

# THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

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*Ok. not the sky, but maybe at least \$50,000. Thanks to a grant from Invest Atlanta, Little's will embark on some much needed improvements.*

If you ask Brad Cunard, he'll tell you Jake Elsas did all the grant work. If you ask Jake, he'll tell you it was all Brad. One thing we can ALL agree on; both gentlemen had the common sense to marry beautiful ladies named Nina.

Brad's Nina tends to agree with Brad. "We couldn't have done it without Jake and Nina. The grant means that more

We asked Jake why he and Nina invested so many hours in this. "It's Little's. Duh. But seriously, it's the last of its kind in Cabbagetown: a true-blue community store that has persisted despite the gentrification that has effectively shuttered all the other, once-numerous mill-era stores and shops."

Jake continues: "And there are two reasons it's survived: the Little and Cunard families. Leon remained faithful to a business model he inherited from his father (and store's founder), James Little, who always provided for his neighbors, no matter what. Leon passed this on to Brad, who continues the tradition. Little's Food Store embodies the Cabbagetown Spirit, its camaraderie and sense of altruism. If Little's disappears, so does the Cabbagetown of yore, and it can NEVER be replaced." Continued on page 5.

people get to enjoy this special place! We get to offer more indoor seating, more comfortable surroundings, and more fresh prepared food from our kitchen. Little's creates continuity with the past, present, and the future for the Cabbagetown community. We only have four more years to make the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Little's."



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*Continued from front page.* Exactly what kind of improvements can we look forward to? Good question. Says Brad's Nina, "There will be many updates but they will not alter the original vibe. We are getting a new HVAC system. We will be taking down the duct work to bring the store back to it's original look. We plan on updating our kitchen equipment so we can continue our current menu and offer more fresh prepared food. We are going to open the other set of front doors. We plan on resealing the floors and give everything a fresh coat of paint. And we are adding new tables and chairs for seating."

**Getting a grant like this usually requires many MANY hours of work.** We asked Nina Elsas how much time she and her husband spent working on this. She humbly declined to answer.

A good portion of the historically sensitive work will be done by renowned local craftsman and hero **Porterbuilt**.

What would Cabbagetown be like without folks like Brad, Jake, and the two Nina's, who carry on the tradition of Leon Little and his father? It's a Wonderful Life, but without Little's would Cabbagetown reflect Bedford Falls or Pottersville? One can only guess.



Mr. Leon Little at Chomp & Stomp 2024

"We revealed our plans to Leon at Chomp & Stomp when we brought him up on the main stage in front of the entire crowd. We told him just how much we love him and that this grant money will keep his legacy alive for many years to come. How does Leon feel? At that moment, on that stage, I think the tears in his eyes spoke a thousand words." Said Jake.

"Every time a bell rings, an angel get's his wings" said little ZuZu Bailey, at the end of "It's a Wonderful Life". If we all listen closely, we might hear four bells ringing; One each for Brad, Nina, Jake and Nina. Y'all are good people.

**Happy Christmas, Merry Hanukkah, and Joyous Kwanzaa to all.**

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