one word to them without thinking about who they are, where they come from, about what our relationship might say about me, and about who I am. Who should I play music with? Where should I go to church?

I eventually end up just going out and doing whatever it is. Play the song, make the friend, go outside in the sunshine and get burned a bit.

*It can only start when the cross-examination ends, though.*

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# Two Michaels – Beer in Atlanta

By Tom Deardorff



**TOM  
DEARDORFF**

*There are two guys named Michael who are buried right across from each other at Oakland Cemetery.* They are Michael Kenny and Michael Kries. Both were very involved in the beer business in 19<sup>th</sup> century Atlanta.

In 1866, a brewery opened near the intersection of what are now known as Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard and Metropolitan Parkway (if you've been

around Atlanta a while, that would be Stewart Avenue & Gordon St.). It was called The **Fulton Brewery** owned and operated by one Michael Kries.

They brewed lager and ale. Mr. Kries also operated a saloon in association with the Fulton Brewery. It was located right downtown in present-day **Woodruff Park**. They sold beer for 5 cents a glass. And with that, you also got a "free lunch". The free lunch consisted mainly of pretzels, salt-cured meats, sour pickles and other foods that engendered thirst.

So, a patron would have their 5 cent glass a beer, have a salty pretzel and be thirsty again. They sold a lot of beer.

Newspapers in 1866 stated that the Fulton Brewery would "... take any quantity orders and supply families in small quantities by keg, gallon or otherwise". This was the beginning of the growler business. Folks back then drank a pretty fair amount of beer. Often families would send one of the kids to the brewery with a pail for beer to have with their supper. It was safer to drink than the water. On the way home, the beer would begin to release carbon dioxide and it would bubble a "growl". Thus, the origin of the term.

Mr. Kries' Fulton Brewery had a short life. It closed in the early 1870s due to Mr. Kries' poor business skills. Possibly because of all his financial difficulties, Mr. Kries does not even have a dedicated marker at Oakland.

Right across the walkway from Mr. Kries' plot is the final resting place of Michael E. Kenny, one of the more famous of Atlanta's saloon owners. He was a colorful Irish immigrant and quite the daredevil. Mr. Kenny also operated the Chicago Ale Depot on Pryor Street. He brought in beer from Chicago (and many other areas of the country) and wholesaled it to saloons all around Atlanta.



*The statue of Michael Kenny at Kenny's Alley in Underground Atlanta.*

The beer was brought here in the cooler months and stored in cellars where it could be kept relatively cool until it was delivered. Most people preferred the lager style, but it required cooler and longer fermentation.

Eventually distributors built special cellars and installed cooling equipment to keep the lager for longer periods.

Mr. Kenny was a hard living kind of guy and was quite famous in Atlanta in the 1860s. His fame was completely established by the manner of his death.

At the 1870 Georgia State Fair, Mr. Kenny entered a jousting tournament. He had a very spirited horse. The horse bolted as he began his jousting run and threw poor Michael head first into a post. He died immediately. He was 32.

Some of you may have visited **Underground Atlanta**, or at least you have heard of it. It

was one of Atlanta's hottest entertainment locales a few decades ago. And there are still some restaurants, clubs and retail establishments there. One of the passageways in **Underground** is called **Kenny's Alley** in memory of the departed jouster. Right in the middle of Kenny's Alley is a stellar bronze statue of none other than Michael Kenny resplendent in his long apron and sleeve garters. Looks like he's all set to serve up a tall cold one.

# Silent Auction for Wilderness Works

By John Jarrett

Come join us on May 8<sup>th</sup> at **One Twelve Gallery** for a silent auction benefitting **Wilderness Works**. Last month we packed out the **Dine Out for Wilderness Works** at **Agave**. Thank you so much for your support. This month we invite you to eat, drink, and be merry

while bidding on items such as local art, gift certificates from local businesses, and even a paddleboard excursion.



Wilderness Works, a non-profit located here in Cabbagetown, has been empowering disadvantaged and at-risk children living in urban Atlanta with year-round experiential education, recreation, and outdoor adventure since 1997!

Wilderness Works continues to serve needy children in partnership with **Atlanta Mission (My Sister's House), City of Refuge, Nicholas House, Project Healthy Grandparents, Salvation Army Red Shield** and **The United Methodist Children's Home**.

Wilderness Works children also enjoy year-round field trips to area venues including the **Atlanta Zoo, Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta Botanical Gardens,** and **Stone Mountain**. Other fun activities include bowling, roller-skating and attendance at sporting events.

Wilderness Works exists through donations and volunteers, both of which are very much needed and can be accessed through our website at [www.wildernessworks.org](http://www.wildernessworks.org).

We are hosting a fundraiser silent auction to raise money to send over 200 children to summer camps, so please come join us for Kids to Camp Silent Auction on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p inside One Twelve Gallery at 112 Krog Street, Suite 5 – Located just across the street from the **Krog Street Market**. Beer, Wine, and Hors d'oevres will be provided.

Get tickets for \$15 in advance at [kidstocamp.eventbrite.com](http://kidstocamp.eventbrite.com) or \$20 dollars at the door. It would be amazing to have a great neighborhood turn out to support an amazing, energetic, and worthy neighborhood organization!



# The Wall Keepers

By Samuel Parker

As the Chair of the **Cabbagetown Wall Keepers** since 2012 It has been my pleasure to increase the amount of art along the Wylie and Tennelle CSX wall.

Though it is not possible to please all people at all the times, it is my hope that most of your lives have been enriched by the contributions of the artists who have collaborated with the Wall Keepers. I am sad to say that I am leaving Cabbagetown in June of this year, but happy to be moving to Boulder Colorado. I have lived and worked in the neighborhood since 2005 and have never felt more at home than I have this past decade.

Wall Keepers is currently looking for a future chair to head projects and for neighborhood residents to participate in upcoming projects. Several residents have expressed interest, and all residents are welcome to help. For inquiries email me at [ceroakb@gmail.com](mailto:ceroakb@gmail.com)

**Editor's Note:** On behalf of all Cabbageheads, The Cabbagetown Neighbor thanks Sam for all he's done to make our little neighborhood a great place to live. Godspeed Sam!



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# Cabbagetown Prom: Glam & Glitz!

By Jessica von Schlichten

It's finally springtime in Cabbagetown, and you know what that means: As our yards bloom and show off our beautiful neighborhood, we shine up our dancing shoes and don our very best threads for our annual fundraiser...Cabbagetown Prom!

Join us at the Community Center on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7p to 12p for the annual Cabbagetown Prom. The theme is "Glam and Glitz" which means there is a little something for everyone. Who doesn't love an excuse to get dressed to the 9's and have a party for a great cause? Whether you revisit your 80's hair band phase or bring out your inner diva, you're sure to have a great time dancing the night away! Kids, bring your fancy dancing shoes from 7p-8p. Big kids get your glitz on until the DJ plays that last song - you know the one that ends up with a make out session in the back seat of your car.

Neighbors and friends, please join us in this effort to have fun and raise money for the improvement of our community that we love to call home. Spread the word and invite your friends! We need

volunteers and donations of mixers and liquor for the event. If you'd like to volunteer or donate, please e-mail Jessica von Schlichten at [mysticlotusyoga@gmail.com](mailto:mysticlotusyoga@gmail.com) or Ashley McCartney at [ashmccartney@gmail.com](mailto:ashmccartney@gmail.com)

Admission is \$15/person or \$10/person if volunteering/donating. This price includes adult and non-adult beverages, food, a super fun DJ, the opportunity to get gussied up in all your glam and be immortalized in vintage style prom photos with all your favorite people (\$5), Cabbagetown corsages and boutonnieres (\$5 each) and the priceless feeling of supporting your community.

Thanks to our sponsors: *Agave, Little's, Milltown Tavern, 97 Estoria, Homegrown, Six Feet Under, Sweet Cheats, DJ Vonschlicky* and *French Market Flowers* for making this fund raising event possible!

Tickets, photos, and corsages/boutonnieres can be pre-purchased online at [mkt.com/cabbagetown-initiative-cdc](http://mkt.com/cabbagetown-initiative-cdc), or at the door Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## GRUMBLES

THIS WEEK'S TRUE EPISODE:  
SLEEPY-NIGH-NIGH...

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# The rear view mirror

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Quirky. One-of-a-kind. Colourful: All words uniquely associated with the history of Cabbagetown. Here is a look back on the month of May through the years...

## 1982

According to Priscilla House, the average rent paid in Cabbagetown was between \$50 and \$75 per month.

## 1993

Slim Chance and the Convicts, along with Joyce Brookshire, were headlining the Cabbagetown Reunion Day, rebranded as "Cabbagetown Hoedown 1993" that year: Why? Evidently there were some shady shenanigans during the 1992 celebration. Ronnie Edwards and the Police Athletic League were working together to create sporting events to keep them pesky kids from committing shady shenanigans.

## 1994

During an eclipse of the sun, CNIA was incorporated in 1994. What was one of the first official problems they set out to solve? Truancy.

## 1997

Zone Six reported \$350,000 worth of drug seizures, 80 weapons arrests and 370 drug related arrests. Hunter S. Thompson was still alive back then. But there is no proof that he was living in Cabbagetown at the time of this activity.

## 1998

The Bureau of Cultural Affairs was organizing an "About Us" project. The goal was to get three generations from families in Cabbagetown, and allow each generation to tell their Cabbagetown story.

## 2000

220 Berean Street sold for \$135,000 (Zillow reports that it recently sold for \$264,000). Cabbagetown was throwing a "pot-luck dinner" on the site that would soon become Cabbagetown Park.

## 2002

CNIA voted on and approved a six month moratorium on new home construction in Cabbagetown.

## 2003

A female "acquaintance" stole a checkbook from a male after "visiting" his loft at the **Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts**. She promptly cashed \$8000 worth of bad checks. We had another shady character walking around the neighborhood and posing as a social worker. She was attempting to steal social security numbers from seniors. We had raised a total of \$4,000 towards the creation of Cabbagetown Park. 152 Savannah Street sold for \$130,000.

## 2006

**Milltown Lofts** Unit 204 sold for \$288,000. Tim Sullivan wrote an article about John Dirga who was living on Carroll Street at the time. John had just finished his art installation and performance at **97 Estoria** titled: "The Triple Suck."

## 2007

**Milltown Tavern** began hosting the short lived "Pogo Sticks Wednesdays" for pogo stick enthusiasts.

## 2008

Al Roker and **The Today Show** spent the day with **Wilderness Works**. Dominique Wilkins stood side-by-side with founder Bill Mickler and talked on national TV about all the good things Wilderness Works was doing for our area youth.

## 2009

Cabbagetown was mourning the death of Tony Clack, a man who lived most of his sixty-four years in Cabbagetown. Tony was known for his colourful stories and one-of-a-kind phrases. He was the first Cabbagehead to create a rock garden at his home, and he decorated it every Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Before he passed, he said "My heart is in failure, but there is nothing wrong with my tongue."

## 2010

Cabbagetown was gearing up for "**Soccerfest**": A big ol' party at Cabbagetown Park with a giant screen that broadcasted the World Cup soccer match between England and The United States. USA scored a tie in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute, sending throngs of Cabbageheads into raucous euphoria.

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# EstoriaFest 2015

By Kyle F. Bidlack

**And on the seventh day, God rested.** Then on the eighth day he decided to celebrate all he had done, and so created "EstoriaFest 2015".

Even if you can't walk on water, head on over to one of Cabbagetown's favor gathering spots on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4p. 97 Estoria and PBR know how to have a damn good time.

**Music:** *Sealions, Illegal Drugs (members of Turf War, Hawks, and Husseins), Landline (members of Carnivores and Balkans) This Piano Plays Itself, A Drug Called Tradition (members of Tikka and Abby Go Go)* a few more bands might be added as the event draws near.

**Events:** PBR Can BB Gun Shoot Out. All Male Wet T-Shirt Contest judged by **Lady Fingers Moto**. Pizza Eating Contest And a Super Rad PBR Swag Raffle! Plus DJ's and an after+party that goes all night 'til close!

You can expect a \$5 cover charge. This is a twenty-one and over event. Both sinners and saints are welcome.

# Chomp and Stomp 2015

By Whitney Cheesbro



**WHITNEY  
CHEESBRO**

**Hiya Cabbagetown!** I wanted to drop a note in the newspaper to let y'all know that the 2015 **Chomp and Stomp** planning is about to begin.

We have a great crew of returning committee members and are sending a 'hood wide shout-out for others who want to be a part of the best little neighborhood festival in town!

For any newcomers, here are some pertinent:

**Cabbagetown Beginnings:** Cabbagetown exists as it is today because of the Appalachian folks who came down out of the mountains for jobs with **The Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill** (what we know today as **The Stacks and Fulton Cotton Mill Lofts**). They were a close knit group that kept to their porches where they shared their stories and rich folk music.

Unfortunately things changed with the closing of the mill in 1978. Our little milltown began to show signs of poverty and crime in the late the 70s early 80s. But you can't keep a good 'hood down. There was an abundance of housing with affordable rent which attracted both artist and musician alike. They appreciated Cabbagetown for its cheap rent, quiet streets, and simple shot gun homes.



*Chomp and Stomp volunteers know how to have a good time.*

They revived this community and kept alive a bit of that Appalachian culture by sticking to their porches for entertainment and building a tight knit neighborhood.

**Why we have Chomp and Stomp:** In the process of growing Cabbagetown, a few good souls (won't list the names because I will forget someone important but you know

who you are), have built not one, but two beautiful parks for our neighborhood. Cabbagetown Initiative, CDC is the local nonprofit that is in charge of maintaining our parks and our Cabbagetown Community Center.

In honor of the Mill workers rich culture, the artist's vision, musicians talent, and to raise funds to maintain our parks and community center, Cabbagetown now throws a big ol' party every year. We have a **Romp** (5k run), **Chomp** (Chili cook-off), **Stomp** (best Bluegrass and Americana music that Music Director John Dirga can buy), and an ever expanding Artist Market. The pop up porch jams were a huge hit last year, so if you want to host a band on your porch give us a shout!

**Be a part of the action:** We have started the preparation planning and here is your chance to pitch in and have your voice heard (and have the time of your life!). We are looking for committee members and volunteers! This is a neighborhood team effort and we have a great crew returning with a wealth of Chomp knowledge. If you are interested, hit us up at [chompandstomp@gmail.com](mailto:chompandstomp@gmail.com).

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# Got a question, great idea, or major malfunction?

Talk to your Neighborhood Board directly.  
Cabbagetown Neighborhood  
Improvement Association  
email: [cabbagechat@gmail.com](mailto:cabbagechat@gmail.com)

**Emails will be returned  
within 24 hours.**

# Your Bucket List

By Skyler Waldrop Minter

## **Shaky Knees Music Festival**

**Saturday - Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>, Central Park**

Sure, tickets range from \$99 to \$225, but with the likes of Wilco, The Avett Brothers, The Strokes, Pixies, Social Distortion, Ryan Adams, Mastodon, Interpol, Spiritualized, Kaiser Chiefs, The Black Lips, Real Estate, Built to Spill, The Whiskey Gentry, Surfer Blood, and The Dead Milkmen... we don't think too many folks will be complaining. And it's all within walking distance.

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

## **Kids to Camp Silent Auction. Friday, May 8th, 7:30-11:30p**

**The Stove Works, 112 Krog Street NE, Studio 112**

This summer we will be sending over 200 kids to camp. Come support Wilderness Works – have fun while bidding on lots of great items. All proceeds will go to help Wilderness Works. Music, beer, wine, and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

[www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-to-camp-silent-auction-wilderness-works-tickets-16106720635?aff=efbevent](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-to-camp-silent-auction-wilderness-works-tickets-16106720635?aff=efbevent)

## **Pick'n in Grant Park BBQ Festival**

**Saturday-Sunday, May 8 and 9th – Grant Park**

The Grant Park Conservancy will be presenting the first Annual PICK'N IN GRANT PARK BBQ and Music Festival. Featuring Atlanta's best professional and amateur BBQ competition surrounded by rockin' music and plenty of activities for the kids!

[www.grantparkbbq.org/home.html](http://www.grantparkbbq.org/home.html)

## **Kirkwood Spring Fling and 5K**

**Saturday, May 16th at Bessie Branham Park**

Get a warm welcome to the Kirkwood neighborhood with all the family-friendly fun of the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Kirkwood Spring Fling & Tour of Homes. Start the day off with their 5K, stroll through the Artist Market, catch some live music with a bite to eat from local vendors or the BBQ competition, and let the kids go wild in the Kids Area. Best of all, admission is free. [www.kirkwoodfling.com](http://www.kirkwoodfling.com)

## **East Atlanta Beer Fest**

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Brownwood Park, EAV**

Enjoy 230+ amazing craft beers in shade-filled Brownwood Park. 100% of ALL proceeds go back to East Atlanta Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, best known for writing a million dollars in grants to give back to Atlanta in the last 12 years. This gives you a reason to drink great beer while you are helping support Atlanta all kinds of amazing local projects. [www.eastatlantabeerfest.com](http://www.eastatlantabeerfest.com)

## **Decatur Arts Festival**

**Saturday - Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Downtown Decatur**

Decatur comes alive Memorial Day weekend with continuous musical entertainment and over 160 artists displaying their work. Enjoy a Fine Arts Exhibition, Kid's Festival, Theater and Literary Arts, New Dance, Artists Market and more.

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# Urban Planning... At It's Worst

By Kyle F. Bidlack

**Thrillist.com** recently published its list of the nine (not ten: Ten is so predictable and cliché) worst designed cities around the world. And since you are reading this in the Cabbagetown Neighbor and you live and breathe the inglorious labyrinth of Terminus, you've probably already surmised that Atlanta made the list.

**You're a smart cookie.** Jakarta, Indonesia. Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Naypyidaw, Myanmar. São Paulo, Brazil. Boston, United States of America. Brasilia, Brazil. Missoula, Montana, and Dhaka, Bangladesh. They all made the list for a wide variety of reasons. But the Thrillist saved their most scathing critique for little ol'

Atlanta. "The traffic here is legendarily awful, due in large part to the massive urban sprawl that resulted from A-Town's boom in the '80s and '90s; the fact that the Interstate 75/85 connector sits smack dab in the middle of downtown Atlanta just exacerbates the problem. These astronomical congestion problems could, of course, be alleviated by the presence of effective mass transit, except Atlanta's hamstrung by the woefully inadequate MARTA system: a plus-shaped subway line whose much-needed expansion is perennially blocked by special interests."

To that we say, "Yup. Agreed." (Editor's note: This article was written while sitting in a traffic jam on the connector).

## 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
742 Kirkwood 4 Units: 4 BD/4 BA	\$415,000

### HOUSES

Pending	Price
102 Estoria St. 2 BD/1 BA	\$299,900
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141 Pearl St. 4 BD/3 BA	\$565,000
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For Sale	Asking
<b>The Stacks</b> Unit H510 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$299,000
Unit H427 1 BD/1 BA	\$230,000
Unit H316 1 BD/1 BA	\$229,900
Unit D202 1 BD/1 BA	\$225,000
<b>Milltown Lofts</b> Unit 707 1 BD/1 BA	\$165,000

### COMMERCIAL

For Sale	Price
582 Decatur St.	\$4,500,000
1270 Memorial	\$399,000
1270 Memorial	\$319,000
1072 Memorial	\$189,900
616 Memorial	\$340,000

PENDING

### CONDOS & LOFTS

Contingent	Price
<b>Milltown Lofts</b> Unit 510 1 BD/1 BA	\$174,900
<b>The Stacks</b> Unit H114 1 BD/1 BA	\$210,000
Pending	Price
<b>The Stacks</b> Unit E315 2 BD/2 BA	170 Blvd \$459,000
Unit H525 2 BD/2 BA	\$379,000
Unit E210 2 BD/2 BA	\$299,900
Unit E310 2 BD/2 BA	\$299,000
Unit E203 2 BD/2 BA	\$290,000
Unit H127 1 BD/1 BA	\$210,000
Unit H412 1 BD/1 BA	\$210,000
<b>Milltown Lofts</b> Unit 1102 2 BD/2 BA	\$257,750
Unit 601 2 BD/1 BA	\$210,000

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### CONDOS & LOFTS

Sold	Price
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