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## The Summer SRCA Report

by Mike Heurkamp, President SRCA Board

As summer concluded, we recruited arborist Christie Bryant to speak about tree maintenance to attendees of the District One Town Hall on August 27. Special thanks go to Pat Soltys and Bill Rosenfeld for going along with the SRCA recommendation to ask an arborist to speak!

Christine provided guidance to residents on how best to co-exist safely with that invaluable resource-- our tree canopy. She discussed falling trees and other tree hazards. The latter is something the board knows full well, having had a tree fall on the manned, moving vehicle of one of our board members just this year. Fortunately, Pam Heisler, unlike her car, came out of that encounter unmarred.

September 9 was our seventh board meeting of the calendar year (including the annual membership meeting in March). We will meet again in November.

The SRCA and Tucker Civic Association are jointly sponsoring a city candidate forum on October 23 at the Tucker First United Methodist Church Activities Center (4315 Church Street, Tucker 30084). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Candidate's Forum will be moderated by Frank Luton starting promptly at 7:00 and ending at 8:00 p.m. Candidates from all three Tucker districts will be included in the forum. On our side of the city there is the contested District One race between Bill Rosenfeld and Christine Bloodworth. The stage and questioning will be shared with Noelle Monferdini (D2) and Anne Lerner (D3) who are running unopposed for re-election.

The SRCA now sponsor the Tucker High School foundation golf tourney and the Smoke Rise Sharks swim team. We encourage Smoke Rise neighbors to support the high school by participating in the Casino Night fundraiser to be held November 2 at the Tucker Recreation Center.

As the Community Garden heads into the harvest season, we are turning our attention to renewal of the seasonal plantings at the iconic Rosser Rd and Hugh Howell smokestack-- along with those at Greencastle Way, Glacier, Rosser Place, and Deer Ridge. We are evaluating our finances to determine if we can enhance the plantings at Stratmor, where the medallion was replaced this year, and possibly Silversmith. None of this would be possible without the investment and faith of our dues-paying members. We are grateful to each and every one of you. Thanks.



## Frank Auman Sworn in to GA Transportation Authority

On September 9, Mayor Frank Auman was sworn in to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) Board of Directors by Governor Brian Kemp. The GRTA serves as the Governor's voice at a statewide authority that addresses air quality and mobility and strategic transportation planning in metro Atlanta.

"Mayor Auman joins GRTA at an exciting time as we have seen an increase in ridership with Xpress and we continue to build on our strategic plan to help create a seamless regional transit system and develop deeper relationships with our customers to meet our goal of helping citizens commute with confidence," said GRTA Executive Director and Board Secretary Chris Tomlinson.

"I'm very honored by the trust Governor Kemp has placed in me and I'm excited to get to work," Auman said. "Transit and multi-modal transportation have become a priority for every city, and to have the opportunity to work on this board is significant."




## InTucker Magazine Wins National Award Thank You, Matt Holmes!

The City of Tucker's monthly magazine InTucker was named one of the best in the nation in September at the 3CMA Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. It won the Silver Circle Award in the Best External Publication Category. "The City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) is 'our nations premier network of local government communicators.' Their annual awards honor the best in government communications for communities across the United States and Canada."

Tucker's Communications Director Matt Holmes, and editor of the magazine is largely responsible for this success. Matt has taken the publication for the City of Tucker and given it nationally recognition. If you have not taken the time to check this magazine out, all of the 2019 copies are still available to read on line. Septembers issue had these articles: From the Mayor, City Council Update, On the Beat with Lt Schoeppner, Coming Home, Tucker Cluster News and Updates, Business Boom, Citizen of the Month-David Fisher, SPLOST Update, Business of the Month-Bell Street Burritios, Team Tucker:Dede Musser, My Summer in Tucker, Ask Rip. You can stay up to date with crime reports, new businesses, the Tucker CID, The parks and rec director Rip, the city council and MORE!





**CANDIDATES FORUM**  
 Co-Sponsored by the SRCA and the TCA  
**OCTOBER 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
 TUCKER FIRST UNITED  
 METHODISIT CHURCH  
 ACTIVITIES CENTER  
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

InTucker magazine started in 2017, as a six-page newsletter. It later expanded to eight-pages. In January of 2019, it became a full 16-page magazine with bigger, better photography and design. It is distributed either digitally or by mail to thousands of Tucker Residents each month. If you do not subscribe to the magazine, go to [www.Tuckerga.gov](http://www.Tuckerga.gov) and look for InTucker Magazine. You will be glad you did.



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### October Calendar of Events

- 1 Pumpkin Glows By Night: Stone Mountain Park through November 3
- 5 Taste of Tucker: Tucker Main Street: 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- 5,12 Stone Mountain Village Octoberfest 12:00-9:00 p.m.
- 10 FODAC Charity Golf Classic: Stone Mtn Golf Club
- 12 Lilburn Daze: Lilburn Park 9:00-5:00 p.m.
- 17-20 Tour of Southern Ghosts  
7-9 Th/Su, 7-9:30 Fr/Sa, Stone Mtn Park
- 19 MC3 Church Fall Festival: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
J.B. Williams Park
- 23 Candidates Forum: Tucker UMC Gym  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- 24-27 Tour of Southern Ghosts  
7-9 Th/Su, 7-9:30 Fr/Sa, Stone Mtn Park
- 25 Zombies: Henderson Park: 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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## FODAC Charity Golf Classic at Stone Mountain October 10

The Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) 22nd Annual Charity Golf Classic is returning on October 10 to Stone Mountain Golf Club, located on the grounds of popular attraction Stone Mountain Park. Stone Mountain Golf Club features two championship golf courses surrounded by scenic views of historic Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Lake; the FODAC tournament will be played on the Lakemont Course.

Funds raised from the event help support FODAC's mission to supply home medical equipment (HME) to people with disabilities and their caregivers. FODAC is based in Tucker but serves the Metro Atlanta community by providing recycled equipment such as wheelchairs, scooters, walkers and hospital beds for children and adults during or after a health crisis. Last year, FODAC donated over \$10 million in equipment at little or no cost to recipients. FODAC, as a member of National VOAD, also provides support in the wake of disasters; the organization was instrumental in providing relief for seniors and those with disabilities in Houston, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in 2017.

Breakfast and onsite registration starts at 8:00 a.m.; shotgun start is at 9:30 a.m. Awards are presented at the post-tournament lunch, including recognition of any holes-in-one, lowest scoring foursome, longest drive, and closest to the pin.

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain is supporting this year's event, helping to secure sponsors and providing volunteers to set up and work the event.

Registration is open now. For registration, sponsorship and more details, visit [fodac.org/golf](http://fodac.org/golf) or contact Laurie Ann Kimbrell at [laurieannkimbrell@fodac.org](mailto:laurieannkimbrell@fodac.org) or 770 491-9014.

## Smoke Rise Baptist Church

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Sundays:  
 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday school  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 Communion: Second Sunday of each month  
 Wednesdays:  
 5:00-5:45 Fellowship Dinner  
 6:00-7:00 Programs for children, youth and adults  
 7:00-8:30 Sanctuary choir  
 Nursery provided

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 Communion: First Sunday of each month  
 Wednesdays:  
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 6:30 p.m. Program  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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[www.mc3.life](http://www.mc3.life)

Sunday Worship at Parkview High School Auditorium

9:30 a.m. -- Coffee and donuts; adult and student c-groups; nursery and Sunday school for infants to 5th graders.

10:30 am. - Worship service

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 Service Times: Sundays: 9:00am / 11:00am / 1:00pm

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Articles and photos should be sent in .doc or .docx format. Articles sent in .pdf format cannot be edited. Ideally, photos and graphics should be submitted in .jpg or .pdf format.



**Take a Veteran to School Day**

Veterans Day is coming on November 11, 2019. The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club will be hosting the "Take a Vet to School Day" at Smoke Rise Elementary School on Friday, November 8. If you are a veteran and would be willing to come to the school that morning and speak to the students about your experience in the military, please contact Barbara Luton at 770-491-6711, barluton@aol.com. This is a wonderful time for the students and the veterans. It usually lasts from 8:30 to 11:00 with the veterans visiting 2-3 classes. We can work around your schedule. You do not have to have had combat experience. The students need to learn about all of the opportunities in the military and all of the different jobs that veterans have done.

**Smoke Rise Elementary School is on a Mission!**

Principal Pamela McCloud exclaims, "This is the year we are On a Mission. Our theme is: Mission...I'm Possible! We are continuing with what we started last year by Leaving Our Mark." The proof was in our College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score moving from 69.1 to 77.1. We are eager to see our 2018 - 2019 growth and achievement score. ALL Smoke Rise Elementary School students' growth levels will move toward proficient and distinguished learners. The school year has begun with a great start.

Friday, August 23, 2019 marked Smoke Rise Elementary School's annual Donuts with Dad social. This year's social had over 260 men in attendance. The men were dads, uncles, godfathers, and mentors from all walks of life. The social was very informative, and the topics discussed focused on how the Men of Smoke Rise must stay involved and be active participants in their child's life. We are excited that the Men of Smoke Rise Elementary School's mission is activated!

Smoke Rise Elementary School's next event was the 2019 - 2020 National Junior Beta Club induction. On September 5, 2019 inductees received their accolades, while the Smoke Rise's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) planned September 6, 2019's Back to School Dance in their honor. It was a great success.

**2019 - 2020 National Junior Beta Club Inductees:**

T. Bailey, N. Leslie, S. Pritchett, I. Clark, L. Lopai, M. Ratliff, A. Cummings, B. McCall, S. Semper, D. Davis, K. McGriff, H. Siing, C. Henderson, S. McCrary, R. Sun, I. Hinton, A. Miranda, N. Thorne, A. Kisseih, S. Rivas Miranda, A. Whitehead, I. Ortiz Leiba, N. Nguyen, A. Yang

This school year, students have already exhibited great behaviors with improved academic scores and are simply going above and beyond the call of duty. As a reward, students receive weekly access to the Jaguar Den. The Jaguar Den is a classroom that has been transformed into a mini game room consisting of choices like Wii, X-Box, PAC- Man, Centipede, Galaga, basketball shooting, air hockey, and more. Thanks to the Smoke Rise Community Association and Tucker's Game Stop partnership, we could not have done it without you. Our mission is possible!

**Craft Vendors Wanted:** Holiday in Smoke Rise Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 1991 Silver Hill Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Please call (678)508-1641 for additional information.


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**Smoke Rise Prep: Where Everyone is Welcome!**

By Grier Kellett

Smoke Rise Prep, Stone Mountain's best kept secret, focuses on the core values of curriculum, character, culture and curriculum. In order to shape well-rounded students, our teachers and parents create an atmosphere that aligns with those core values. One way that we accomplish this is to create a healthy balance between academic rigor and enriching activities.

Our middle schoolers had a blast at their annual retreat at Callaway Gardens in late August. We played in the lake, completed a challenging ropes course, swam in the pool, and walked many beautiful trails together. This team-building retreat allowed the middle schoolers and faculty to bond out of the classroom, strengthening ties and creating opportunities for collaboration.

This month we will have our third annual Spooky Fun Run fundraiser. This exciting event has students raise money by running laps and earning prizes for most laps run in ten minutes. This event also includes a "spooky" design contest where the winning artwork will appear on this year's t-shirt. You may see us standing on Hugh Howell the afternoon of October 25th waving signs to "Honk" for our kids, so drive through and encourage them!

We love community involvement! Our 3rd Annual High School Fair is coming up on October 7 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church at 6:30pm. This is great for middle schoolers to hear from high school reps and look into the options available. We will also have our Scholastic Book Fair from October 21-25. The hours are 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., but open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Come on in, purchase some books, and help increase a child's literacy. In this age of technology, books are sometimes viewed as antiquated, but we love that our kids don't feel that way. They love to read, and we love to encourage them to try new genres and authors.

For more information about the school, please visit our website at [smokeriseprep.org](http://smokeriseprep.org) or email Sherrie Waddell at [sherrie@smokeriseprep.org](mailto:sherrie@smokeriseprep.org).



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**Mountain Park UMC  
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**Arts and  
Crafts Show**

**Saturday,  
Oct. 12**

**9:00 a.m. to  
5:00 p.m.**

**Lilburn Park  
98 1st Ave NW, Lilburn, GA**

Booths with unique arts and crafts, furniture, jewelry and hand made items, Lilburn Woman's Club Bake Sale, Food Trucks, Free kids activities, Music on the Stage. Shuttles available. See Lilburndaze.org website.

**Smoke Rise Baptist  
OCTOBERFEST**

Come for this free and fun event on  
Wednesday, October 30th  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hayride • Wear your costume!

Dinner tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (\$15 family maximum)

Smoke Rise Baptist Church  
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**STONE MOUNTAIN PARK**  
Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays thru Nov. 3  
10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.  
*Glow in the Dark Events Dusk to 9:00 p.m.*  
*Wizard of OZ 4-D Experience, Pie-Eating Contest,  
Glow-A-Long Parade, Fairy Tale Characters*

**STONE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
Oktoberfest**

Oct. 5 and Oct. 12, 12:00-9:00 p.m.  
at the Village Basket Bakery

6655 James B. Rivers Drive, Stone Mountain  
Join us for our annual Oktoberfest! Free Admission, games, contests, prizes and live music! Contests and gives are Costume, Beard and Mustache, Pretzel Eating and more.

**ZOMBIES!**  
**OCTOBER 25TH**  
**3PM-8PM**  
Come if you dare to Tucker's creepiest Halloween attraction. For one night only, help save Tucker from complete takeover of zombies. Walk the trails of Henderson Park to find the cure... before it's too late.

ART Station in Stone Mountain presents the  
**34th Annual A Tour of Southern Ghosts 2019**  
October 17-20 and October 24-27  
Thursdays and Sundays 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Fridays and Saturdays 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Atlanta's favorite, family Halloween event will be presented at the Historic Square (formerly called the Antebellum Plantation) in Georgia's Stone Mountain Park.

A Tour of Southern Ghosts is a storytelling festival that showcases fun and spooky ghost stories from the Antebellum South. For eight nights, some 15,000 visitors will be guided on lantern-lit tours of yesteryear, vividly brought to life through the grand tradition of Southern storytelling.

The tour is for the young and old and for those who believe, those who don't, and for those who just want to have a good time. For more information, visit [www.artstation.org](http://www.artstation.org), or [www.atourofsouthernghosts.com](http://www.atourofsouthernghosts.com) or call (770) 469-1105. Stone Mountain Park parking permit required.



**October 5  
1:00-5:00 p.m.  
Main Street, Tucker, GA**

Admission to Taste of Tucker is FREE! Come enjoy the fun atmosphere, live music, kid's zone all for free.

Food and drinks are available for purchase. Taste tickets are \$1 each. Food and drink items range from 2-5 tickets. How much you spend it totally up to you, but come hungry. It's for a good cause!

This year we will be donating 100% of the Proceeds to Old Town Tucker Merchants Association, Camp Kudzu and NETWorks. See [Tasteoftucker.com](http://Tasteoftucker.com) for more information.

**Helen for Oktoberfest**

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**Mountains and Apples North Georgia Road Trip  
by Susan Gilbert**

AAA Living magazine suggests this fall road trip through North Georgia. In late October, you will have a backdrop of brilliantly colored maple, oak, and hickory trees.



- Begin your day in Blue Ridge at the Mercier Orchards cafe fueling up on fresh apple doughnuts, apple fritters or waffles topped with warm cinnamon apples.
- Visit the charming shops of this quaint mountain town for souvenirs or early holiday shopping.
- Head to Ellijay and stop in for lunch at family-owned Cantaberry Restaurant. Their signature salad of spinach and Granny Smith apples topped with bacon, blue cheese, and candied pecans is a treat.
- Hike off lunch at Amicalola Falls State Park where you can explore 829-acres of walking trails leading past the highest falls in Georgia on to Springer Mountain, the southern end of the Appalachian Trail. Then head for Dahlonega for dinner. If you like Southern cooking, dine at Yahoola Creek Grill in Dahlonega known for their sweet-tea fried chicken and waffles topped with andouille sausage and gravy.
- For dessert, wander over to Paul Thomas Chocolates where you can have chocolate of course or try a caramel-covered Granny Smith apple on a stick covered in white chocolate and cinnamon sugar.
- To avoid the drive home, make a reservation at the boutique hotel on the historic Dahlonega square, Twenty Seven on Park. The next morning, you will wake up in the middle of the city's restaurants, shops, and galleries.

**MC3 Church to Host Community-Wide Fall Festival**

J.B. Williams Park • Saturday, Oct. 19 • 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The festival will feature inflatables, games and trunk-or-treating for kids, as well as hamburgers, hotdogs, snow cones and fun for the entire family.

All activities will be free.

J.B. Williams Park is located at 4935 Five Forks-Trickum Rd SW, Lilburn.

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**9/11 Memorial**

On September 11, 2001, at 8:45 a.m., an American Airlines Boeing 767, Flight 11, collided into the World Trade Center's north tower in New York City starting a horrific chain of airline crashes that forever changed our country. Eighteen years later the emotional impact of that day still weighs heavily on our hearts and minds. This past week we paused to remember the anniversary of that fateful day.

DeKalb County first responders paid homage to those who lost their lives on 9/11 by holding a remembrance ceremony at the public safety complex in Tucker. The tribute, delivered by the DeKalb County Fire Rescue Department and the Police Department, was a truly moving service.

It was an emotional ceremony as we proudly recalled the lives of everyday heroes who gave their all and provided a sense of hope and resilience during this time of profound crisis. Equally, we remember the many sacrifices of U.S. military personnel in the ongoing fight against terrorism.



*Members of The DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. joined with the DeKalb Co. First Responders in Tucker and provide a wreath for placement in the ceremony. Smoke Rise Residents Glendolynn Hallman, Quill Duncan, and Ann Purr, pictured with Chief Antonio Burden were among those presenting the wreath.*

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**Stuff**

By Frank Luton

“Stuff” that we no longer want or need seems to be an ever-growing problem in many of our homes. So, what do you do with all that “stuff?” Uh, let’s



see...you can sell it (EBay, yard sales, etc.), take it to the street and let the county dispose of it, see if your neighbors or maybe your children want it, OR you can donate it to a worthy organization that would put it to good use.

In our community (about 10 minutes away) is one of those worthy organizations you will want to consider – Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC). FODAC is located at 4900 Lewis Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, right around the corner in the industrial park.

FODAC was formed about years ago by a couple who accepted used mobility devices (wheelchairs, scooters, etc.), cleaned them up in their garage and gave them to people who needed them. FODAC’s mission is to enhance the quality of life for people of all ages who have any type of illness, physical disability or injury. Each year, they provide more than 5,000 items at little or no cost to the recipient.

**And here’s how you can help...**

Donate “gently used” home medical equipment and household items at the FODAC warehouse, where either Derrick or Keenan will help you unload your donations.

Or if the items are large, call FODAC to arrange a pickup by calling (770) 491-9014 and ask for the donations manger Irma (extension 114) or go to [www.fodac.org/donationrequest](http://www.fodac.org/donationrequest). Items to be picked-up by the FODAC truck need to be easily accessible and in a good, resalable condition.

There are some items that FODAC is unable to accept.



Items that are resalable are placed in the FODAC Thrift Store at the same location, where you can also find some really worthy bargains in gently used clothing and household items. There you can meet the friendly thrift store manager, Barry. Give ‘em a try!



To learn more about FODAC, go online to: <https://www.fodac.org/>.

**Historic Train Depot Renovated**

The historic train depot in downtown Stone Mountain has been reopened after a complete renovation of the inside and outside of the building. The depot will now house offices and the Stone Mountain Welcome Center. The grand opening was held with city, county and state dignitaries in attendance. There was an official ribbon cutting held at that time.

The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club donated the desk for the area where the Welcome Center will be located. Fifteen members were in attendance for the opening. Kim Cumbie, a Woman’s Club member, has been instrumental in the renovations. The depot will be open and part of the Woman’s Club “Home for the Holidays” Christmas Tour on December 14.



Left to right—Smoke Rise residents: Glenda Willett, Nelda Lunsford, Brenda Price(Club President), Barbara Luton, Jackie Cornett

The South side of the building was completed in 1857 after the Georgia Railroad completed the line from Madison to Atlanta. The North side was built in 1914 as a passenger office and waiting room. In the early 1960’s the building became the city hall and city jail. It remained in use until 2012 when a new municipal building was completed in the village.

**Ladies In Stride, Inc.**

The Women Of Ladies in Stride, Inc. (L.I.S) are “Keeping It Moving” as they help themselves and others to become totally healthy. Members of Ladies in Stride, Inc. from Buffalo New York, Atlanta Georgia, Mississippi, & Tuscaloosa Alabama met at the G.W. Jackson Family Park on Saturday July 6th to celebrate family, friends and the community. Family members of the G.W. Jackson Family Park and members of L.I.S. donated food items to the New Pentecostal Church. L.I.S. and the G.W. Jackson Family Park plan to make a food donation each year during the Annual G.W. Jackson Family Park Celebration. Congratulations to our Young Lady In Stride, Ms. Alexis Griffin of Atlanta Georgia. Ms Griffin is a Junior at Tucker High School and was crowned Miss G.W. Jackson Family Park 2019. See you all at the park next year on Saturday July 4th 2020. Many Thanks to everyone that participated & donated to this Awesome Event. The L.I.S. 8th Annual Total Health & Wellness Beach Retreat will be held in Miami Florida May 28th - May 31st 2020 at the Ritz Carlton Bal Harbour. All who are interested may become a member of Ladies in Stride, Inc. at [www.ladiesinstride.com](http://www.ladiesinstride.com).



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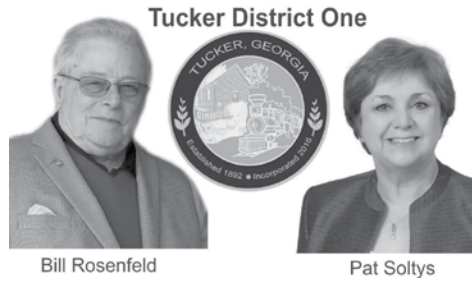
**ALLEN CORTEZ**

Amber Allen and Juan Cortez were married on June 30, 2019 at the historic Clarkston Community Center. Amber is the daughter of Mark and June Allen of Stone Mountain and Granddaughter of Lee and Betsy Allen of Smokerise, Georgia. Juan



is the son of Antonio and Patricia Cortez of Fairburn, Georgia. The maid of honor was Adelaide Allen, the sister of the bride, and the best man was Gonzalo Cortez, the brother of the groom. Pastor Samuel Alemon of Iglesia Bautista International conducted the beautiful and meaningful wedding ceremony. Both families joined in praying for this couple to be blessed in God's love through out their life together. Their lovely reception for about one hundred guests included music and dancing.

The couple honeymooned in Los Angeles, California and New York City. They now reside in Lithonia, Georgia. Juan will continue to work in information technology in Alpharetta, Georgia, and Amber will continue to teach in elementary education in Clarkston, Georgia.



permits and importance of our canopy. There were a number of questions regarding getting a tree permit to take down trees. Tree removal guidelines are on the City Website at [https://www.tuckerga.gov/departments/building\\_permitting/tree\\_removal\\_guidelines.php](https://www.tuckerga.gov/departments/building_permitting/tree_removal_guidelines.php). Permits are required if you are cutting down more than 5 non specimen trees in a year or a healthy specimen tree. While there is not a professional license for tree companies, there are business licenses. You need to be sure that any company hired has insurance and workman's comp for its workers. It should be registered with the Georgia Secretary of State and should have a Tucker Business License.

Traffic plans were discussed by Matthew Lee, Executive Director of the Tucker Northlake CID. He spoke about the new, elevated express lanes on 285, changes to some interchanges and the overall traffic plan. The plans effecting I-20 to Henderson Mill area are slated to begin in 2022. More info can be found at [dot.ga.gov](http://dot.ga.gov) under projects.

Bill Rosenfeld and Pat Soltys addressed code enforcement and what code enforcement officers do. Areas where there was a lot of discussion included maintenance of right of ways, trash and building or property improvement. There are currently 134 cases open in District One code enforcement. All codes can be viewed at [TheTuckerga.gov](http://TheTuckerga.gov) website under code enforcement.

You may have noticed fewer signs in the right of way. Signs in the right of way are not legal any place in the US. Tucker has begun enforcing and removing these signs. A guideline is that the right of way is from utility lines and forward. It varies significantly. No signs are allowed on traffic signs or utility poles. This includes real estate, garage and estate sales.

Term Rental properties were discussed including the current code limitation of no more than 2 unrelated people. An update was also given about problem properties.

The moratorium on zoning changes at the former Sears property lifted on August 30 and we are seeing interest in submitting proposals for the piece of land at the corner. The center piece next to the school was sold in July.

The city is working on a Non-Discrimination Policy to protect the rights of all and should be on the Council agenda very soon.

LT David Schoepner gave a police update and answered questions.

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The pool season has come to an end at the Smoke Rise Bath & Racquet Club for this year. SRBRC went out with a big party, hosting a Labor Day weekend event. A great crowd enjoyed a weekend of summer-fun activities at the pool. There was live music, mouth-watering BBQ, and kids and adults had fun in the pool. Many club members and friends also stayed into the night to watch a movie on the big screen.

While the gates of the SRBRC pool are now closed for the year, the board still has a general meeting planned for this month. Be sure to follow FB for updates and details. And of course, the tennis courts are still busy with the fall season in full swing.

If you are a 2019 member, or just visited as a guest, you know that SRBRC is a wonderful neighborhood, family-fun destination where you can make great memories. Get to know more about this club by looking at the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/srbrccommunity>.

When next summer rolls around, and you are looking for a neighborhood club offering more than just a pool and potluck evenings, you are ready to become a part of the SRBRC community. There is no other swim and tennis community like it!

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Georgia REALTORS® recently announced Bob Espy as the 2019 REALTOR of the Year (ROTY). The announcement was made on Friday, September 6, 2019, during the Georgia REALTORS® Board of Director’s Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

“We are so proud to have Bob Espy as our REALTOR® of the Year”, said Chris Jiles, 2019 President of the Georgia REALTORS®. “Bob is a hard-working man who has committed himself to not only the real estate industry, but to his community as well. He is more than deserving of this honor.”

Bob was one of thirty-six REALTORS® from across the state who were nominated to receive the ROTY award. “Those who know me, know I am very seldom without words.” he said, “I am speechless and humbled.”

Bob is currently a member of the DeKalb Association of REALTORS® where in 2015, he served as the board’s President and in 2019 was named their ROTY. Bob manages Espy Real Estate & Development Center located in Smoke Rise Georgia, a firm that he started in 2016.

A member of Georgia REALTORS® since 2008, Bob has served on and chaired several committees at both the local, state, and national level. In addition to his association participation, he is involved with the Women’s Council of REALTORS®, the Graduate REALTOR® Institute, DeKalb’s Commercial Council, and the Young Professionals Network (YPN).

Bob is also an active community volunteer, holding various positions with the Tucker Civic Association, the Tucker Community Foundation, the Tucker Business Association, and Boy Scouts of America – among others. His additional accomplishments include being presented with the Life Member Pinnacle Award by his local board in early 2019, receiving the YPN Achievement Award in 2015 and graduating from the Georgia REALTORS® Leadership Academy in 2015. Bob has also been a Major REALTORS® Political Action Committee Investor since 2016.

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**OUT THE WINDOW** by Beth Henson

You never know what is going to greet you, when looking out the window in Smoke Rise. Being an avid bird and nature lover, I am always hoping for something special!

Last week, I was pleased to see one of my favorite feathered friends, a huge brown thrasher who often frequents my yard. Being larger than most songbirds (around one foot) he was easy to spot. I've always felt a swell of pride knowing that this big guy represents us as our state bird and is the only thrasher living east of the Rocky Mountains. He can belt out more than 1,100 songs, even beating out Mr. Mockingbird.

As I was admiring his beautiful rust brown plumage and creamy breast, suddenly the thrasher hunkered down and a huge cloud of dusty red Georgia clay sprayed into the air. I knew what he was up to. A dust bath!!! Very contradictory...."dust bath." Normally birds take dust baths because water is not readily available. Many birds in the arid Southwestern United States do this. The dust, as well as a water baths, help keep the birds' feathers from becoming too oily and matted. After his "dirty" bath, my friend rummaged around on the ground looking for insects (his favorite meal) then flew into the thick nearby forsythia. Looking out the window to hopefully catch another glimpse, I noticed my bone-dry bird bath. Guilty as charged!



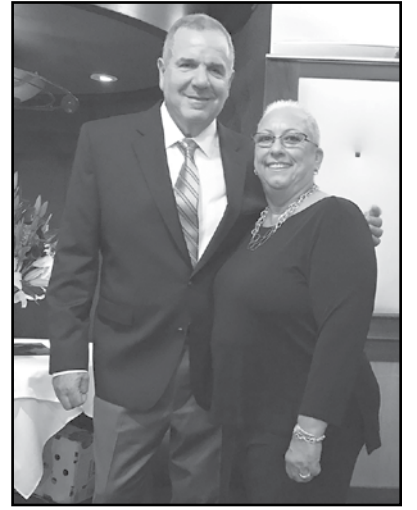
Brown Thrasher Illustration by Beth Henson

*One of Our Favorite Places...*

By Susan Gilbert -- Part 2 of a 2-Part Story

In 1987, Robert met and married the love of his life, Barbara, a spirited, outgoing, people-person who at the time owned and operated a hair salon. Sharing Robert's desire to serve others and deliver value and seeing he could use her help, she sold the salon business and became Robert's right hand in running the business. She has given insight to how to source the best products, plus she is a wonderful cook who provides recipes for many of the Market's prepared food selections.

I ran into Barbara at the Market one day and took note of her clever shopping technique. She had her favorite cookbook open in the shopping cart's child seat and was going up and down the aisles picking up what her dinner recipe called for. Ingenious! Knowing she if anyone would know the answer, I asked where I could find salsa in the market. She burst out laughing and said, "Susan, people don't buy salsa ... they make it!" A few years later, I did find salsa in the deli section of the Market, and I have to admit, it is the best salsa I have ever tasted.



Robert says without Barbara the ongoing development of the DFM would not have been possible

That market is the phenomena that we know today as Your Dekalb Farmer's Market (YDFM) located at 3000 E Ponce de Leon Avenue in Decatur. Open 364 days a year, the massive structure contains a fresh fish market, counters for beef, chicken, lamb, turkey and goat! You can get prepared meats such as sausage, eat in a restaurant serving prepared foods that are also for sale, an enormous bread are bakery, a coffee shop, a prepared dessert bar, dairy center, wine shop, herbs and spices, canned goods, juices, olive oils, and every imaginable kind of fresh fruits and vegetables.

You could spend a day just wandering the aisles and seeing the amazing variety of items brought in from all over the world. The flags decorating the ceiling represent the countries of the world, and the home countries of many of the Market's employees coming from the resettlement community in Clarkston, just down the road.

Seeing the market's success, Robert's brother, Harry, decided it was something he could do and maybe even improve upon. In the late 80s, he launched "Harry's" using a similar store layout and business model, but he was never able to get the formula quite right and didn't have Robert's innate passion for simply bringing economically the freshest and most diverse food to people.

Today, the Dekalb Farmer's Market is as much a place to shop as a tourist attraction. I took my parents to see the Market once when they visited me from Kentucky. They were so impressed and amazed that, from that point on, whenever they came to see me in Atlanta, instead of coming to my home, they would tell me to meet them at the Farmer's Market to pick up some fun food for the visit. Following that model now, when I bring to town job candidates or have clients or business partners in from out-of-state, we often take them there for lunch in the cafe just to show them the Market and to dine on a fabulous selection of dishes prepared daily.

Their dedication to caring for our community goes far beyond bringing food, it extends to encouraging the community to recycle by making bins for paper, glass, plastic, and other recyclables, easily available as you exit the market.

Robert is not done. But we will all have to wait and see what he has in mind for the massive property he has leveled at the front of the market. Seeing its horizontal length and the extraordinary height of the retaining walls, some thought he was putting in a landing strip! He's not ready to share that part of his vision yet, but keep an eye on it as you enjoy shopping at your Dekalb Farmer's Market. If you see Robert or Barbara, be sure to say "hello" and "thank you" for their vision, perseverance, and passion that adds such wonder to the area we call home.



**An Unexpected Visitor** by Sheila Willis

Living in the Smoke Rise Community offers so many beautiful surprises. Since moving into this beautiful community and renovating a forgotten home we have had a quite a few visitors to ring our doorbell and others just peek in. We have had the privilege of entertaining some of Mother Nature's finest on a daily basis such as wild turkeys and their little ones, occasional snakes, the beloved squirrels, a few opossums and lovely deer and fawns but our most recent visitor was a beautiful white crane who just peeped and sat down for a while.

As I was walking towards our front door, this lovely white crane was peeping in the window so as to say, "is anybody home?" I immediately got my phone to take a picture of this beautiful bird because no one would believe this bird would be walking on the sidewalk leading to our front door. The crane is said to be a symbol of happiness and eternal youth and to stand for good fortune and longevity because of its fabled life span of a thousand years in Asian cultures. I'm not sure this is true, but it reminds me that nature is still beautiful and Smoke Rise is not only a home for humans but a shared home for all.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By AvivA Hoffmann



Are You Recycling?

Smoke Rise residents receiving garbage pickup from DeKalb County's Sanitation Division are eligible to participate in the Residential Recycling Program – at no additional cost! The annual sanitation assessment fee includes garbage collection, yard trimmings, and recycling.

All acceptable, recyclable materials go into one county-issued, blue, recycling roll cart – placed at your curb on collection day. (No sorting required.) In the past 20 months, the county's recycling program has diverted more than 21,000 tons of recyclable materials from the Seminole Road Landfill. The residential, single-stream recycling program collected 13,200 tons in 2018 and more than 8,100 tons so far in 2019.

Recycled material, collected from residential homes, is accumulated at the county transfer stations and transported to Pratt Industries Inc. in Conyers, GA for processing. Nearly 102,000, or 59 percent, of the county's 173,000 residential households are participating in the recycling program. The Sanitation Division has 40 of its more than 200 trucks assigned to residential recycling.

Residents are encouraged to place acceptable items in their county-issued 35- or 65-gallon recycling roll cart. Acceptable items for recycling in DeKalb's program include:

- Cardboard • Shrink wrap • Plastics (#1-7) • Aluminum (soda) cans • Packing paper (no wax) • Mixed paper (newspaper, magazine, printer and copy paper, loose-leaf paper, notebook, etc.)

**What about glass?** The county stopped accepting glass in the recycling program, to ensure it will be processed and recycled in a responsible, environmentally-friendly way. You can recycle glass at several drop-off locations. (Get specifics at: [www.dekalbsanitation.com](http://www.dekalbsanitation.com).) Although not ideal, you can also dispose of glass by throwing it away with the rest of your non-recyclable garbage.

**What about furniture and appliances?** If you can't repurpose a piece of furniture or an old appliance, your residential, curbside collection service does include pickup of these items! Call the Sanitation customer service line, to report bulky items for pick, up once they have been placed at the curb. You can also call ahead or check the website, if you're not sure about a particular item.

**What about disposing of old paint?** Paint can be placed at your curb for pickup on your scheduled collection day, if the paint has solidified, and will not pour. You can use kitty litter or another drying agent to solidify liquid paint. Or, remove the paint can's lid, and stir daily, until the paint hardens in the can. Full cans of paint must be dry to the bottom - not just crusted over. (Cans with liquid paint can spill and leak onto roads – which is extremely difficult to remove!) Also, be sure to place paint cans beside the garbage roll cart - not inside the roll cart with household garbage. The lid must be removed, and either placed in your recycling container, or placed with your bagged garbage.

**What about tires?** The Sanitation Division will collect up to four passenger tires from residential customers at a fee of \$2.00 per tire. Or, residents may take a maximum of 10 passenger tires to the Seminole Road Landfill located at 4203 Clevemont Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294. Call (404) 687-4020 for more information.

**What about other items a resident can dispose of at the landfill?** You can take garbage, yard trimmings, furniture, personal vehicle tires, appliances and construction and demolition material to the landfill, for a disposal fee. Check online for details.

Some things are not accepted in the county's recycling program. If an item gets into the "system" that's not recyclable, it must be removed during some part of the process. That takes up extra time (which equals extra cost). Also, some items break, tangle, or clog recycling equipment in facilities (which also equals extra cost). You get the picture.

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HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

Bad to the Bone: Osteoporosis Screening and Treatment

Last month I talked about the risk factors for Osteoporosis or thinning of the bones. Osteoporosis (OP) can lead to debilitating and sometimes life shortening fractures. Those who need to be screened are those with the most risk factors. One in two post-menopausal women are at risk for an osteoporosis related bone fracture. Older men have a one in five risk. Having a family history of a broken bone after the age of 50, female sex and menopausal status rank among the most common risk factors. In addition, there are many other secondary causes of OP. You can read last month's article about this online.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force approved two basic recommendations for screening in 2018: Screen women 65 and older with bone density testing and screen women younger than 65 who are high risk. They have no specific recommendation for men although they recognize many men are at risk. They give no recommendation about how often to be screen but most doctors will screen every 2-3 years. (This is a Medicare screening interval suggestion). You may also have other high-risk reasons to screen.

The main way to be screened is to have a Bone Mineral Density (BMD) test done, usually in an imaging center, or sometimes, a doctor's office. The most complete and reproducible Bone Mineral Density test is called a DEXA scan. The DEXA scan compares the density of your bone in the spine and in the hips to normal values. The result of the test is given as a "T-score". A normal T-score is between -1.0 and 1.0 (or higher). Minus numbers mean the bone is less dense or thinner than normal. The 'bigger' the negative number, the thinner the bone is. A T-score of -1.0 to -2.4 is called pre-osteoporosis or Osteopenia. Anything thinner than -2.5 is categorized as Osteoporosis, and should be treated.

There are other numbers given on the report that your doctor will see. Many DEXA reports come with a calculation called the FRAX score. This is helpful in someone with pre-Osteoporosis. (Osteopenia). If you have a high FRAX score, you may possibly need to be treated during the Osteopenia phase. The FRAX score is an educated guess as to your risk of having a significant fracture over the next ten years. If the FRAX score is not automatically reported on your test result page, your doctor can plug all your risk factors into a FRAX calculator and can calculate your risk. You cannot calculate a FRAX score without having a T score number to plug into the calculator. Those with a FRAX score reflecting a 20% risk of bone fracture in the next 10 years or a 3% hip fracture risk should be treated, even if they only have Osteopenia.

Many types of doctors treat Osteoporosis. Your family doctor, an endocrinologist, a nephrologist, an oncologist or rheumatologist --if you are on steroids or chemo-- are all competent to treat Osteoporosis.

There are multiple U.S. FDA approved medications-- both oral and injectable types. Each medication is slightly different in the way it works to rebuild bone. It is important to have your doctor choose the treatment that is best for you. In some cases, almost any of the categories will work. Your doctor should discuss with you the benefits and risks of the treatment they recommend.

Before being treated, you should have normal calcium levels and know if you are deficient in vitamin D. In certain instances, other blood work is required prior to starting treatment. Supplemental Vitamin D (varies, but 1-3,000 International Units/day is a good start), Calcium (600 mg if you have normal Calcium levels) and weight-bearing exercise should be used along with your selected medication for OP.

Lastly—and this is my opinion-- there seems to be a shifting in the way doctors look at Osteoporosis. Instead of being a disease that is treated and cured, it is now being regarded as a disease that is chronic and is followed. If you are at risk, ask your doctor about a DEXA scan.

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**Crafty Morning Glories Enjoy a Workshop**

September's meeting was led by member and Master Flower Show Judge Joy Zaidan. The club created dozens of lovely items which will be sold at the Redbud District Meeting on October 10. The meeting, which will be held at the Smoke Rise Country Club, will feature "Share the Joy-A Holiday Bazaar." The proceeds from bazaar will support Redbud activities in our 18 county garden club district.

President Joyce Ray previewed the club activities for the year and welcomed two guests to our gathering. Our programs this year will range from a Landscape Design Architect to Bonsai to our 50th Anniversary Tea on March 10th, 2020. Please contact Joy Abrams at 404 323-1695 if you would like to visit our club which meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



This meeting also featured the "Drop Your Drawers" campaign to donate underwear for patients at the GA Regional Hospital in DeKalb County and also Christmas cards for our military service men and women. The cards are delivered to Dobbins Air Force Base and distributed world-wide. All of these projects are part of the outreach program with the Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs. There will be another fun event on November 7th with the Leading Lights luncheon and a Von Maur fashion show at Callanwolde. Tickets will be available in October. See a garden club member for details and we hope you can join us!

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**Mountain Shadow Garden Club**

The meeting of Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC) on October 14 will feature a program titled "A Trail of Trees to Georgia's History" by Rick Barnes. The presentation will include photos and commentary regarding important tree species to the development and history of the state, as well as some specific trees with historical and scientific interest.



Speaker Rick Barnes has been an active horticulturist in the Atlanta area for over 35 years. After graduating from the University of Georgia, he became co-owner of Greensphere Landscaping, Inc., an award-winning design-build-maintenance firm. Greensphere was acquired by NatureScapes, Inc. in 1996 and Mr. Barnes stayed with the company as Vice-President of Sales and Marketing until March of 2016, when he became a part of the team at Downey Trees, Inc. which provides treatments for the care of living trees and improvement of their growing conditions.

Mr. Barnes is Past Chairman of the Georgia Green Industry Association and is a Certified Arborist and Tree Risk Assessment Qualified with the International Society of Arboriculture. Mr. Barnes has had numerous articles published on horticultural topics and also works for the enhancement of the Georgia State University/Perimeter College Native Plant Botanical Garden.

MSGC is open to men and women of all ages who enjoy learning about a diverse range of topics related to home landscapes, plants, and gardens. The meeting and program begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. in Founders Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain. Free. Refreshments and socializing follow.

For more information and directions, contact club president Jeff Raines at 404-641-8633. [www.facebook.com/MtShadowGardenClub](http://www.facebook.com/MtShadowGardenClub)



*Daisy Saddles Up floral design*

**Smoke Rise Garden Club**

Yellow Daisy "Saddles Up" was the theme and our Smoke Rise Elementary 2nd and 3rd graders thoroughly enjoyed arranging flowers for the Youth competition. Fifty students brought their enthusiasm and talent this year. They and Montgomery Elementary entered plants grown in their school gardens winning ribbons as well. Club member Denise Finley entered a design in the table arrangement category.

Our speaker for the September meeting was Eileen Stone, the dynamic and enthusiastic head gardener for the Smoke Rise Community Garden. She brought before- after- during and present pictures of the garden, located across the street from the old Sears/new Smoke Rise elementary school property. She gave us the history of the property, which was originally owned by Pattillo Group and allowed to be used free of charge for several years, during which Doug Reynics spearheaded the organization of the first garden. When Doug "retired" Eileen took over. About that time Pattillo decided to sell the property and an angel investor in Smoke Rise bought it so it could remain a community garden.

Eileen, along with a lot of help from Lyle Collins and his big equipment, scraped the old garden away and rebuilt it, starting in early 2017. Garden member, Jim Sedlak has built a beautiful new gate to tie together all the deer fencing which he installed this summer. There are boxes dedicated to local food banks and WOW In-Sync participants (a day program for disabled adults) take care of those boxes and also water boxes for the renters of some of the other boxes.

There are beehives in the back corner of the garden which help pollinate the plants and the beekeeper has provided honey to the member gardeners. If you are interested, stop by and get info about renting a box from the kiosk out front.

Our meeting in October will be at the home of Amy Carubba and the speaker is Kirk Hines who will be teaching us about the care and planting of Bonsai, which is the use of special techniques to grow dwarf trees in containers.

**MOUNTAIN MUMS at the Waterfall House**

The Mountain Mums Garden Club meeting held their first meeting of the year at the "Waterfall House" – the beautiful home of Susan and Joel Gilbert. This house was well known to some of the original Mountain Mums when Ruby and Bud Schooler lived there. Ruby, who was a member of the Mountain Mums, and Bud first planted the beautiful gardens and hosted our club several times. We toured the gardens bordering the creek and waterfall in the back and watched as her garden grew. The garden paths wound around the house so naturally and were planted with just the right plants!



*Connie Henry, Susan Gilbert (Hostess and Waterfall House owner), Jean Weathers and Cheri Schneider Co-hostesses*

Many times when someone moves away from a house and the next person settles in, the new owners may not have the same interest or taste in keeping the original landscaping and gardens. The "Waterfall House" is not one of those properties! The Gilberts have not only kept the stunning four-season gardens, but they have improved upon it! They built a gazebo on the second story deck where over the railing you can see the gurgling creek drop four or more feet in a gorgeous waterfall. It is a beautiful peaceful place. One of the few neighborhood gardens with 'every plant in the right place', there are Japanese maples, Lenten Roses, Hostas, Harry Lauder's Walking Stick, Gardenias, Rhododendrons, Ferns, Hydrangea bushes, Camellias, Ginger lily, and so much more. The Mums loved their tour!

Our members were well represented at the Yellow Daisy Flower Show in early September. Lynn Malone Co-Chaired Horticulture Classification and Ann Purr Chaired the Clerks. Ann also entered a design in the AI Fresco Table Design Class. This year Sally Young, Debbie Jones and Pat Baumann clerked for the judges. Lucy White, Connie Henry, Lynn Malone and Ann Purr entered winning Horticulture specimen and/or worked at horticulture placement prior to the judging. Good job Mums!

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The Mountain Mums next meeting will be October 9 at 10:00 a.m at the home of club member Connie Henry. The Speaker will be Bill Dowden, owner of Coastal Pond Supply who will be talking on "Ponds, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly". Please consider joining us. Call Debra Jones for more information at 678-260-7806.



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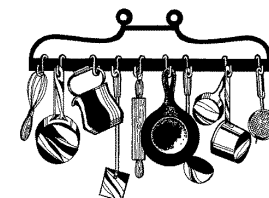
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*Amen, Let's Eat!*



**Apples** 

The fall produce markets are beautiful with still many choices of tomatoes and summer fruits and vegetables and the addition of fall favorites like muscadines, corn, okra and sweet potatoes, pumpkins, squash, apples of all varieties and fresh peas. It's a favorite time of year!

A trip to the North Georgia Mountains is a day well spent, especially if you come home with some fresh apples ready to go into your favorite recipe or added to your freezer for use later in the winter. Which apples are best for eating and which for cooking? Honeycrisp, my all-time favorite, can be used for both. For pies or baking any dessert, I like to use a mix: Granny Smith, Gala, Winesap, Rome or Fuji. Most apple orchards have handy charts to identify the best apple for your purposes.

The winner for the best apple to pack as a snack, due to its taste and beauty, is the traditional Red or Golden Delicious. My first recipe is for a Caramel Sauce that is a delicious enhancement to fresh sliced apples for any occasion. This recipe makes a lot and can be refrigerated in an airtite container for several months. It can be drizzled over the French Crème Apple Torte recipe (below) in place of the brandy sauce if preferred. To keep fresh apples from turning dark, soak in pineapple juice until ready to use, or keep some Fruit Fresh (ascorbic acid) in your pantry to sprinkle on.

Frozen apples can be quickly thawed to add to most recipes, especially desserts like apple cake or pie or apple crisp. Peel, core and slice apples into quart size freezer bag. Add ¼ cup of sugar and sprinkle with Fruit Fresh to keep apples from turning brown. Close bag and mix well, press out air and freeze. If apples are kept dry during the prep stage, you will be able to remove a few slices at a time to add to oatmeal or other hot cereals.

### Caramel Sauce

- ½ cup butter
- 2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 T. Water
- 1 T vanilla

Melt butter on low heat, add sugar and other ingredients. Increase heat to Medium, stirring constantly until melted and smooth. Serve over ice cream, pound cake, cheesecake. If desired add 1 cup chopped pecans.

### French Crème Apple Torte

- Line 9-inch springform pan with pastry.
- Mix the following and spread on unbaked pastry:
- 1 (8- oz) package cream cheese
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp vanilla

#### Apple Layer:

Slice three golden delicious apples thin and arrange in circular design on top of cheese layer. Sprinkle with mixture of 1/3 cup sugar and ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle ¼ cup sliced almonds on top.

Bake at 450° for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 400°, continue baking for 25 minutes. Cool before removing rim of pan.

#### Glaze:

- ½ cup apple jelly
- 1 T. brandy

Melt apple jelly on low heat and add the brandy. Mix well and use pastry brush to apply glaze to top of hot torte. Cool before serving.

Optional: Drizzle glaze or caramel sauce over tort while still warm or serve as topping when slices are plated.



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