CABBAGETOWN INITIATIVE
501C3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
177 ESTORIA STREET SE SUITE C, ATLANTA GA 30316

Friday, August 7, 2026

Howdy y'all,

Time to fire up yer beans, & dust off them banjos!

The Cabbagetown Initiative 501c3 again proudly announces the "**Chomp & Stomp Chili Cook-off & Old Time Bluegrass Festival,** an annual event welcoming all rootin' tootin' critters and varmints from Georgia's swamps, sandy shores, and up the Appalachian piedmont! This lovably hip hootenanny kicks off in style on **Friday November 6th** with live comedy, then hits its stride early **Saturday November 7th** with the raucous **Romp & Stomp 5k** (an official time-qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race, and family fun for every person aching to run, walk, or roll around **Historic Cabbagetown** mill village.

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There's a wild chili contest with over 100 individual entries, plus more than 20 restaurants. It's gone in the blink of an eye, yo. **Arrive early.**

Meet us between Carroll Street & Krog Tunnel for five stages of music, a curated artist market, food trucks, silly games, and a wide variety of refreshing beverages. It's Autumn's most beloved event, with shady fun in the cozy corner of **Esther Peachy Lefevre Park,** and a big stage in our signature **Cabbagetown Park,** featuring traditional bluegrass, newgrass, & old-timey string bands. Rock, alt-folk, and prog enthusiasts will enjoy our stage at **97 Estoria Grill**, while the cool kids can get down to some Zoomer punk next to House of Tau on **Tennelle**. Don't miss Americana / alt-country in the gorgeous, newly revitalized performance space, our signature **Joyce Brookshire Amphitheatre**. Rumor has it there's our icy *bespoke* flavor crafted in honor of the neighborhoods history, will be reprised by Atlanta's **King of Pops** - exclusively at Chomp & Stomp!

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HEY! Leave your cars at home. Atlanta is a big, modern, connected city and we love MARTA for its amazingly clean, safe, and efficient train system (**King Memorial, or Inman Park / Reynoldstown**) and its robust & comprehensive bus service (**#21 from FIVE POINTS**, or **#107 from GEORGIA STATE**). We're conveniently located on the Eastside Trail of the Atlanta BeltLine, and wheeled visitors will love our **FREE Bike Valet** just North of the Krog Tunnel (10 Krog Street @ Dekalb Avenue) or near Memorial Drive (Estoria @ Gaskill Street). Take a scooter, ride an Uber, or phase shift through the wormhole – there is **NO PUBLIC PARKING**. For goodness sakes, everybody knows there's barely parking in Cabbagetown on a Tuesday. Evolve!

This **non-profit fundraiser** event supports our organization's mission: **Energizing Public Spaces!** Cabbagetown Initiative works with our partners in the City of Atlanta, as well as CSX Transportation, to maintain and beautify of our parks, **"Forward, Warrior!!" mural wall** on Wylie, as well as the adorable **Cabbagetown Community Center** (177 Estoria St Se 30316), and the Berean Avenue Garden. Wow! Kickin' up your heels and boot scootin' for a good cause sure does feel good! We throw a party so we can give back to others – inviting, welcoming places where people can freely gather to relax, reflect, and act collectively? Amazing! **That's why we Chomp.**

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For more information, including lane closures, "No Parking" zones, detour routes, accessible options, and other transportation safety notices, please visit **chompandstomp.com/map**

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FRIDAY

No Parking zones begin at 10am for most residential streets. Please pay attention to signs, cones, and barricades. We're pretty chill & flexible, so reach out immediately for negotiations with respect to parking exceptions, instructions for delivery access, and mobility assistance.

Roads adjacent Cabbagetown Park will be inaccessible to through traffic.

Do not leave vehicles overnight. Loading zones on Friday can handle some temporary access. Towing enforcement begins 6am Saturday. **Illegally parked vehicles are dangerous**. We will swiftly remove violators who compromise the safety of our staff, volunteers, 5k runners, concessions drivers, and law enforcement personnel.

SATURDAY

Read this again: **Illegally parked vehicles are dangerous**. Towing enforcement begins 6am. We will swiftly remove violators who compromise the safety of our staff, volunteers, 5k runners, concessions drivers, and law enforcement personnel.

ROAD CLOSURES

Wylie Street from Estoria Street to Tennelle Street
Tennelle Street from Powell Street to Carroll Street
Powell Street from Tennelle Street to Memorial Drive
Kirkwood Ave from Pearl Street to Powell Street
Gaskill Street from Carroll Street to Fulton Terrace
Tye Street from Wylie Street to Memorial Drive
Mollie Street (all), Short Street (all)
Estoria Street from Wylie Street to Gaskill Street
Pearl Street from Wylie Street to Fulton Terrace
Carroll Street from Tennelle Street to Boulevard

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support!

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