



Mill Grove News

2016 Holidays

- July 4th is Independence Day
- July 24th is Parents' Day
- September 5th is Labor Day
- September 11th is Grandparents Day
- September 16th is Stepfamily Day
- September 17th is Citizenship Day

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Orlando Tribute

The Mill Grove Community is thinking and praying for the Orlando shooting victims, their families, and their friends during this difficult time.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Welcome to all of our new neighbors! We're so pleased to have you as our new friends. We hope you will enjoy living here as we all do in Mill Grove.

We are looking forward to meeting your families and getting to know you better. Please let us know if we can help you in some way; we know how difficult moving can be. We have a number of social events in the upcoming months that we hope you will participate in to bolster our community.

We are excited you decided to join our Mill Grove family!

Smyrna Food Truck Tuesdays

Join your fellow Mill Grove neighbors for Smyrna Food Truck Tuesdays each Tuesday through September 27 at Taylor-Brawner Park from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. (3180 Atlanta Road, Smyrna Ga, 30080)

The City of Smyrna, Georgia Power and Cobb Travel & Tourism (Atlanta's Sweet Spot) have "powered" up to bring you Food Truck Tuesday along with lots of Entertainment and fun.

This event is the best Food Truck event series around! Enjoy the offerings from a weekly gathering of quality mobile gourmet trucks and a bit of sweet, mixed in with music, too.

Please follow parking directions and remember to park legally. At/after 5:00 p.m. you may find additional parking at Community Bank of the South on Atlanta Road near the intersection of Atlanta Road and Concord/Spring.

14 Simple Gardening Tips

From using leftover coffee beans to preventing dirt from getting underneath fingernails, master gardener Paul James shares his top 14 tips and shortcuts to make spring gardening a breeze.



1. To remove the salt deposits that form on clay pots, combine equal parts white vinegar, rubbing alcohol and water in a spray bottle. Apply the mixture to the pot and scrub with a plastic brush. Let the pot dry before you plant anything in it.
2. To prevent accumulating dirt under your fingernails while you work in the garden, draw your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt can't collect beneath them. Then, after you've finished in the garden, use a nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.
3. To prevent the line on your string trimmer from jamming or breaking, treat with a spray vegetable oil before installing it in the trimmer.
4. Turn a long-handled tool into a measuring stick! Lay a long-handled garden tool on the ground, and next to it place a tape measure. Using a permanent marker, write inch and foot marks on the handle. When you need to space plants a certain distance apart (from just an inch to several feet) you'll already have a measuring device in your hand.
5. To have garden twine handy when you need it, just stick a ball of twine in a small clay pot, pull the end of the twine through the drainage hole, and set the pot upside down in the garden. Do that, and you'll never go looking for twine again.
6. Little clay pots make great cloches for protecting young plants from sudden, overnight frosts and freezes.
7. To turn a clay pot into a hose guide, just stab a roughly one-foot length of steel reinforcing bar into the ground at the corner of a bed and slip two clay pots over it: one facing down, the other facing up. The guides will prevent damage to your plants as you drag the hose along the bed.
8. To create perfectly natural markers, write the names of plants (using a permanent marker) on the flat faces of stones of various sizes and place them at or near the base of your plants.
9. Got aphids? You can control them with a strong blast of water from the hose or with insecticidal soap. But here's another suggestion, one that's a lot more fun; get some tape! Wrap a wide strip of tape around your hand, sticky side out, and pat the leaves of plants infested with aphids. Concentrate on the undersides of leaves, because that's where the little buggers like to hide.
10. The next time you boil or steam vegetables, don't pour the water down the drain, use it to water potted patio plants, and you'll be amazed at how the plants respond to the "vegetable soup."
11. Use leftover tea and coffee grounds to acidify the soil of acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and even blueberries. A light sprinkling of about one-quarter of an inch applied once a month will keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.
12. Use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add a spot of tea to the soil around the base of seedlings once a week or use it as a foliar spray.
13. If you need an instant table for tea service, look no farther than your collection of clay pots and saucers. Just flip a good-sized pot over, and top it off with a large saucer. And when you've had your share of tea, fill the saucer with water, and your "table" is now a birdbath.
14. The quickest way in the world to dry herbs: just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and close the doors. Your herbs will be quickly dried to perfection. What's more, your car will smell great.

Real time traffic updates on cobbcommute.org

Cobb County has launched this easy-to-use web tool to help users navigate traffic. Available on both desktop and mobile devices, www.cobbcommute.org shows users color-coded traffic speeds on major roads and highways and offers a look at LIVE traffic camera feeds around the county. Users have access to construction updates for major construction projects and can use filters to focus on a construction area of interest. The information comes directly from Cobb County's Department of Transportation's Transportation Management Center.

July 4th Events

Celebration at Stone Mountain Park. 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Lasershow and fireworks 9:30 p.m. July 1-4. \$15 daily parking. Adventure Pass: \$26.95 for adults and \$20.95 for children with discounts available online. Stone Mountain Park, 1000 Robert E. Lee Dr, Stone Mountain. 770-498-5690, stonemountainpark.com.

Legendary Fourth of July at Lenox Square. Mall hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Select restaurants will remain open after 6 p.m.) Legendary Fourth of July: 6 p.m. July 4. Free. Lenox Square, 3393 Peachtree Rd. N.E., Atlanta. 404-233-6767, simon.com/mall/lenox-square.

4th in the Park Celebration on Marietta Square. Parade begins at 10 a.m. July 4 at Roswell Street Baptist Church and travels west on Roswell Street, north on East Park Square past Glover Park and the Square, down Cherokee Street and ends at North Marietta Parkway. www.mariettaga.gov.

Fourth Celebration at Centennial Olympic Park. Gates open at 6 p.m. July 4. Fireworks begins at around 9 p.m. Free. Centennial Olympic Park, 265 Park Ave, West N.W., Atlanta. centennialpark.com.

Coca-Cola July 4th Fest at Six Flags Over Georgia. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. July 2; 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. July 3; 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. July 4. \$65.99; \$45.99 for those 48 inches and shorter; free for ages 2 and younger. Discounts available on the park's website. Six Flags Over Georgia, 275 Riverside Pkwy, Austell. 770-948-9290, www.sixflags.com.

Atlanta Braves and Gwinnett Braves fireworks. The [Atlanta Braves](http://AtlantaBraves.com) will have fireworks at Turner Field Friday July 1 following the game with the Florida Marlins. [Gwinnett Braves](http://GwinnettBraves.com) will have fireworks at Coolray Field on July 4 following their game against the Norfolk Tides.

Cobb County Safety Village

Cobb County Safety Village staff will host a Family Fun Safety Day 9 a.m-1 p.m. on Wednesday, **July 13**. Bring your family to enjoy fun and educational activities for kids of all ages. There will be tours of Sparky's House, safety games and up-close views of emergency vehicles.

The cost will be \$5 per person, with a \$20 per family max. For group rates of 20 or more, call [770-852-3270](tel:770-852-3270). The Cobb Safety Village is located at 1220 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta.

Spring Garage Sale Re-cap

Thank you to all who participated in the garage sale on Saturday, April 23rd. We hope everyone enjoyed the day and made some cash! If you still have lingering items around your house that you want to get rid off, there are many organizations that would gladly take it off your hands!

SunTrust Park Overview

SunTrust Park will be the perfect marriage of classic ballpark feel, modern amenities and southern hospitality, creating a fan experience unlike any other. An intimate setting of 41,000 seats (20 percent smaller than Turner Field) will be designed to maximize sightlines, making every seat feel like the "best in the house." With the new ballpark, Braves fans will enjoy the best amenities in all of Major League Baseball, highlighted most in 4,000 premium seats in the SunTrust Club, Delta SKY360 Club and the Terrace Club, which are linked to the best seats in the building. The Delta SKY360 Club, an 18,000 square foot hospitality club, will feature state-of-the-art technology layered with rich natural materials. Some key elements include dramatic walnut ceilings with custom fixtures and memorabilia displays. The club will offer an exceptional dining experience including two active display kitchens, a 30-foot long feature bar with marble slab top and a more casual sports bar that features two seven-foot by 20-foot LED video boards. Those seats will feature wide, high-back upholstered padded seats and include in-seat service with all-inclusive food, beer and wine and premium parking.

Right field of SunTrust Park will face the mixed-use development and plaza. At the cornerstone, a completely reimagined Chop House will be led by Coors Light. The iconic Chop House will be re-invented within SunTrust Park and will feature three levels, including two party decks and a new field level, which can be turned into a large group area directly behind right field. Totaling 10,000 square feet of hospitality space, the Chop House will include a full menu, a variety of beer choices and a burger restaurant concept space. Delaware North Sportservice will be the food service provider for SunTrust Park. The partnership will start in 2016 at Turner Field and continue as the Braves open the 2017 season at SunTrust Park.

Cobb County Police Department PENS Program - Northeast Cobb Precinct 4 Updates - June Edition

Please take some time to review the June 2016 Edition of the Cobb County Police Department PENS Program. It is important for all of us to know what is happening in our County. Remember if you think something may be suspicious, it could possibly be. Contact your neighbors and/or your local police. It is up to us to keep our community safe.

<http://us12.campaign-archive2.com/?u=19c85519b5a11a3765e4d402c&id=323371af6a&e=62be1fb9dd>

Help feed children in our community

Powder Springs First United Methodist Church is a local host site for MUST Ministries summer lunch program. On weekdays through July 29, the program provides sack lunches for hungry children. Last summer, 100 children in Powder Springs were fed each day and the church hopes to expand the program this summer to help more children in need at two locations. MUST Ministries estimates that up to 900 meals per day would be needed to serve all of the children at Powder Springs Elementary School and Hopkins Road park. You can help in many ways:



1. **Sign up to volunteer.** Checkers, packers and drivers are needed every day. [Click here](#) to sign up.
2. **Donate sack lunches.** Contact the local coordinator at wcobbsummerlunch@mustministries.org.
3. **Donate money.** If you are interested in making a financial contribution, email methodist.preacher@gmail.com.
4. **Spread the word.** Pass this information to any group, church, team or organization who care about our children.

Foodie Fanatic Findings!

Now Open!

Porch Light Latin Kitchen

<http://www.porchlightlatinkitchen.com/>

Stockyard Burgers and Bones

<http://www.stockyardburger.com/#about>

Opening Soon!

Creatwood Tavern

101 Steak

Calling all Mill Grove Party Planners!

Interested in event planning or just want to volunteer in your community for the next Mill Grove function? The Mill Grove HOA Board wants to hear from you! We are in the process of looking at events for the remainder of 2016 and are looking for a fun and creative team to help plan the next event for late Summer or early Fall! Please reach out to Melissa Rine before June 24th to let her know of your interest.

Landscape, Detention Pond, and County Updates

The front landscaping has been completed. We hope that you are as pleased with the improvements as we are. In addition, the detention pond clean out is almost completed! We want to hear from you to let us know your thoughts. Please contact any member of the HOA or ACC about the updates.

Also, Mill Grove is next on the list for cleaning up the county property along Concord Road outside of our entrance.

Friendly Reminders!

- Please be courteous of your neighbors and pick up after your pet.
- Overnight off street parking is prohibited unless approved by the HOA in advance. If you plan on having a party or have extra family or friends over, please let a member of the HOA know. Also, please be sure that if your guests are parking in the road for a fun event, they park in an area where they are not blocking the driveway or making it hard for someone to get out of their driveway.
- Please remain aware of your speed and your surroundings in the neighborhood since the summertime invites more activity on our streets.
- Not just for our neighborhood, but anywhere you are at...if you see something, say something! We all play a role in keeping our communities safe.
- If you have a recommendation for our next newsletter, please let us know. Whether it is a great new dish you made, a fabulous contractor you have used, or a deep discounted product you found, please let us know!

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