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Little Rhody
is **BIG!**
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"No human race is superior; no religious faith is inferior. All collective judgments are wrong. Only racists make them." ~ Elie Wiesel

Neighborhood Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 7p at the Cabbagetown Community Center.

6:45p: Networking and Snacks

7p: Meeting Begins

1. **Welcome and Announcements**
2. **Valencia Hudson – City of Atlanta**
3. **Lt. Floyd – Atlanta Police Department**
4. **Financial Report**
5. **Committee and Other Reports**
 - **Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch – Peyton Stinson**
 - **CI Connect – Karin Kane**
 - **NPU – John Dirga**
 - **Need a New Alternate NPU Rep**
 - **Historic Preservation/Land Use – Nicole Seekely**

138 Savannah Street

- **Transportation Committee – Richard Joyce**
 - **Website Update – Katie Moore-Smith**
 - **Hospitality Committee – Karen Russian**
 - **Tentative: Imagine Memorial Update – Greg Giuffrida**
6. **New Business**
 - **Election of Members: At-Large CNIA Executive Committee Member (1)**
 - **Need New Transportation Chair**

Adjournment

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

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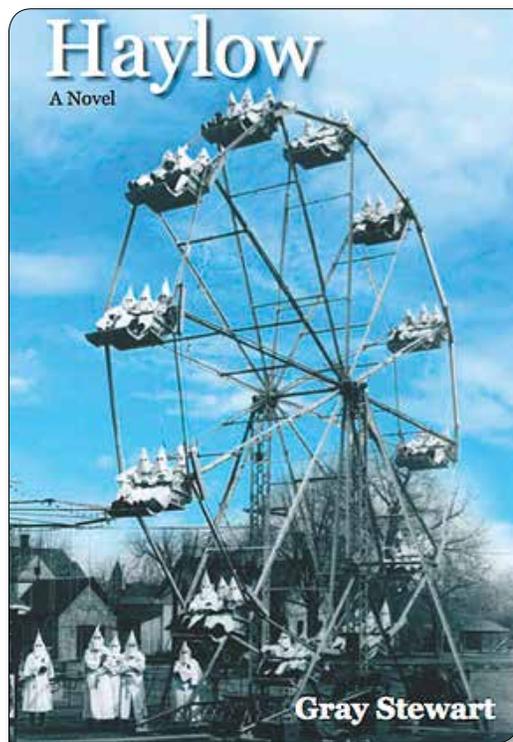
On Aug. 24th, Jacqueline Edwards let us all know that an engagement ring was found outside of **Carroll St Cafe**.

Luis at **97 Estoria** is holding it for it's rightful owner. Bravo!

Disecting The South

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Many of us dream about writing the great American novel. And most of us have good stories to tell. But few follow through. Long-time Cabbagehead Gray Stewart has followed through. With vigor.



Haylow: A Novel, by Gray Stewart.

Haylow explores how storytelling shapes what we believe about race in the South. Both comic and tragic, it considers the ways we miscommunicate across the racial divide.

Travis Hemperly is a white southerner who has never been the minority in any room he's ever entered. He has also just joined the history faculty at a historically black college in Atlanta. Off campus, he rekindles a relationship with an old flame, and life looks bright—until he begins to suspect that a family member

witnessed a lynching as a child. Complicating matters, his father is now a talk show host for WCTR—Confederate Talk Radio—whose listeners debate whether slavery was wrong.

"Not since Toole's *A Confederacy of Dunces* has there been such a smart and hilarious dissection of Southern culture and manners. Stewart cuts a satirical swath through the booby-trapped territory of race politics in contemporary



Gray Stewart.

Atlanta. *Haylow* is destined to become a classic of Southern American literature." Says Anthony Grooms.

Gray Stewart's life story reflects ways the South has changed and how it hasn't. He is a third generation

Atlantan but spent more than a decade on the faculty of Morehouse College, a historically African American men's college, where he taught the fiction workshop from 2000-2010.

He has also worked as a paramedic at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta's lifeline for the indigent and one of the busiest Level 1 trauma centers in the country. These experiences have given him a unique vantage point from which to describe "the city too busy to hate."

Gray's novel is available for purchase now. A hard cover copy costs \$22, and paperback is only \$12.95. Get your copy at: graystewart.com

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Roll Call!**
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President's letter



KATHERINE DIRGA

I'm not headed back to school, and I don't have family members headed back to school, although the dog probably needs to go back to school, but September always feels like new possibilities and a fresh start to me. Also a time to take a look at what's happening through the end of the year, as the next few months become a kind of downhill slalom to year's end.

Some stuff to think about as we head into fall and the holidays: **Chomp** planning has begun in earnest! Sign up for the **Romp**, chip in a couple-three hours as a volunteer, (we need around 500 to throw the fest!) and look out for the pre-Chomp cleanup morning in October. Is painting the **Krog Tunnel** on your bucket list? That's gotta get done too. Many ways to pitch in, and everyone is needed. The **Chomp & Stomp** pays for annual parks maintenance and community center upkeep, and it uses every penny.

At the July CNIA meeting we talked about the exploratory committee to bring **Cabbagetown Initiative** in as a committee of **CNIA**. At the moment that's only an idea but the investigation should be picking up steam in the next month. Our queen of all things social media and web, Katie Moore-Smith, is working on merging the two websites now. So whether or not the two orgs are eventually blended, you should at least have just one place to find Cabbagetown information from now on.

Finally, I'm very sorry to report that we are losing Richard Joyce, our amazing Transportation Chair, to some other very lucky neighborhood, and we need to identify someone to carry the torch. Richard built the committee up and if you're willing and a little bit thrilled about things like traffic plans and urban environments, he can walk you through what it takes to save Cabbagetown from the oncoming giant hug of tourist parking and traffic we can count on as the **Beltline** extends past Memorial. Come to the September CNIA meeting if you're interested in learning more!

I hope to meet you or see you at the monthly meeting, or at our upcoming new neighbor party later this month! Have a beautiful September, one of Atlanta's best months, and write to CNIA with your questions, comments, or great ideas at cabbagechat@gmail.com

Doggie Treats

Matt Stacy reports that **Tapestry Church** has a little container of doggie treats at their door. Next time you are walking your dog down Savannah St., stop by and help yourself to a treat for your four-legged friend.

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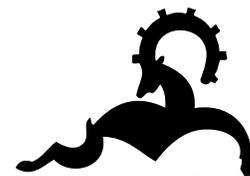
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Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association: General Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 7p at Cabbagetown Community Center.
Meeting conducted by Kristy Joseph. Minutes recorded by Peyton Stinson.

1. Valencia Hudson – City of Atlanta

Request for more trash cans at Krog Tunnel – maybe at least larger size. Valencia will tell Public Works to come out and cut the overgrowth on property on Tye at Memorial. Owner of building at Memorial and Boulevard was cited, has plans for a building on the site which will serve alcohol.

2. Atlanta Police Department (Zone 6 Precinct, Captain Gorlek)

In the past month, there were five reports of crime. Three car break-ins/entering. Please do not leave valuables in car. If you see someone “window shopping” please call 911 so the Police can respond. Half of all car break-ins were in cars that were left unlocked – phones, computers, guns. Residents are losing at least two guns a week with a high of seven guns lost in one week. Very few guns are taken in burglaries, most are during car break-ins. Don't leave anything in your car, please take everything inside. Comment from the audience – Idea to create a network of cameras that can be used to help solve crimes in the area. From Captain: If you have a camera that you can point towards the road, that is helpful. Tree canopies are the biggest issues with adding City cameras in the area as they block the view. Is CRSP keeping track of neighbors who have cameras? Plate Readers are used for serious crimes.

3. Financial Report (Dan Thompson)

End of July balance was \$9,054.20. Expenses included pizza for meeting, \$1850 in printing cost for newspaper, \$872 for liability insurance. Had \$910 in ads from Cabbagetown Neighbor. Deposited \$1000 today from CN ads.

4. Committee and Other Reports: CNIA Board Quarterly Meeting.

Summary notes are on website. Talked about making website more user friendly. Community Plan Update – Hulsey Yard redevelopment – add in language in our master plan so that it would not allow future industrial use. Make area more walkable and pedestrian friendly. Merging CNIA and CI – lots of questions about what are the differences between the two. Exploratory committee to see how the merge would work out. Hot topics: Porch parties, etc.

Public Safety (Peyton Stinson). Neighborhood Night Out – Dan Thompson. This is the 1st year Cabbagetown did it – had reps from APD, Fire, Code enforcement, district attorney, couple dozen neighbors are out here. Atlanta Fire Citizens Fire Academy – 8 weeks, one night a week – go through all things that fire fighters experience. Starts in September. Atlanta Fire Rescue Training Academy, www.atlantaga.gov.

CI Connect (Karen). Planning for **Chomp & Stomp** has begun – Nathan and Whitney Bolster are the chairs. Already had one meeting, they have another one planned for Wednesday, August 17th at 7p. Check **Nextdoor** for updates on meeting dates and times. They are still seeking volunteers. The proceeds go to fund the upkeep of the parks and greenspaces.

Work day to weed Triangle Park (Gaskill and Estoria) – date for event will be posted on Nextdoor and will be on a Saturday morning.

Community Garden: You can apply for a plot in the Spring. First Cabbagetown Cookbook has published. They are now soliciting new recipes for their next collection, that will fit in the binder. Check the newspaper for link to submit your recipes. If you have the story about the recipe include that too.

CI was gifted \$10,000 from Jake Elsas. Mission Statement: to provide Cabbagetown residents of historical ownership with assistance to address health and safety repairs within their homes. Must be a long term resident (since 1990), HVAC, electrical, ingress, egress, water intrusion up to \$2000 per home. Payments will be made directly to vendors. Already working with two family. Paul Freeman is working on this with CI – they need another volunteer to work on this committee. If interested let Karen, or Paul know.

NPU (Kristy Joseph). Parcel of land along Airline and Dekalb is going in for rezoning, NPU will keep people informed (O4W Distillery bldg).

Historic Preservation

• **152 Savannah Street** – Homeowner wants to remove some additions and create a new one. Setback changed from 24 feet to 8 feet (not smallest set back). Currently a 1/1 wants to add another bedroom. The HP supports this decision. Unanimously approved.

• **742 Memorial Drive** – Condos with townhomes on the side of the street “Cabbagetown Gateway”. Wants to change a lot of 1 bedrooms to 2 bedrooms (large sized units). In order to do this, he will need to change the location of the stair towers. They will stick out 3 extra feet just at the location of the stair towers. HP Committee recommends approval. Unanimous approval.

• **151 Savannah St** – New Construction. HP recommended approval. Very narrow lot 25 feet wide which will require a no off street parking variance. UDC also recommended this design with asking builder to reach out to neighbors. No neighbors have been contacted. 6 yays, 1 abstention.

Hospitality

New Neighbor Party will be on September 23rd, at Katie and Steve's Home (257 Pearl St).

Transportation Committee

- Natalyn Archibong is working on finding money for a transportation study in the neighborhood: Imagine Memorial (Greg Giuffrida). Tuesday Aug 23rd, 6p at Grady High School – **Boulevard Complete Streets Project.** 1st public meeting to get input from neighborhoods along Boulevard. Might be an opportunity to get a crosswalk put in at Carroll St.

Memorial Drive Greenway. Meeting Tuesday August 30th 6:30p at **Trees Atlanta** to discuss what you would want to be a part of this greenspace. Survey online. Check out Beltline website to see design for Bill Kennedy Way Memorial Drive GDOT traffic study – Street “Diet” to convert reversible lanes and have one lane each way with bike lanes.

Trolley Line, Meet The Beltline

By Kyle F. Bidlack

Waaaay way back in 1995, when Atlanta was investing like crazy in infrastructure in preparation for the Olympics, we created a path that followed the old streetcar route through Kirkwood. Currently, the path dead-ends at the border of Edgewood. But that could all change very soon.

The Trolley Line Trail is one of many projects that could soon see new life from Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) dollars — if approved by Atlanta voters.

During the first half of the last century, trolley cars and streetcars used to wind their way through Cabbagetown and Kirkwood to Agnes Scott College in Decatur on what was formerly the Atlanta-Decatur Trolley Line. That all ended once the automobile took a strange hold on the Atlanta psyché and city planners.



An Atlanta street car during the 1940s

The site states that "PATH constructed a trail on portions of the right-of-way before the Olympics. It parallels Woodbine Avenue and Oakview Road past Coan Middle School into Kirkwood. Future extensions will connect this trail to the Atlanta Beltline near Kirkwood and Flat Shoals avenues" in Reynoldstown. As you know, that's where the Beltline's Eastside Trail is currently being extended.

According to *WABE*, some revenue from the planned sales tax is earmarked for expansion and improvement of the *Atlanta Beltline*, too. Other funding could go to trail projects such as this one, as well as the Blue Heron Blueway and Lionel Hampton Trail extension.

According to City officials, the Trolley Line Trail could connect Edgewood and Kirkwood to the Beltline sometime around the year 2021... give or take. You know how city predictions go.

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Grant Park	\$289,508	\$336,325	\$390,590	+16.1%	+34.9%
Ormewood Park	\$271,182	\$267,035	\$337,472	+26.4%	+24.4%

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Poor little guy



**BILL
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Life has taken an introspective turn recently. I've been running, reading, meditating, going to church, and that's it. Even when I go out and see people, I've kept under my shell, scuttling back home to read comic books or do some interval runs after. It's gotten so bad that I've started trying to learn ancient Greek. *(We'll see how that goes.)*

I enjoy the hell out of a routine like that, but I also know it can't last forever. Even introverts like me need to get out of their own heads every once in a while. I might go postal or drink myself to death otherwise.

So it was tonight. I was in that routine, working through my comic book and fixing to pick up the Greek book when I heard from a friend about a dead rat that she had in her place over in Edgewood. Weighing the Greek against the rodent, I decided to head over. I grabbed a couple of dog poop bags and a trash bag and took off, figuring I'd have a quick disposal job ahead of me. I don't mind picking up dead animals.

When I got over there I couldn't find him at first. I looked where she thought he was, and found an empty bag. But then my friend yelled — there he was. Up on a modular rack shelf, caught in a snap trap.

He wasn't a rat, though, and he wasn't dead. He was a live little mouse. His legs hung off to the right, and the trap was across his midsection. He was looking around and sniffing at everything, silent.

I wasn't prepared for this. I knew that he was badly injured by the trap, and wouldn't survive on his own. So it seemed humane to kill the poor little friend.

Google always has the answer, of course — whether you want to make new friends, listen to prog rock, or kill a rodent with your bare hands, there's a tutorial out there. I grabbed some gloves and took the little trap out of the kitchen onto the back porch, where I put him on a table and prepared to kill him.

He looked as cute and damaged as before, but I was looking at him with that tutorial in my eyes. Steeling myself for action, I'd try to touch him. He'd get upset and squeal, though, so I'd back off.

Finally, I took a deep breath. I firmly and confidently grabbed the back of his head. Then I gave his tail a solid tug to try and sever his spinal cord.

I wish I could say it worked the first time, but it didn't — I didn't pull hard or fast enough, and he squealed in pain. The second time worked, though, and he was silent. All told, I think it took me ten or fifteen minutes.

Poor little guy. I said goodbye to him, put him in the trash bag, tied it up and put it in the curb can. And I hugged my friend, because I'd never killed an animal before. And then I went home and finished my comic book.

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Cabbagetown Roll Call

By Debbie Weeks

The Cabbagetown Welcome Roll Call Committee (CRC) is ready to "Roll Call" *again!* For those of you new to the neighborhood, we hold a welcome party twice a year to welcome our new neighbors to the neighborhood. ***It's a blast so don't miss out!***

Our next welcome party will be held on Friday, September 23rd, at the home of Katie Butler and Steve Seachrist, 257 Pearl Street at 7p. Yea Katie and Steve! Thank you! The CRC has had some incredible welcome parties so you don't want to miss this one!

To keep the momentum going, we need your help! We would like all existing neighbors to come to the party to welcome our new neighbors. Having said that, this is gonna be a PARTY!

We would like to extend a personal welcome to each and every new neighbor, provide you with a fact sheet about Cabbagetown and send you a personal invitation to the welcome party in September.



Steve and Katie and friends. They know how to party.

Cabbagetown is more than just a neighborhood. It's a state of mind – a state of being. And making the scene at the Roll Call Party let's the world know that ***you are here.***

So, if you have been here less than a year and we have not done this yet, please get in touch with the CRC by calling Karen at 404.422.3515, or Debbie at 404.272.1906 or email us at debbieweeks64@gmail.com (please type in the subject line: "new neighbor or roll call").

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Chompin' at the Bit

By Nathan Bolster

Hello fellow Cabbagetowners, neighbors, businesses, and those just passing through! The 14th Annual **Chomp & Stomp Chili Cookoff and Bluegrass Festival** is just a couple months away, can you believe it?

Pretty soon over 20,000 folks will be streaming through our streets looking for a place to park and wanting to know where to buy those chili spoons and Cabbagetown Cookbooks. Mark the date on your calendar for Saturday, November 5th 11a to 6p. Location is Cabbagetown Park, Esther Peachy LeFevre Park, and the surrounding streets.



The party that was. Chomp and Stomp 2015.

Please note that some of these street closures will include NO PARKING. The Chomp committee will make every effort to notify those houses effected by no street parking well in advance. **Remember: It's just once a year and it directly benefits your neighborhood. :)**

- Saturday, Nov. 5th 6a to 1p street closures**
- Wylie St from Estoria St to Tenelle St
 - Powell St from Tennelle St to Gaskill
 - Kirkwood Ave from Pearl St to Powell St
 - Gaskill St from Powell St to Fulton Terrace
 - Mollie Street
 - Short Street
 - Tye St from Wylie Street to Gaskill St
 - Estoria St from Wylie St to Gaskill Street

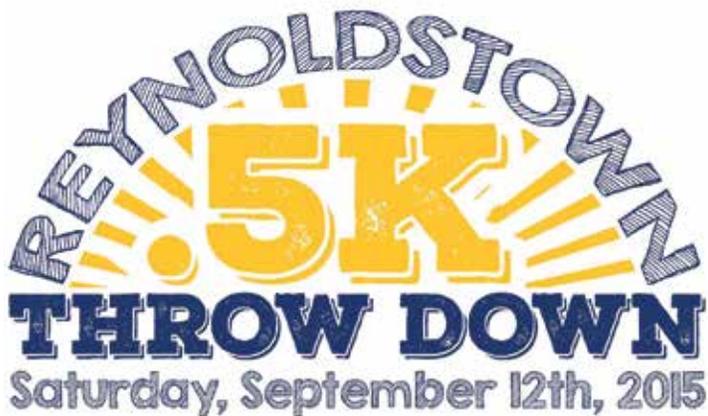
- Saturday November 5th from 6a to 9:30a**
- Carrol Street from Tennelle to Milltown Tavern to make room for the start of the Romp race.
 - The rest of the day Carroll St will be south bound only.

You can almost smell the cooler air (and chili) coming, right? The 2016 Chomp is going to be better than ever! And we hope you will consider volunteering. Watch this space for more info on how to volunteer and everything you need to know about Chomp 2016.

Throw Down!

By Hallie Lieberman

If you are training for the Romp, here is a perfect race to help you hit a training milestone!



The Reynoldstown Throw Down Festival and .5k Race is in a few short days. Ok, running around the block isn't going to help your training, but it will be fun and the proceeds go to the Reynoldstown Community!! The race takes off at 2p!

The Reynoldstown Throw Down happens on September 10th, 12p-6p in Manigault Park. Come on out for Great music, the 97 Estoria beer truck, food trucks & bbq, kids zone and yard games.



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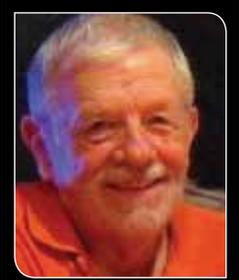
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When most folks hear "Rhode Island", the first thing that comes to mind is that it's the smallest state in the Union. On a map of the U.S. the name of the state won't even fit within its boundaries. And by the way, the official name of this tiny little state is "*Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*" – making it quite possibly the smallest state with the biggest name.

This little state is actually about the size of the Atlanta metro. While Atlanta metro's population is more than six million, the entire state of Rhode Island has just about a million folks.

Lyn and I just returned from a ten-day visit with our daughter, Julie, in Newport RI. It was just amazing. So much to do. So much to see and experience. So much seafood.

Julie met us at the Providence airport and on our way to Newport, we stopped at the legendary *Natunuck Oyster Bar*. Sitting out on the patio, we could see the salt marsh pond where they actually grow and harvest the delicious oysters they serve.

Then it was across the bridge to Newport on Aquidneck Island. The island is roughly 15 by 5 miles and contains three towns: Portsmouth, Middletown and Newport. Of course Newport is a major tourist destination. The summertime population of the island just about triples. First, there's an incredible collection of mansions, "summer cottages" built by America's wealthiest families around the turn of the 20th century. They line up along a cliff on the eastern side of the island overlooking the Atlantic.

The Vanderbilts, the Astors, the Morgans, Doris Duke (once known as the richest little girl in America) and others tried to outdo each other in opulence and size. Most of the mansions are open for tours and you can take the famous *Cliff Walk* and see them. One evening, Julie took us to Rosecliff (Doris Duke's little cottage) for an outdoor movie on the lawn. It was magical as we watched the movie and saw a full moon rise over the Atlantic.

But there is so much more on the island. Like beaches. When we southerners think of beaches, we think of long stretches of sand

bordered by high rise condos. Guess how many high rise condo buildings we saw at the beaches around Newport: ZERO. The houses are set back and the beaches are beautiful. The water was surprisingly warm, the sand soft and the beaches really weren't terribly crowded. We spent several afternoons lazing on the beach, swimming a bit, doing a bit of paddle boarding and soaking up the sun.

Newport is a really old and historic place. The first settlers came there more than 200 years before Atlanta was even a town.

Did I mention seafood? Wow! Swordfish, scallops, bluefish, halibut, cod, clams and those were just the ones we ate - all fresh. One night we picked up lobsters from *The Lobster Shack* on the town pier, steamed to order. Heaven!

Another day, we rented bikes and toured the *East Bay Bike Path*. We rode halfway across the entire state. OK, it was only about 20 miles but it was just beautiful cruising along the bay in full view of water and tall sailing ships.

Lighthouses abound in Rhode Island. We took the ferry to Rose Island, between Newport and Jamestown and toured the lighthouse that was built in 1870. Folks can actually spend the night in the lighthouse, but we passed on that opportunity.

Boats, boats boats! Everywhere you look, there are boats. Newport is known for its sailing.

Kids start sailing in little "opti class" boats at about the same time they learn to ride bikes. Of course, the big ocean sailing yachts were the most impressive – some with multiple masts and measuring more than 100ft. No wonder they call Rhode Island the "Ocean State".

There's a real "green" mentality there. In fact, the nation's first offshore wind farm, located about 3 miles off Block Island, will begin generating power before the end of 2016. With so many great things to see, do, and eat, we want to go back to "Little Rhody" next year. Maybe we'll figure out how to spend the whole summer there.

This is my last column. It's been so much fun writing these pieces. But it's time to move on to other things. As Rick Steves says: KEEP ON TRAVELING.

Editor's Note: On behalf of Cabbagetown, big thanks to Tom for more than three years of stellar editorial contributions. Wishing Tom and Lyn nothing but glorious travels. Godspeed.



Tom & Lyn on a beautiful bike trail near Bristol, Rhode Island.

Cabbagetown Initiative: Monthly Meeting

*Cabbagetown Initiative Community Development Corporation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 8, 2016, 7P. Location of Meeting: Cabbagetown Community
Center, 177 Estoria Street, Atlanta, GA 30316*

Present at Meeting: Karin Kane, Heather Bradley, Katie Butler, Tom Deardorff, Katherine Dirga, Paul Freeman, Alexa Mosley, Todd Kane, Chris McCain, Whitney Bolster, and Tova Baruch. Guests Present: Lyn Deardorff, Jessica Stewart, and Nathan Bolster.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Cabbagetown Initiative CDC was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 8, 2016 at Cabbagetown Community Center by President Karin Kane.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the July 11 meeting were distributed and unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer's Report [Alexa Mosley]

The Board raised no questions about the monthly financial reports. No action necessary.

IV. Committee Reports

a. CNIA [Katherine Dirga]. CNIA is developing a new website that may include things like FAQs regarding historic preservation, bios of board officers etc. Katherine also mentioned that the City of Atlanta is updating the citywide community development plan. No major changes are anticipated, but some language made be added that limits the number of events in Cabbagetown Park per year. Woody Giles spoke to CNIA about transportation master planning, particularly in relation to Inman Park. CNIA may seek to engage in a master planning process with Reynoldstown. CNIA also discussed the possibility of merging CNIA with CICDC.

b. Parks Committee

i. EPL/Pavilion [Heather Bradley]. Heather received the construction documents for the new pavilion in Esther Peachy Lefever Park and shared them with the Board. The contractor, Patrick Hand, has proposed three changes to what was previously planned: (1) adding additional waterproofing, (2) using angled rafters rather than straight-cut rafters, and (3) choosing to paint the roof ash gray.

With a revised contract from Hand, the construction costs for the pavilion remain at \$15,000. The project should take about three weeks and be completed by September 1st. If the City of Atlanta has not poured the concrete slab before construction on the pavilion begins, the concrete can be poured after the pavilion has been built.

MOTION (Katie Butler): To approve the contract from Patrick Hand, subject to review by Finance Committee within 24 hours, and write a check for half (\$7,500). [Budget Line: Savings Account] APPROVED (unanimously).

ii. Park Maintenance [Katie Butler]. Katie presented and discussed a revised contract from Snake in the Grass, Inc., for September 1-December 31, 2016. Updates reflect a conversation with Jim Prible about exact amounts.

Paul suggested adding language to the contract that allows flexibility in case line items fall above/below the budgeted amounts. Lyn reported that by June 2016, CICDC has spent about \$18,000 year-to-date and asked whether the remaining \$12,000 will meet the outstanding balance. Katie reported that most of the Executive Turf contract has already been spent and that the \$18,000 includes the majority of the Executive Turf work.

Alexa asked if there's a way to quantify the savings from the revised contract. Katie said that she can say that CICDC saves an estimated \$2,100 by having the City take over the maintenance of EPL Park, which is included in the revised \$30,756 estimate.

MOTION (Paul Freeman): To approve the revised contract with Snake in the Grass, Inc., and allow him to approve any changes between budgeted line items not to exceed the total budget. [Budget Line: Park & Greenspace Maintenance.] APPROVED (FOR: Karin, Heather, Katie, Tom, Katherine, Paul, Alexa, Chris, Whitney; ABSTAIN: Todd; AGAINST: Tova).

Katie also reported on Executive Turf. CICDC have three remaining lawn treatments totaling \$1,100. Karen and Tova suggested that we continue with what we are doing and consider rebidding for next year.

There was some discussion about using eco-friendly alternatives instead of products like Roundup. Alexa suggested that we consider this option in a future contract. Katie will find out from Executive Turf what chemicals are used.

iii. Triangle Park [Katie Butler]. Katie said that a clean-up day will be organized for Triangle Park. It would be great if a group of people would commit to cleaning it up on a regular basis. Todd suggested reaching out to Butch at **Garden*Hood** about finding dates.

iv. Park Pride [Tova Baruch]. To be eligible to apply for Park Pride grants, an organization must be a member of Park Pride. Annual membership

MOTION (Tom Deardorff): To approve renewal of annual membership. [Budget Line: Savings Account.] APPROVED (unanimously).

c. Chomp & Stomp [Whitney Bolster]. Whitney reported that branding for the Chomp is done and the website is being updated. A list of sponsors was distributed so that Board members can make calls.

The Chomp Committee is considering hosting a ticketed "Foodie Tent" this year to elevate the profile of local restaurants and raise additional revenue. Katherine stated it would be great if Chomp could figure out how to make sure that more people have chili. Some presale packages for Cabbagetown residents will be available this year through the website. New this year, electronic processing will be available at the beer tents.

As of today, the event permit has been submitted to the City. Nathan also presented a budget to the Board (attached) for discussion. Chairs of the various Chomp teams have been identified. The Chomp Committee is reconsidering whether to print as many newspapers as in past years. Having Wi-Fi boosters is being explored.

Dates and locations for future Chomp Committee meetings will be posted soon.

CI: Continued...

d. EPL Fund [Paul Freeman]. Paul reported that Esther Peachy Lefever Fund Committee has developed a mission statement and guidelines for grants. Established for longtime Cabbagetown residents of historical ownership, the purpose of the EPL Fund is to provide assistance for health and safety repairs their homes. Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for qualifying repairs. The EPL Committee has determined that the needs for this fund far exceed the \$10,000 currently available. The Board discussed what CICDC might do about the great needs in the neighborhood.

MOTION (Chris McCain): To adopt the EPL Fund Committee's mission statement and guidelines as presented. **APPROVED (FOR: Karin, Heather, Katie, Tom, Katherine, Paul, Alexa, Chris, Whitney, Todd; AGAINST: Tova).**

e. Governance (Chris McCain). Chris reported that descriptions for the Board's standing committees need to be updated. He will follow up with committee chairs about doing so. Chris also requested suggestions of consultants who might work with CICDC and CNIA on a future board training.

f. Community Garden [Tom Deardorff]. Tom reported that the community garden is growing.

V. New Business

a. Fundraising [Karin Kane]. Karen shared two ideas for potential fundraising events: a neighborhood event on the Fourth of July and/or another event around the annual Cabbagetown Reunion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20p. Minutes submitted by Chris McCain, Secretary.

38 New Officers

By Elizabeth Espy

The Atlanta Police Department (APD) graduation of Class #244 to was held at City Hall Council Chambers located at 55 Trinity Avenue on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7p.

Class #244 consists of 38 new officers and is reflective of the citizens of Atlanta with African-American, Caucasian, Asian and Hispanic ethnicities. The class is comprised of 29 men and 9 women.

Many new officers have moved to Atlanta specifically to join APD with 14 graduates moving from other cities. Three awards were given to the graduates including Valedictorian, Physical Training and Firearms.

The graduation ceremony concludes twenty-two weeks of rigorous training at the Atlanta Police Academy, along with twelve weeks of field training with veteran officers. The training includes classroom courses in constitutional law, Atlanta Police Department policy and procedure, hands-on defensive tactics, arrest techniques and daily physical fitness.



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Movie review: *The Pirate Movie*



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Directed by Ken Annakin, with performances by Kristy McNichol, Christopher Atkins, Ted Hamilton, and Bill Kerr.

Frederic (Christopher Atkins) is a pirate. As an infant, Frederic's family was killed. He was rescued by The Pirate King (Hamilton), and taken to sea to be raised as one of the crew. Frederic comes of age and is released from duty, vowing to never sail the seas again. He winds up coming ashore on the property of Major General Stanley (Kerr).

Mabel (Kristy McNichol) is the youngest daughter of Major General Stanley. It's love at first sight with Frederic, and Mabel must convince her father to forgive Frederic's pirate ways. The Major General is swayed only by the fact that Frederic was orphaned, and has known no other life. To prove his love for Mabel, Frederic agrees to retrieve the Major General's stolen family fortune back from The Pirate King and his crew.

This proves to be an adventure unto itself, what with a hidden tattooed map, underwater singing, and the occasional cartoon fish!

In addition to restoring the Stanley fortune, Frederic must lead the Major General's forces against the very pirates who raised him.

Complications arise and sides must be chosen. Frederic was born on a leap year, so his apprenticeship with the pirates may not be fulfilled after all. As per custom, Mabel cannot marry until her older sisters are married - all twelve of them! Will Major General Stanley's forces save the day or will the pirates live on to pillage and plunder? Will Frederic and Mabel overcome the odds and be married?

The Pirate Movie is an hilarious parody of *The Pirates of Penzance*. Singing, choreographed dance numbers, and the occasional comment directly to camera make this a delightfully funny, and sometimes racy film. There is plenty of swashbuckling and physical comedy as well as a truly masterful homage to *The Pink Panther's* Inspector Clouseau. *The Pirate Movie* will take Cabbageheads back to the days of '80s send-ups complete with bejeweled (sometimes squeaky) codpieces and dancing troupes in muscle beach garb. Be forewarned, the soundtrack is an unusual mixture of classical theatrical fare and soft rock ballads. Enjoy the innuendo and puns, and try not to judge the special effects too harshly. You may end up adoring this unlikely romance on the high seas more than you expect.

Favorite quote: Major General Stanley – "My boy, the job is yours. Rid me of these villains, and Mabel's hand is yours, <whispers> not to mention the best parts." **Trivia:** Christopher Atkins and Kristy McNichol were offered a record deal after the film was released. Unfortunately, the singing was dubbed for Atkins, so nothing ever came of it.

Deeee-lish!

By Karin Kane, Melody Trivisono, and Barbara Keeney Harper

Our wonderful Cabbagetown Cookbook Fundraiser has been a great success. And why? Mostly, because of the delicious recipes from you and of course, the binder looks great, too.

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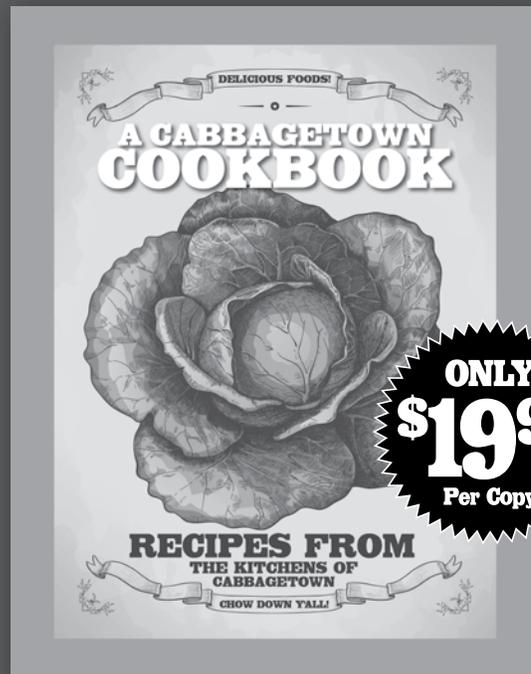
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A Matter of Life and Death

By Maria Saporta, Saportareport.com

More than 400 people came to a community meeting at Grady High School Tuesday evening to explore turning the Monroe Drive-Boulevard corridor into a complete street.

"This is an incredible turnout," said Atlanta City Councilwoman Natalyn Archibong, who was joined by her colleagues Alex Wan, Kwanza Hall, Andre Dickens and Michael Julian Bond.

"It's very exciting because we all worked together to get the word out," said Faye DiMassimo, general manager of the City of Atlanta's **Renew Atlanta** Infrastructure Program, of the standing-room-only meeting. *"We are very much in the concept phase."*

It is estimated the planning and design process will take about a year. The meeting included a short presentation from the project managers and engineers,

but the decision was made to not open the floor for questions or comments. Instead, people were asked to write comments or talk to the planners one-on-one to express their thoughts. People also can submit comments or questions by going to the Renew Atlanta website.

People were given opportunities to weigh in on what modes of transportation are most important to them – walking, cycling, transit or driving. The dots were pretty evenly spread out between the four modes.

Citizens were asked to highlight the problem areas along the corridor by sticking pink dots at those spots. Not surprisingly, the biggest problem area was the intersection of 10th Street, Monroe Drive, the **Atlanta BeltLine** and Virginia Avenue.

Perhaps no one is more vested in making improvements along the Monroe Drive corridor than Thomas Hyneman. Earlier this year, Hyneman's 14-year-old daughter – Alexia – was hit while riding her bicycle through that intersection – passing away the next day. A memorial in her honor with a white ghost bicycle next to a decorated rock with mementos in her honor.

Several of her classmates from Grady came to Wednesday's community meeting – often leaning on each other for support.

"I understand the politics involved, and I'm glad to see progress moving forward on this very troubled corridor," Hyneman said. *"However, half way through next year is far too late and long for action on an*

intersection that had over 160 accidents prior to the death of my daughter six months ago."

The corridor travels through nine Atlanta neighborhoods. Between 18,500 and 21,500 vehicles travel along the corridor daily.

"The roadway varies in number of lanes, width and condition," a description of the project stated. *"Sidewalks are present on the majority of the corridor, but are often in disrepair."*

The description also said *"there are multiple crash hotspots along the corridor including four fatalities and 28 crashes involving bicycles or pedestrians over the most recent three-year period."*

After receiving comments and ideas from the community, planners will present their recommendations in early 2017 on ways to improve the corridor. At that time, the community will be asked to comment on those concepts before a final design is reached.

Paul Morris, president and CEO of Atlanta BeltLine Inc., was delighted by the turnout Tuesday evening. But he also recognized the street is complex, and the solutions to improve the corridor are similarly complex.

Several people in the community were concerned the



The Alexa Hyneman memorial at the corner of Monroe and 14th Streets.

Monroe/Boulevard Complete Streets project could recommend for the street going from four lanes to three as a way to incorporate multiple modes of transportation along the corridor.

As the project description stated: *"Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops and bicycle to work."*

"The Complete Streets project will identify existing safety and congestion issues and develop corridor improvements to improve mobility, safety and quality of life for all users," it stated.

Meanwhile, Hyneman understands that the longer it takes for those improvements to be realized, the more likely it will be that someone else will be hurt, if not killed, while walking or cycling along the corridor.

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Unit H313	\$234,900
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Unit H115	\$233,000
1 BD/1 BA	
Unit H221	\$229,500
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Milltown Lofts Unit 1113	\$239,000
2 BD/1 BA	

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Sold	Price
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