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Hulsey Yard is 70 acres of underutilized land adjacent to Cabbagetown that could be ripe for major development at any moment. What happens to this land will have a deep and lasting impact on our community.

In 2017 we came together proactively with nearby neighborhoods to build a vision of how we would like to see this

land used in the future. For this vision to be realized we will need the full support of an Atlanta city government that is attentive and responsive to our needs. We will also need CSX to indicate that it is ready to sell the lot – something that as of yet has not happened.

There is another, even larger, plot of land just a few miles to the south that is moving ahead rapidly with development right now – the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center – now universally known as "Cop City".

In 2021 the Mayor's office revealed the intent to build the enormous police facility in the middle of nearly 300 acres of public green space in the South River Forest. A variety of civic and environmental groups had already identified the area as key to a massive new public park and hoped to preserve the green space.

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Despite the vision that the community had worked so hard to articulate, the city rushed through a vote to lease the land to the private and corporate-backed Atlanta Police Foundation (for only \$10 a year) despite vocal opposition from residents.

A toothless review board was set up afterward to give the illusion of local support and oversight, but the only dissenting voice on the board was forced off. The situation surrounding Cop City has only deteriorated since.

This May 31st we witnessed an APD SWAT team raid a house in Edgewood – that housed a bail-bond nonprofit critical of Cop City – on charges so flimsy even the judge found them incredulous. This action was orchestrated by state and local officials working hand-in-hand, with the clear intention to intimidate and charge as "terrorists" those dissenting against their development plans for the forest. *Continued on page 8.*

THE ROAD TO HULSEY'S FUTURE RUNS THROUGH COP CITY



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CNIA President's Letter



*Sssummer in the South. Cicadas buzz.
Lightning bugs flicker. Mosquitos ...bite.*

CNIA Monthly Meetings: We're disconnecting from Zoom, so come show your pretty faces. We'll be doing a tour of the neighborhood, hosting meetings at different locations. There's always food and drinks. **Join us! July Location: Cabbagetown Arts Center on 230 Carroll Street.**

Carroll Street Closure Pilot: Everyone has an idea about how to make Carroll Street work better...well, we've decided to try one. If you haven't already heard, there will be a one-week pilot to close Carroll Street to vehicular through-traffic. The date is pending City of Atlanta (COA) confirmation.

A Working Group is forming to collect input from residents and businesses on Carroll Street, Iswald, Savannah, Gaskill, and others. Our goal will be to steer this experiment the best we can, for all. How do we make the best of it? Do we paint a ground mural? Do we have a block party? Do we return to our two-way vehicular face-offs? If you'd like to be part of this project, please write to us at info@cabbagetown.com.

Jump In this July. Connect with your neighbors.

1. Open your doors and sign-up for the Tour of Homes!
2. Volunteer with the Forward Warrior Mural Project.
3. Donate to the Chicken Noodle Network, neighbors supporting neighbors.

We're always looking for volunteers to make the magic happen - Cabbagetown.com/volunteers for shifts!

Make sh*t happen. Join CNIA! Let us know your interests at cabbagetown.com/membership. We're looking for folks to chair: Communications: Social Media & Calendar Management & Campaigns

Transportation: Track and support transit-focused proposals and projects in the neighborhood through a joint-committee with R'town.

Cabbagetown Initiative (CI): CI manages the Community Center and all of our wonderful parks, as well as our famed Chomp & Stomp, and so much more.

Want to get involved but not sure where to start?

Write to us at president@cabbagetown.com.

Stay cool,

Marinangeles (aka Marina)

Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association (CNIA) Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, JULY 11th, 2023 at 7p

**Meeting to be held at Cabbagetown Arts Center
230 Carroll Street**

Find this month's materials at: cabbagetown.com/agenda

Summer Location: Cabbagetown Arts Center, 230 Carroll Street (Zoom Unavailable)

6:30p: Neighbor meet & greet with drinks & food

7p: Meeting begins

I. Welcome!

II. Review & Approval of May Minutes

III. Atlanta Police Department Updates

IV. City of Atlanta: Council Person, Liliana Bakhtiari

- Carroll Street closure updates
- Dekalb Ave resurfacing updates
- City updates

V. President/Vice President Report: Marina Gutierrez

- Carroll St Closure Pilot Working Committee - Looking for volunteers!
- CNIA Meetings: Our meetings will be touring new locations, join us!
- CNIA Membership Campaign: Open Positions include Communications Chair, Transportation Committee Chair, and other Member At-Large positions.
- New Neighbor? Get connected, cabbagetown.com/membership

VI: Financial Report: Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

VII. Chair Reports:

- Upcoming C'town Events: Amanda Bisgaard, Hospitality Chair
- NPU-N Updates: John Dirga, NPU-N Representative
- Forward Warrior 2023: John Dirga, Murals Chair
- HPLU Updates: Jake Elsas, Anya Warren, HPLU Chairs
- Cabbagetown Initiative (CI) Updates: Todd Gandee, CI President
- Membership Drive: Seeking folks to take on President, Parks, and other chair position.
- Chomp & Stomp Planning: Lauren Appel, Co-Chair

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business

8:30p Adjourn

**JOIN US - JULY 11TH - JULY CNIA MEETING LOCATION:
CABBAGETOWN ARTS CENTER AT 230 CARROLL STREET**

CNIA: General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11th, 2023, 7p via Zoom. Meeting conducted by Marinangeles Gutierrez Rivera. Minutes by Lucy Perkins.

1. 7:04p: Meeting begins. Welcome! - Marina

Introductions and thank you to Amanda for Indian food.

2. Atlanta Police Department Updates - Officer Davis

Very few incidents in the neighborhood (only six crimes). There is a ruckus on Edgewood on weekend nights. Will begin more enforcement this summer. **Question:** Has there been an uptick in break-ins? Officer Davis says only one from last month: a car theft. Come to the precinct for free steering wheel lock. You can take Hyundai's to a dealership. Will update your software to make them harder to steal. **Question:** How are you interacting with State Police regarding vehicle pursuits? There is a policy that APD cannot chase unless it involves a weapon. State police can always chase. APD doesn't get involved with those chases. **Question:** With regard to auto break-ins: In the last three weeks there have been at least three car break-ins and some property theft in the 'hood. Could there be more patrols from 2a to 6a? Yes. If you would like more patrols, contact Officer Davis at jwdavis@atlantaga.gov

3. Review and Approval of May Minutes. Approved!

4. Council Person Liliana Bakhtiari - Nic representing

District 5 budgeting is being approved but will take a moment. \$1M for park improvements - will be a meeting with grants and such. Working on new personnel for code enforcement. Crime report: we live in a really great place! Airport has been expanded. APD will be required to give reports to committees. City will approve more money for park maintenance. Support affordable housing opportunity budget. Cop City passed - Lilliana voted against - doing everything they can to make sure the development will be done as best as it can be. Carroll St Closure Proposal - there are things to be fleshed out. Before closure, there will be a sub-group to discuss potential pitfalls created by the closure. Will give month's notice before closure. Dekalb Ave repaving should be completed end of July. Small section will remain unpaved - Phase II will require more maintenance. Bike lanes are coming.

Question: Park Pride allocation of dollars for Triangle Park? He will work on it! **Question:** on park budget: Is Park Pride matching \$1M for District 5? They are working it out.

5. Vice-President Report - Marinangeles Gutierrez

Traffic proposals: They are on the website and last month's minutes.

Question: Speed tables on Wylie? Hoping for traffic calming but not speed tables. Carroll St Closure - City Council interested in a one week pilot. Closure might be after Gaskill all the way to The Stacks entrance. A committee will be formed to discuss and improve the pilot. We are encouraged during the time to use the space - mural anyone? What will people who live on Reinhardt do? The committee will work on details and might alter where the closing starts and ends. We will come through as a community to try and find the best way to make Carroll street a safe place. The gross repaved areas will be fixed. There has been a request to put a cell tower in the Hulsey yard area. There is a process because of the surrounding historic districts that allows us to make public comment. A cell tower would impact that future usage of Hulsey Yard. A neighbor pointed out the fall radius that would prevent building within a certain distance around it. Motion to write

a letter stating we are against the cell tower. Approved. Thank you to Naomi who is moving - Anya will Co-chair HPLU with Jake. CNIA Membership Campaign: Open Positions include Communications Chair, Transportation Committee Chair, and other Member At-Large positions. Evan helped set up website and Mailchimp.

7. Financial Report - Jack Cunningham, Treasurer

Summer Movie Series: Traditionally it has been a grass roots effort but there is interest in covering the cost of 5 movies in the park going forward. We have now covered one. Proposal to add \$1000 line item in the budget to cover movies. Movies are typically the second Friday of the month. Budget would go towards paying for the non-profit person who sets up the movies and equipment. Will communicate with R'town to have complimentary movie nights? Stacks News will advertise Movie Night too. Motion to vote - approved!

8. Committee Reports

Hospitality/Events: Amanda Bisgaard. Lots of fun June events. Kafkans and Cocktails on June 24th. Concert on Thursday. Bingo on June 29th. Tour of Homes on September 16th during **Forward Warrior!!** New Neighbor Party coming in the fall.

NPU-N Cabbagetown Representative: John Dirga

APD Zone 6 Commander wants us to stop leaving guns in cars. Yard waste is now a contractor - comes on Thursdays every other week - 4 foot segments or smaller - no shingles or plaster - call for more the 20 bags - call them and they'll tell you when to put it out. Fulton County commissioner giving free tours for affordable housing for seniors. **NPUATL.org** - all permits are now on a schedule - pilot program. You can follow now in real time if you apply for a liquor license. R'town starting a Farmer's Market Sundays in August at Lang Carson. Saturday 9/9 - **Reynoldstown Wheelbarrow Festival** in Lang Carson Park. **GoPuff** drama: we voted to not support but it did not stop it. Moving forward with their liquor license - (app to order groceries but also liquor and cigarettes). Basically a distribution center behind crossfit. Fire Department is very busy. Reconfiguring station 12 - scheduled to be done end of June. **El Supremo** - new restaurant in **the Dairies** - we supported their liquor license. Nonprofit to recognize hazardous trees on your property. **Seven Stages** got new seats and will be open for **Fringe**. Councilmember has moved support money for Miss Bertha's porch. Will be routed through **Neighbor In Need** program. There will be an event to help paint or plant flowers and such. Forward Warrior 2023 - Paint Mixer party but same day as Kafkans event. Will possibly move location. 10a and 1p if you'd like to help with that. **Forward Warrior!!** will expand this year. Will now have vendors down Wylie Street. Will be mindful of driveways. Mini Krog and Cotton Candy in the church parking lot. 10a - 7p street closure this year. No parking will start two hours before on on Tye, Powell, Short and Estoria - residents please move your cars. There will be barricades. No parking for the event - use public transit. Vendor market will need a full day to sell wares - if there is rain it will be moved to the park on Sunday to save money on cops. **Question: how will we inform neighbors of no parking?** Check our great newspaper! But we'll go door to door and let everyone know. All residents will be able to get in the 'hood but they won't be able to park. There will be four police officers. *Continued on page 13*

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 HOMES FOR SALE
 25▼
 HOMES PENDING
 124▼
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 \$648,000▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
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GRANT PARK

35▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 46▲
 HOMES PENDING
 76▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$567,000▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 ▶\$350▲
 AVG PRICE SQFT

INMAN PARK

10▼
 HOMES FOR SALE
 07▲
 HOMES PENDING
 36▼
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$707,000▼
 AVG HOME PRICE
 ▶\$465▲
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KIRKWOOD

34▲
 HOMES FOR SALE
 22▼
 HOMES PENDING
 62▲
 AVG DAYS ON MRKT
 \$553,000▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
 ▶\$371▲
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REYNOLDSTOWN

19▼
 HOMES FOR SALE
 34▲
 HOMES PENDING
 109▲
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 \$698,000▲
 AVG HOME PRICE
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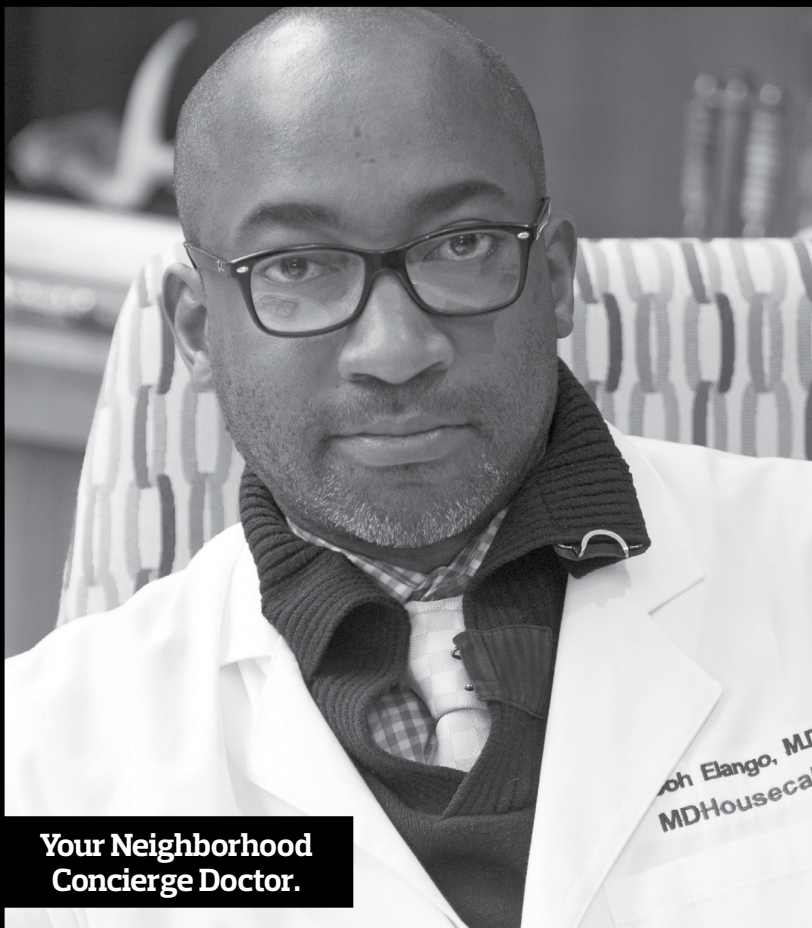
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The air is thick, the heat is abundant, and the sweat drips easily. It's summer in Atlanta, and we're all looking for refreshing, light drinks & bites to keep us cool and satisfied. Luckily, we've had some fun spots recently pop up around town, along with some good ole' watering holes, and they're ready to welcome us Cabbageheads into their air conditioned establishments.

Kicking it off with an oldie but a goodie - the formerly named *Ration & Dram* and

now named *Dead End Drinks* over in Kirkwood (130 Arizona Ave NE). This is the perfect, casual go-to for a simple, no frills Friday night drink & apps with pals or a quaint, no-pressure date night spot. While this place has some fabulous entree items, we go for the small plates and shareables, such as the Roasted Garlic (roasted garlic head, soft cheese, grilled bread + olive oil), seasonal items like the Watermelon Salad (whipped chevre, cantaloupe, watermelon, strawberry, + mint), or a unique menu find like the Snails & Bread (snails roasted in butter with garlic, herbs, + grilled bread). And for bevies (Gen-Z slang for beverages), they offer a lovely selection of wine & beer and shake up some fun, spooky cocktails that fit right in with its permanent Halloween motif, such as the Royal Blood (chemist gin, pineapple, lemon, basil + bg reynolds orgeat) and the Espresso Martini (cathead vodka, amarula cream liqueur, creme de cacao + nitro coffee).

Just down the street from Dead End resides *Pullman Yards*, which just opened a new concept, *AlcoHall* (225 Rogers St NE). Similar to a food hall like *Krog Street Market* for example, this spot features seven different stalls offering a wide array of liquor and alcoholic beverage options, ranging from heavier choices like *Wicked Weed Brewing* and *Shortbarrel Bourbon* to lighter sips with *Don Papa Rum* and *House of Santory* Japanese liquors, among many others. While you're not perusing the stalls, you can take part in summer fun with lawn games out front, such as bocce ball and pickleball. Not to mention, there's a mechanical bull for when you've thrown back a few Japanese whiskeys. While there aren't food halls, you can grab a bite at neighboring establishments *Fishmonger* and *Dailies and Sides*, as well as enjoy local food trucks that pop up throughout the month.

A little closer to our neck of the woods in Inman Park right next to *Kitty Dare* is a newly opened coffee & breakfast shop, *The Daily* (100 Hurt St NE). If you're in the mood for a stroll down Edgewood Ave admiring all the Victorian style mansions that line the street, be sure to make it down to this coffee shop before you head back home. They bake fresh bread daily (hence the name) and churn out some really interesting coffee specialty drinks. I ordered the Mojito Cold Brew (mint syrup, Onyx cold brew coffee, ginger beer + fresh mint) and it was such a delightful, fun twist on my regular coffee order. I was quite hungry on this particular day, so I sprung for the Breakfast Burrito, which was perfectly griddled and mess-free (scrambled eggs, salsa verde, cheddar, pickled onions, cilantro, home



At The Daily. Photo by Stacy.

fries, flour tortilla). From tasty smoothies & freshly made pastries to hearty breakfast toasts & sandwiches to filling Mediterranean inspired bowls, this shop has something for everyone and is sure to make you feel nourished and fulfilled. The summer is only getting hotter, so be sure to stay hydrated, get your nutrients and keep Cabbagetown shitty (can we curse in here?!).

Give us a shout with anywhere you'd like us to try.

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HULSEY'S FUTURE RUNS THROUGH COP CITY

Story by Shaun Houlihan. Continued from the front page.

We also saw the city reveal that the cost to the taxpayer of Cop City would be more than twice as much as initially reported by the Mayor's office – cost which was again rapidly pushed through City Council approval over hours of impassioned pleas from residents to vote "no" on budget approval. Councilmember Liliana Bakhtiari, thankfully, was one of the few who did oppose this funding.

The Cop City saga lays painfully bare how business is done at City Hall currently, and paints a dark picture of the type of process that could lie in store for other impactful development projects like Hulsey Yard. A process where powerful corporate and political interests make deals behind closed doors concerning what gets built and where your tax dollars go – and then aggressively tamps down any opposition.

Atlanta doesn't have to be run like this. We can and should push back in any way we can to make our town more transparent and democratic. One such opportunity takes the form of a petition – recently approved – to put the lease of the Cop City land up to a referendum vote in November. You can learn more about this effort at www.copcityvote.com (or stop by Park Avenue Baptist Church, 486 Park Avenue SE in Grant Park any day between 8a and 11p)

If the petition is successful and the vote passes, the lease will be voided and a path will open up for more democratic engagement on how to best use our limited remaining urban forest land. *In the process, we will have strengthened our democratic institutions that much more and forged a strong example for how to engage the city on future development projects – projects like Hulsey for example.*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Shaun served as our Transportation Chair from 2016 to 2020. Anonymous, but reliable sources tell The Cabbagetown Neighbor that more than 10,000 signatures have been collected as of press time. 70,000 signatures are required to put the lease of the Cop City land up to a referendum vote.

4.38" OF RAIN IN JUNE

Cabbagetown received 4.38 inches of rain in June 2023. That's .16 inches BELOW the thirty year average.

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Cabbagetown has it's fair share of weirdness and funk. But step outside of our friendly confines, and things get even weirder and funkier. Don't believe us? Read on...

Insult to Injury

Mark Dicara of Lake Barrington, Illinois, allegedly shot himself in the leg on June 12 while dreaming of a home invasion. Dicara grabbed his .357 Magnum and fired – which instantly brought him to consciousness. There was no intruder in the home. Police found him in bed with a *"significant amount of blood."* He was charged with possession of a firearm without a valid Firearm Owners Identification card and reckless discharge of a firearm.

What's in the box!?

Cedric Lodge, 55, and his wife, Denise, 63, of Goffstown, New Hampshire, were indicted in federal court on June 14 after it was revealed that they allegedly were stealing and selling human body parts. Lodge was the manager of the Harvard Medical School morgue until May 6, when he was fired. He and his wife offered a shopping opportunity at the morgue, where buyers could pick which donated remains they wanted. The Lodges would then take the items home and ship them through the mail. The parts included heads, brains, skin and bones. Prosecutors say they were part of a nationwide network of people who buy and sell human remains. Harvard called the actions *"morally reprehensible."*

Lite Beer. Heavy Door.

When Martin Trimble, 30, tried to rob a convenience store in Durham, England, in May, the shop owner got the best of him: He lowered the store's steel shutter, trapping Trimble on his back, half in and half out. Once Trimble realized he was pinned to the ground, Fox News reported, he popped open one of the beers he'd tried to steal and drank it as he waited to be arrested. Trimble pleaded guilty on June 16 to attempted robbery and possession of a knife and was sentenced to three years in jail.

You Had One Job

The town of Stuart, Iowa, needed a new water tower to handle its growing population, according to KCRG-TV. But when residents saw the name painted on one side, they cringed. Rather than STUART, the tower was painted with START. Mayor Dick Cook called the social media attention about the misspelling "hilarious," and the tower has been repainted.

Maybe the Dingo Ate Your Baby ...

On K'gari beach in Australia, a 10-year-old boy was bitten and dragged under the water by a dingo on June 16, The Guardian reported. Two weeks earlier, another dingo was euthanized after biting multiple tourists, including a French woman who was bitten on her posterior as she sunbathed. *"These animals are capable of inflicting serious harm. Some are quite brazen and are not fleeing when yelled at or when someone brandishes a stick,"* said ranger Danielle Mansfield. *"Children and teenagers must be within arm's reach of an adult at all times."*

Top of the Charts

By Kyle F. Bidlack

What is Cabbagetown listening to? Good question.
Here's June's hottest songs on the *Milltown Tavern* juke box.

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| 2 FASTBALL THE WAY | 10 TEARS FOR FEARS EVERYBODY WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD |
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**ARTY
SCHRONCE**

One of the most frightening effects of Covid-19 was people losing their sense of smell. As smell and taste are linked, I feared not being able to enjoy my favorite foods. And there were health and safety concerns like recognizing spoiled food and gas leaks.

As a gardener, the thought of not being able to delight in the fragrance of flowers was heartbreaking. I am always sticking my nose in flowers and wanting to discover what they offer. That is why I always include fragrant

flowers in all the gardens I have planted. I am a firm believer that a garden should appeal to more than the eyes. Here are a few notable fragrant flowers you may want to consider.

As color printing became more affordable, the emphasis on roses in catalogs shifted from fragrance to looks. It remains true with online catalogs. That is a shame. If you see a rose listed as “lightly fragrant” keep looking; they are usually being generous. Select one described as “very fragrant.” There are too many to list, and fragrance can vary from “old-fashioned rose” to spicy to fruity.

Our native *Carolina jessamine* has a unique fragrance that is strong but not overwhelming or syrupy. Unfortunately, there is another species, the swamp jessamine, on the market. It looks almost exactly like its cousin but has no fragrance. Smell before you buy. The fragrance of *sweet-bubby bush* aka *sweetshrub* can be a mix of apple, melon and strawberries. It is strongest on warm afternoons.

Among our fragrant native azaleas are *Alabama azalea* (Rhododendron alabamense), *Florida azalea* (R. austrinum), *Piedmont azalea* (R. canescens), and sweet azalea (R. arborescens). *Gardenia* has a heavy, heady and spicy fragrance, and thank God we can grow it here.

Fragrant daphne is finicky, but what a delight in early spring. *Edgeworthia* has silvery buds that open to yellow flowers releasing a citrusy fragrance. *Fragrant tea olive* releases an apricot fragrance across Cabbagetown in September. One of the best pinks aka dianthus for our area is ‘Bath’s Pink’ with its spicy, face powder fragrance. *Tuberose* doesn’t reliably bloom for me if left to overwinter in the ground. However, its perfume makes it worth digging in the fall or buying new bulbs in the spring.

Butterfly ginger looks tropical but is hardy. If you’re lucky you will see a sphinx moth visit its white flowers in the evening. *Common yellow daffodils* have an understated fragrance. The jonquil group of daffodils have a stronger fragrance. The tazetta group of daffodils includes some of the most fragrant. *‘Avalanche,’* sometimes called “17 sisters,” is one of the best tazettas. Paperwhite tazettas, often forced for indoor blooming, have a strong fragrance that can be cloying in a closed space. Since they are hardy here, grow paperwhites outside. The late-blooming *twin sisters daffodil* (Narcissus biflorus) will reward you with flowers and fragrance long after you thought daffodil season was over.

If you can find some old-fashioned *petunias* they will provide a delightful fragrance on summer evenings. *Nicotiana* aka flowering

tobacco, a relative of petunia, is most fragrant in the evening and is a magnet for sphinx moths. *Four o’clocks* don’t really open at four, but in the early evening they start releasing a heavy fragrance.

Not all peonies do well here. ‘Festiva Maxima’ does okay and is worth seeking for its complex lemony fragrance with bitter undertones. *Chocolate flower* (Berlandiera lyrata) has yellow flowers that smell like cocoa.

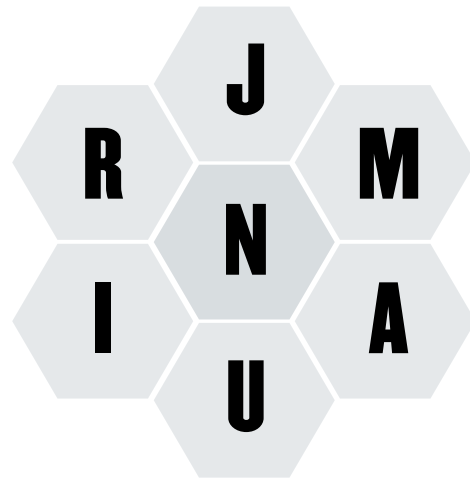
Both the *Southern magnolia* and the *sweetbay magnolia* have sharp, lemony, citronella fragrances, but many consider the sweetbay magnolia the finer of the two. On a recent walk around Cabbagetown, with the fragrance from the ones in the park wafting into the streets, I tended to agree.

This is just scratching the surface. Many flowers are fragrant and the fragrances can vary greatly, and not everyone perceives fragrance the same. I enjoy smelling many flowers that aren’t generally considered fragrant. Explore with your nose and discover what is out there and what you like.

Arty Schronce is a degreed horticulturist, garden writer and lecturer whose articles and photographs have appeared in numerous newspapers and various magazines and books.

Spelling Bee

How To Play Spelling Bee: 1) Words must include the center letter. 2) Words must contain at least four letters. 3) Letters can be used more than once. 4) Each puzzle includes at least one “panagram,” which uses every letter at least once. **How many pangrams can you find?**



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| 6 | 12 |

Last month's Panagram solution: Appendix

CATS OF CABBAGETOWN: SOL & GANDALF

By Chelsea and Melissa

We tracked down owners Lara and Shontina to get the scoop on ginger boy Sol and ended up solving the mystery of the wizard cat in the process.

We first noticed Sol when he began hanging out on our back porch. He tries to break in every time we're bringing groceries in. We think he's friends with one of our cats. We've also seen him following the UPS man around.

Shontina: He's the quintessential orange tabby. He loves to eat, loves to play, loves to sleep. He's super talkative and super friendly.

Lara: He was a community cat first. Oh, the places he goes!

How old do you think he is? How did you settle on a name?
Lara: He's going to be four on the 29th of June. He's a young guy. It's Sol, like, S-O-L, Spanish for sun.

Shontina: We toyed with a bunch of names, but we mostly chose it because of his ginger coat and...

Lara: And his disposition. He's a sweet soul, haha! We call him other things like Jenjibre, which is Ginger in Spanish, and Mr. Kitty Man.

Where did you guys get him? He found you?

Shontina: He found us. I kept thinking since we'd lost our pets: The next animal we're going to get is going to be an orange cat. It was just a very weird sense, and I'd told Lara and she was like, "OK, yeah, sure..." But then one day he was just sauntering up the back – well, not sauntering because he was very hungry and thin – and I called him over. He came up and he's never left. He first appeared in a dream, and then there he was.

You conjured him!

Lara: We didn't know if we were going to be able to keep him. We brought him to the shelter, and he turned out to have a chip. They held him for over a week and tried to get in contact with his owners. We ended up adopting him because we were about to go out of town, and the idea of someone else taking him, that we'd

never see him again, freaked us out.

Is he your only cat? There was a mysterious, wizened grey cat we called Gandalf who used to visit us, and we wondered if he might have been yours.

Lara: You called him Gandalf! I love that. He was a thousand-year-old wizard. His real name was Sonnyboy, like an old blues player. It was my dad's nickname growing up. He was actually twenty-two. He was another street cat that I'd found when we lived in Seattle.

When I found him he was three-and-a-half or four.
Shontina: But if you tried to touch him too many times, he'd get you.

That's incredible! Sounds like he'd earned the right to be mean.

Lara: Sol is a cuddler, which I like because Sonnyboy was not a cuddler. He loves to jump in your lap and curl up.

Shontina: He has a weird way of kneading dough. He hunches and his butt shakes and he just carries on and on.

Lara: We'd had a hard time with pets right as we were moving here right before the pandemic. We'd had to put our dog down before we left Seattle. "Gandalf" was ready to transition to the next realm of the Tolkien universe. We were without pets for a while until Sol came into our lives.



Sol



Gandalf

There are so many potential pets that hang out behind our houses. Cats, possums...

Shontina: Speaking of possums, we have one who's taken over outside. He's always standing on the fence and he's started drinking out of Sol's water bowl, so I stepped out and scared him and he rolled over and "fell down" the stairs. I was like, "So that's where the expression 'playing possum' comes from. We see you."

Lara: Luckily Sol's a bit of a scaredy cat, so he'll take off. He can be a little bit of a show-off. He never seems to scale the fence unless there are people around, and I see him checking behind to make sure people are watching.

Well, we do love a Sol sighting. Thanks, guys!

LOVE LETTER TO LITTLE'S

Brad and Nina Cunard want to keep Cabbagetown shitty. In a good way. As developers contort the urban landscape surrounding the quaint, historic neighborhood just east of downtown Atlanta – building glassy condos, cookie-cutter apartments, and swanky dining halls – the owners of **Little's Food Store** feel compelled to preserve their community's legacy as a gritty, artsy, tattooed, tight-knit enclave. Gentrification has complicated that mission, but the Cunards are dug in.



SEAN KEENAN

Perhaps Atlanta's only bona fide bodega, Little's has been slinging burgers and dogs mostly uninterrupted since 1929, when Marvin Little – and later his son, Leon, who still owns the building – ran the pint-size Carroll Street shop, and when Cabbagetown was a rough-and-tumble mill village anchored by the **Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill**, a redbrick compound since transformed into pricy apartments and half-a-million-dollar condos. The Cunards have lived in Cabbagetown since the mid-2000s – before **the BeltLine** weaved its way through the neighborhood, before more patrons started showing up with pressed shirts and coiffed hair – and they expect from transplants the same manners they expect from loyal regulars.

When the Cunards took control of the iconic establishment in 2010, Brad said, *"no one was taking pictures of themselves to post on Instagram that they were at a cool place – and we weren't trying to be the cool place. The more things changed around me, the more I wanted to hold on to what I had and keep it that way."*

Little's is still anything but pretentious. It's a neighborhood mainstay that provided Cabbageheads with milk, eggs, and toilet paper in the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic; a reliable source of juicy community gossip; and a necessary stop before a picnic or house party or night on the town, its shelves lined with beer and wine, chips and charcuterie, condoms and bars of soap.

Little's has evolved a bit since the days of old. Customers could smoke inside until the mid-aughts; the store doesn't even sell cigarettes anymore. The cost of grub has risen: When the Cunards took over, sliders went for \$2; they're now more than \$4. But the old-school attitude survives, and the couple doesn't intend to get swept away by the forces of gentrification. Real estate speculators have come sniffing around, kicking Little's tires, a few times since the Cunards took over. They aren't going anywhere anytime soon. *"This place means so much to so many people,"* Nina said. *"The Littles served their community for so long, and we want to keep that going."*

"Keep Cabbagetown Shitty," a community credo coined by a longtime neighbor – and plastered on bumper stickers, T-shirts, and hats, courtesy of a former Little's employee – is something the Cunards want to embody. *Continued on page 17*

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CNIA: Meeting Minutes

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Councilmember will support the police cost for the reunion but next year we are on our own. Watershed – this is not phase II – they’re doing more work on the Dekalb side but probably won’t finish before the paving is done. Doing closure work at night. It should be done by the end of July. Pedestrian access to remain open until it doesn’t. They don’t have permission to dig in the tunnel - it will just be in front. We don’t know when they’ll dig in the tunnel but they want to but need permission. **Question: will it be resurfaced?** Probably won’t because of tunnel height clearance.

Historic Preservation and Land Use Committee - Jacob Elsas

257 Pearl - Alteration of existing porch to get a roof and a screen. Currently there is a pergola - they want to reuse as much of the pergola as possible. Open lower level open deck by removing screen. HPLU had two requests - one of drainage and elevation. They were addressed - HPLU supports with modifications. Motion to approve - unanimous approval - future porch parties coming.

Cabbagetown Initiative (CI)- Todd Gandee, CI President

Meetings first Monday of the month (but maybe not on July 3rd). They will be on the calendar on the website. We are officially an Atlanta business license holder. Chomp Dropbox account has been ended. Both CNIA and Chomp have google workspace - use the shared drives if you have a cabbagetown email. Lauren will do **Chomp & Stomp**. A lot of the board has been aboard since 2020 - approaching end of board position term limits – lots of seats will be open – check the newspaper for positions and please get involved. A couple of trees on the north side of the park are dead and need to be removed – getting quotes from **Boutte Tree** or the city but they don’t grind. Possibly see if there are neighbors that need work to get a bulk discount. Park Pride grant writing session – perhaps we can get funding for the triangle park. Community Center is still in negotiations for a long term license. Richard has been working on updating the building - thank you!

9. New Business

Co-chair of Chomp. Lots of people returning – but we can always use more help. Email info@chompandstomp.com. Monthly meetings starting in July. Thursday concert series still scheduled for Thursday at 7p. **Renoldstown Farmer's Market** kicking off Sunday August 6th to October 29th 1-4:40p. Outside Lang Carson Community Center. This is a kick-off program to try and get more access to food in the 'hood. Email reynoldstownfm@gmail.com if you'd like a booth. In July - maybe we change the meeting location? Membership drive at a park perhaps? Info to come.

10. Old Business - none

11. Motion to adjourn: 8:43p

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by Kelly Breedlove

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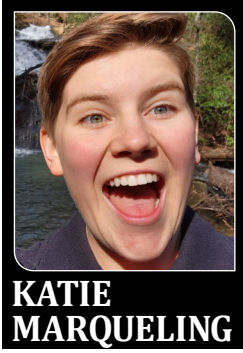
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TAKING CHARGE OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION



**KATIE
MARQUELING**

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) has announced that two-thirds of North America, including Georgia, are at risk of energy shortages during summer of 2023. This warning comes as a result of the convergence of two factors: the natural increase in energy consumption during the summer months, coupled with the potential impact of the El Niño climate pattern. *This combination of factors means that Cabbagetown may experience energy blackouts unless we take action.*

When I was researching this topic, I found that many articles emphasize the importance of upgrading appliances, swapping light bulbs, and making home upgrades to reduce energy consumption. While this is effective, it can become quite costly. I grew up in a frugal household where my Dad was known as the "Power Dictator" for his extreme energy reducing, penny-pinching techniques. Inspired by his philosophy, I want to emphasize the significance of smaller and more affordable behavioral changes.

Thermostats: Your home doesn't need to be kept at a brisk 72 degrees when you're away. It only needs to be comfortable when you're home, and programming your thermostat can make it easy. While there are various theories on the most efficient plan for your thermostat, it's important to find what works for you through testing and monitoring. Factors like your house's specific thermal properties, your and your co-inhabitants needs, as well as the safety and wellbeing of any furry friends you might be leaving at home must be considered as well.

Maintenance: Let's face it, many of us in Cabbagetown pride ourselves on having historic homes. However, those same homes often come with old appliances and HVAC systems that may require regular servicing. For example, when my partner and I moved into *The Stacks*, we were shocked by our initial power bill. However, after having a technician perform some overdue maintenance on our HVAC system, our bill dropped by over 40%! While not the cheapest item on this list, prioritizing HVAC, washers, dryers, and water heaters can have the largest immediate impact.

Windows and blinds: Closing blinds on the sunny side of the house is a simple yet often overlooked step that can lead to significant energy savings. By closing the blinds before bed and opening them once the sun has passed, we noticed an immediate reduction in the runtime of our air conditioner.

On and off-peak hours: While humans may be unique as individuals, in aggregate, our power consumption follows surprisingly rigid, predictable patterns, often referred to as "peak hours." For example, peak consumption for any major city in America is at around 6p, not coincidentally when people get

home from work, turn the air down, cook dinner, and perhaps do a load of laundry. However, we can make a difference by taking advantage of "off-peak" hours. Shifting our loads to these periods, when energy-intensive activities are minimized, play a crucial role in balancing the load on the electrical grid. Off-peak hours change by season and can be identified by your power provider.

I understand that reducing energy consumption may require changes to our daily routines and habits. However, by making small adjustments like programming thermostats, prioritizing appliance maintenance, being mindful of window and blind usage, and utilizing off-peak hours, we can not only save on energy bills but also contribute to a more sustainable and energy-efficient C'town. Let's embrace these simple changes and make our "Power Dictator" proud while safeguarding our energy future.

FARMER'S MARKET Coming to R'town in August

Our great neighbors to the east are very excited to host a brand new market and a few Cabbagheads thought you want to be a part of it!

When will the market be open?

Sundays, from 1p to 4:30p
it will start Sunday, August 6th
and run through Sunday, October 29th

Where can I find the market?

You'll find it in the heart of Reynoldstown at the Lang Carson Recreation Center, which is located at 100 Flat Shoals Ave.



REYNOLDSTOWN
FARMERS MARKET

This market will be small, but mighty. Located in the shady parking lot in front of Lang Carson Community Center, the market will be within walking distance of C'town and just 100 yards off the Beltline. R'town put out a survey on social media asking folks if they'd like a market, and within a few days they had over 450 responses with a resounding yes!

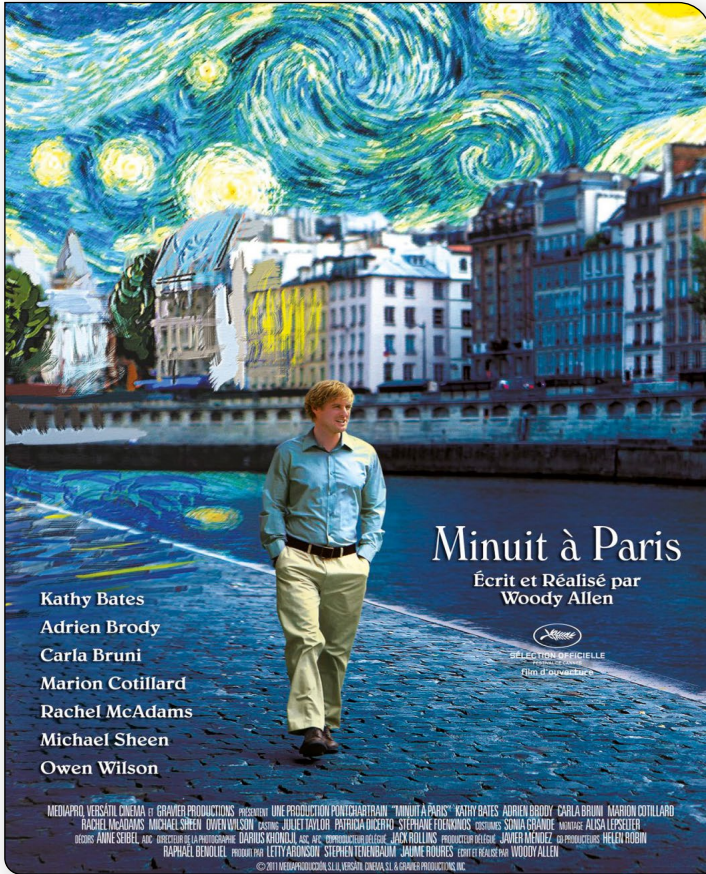
Reynoldstown has a wonderful and strong sense of community and a deep communication reach with their residents. Their initial plans are to host 18 booths, including produce, eggs & dairy, meat, bread, prepared foods, ready-to-eat food vendors, and non-food items.

MOVIE NIGHT! BASTILLE DAY EDITION

By Celine Bufkin

OUI will be screening *Midnight in Paris* Friday night, July 14th in Cabbagetown Park in homage to Bastille Day! Quelle joie!!

Owen Wilson leads an all-star cast here in a quirky fantasy about a nostalgic American screenwriter who, while on a trip with his snotty fiancé's family, finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight... in Paris.



Like Cabbagetown, Paris in the '20s is full of interesting characters, and we will meet the likes of Salvador Dali, F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Josephine Baker, and others. Supporting cast includes Rachel McAdams, Marion Cotillard, Adrien Brody, Tom Hiddleston, and Kathy Bates.

So don your berets, load up on Brie, and promenade down to the Park for a pique-nique before the flique. Movie starts at DUSK! Bring chairs, blankets, friends, well-behaved dogs, and children, snacks, and beverages.

Grand special MERCÍ to CNIA – the Cabbagetown Neighborhood Improvement Association – for funding this and forthcoming movies in the Summer Movie Night Series. SEE YOU THERE!



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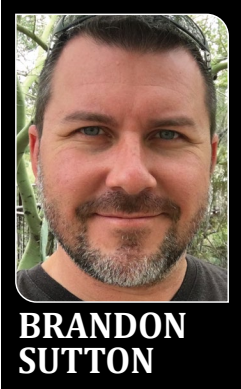


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We Miss You Lady



BRANDON SUTTON

On a beautiful Spring morning, June 1, 2023, we said goodbye to one of the most amazing beings that I've ever had the privilege of walking alongside. Her name was Lady, a 16-year-old German Shepherd, and she touched me in ways I never saw coming.

Lady came into my life two and a half years ago when I started dating my former partner, Stevie. Stevie adopted Lady from a shelter in Iowa the year before. She was an anonymous drop off, so we know

nothing of her former life – only the joy she brought us.

When Stevie and Lady moved into the loft in August of 2021, the process of her capturing my heart was complete. My fixation with always having a spotless home with everything in perfect order necessarily yielded to the realities of having a senior dog that had trouble on slippery floors and shed hair constantly. Stevie has told me on multiple occasions that it was beautiful to watch as I fell in love with her during that time.

Lady exuded the sweetest, gentle, loving energy imaginable. She moved slow, which made walks with her much more deliberate. Slowing down is rarely a bad thing, after all. Whenever we walked up to my truck, she knew she was “going on an adventure,” as we called it. We took her on many hikes around metro Atlanta and in the mountains, and she even did an overnight camping trip with us – all as she was in her 15th year on earth. She was remarkable that way.

The short time we lived on Estoria Street, Lady got the chance to meet lots of neighbors as they walked by as she held court on the front porch. It was the first time I had heard her bark consistently – it was as if a lost part of her personality was activated again. Some readers may remember hearing her saying hello in those days.

In her 16th year, the sweet Lady started having more trouble with her hind legs, and she eventually got to the point where she could barely stand up or walk. Stevie made the brave decision to set a date to allow her to transition in peace and with dignity at the loft. We organized a sendoff party and several neighbors came by to see her on her final night with us. It's hard to overstate how much that meant to Stevie and I, and hopefully to Lady as well. She seemed so happy that night getting to see all the friendly faces.

The next morning, as we prepared for the vet's arrival, we lied on the floor playing with her and shared some of her favorite treats. The atmosphere could not have been more perfect. The palo santo wafting through the air, the bright Spring sunlight reflecting off the mirror ball, and the heartstring-tugging music of *Novo Amor* emanating all around created the perfect backdrop for our final moments with this amazing being. Right at noon on June 1, Miss Lady took her final breath, with Stevie and I lying with her and loving on her.

Seeing people walking dogs around the neighborhood has always brought a smile to my face – even more so now. I often wonder about the stories behind the connections I see. For any Cabbageheads considering getting a pet, I highly encourage checking out the local shelters as part of your process of looking for the right fit. Both the *Fulton County Animal Shelter* and the *Atlanta Humane Society* have a backlog of furry friends looking for another chance to bring joy to a new home. You never know what beautiful stories might be waiting for you.

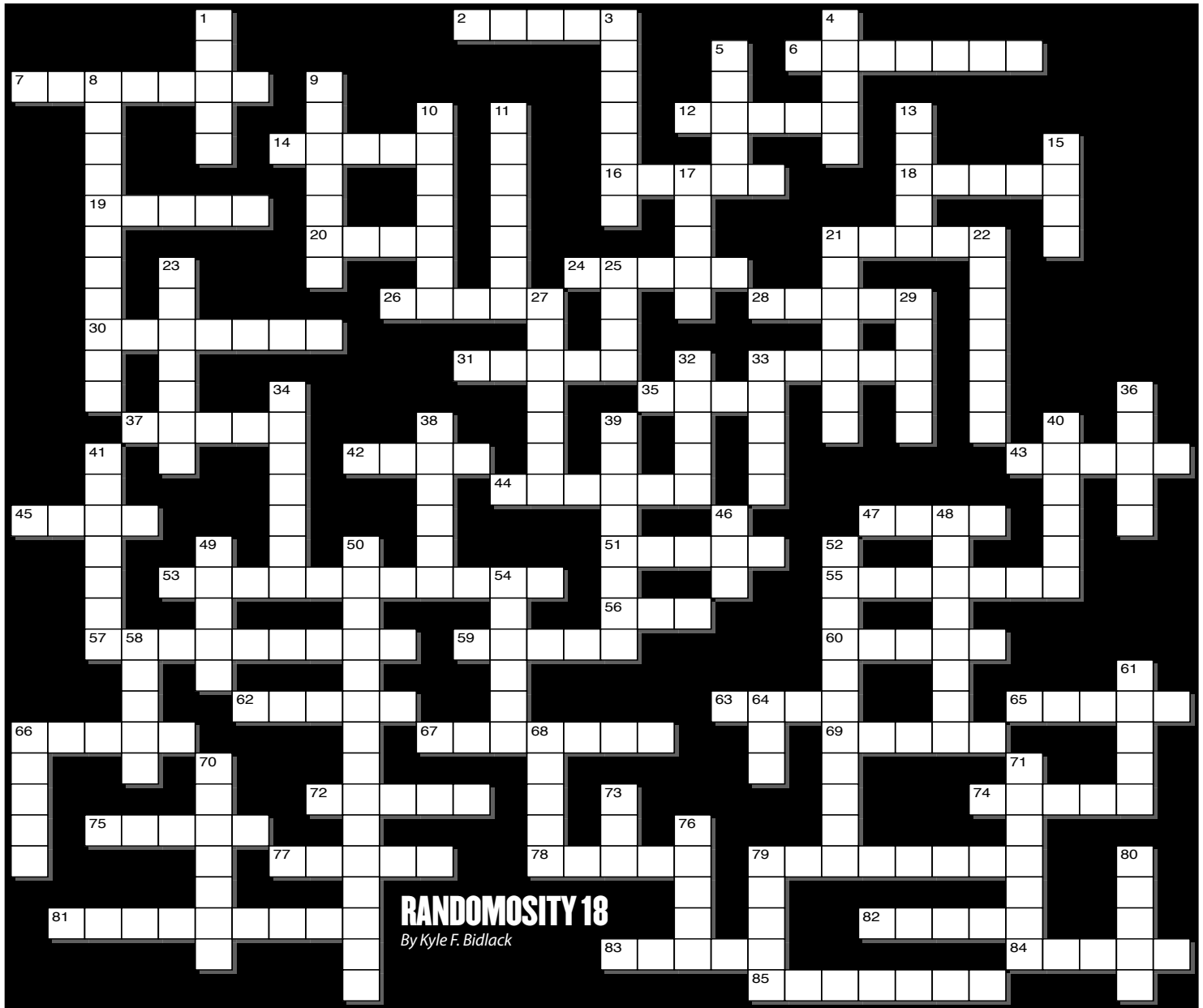
Had Stevie not taken the step of adopting a senior dog that day in the Iowa shelter, it's possible her journey would have ended there. Thankfully, it had a few more chapters left, including the final chapter that was crafted with absolute perfection. She left this world in the most beautiful way possible. We miss you, Lady.

LOVE LETTER TO LITTLE'S

Continued from page 12. "It means that independent artisan spirit," Brad said. "Some of that's disappeared." But there are still plenty of weirdos in the community, he adds. "And I've watched people become Cabbagetown. You'll see them move in, with short hair and uptight clothing, and after a year or two, their hair is getting longer, and they're comfortable being not so done up as they go out."

Nina lamented the metamorphosis of other iconic Atlanta areas, like Ponce de Leon Avenue, where developers promise major transformation. *"Everything is changing so rapidly that it's nice to have some touchstone of what's always been here. This is one of the last spots that's genuine,"* she said. *"I really want Carroll Street to stay Carroll Street."*





RANDOMOSITY 18

By Kyle F. Bidlack

ACROSS

2. Most common carnivore in Africa.
6. Simple bike trick.
7. Maker of chocolate kisses.
12. Where Barb Keeney Harper is hanging out, and 2024 Olympics host city.
14. Princess who fights to save Hyrule, in a Nintendo game series.
16. "Siberian" dog.
18. "Correct!"
19. Merged with Mobil in 1999.
20. Have feelings for.
21. What a beach umbrella provides.
24. Shade of black.
26. Night hallucination.
28. Steer clear of.
30. Repaid Diaper is one.
31. Smarts ... and a homophone of a rental company.
33. "Carpe diem" language.
35. What causes the night sky to glow around Mauna Loa.
37. Person who might wear a helmet and skin-tight shorts.
42. Female chickens.

43. What you get if you change the first letter in "demon" or "dime".
44. Move the king and rook simultaneously, in chess.
45. Q: "What did the grape say when it was crushed?" A: "Nothing, it just let out a little ___".
47. Greek "Z".
51. Ebony's counterpart.
53. "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" poet.
55. Opposite of departs.
56. Airline whose name is three consecutive consonants in the alphabet.
57. Take some wheels out for a spin.
59. Parts of birds and buildings.
60. What is the only planet in our solar system not named for a deity?
62. Sound of ice moving around a glass.
63. Pre-deal poker payment.
65. A course with a lot of greens.
66. Venice passageway.
67. Pumped up.
69. Word before "ears" or "slope".
72. Computer screen dot.

74. Luxury vehicle that shares the same first two consonants with "luxury".
75. Kitchen splatter protector.
77. Airlines HQed less than ten miles from C'town.
78. Something slid down the ice in curling.
79. Words With Friends is based on it.
81. Musical instrument also known as a "wooden Clatter".
82. A car collision or a steak.
83. Ones who would use "chuffed" to mean "pleased".
84. Petty, paltry or puny.
85. Author of "The War of the Worlds" and "The Time Machine".

DOWN

1. Entree with its own particular knife.
3. Lack of government.
4. Game that can begin 1. e4 e5.
5. Elementary particle.
8. The biggest little state in the union.
9. Freezing water in a spring stream.
10. Break between high school and college.

11. What is the only seven-letter word to use all five vowels and Q?
13. The largest bone in the lower leg.
15. Word before Beach or Island, in place names.
17. Attacked by a jellyfish.
21. Abbreviate or abridge.
22. Men's fashion magazine.
23. Checkpoint ____, in Berlin
25. Close pals, for short.
27. __ Trench, deepest location on Earth.
29. German "thanks".
32. "Divine Comedy" poet.
33. Beer style with a German name.
34. Chicago newspaper.
36. First state to use ranked-choice voting in a presidential election.
38. Shape of Popeye's tattoo.
39. Points out minor faults.
40. Fearsome dinos.
41. Linus & Lucy's last name in "Peanuts".
46. Boat boarded by boas & boars.
48. Triskaidekaphobia is the fear of what number?
49. Animals that have come to

- symbolize absolute greatness.
50. Directed Indiana Jones, Jaws, and Jurassic Park.
52. Performing at The Eastern on Nov. 17th.
54. You can't get this type of sandwich at Little's, but you CAN get this type of hat.
58. Impressionist painter Degas.
61. What calendars, prom-goers and some palm trees have in common.
64. Org. for Lions and Bears.
66. Pants fabric.
68. Embers ... and a homophone of a department store.
70. Casual flings.
71. Overnight flights.
73. Status ____.
76. Soda with a red, white & blue logo.
79. "Quiet, you".
80. Sport for little sluggers.

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After those were up, he added colors, painting a rainbow cape and pale pink and pale blue shoes on her feet, representing the trans colors.

Kelly feels like others paved the way for his generation, and this piece of artwork represents the next generation of kids who are continuing to lead the way. LGBTQ+ youth are having to put up with rhetoric, attitudes, and opinions of others, and having to navigate being a superhero for themselves and their community. It's no easy feat, and we support each and every one of them!

Art matters. Representation matters. This piece of artwork means so much to people living in our community and the LGBTQ+ community as a whole. We know the struggle is real. And you have allies!



One of our Cabbagetown neighbors, Emily, burst into tears of happiness when she saw Kelly's artwork. Emily has a nonbinary child who has had a tough time with gender dysphoria, being bullied, changing schools, their pronouns and their name, and obtaining gender-affirming medical care.

Emily and I talked about how self-harm and suicide are a high risk for LGBTQ+ youth, and that getting gender-affirming care took her child out of those dark days and into a positive place as a young adult, who is now entering their senior year of college. As a mother who has been advocating for many years, seeing Kelly's art was a deeply meaningful affirmation for their family. Someone understands. There is hope. Emily's story is like many; doing what you need to do to love your child.

Thank you, Kelly, for sharing your gift and providing hope and love to the community!

If you are looking for resources:

The Trevor Project is the largest phone and text hotline for LGBTQ+ kids in distress. Visit thetrevorproject.org to learn more. **Georgia Equality** is an advocacy program focused on advancing opportunities and safety for the LGBTQ+ people of Georgia. Visit georgiaequality.org to learn more.

You can see more of Kelly's incredible work on [Instagram@breedloveartist](https://www.instagram.com/breedloveartist).

Halloween Tour Tix

By Angie Wynne

Tickets to Oakland Cemetery's wildly popular Halloween tours went on sale to Historic Oakland Foundation members on July 1 and are available to the public on July 15. The best time slots are filling up fast!

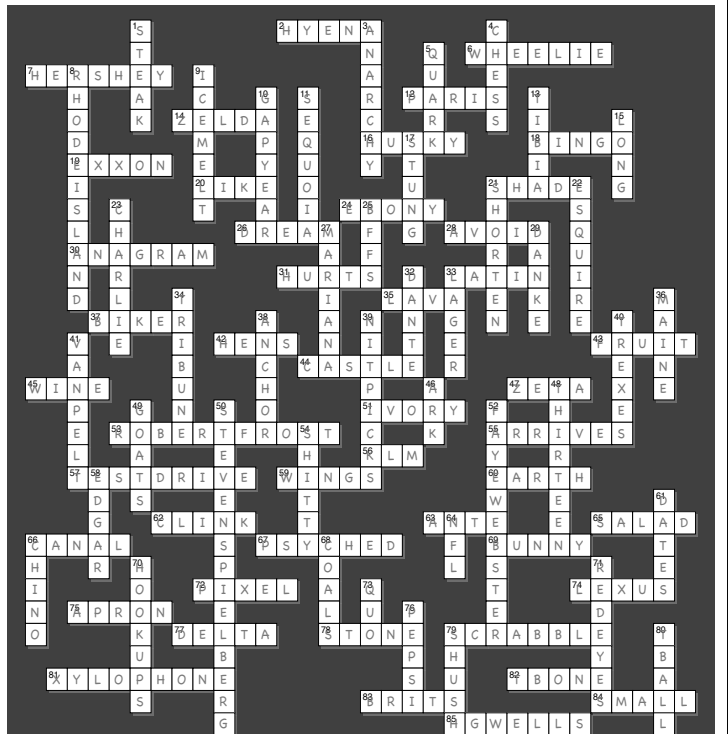
Capturing the Spirit of Oakland takes place over 9 nights this year, Thursdays through Sundays from Oct. 19 through Oct. 29 with a VIP-only option on Halloween night. Designed to enlighten rather than frighten, the tours bring to life fascinating stories of the cemetery's residents while visitors experience the historic cemetery after dark.

A costumed docent guides you through beautifully lit Victorian gardens where you'll meet some of Oakland's residents and hear their stories. The evening also includes live music, beverages, and an Oakland Museum Store pop-up shop. Guests are encouraged to dress in costume to get in the Halloween spirit.

New this year: Experience Oakland Cemetery on Halloween night! Halloween night VIP ticket holders receive exclusive access to Oakland on October 31. In addition to smaller group Capturing the Spirit tours, VIP tickets include a three-course dinner in the newly renovated Bell Tower, a bar with beer, wine and a signature cocktail, live music, and an interactive addition to one of the stops on the Capturing the Spirit of Oakland tour.

Tickets always sell out within the first few weeks, so don't delay! For information on Capturing the Spirit and other Oakland Cemetery events like Sunday in the Park, visit oaklandcemetery.com.

The solution to this month's "Randomosity 18" crossword puzzle.





Artist Kelly Breedlove with Emily in front of Kelly's mural at The Stacks Squares.

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The Stacks Squares are one of the many unique and cool parts of our neighborhood. And when one of those squares, done by a Cabbagetown resident, is so impactful to community members, it just adds to our aura. I was lucky enough to interview the artist, and a Cabbagetown neighbor who was touched by this incredible piece of artwork. Art matters. Representation matters. June may be Pride Month, but pride at the Stacks Square keeps flying proudly!

Kelly Breedlove, a Georgia native, discovered this last round of Stacks Squares was open to people who have never done a mural before. He submitted a painting and was chosen! Due to the 2009 recession, Kelly's career in real estate drew to a slow crawl and he had too much time on his hands. He's always considered himself a creative person

who loved art and thought, "I can do that!" So, during the recession he started taking art classes and was really drawn to encaustic painting which is a form of painting with heated wax. He also ventured into acrylics and incorporating vintage photos into his work. The photos he chooses for his artwork connects with him on a visceral level, usually family photos, as his artwork typically deals with loneliness, isolation, and family relationships. Most of Kelly's work comes from a place of sadness, but for his Stack Square, he wanted to do something hopeful and happy.

The image Kelly chose was a young girl in an astronaut costume which symbolizes bravery and adventure – another common theme in Kelly's work. And the buildings behind her reminded him of Cabbagetown. To create the mural, Kelly enlarged the photo, cut it into smaller pieces, and using the graffiti tradition of wheat pasting, pasted within the Stacks Square. It took a total of 100 paper squares to take up his full Stacks Square! *Continued on page 19.*