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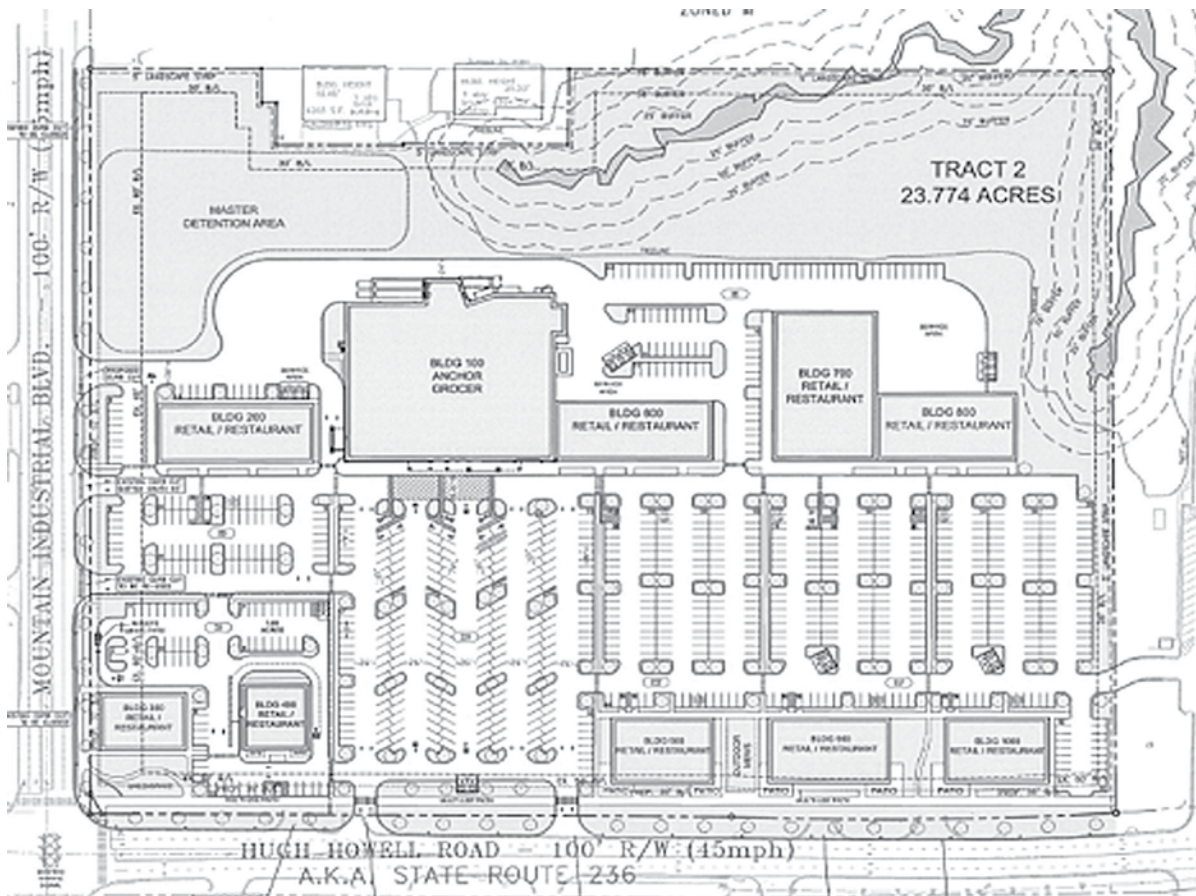


**Happy Thanksgiving**  
from the staff of the  
**Smoke Signal!**

## Proposed Development at the Old Sears Properties Site

On October 9, Atlanta based Branch Properties appeared before the City of Tucker Community Council regarding a proposed 154,000 square foot commercial development at the corner of Hugh Howell Road and Mountain Industrial Boulevard.

Below is the proposed site plan for the development presented.



The application for the project states, “Branch proposes rezoning in order to redevelop and revitalize the property with retail, commercial and restaurant uses, introduce patio seating, pedestrian walkways and gathering areas and improve and add streetscape elements in order to serve the nearby neighborhoods and employees of nearby businesses.”

The City of Tucker City Council is tentatively scheduled to make a decision on the application in February of 2020.

## Free Indoor Art Market

Come out to ARTucker on Saturday, November 2 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Tucker Rec Center, 4898 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084.

ARTucker is an indoor artist’s market that celebrates local Georgia makers.



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## VOTE

on November 5

at your Assigned Precinct

– General Municipal & Special Election –

Polls are Open: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



## Local Rotarians to Host Electronics, Medical Equipment Recycling Event

The Rotary Clubs of Tucker and Stone Mountain will host an Electronics and Home Medical Equipment (HME) Recycling Day on Saturday, November 9 to benefit Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC). The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Handy Ace Hardware at 3969 Lawrenceville Highway (Town Square Center) in Tucker.

Working and non-working electronics (with the exception of CRT monitors and televisions) and HME will be accepted for recycling at no charge, but participants are encouraged to make a donation to FODAC.

Event will be held rain or shine.

Funds raised from the event help support FODAC’s main program supplying HME to the mobility impaired and their caregivers, at little or no cost to the recipients. Working electronics are cleaned and offered for sale in FODAC’s Thrift Store; non-working electronics are recycled with the proceeds going to fund FODAC’s equipment program. Collected HME is refurbished and re-issued to those with disabilities.

For more than 30 years, FODAC has helped people with injuries and disabilities of all ages regain their mobility, independence and quality of life. A pioneer in re-use, FODAC keeps 400 tons of materials out of landfills each year by recycling more than 700 HME items every month and is recognized nationally for best practices.

For questions on the event, please contact FODAC at (770) 491-9014.



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### November Calendar of Events

- 2 Free Art Festival, ARTucker, Tucker Recreation Center  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 4 Smoke Rise Garden Club Meeting at Deb Christensen's house
- 5 General Municipal & Special Election  
Polls open 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Electronics Recycling Event, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Rotary Clubs of Tucker & Stone Mountain  
Ace Hardware Tucker (Handy Hardware) in Tucker
- 11 Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC)  
"Native Plants for the Birds", 7:30 p.m.  
Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road
- 13 Mountain Mums Meeting, "Who-Whoooo Do You See?"  
AWARE presentation with live animal ambassadors  
home of Jean Weathers
- 17 Smoke Rise Prep Chili Cookoff, Smoke Rise Country Club,  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving!

#### In December

- 14 Homes for the Holidays – Tour of Homes  
GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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### NOVEMBER 13

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### Mark Your Calendar: Holiday in Smoke Rise

**Saturday, December 7  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
FREE Admission**

Holiday in Smoke Rise, a longstanding tradition of the Smoke Rise Community, is a holiday craft and gift show which started in 1980. The event features more than 100 artists, crafters and holiday vendors selling art, home accessories, home baked goods, clothing, garden art, glass/copper works, ornaments, scarves and shawls, wearable artwork, gourmet foods and gift items /eco-friendly vendors, natural spa products, and yarn designs.

Proceeds benefit the Smoke Rise Elementary School through the Smoke Rise Elementary Jaguar Endowment Fund.

More info at <http://holidayinsmokerise.com/>

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 Danny Vancil: Minister of Music and Worship  
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 Stacey McNeil: Co-Director of the Weekday School  
 Telephone: (770) 469-5856  
[SmokeRiseBaptist.org](http://SmokeRiseBaptist.org)

#### 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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 Director of Communications: Joy Summerville-Johnson  
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[www.eastminster.us](http://www.eastminster.us)

Respite Care Center Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary - nursery provided  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Communion: First Sunday of each month

#### Wednesdays:

5:45 p.m. Join us for dinner! - \$5 per adult  
 6:30 p.m. Program  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## MC3 Church

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 Student Minister: Will Tyler  
 Coordinator of Kids Ministry - Jim Barber  
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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

C-groups throughout the week at various homes -- check out our website for more times and addresses

Business Address and Hours:  
 1316 Rockbridge Rd, Suite M  
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Mailing Address:  
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## First Moravian Church

Pastor: Rev. Elroy Christopher  
 Congregational Acolyte: Bill Hitz  
 Telephone (770) 491-7250, (770) 755-8289  
[www.gamoravian.org](http://www.gamoravian.org)

#### Sundays:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults & Children  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

## Incarnate Word Lutheran Church

Please join us for worship on Sundays at 8:45 a.m.  
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## Mountain West Church

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**THS BASEBALL – In the Swing of Things**

*By Kathryn Turner of THS Dugout Club*

The Tucker High School (THS) Baseball Program is swinging into action. For the second year, THS has entered a team of hopeful players into the Fall League (at Brookrun Park in Dunwoody). Currently, the Fall Team carries 19 players on its roster and has a 7-1 record. Three of the players live in the Smoke Rise Community! Last year's Fall Team placed third in the Fall League under Assistant Coach Alfred Turner. Led by Head Coach Matt Masce, the team has begun conditioning, field work, and will begin to raise funds to help the baseball team cover costs for new netting in the cages, new rubber flooring and ceiling fans in the locker rooms, some construction and painting in the score box area, and much more.

One of the biggest fundraisers is the THS Baseball Golf Tournament. On November 10, The Tucker High School Baseball Program will host its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament along with Coach Masce and The Tucker Dugout Club (booster). The team is searching for any and all golfers (no matter the level, especially with \$5 mulligans available) to come out and play a round of golf while supporting the THS Baseball Program! The Tucker Dugout Club is a 501c3, so any donation, sponsorship, and amount spent on the golf game above standard is tax deductible.

**TUCKER TIGER BASEBALL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**November 10, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.**

*Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp!*

\$110 per single player

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Mail checks to: 5036 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084

Registration Info: [www.tuckertigersbaseball.com](http://www.tuckertigersbaseball.com)

For additional information,

contact Tony Guilford at (678) 933-8669

email: [tuckertigersbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:tuckertigersbaseball@gmail.com)



**SRP: Where Everyone is Welcome!**

*By Grier Kellett*

Smoke Rise Prep, Stone Mountain's best kept secret, focuses on the core values of 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 we accomplish this is to create a healthy balance between academic rigor and enriching activities.

We are pleased to be partnering this year with Smoke Rise Baptist Church for its annual Thanksgiving Basket Collection, and we are also hosting a chili cookoff at the Smoke Rise Country Club on Sunday, November 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition to the tasty chili, there will be a cash bar, popcorn, Kids Zone, entertainment, gift card prizes and one winner will take home the coveted Golden Plunger! More details and ticket information can be found on our website, <https://www.smokeriseprep.org/chili-cookoff>.

Our students are fortunate to go on numerous field trips throughout the school year. Shout out to the Aurora Theatre in Lawrenceville for entertaining and educating our elementary students with "Rock the Presidents!" We encourage all residents to support this professional theatre company. Check out their varied productions! Our middle schoolers also recently visited the Lockheed-Martin facilities in Marietta to see STEM careers in action. It made quite the impression on our students.

We are thrilled to announce we have received our official accreditation "with quality" from the Georgia Accrediting Commission. The faculty, staff, students, and parents worked hard to realize this dream. Send us a message if you're interested in a tour. See for yourself the amazing learning happening at Smoke Rise Prep: <https://www.smokeriseprep.org/take-a-tour>.

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).

**Smoke Rise CC Tennis Members Show Their Pink**



*Smoke Rise residents featured in photos include Graham Felton, Terry Ingwersen, René Boven, Ellen Heffner, Jan Madeley, Judy Coyle and Betsy Johnson.*

The Smoke Rise Country Club tennis community "Pinked Out" throughout this Fall's tennis season. Not only did the ladies teams wear pink outfits to their matches but also, so did the men's teams. You've got to love a guy in pink?! This pink performance was in support of Breast Cancer Awareness but more importantly, in support of a couple of community members that are currently fighting the Big C!



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**CASINO NIGHT - TUCKER HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

**Saturday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

Play craps, roulette, blackjack and Texas Hold 'em poker to help raise funds for the Tucker High School Foundation. \$60 per person or \$100 for a couple. Each ticket covers heavy hors d'oeuvres, \$1,000 in fun-money to play the tables, and a drink. More drinks can be purchased. There will also be a Silent Auction, and a 50-50 Raffle. Spend a fun night on the town in Tucker supporting teachers and students!  
[www.tuckerhighschoolfoundation.com/casino-night.html](http://www.tuckerhighschoolfoundation.com/casino-night.html)

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**Fall Open House at the DeKalb History Center**

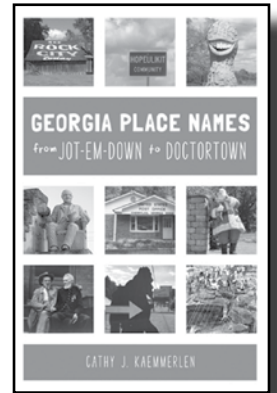
Since 1947, the DeKalb Historical Society, now the DeKalb History Center, has been collecting and preserving the history of DeKalb County through its archives and collections. In order to properly care for the thousands of documents and items housed in the Historic DeKalb Courthouse, each item must be stored in the proper conservation materials.



The center invites the public to a free Fall Open House on Thursday, November 14 to kick off its fundraising campaign "Give Five for the Archives." The event takes place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Historic DeKalb Courthouse at 101 E. Court Square, Decatur GA 30030.

Exhibits will be open and behind-the-scenes tours of the archives/collections areas will be offered. A cash bar will also be available.

**Hops at the History Center  
Georgia Place-Names from  
Jot-em-Down to Doctortown**



Ever wonder why some places are named what they are? When it comes to Georgia, there's no telling what names you're going to come across. From Boxankle to Cow Hell, this dynamic book dives into the stories behind some of Georgia's most interesting and head-scratching place names.

For the "November Hops at the History Center Author Event," the DeKalb History Center welcomes Cathy J. Kaemmerlen, author of five published books and known for her variety of one woman shows put on through her production company, Tattlingtales Productions.

Wednesday, November 6 • 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

sponsored by Eagle Eye Book Store

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Books will be available to purchase.

Contact the DeKalb History Center

for more information and ticket pricing. (404) 373-1088

The DeKalb History Center is located at the Historic DeKalb Courthouse, 2nd floor. 101 E. Court Square, Decatur GA 30030



**Homes for the Holidays - Tour of Homes**

Mark your calendar for the GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club "Homes for the Holidays" tour of homes. The event takes place on **Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and will feature four homes exquisitely decorated for the holidays. Three of the homes are in Smoke Rise, and one is in Stone Mountain. A special addition this year will include a tour of the renovated Historic Train Depot in Stone Mountain.

Tickets are available at Art Station in Stone Mountain, the Garden Enthusiast in Tucker, at [www.stonemountainwomanclub.org](http://www.stonemountainwomanclub.org) or from any member.

Tickets will be available at the Methodist church the day of the tour.

The \$25.00 ticket includes admission to the four homes and the depot. It also includes lunch at the Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church in the village. Vendors at the church will have gift and home décor items for sale.

Proceeds help support the club's charitable organizations— including: Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse, Ronald McDonald House, Art Station, Women's Resource Center to prevent domestic violence, Wellspring Living to help against human trafficking, Operation Smile, veterans' organizations, local elementary schools, the Care Closet at Tucker High, disaster relief and Tallulah Falls School.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

November 14, 15, & 16  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bag Sale: November 16  
from 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

After-Sale: November 16  
from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Members and Non Members come check out the club and plan your perfect holiday party, business meeting, or holiday party event for up to 200!

Contact Heath McDaniel, Membership Director at 770-908-2582 or [hmcdaniel@smokerisecc.com](mailto:hmcdaniel@smokerisecc.com).  
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**A Whole Lot of Christmas at 1833 Smokerise Summit**

By Victor J. Economy

Fall is in the air in our Summit Community, and the Christmas season is right around the corner. The neighborhood elves are already busy helping with preparations for this year's Christmas display, and as usual, the display will come to life on Thanksgiving night at 6:15 p.m.



Santa Claus has even called and confirmed that he will stop by on weekends in December to sit in his sleigh for pictures. As

in years past, donations will be collected for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Since 2012, a total of \$29,556.83 has been collected for charity. This year, the Economy family is hoping to surpass last year's total of \$6,779.85.

Please be sure to come by and enjoy the lights this year with your family and friends.



**FODAC's Breakfast with Santa at Stone Mountain**

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a Tucker-based non-profit providing mobility equipment for those with disabilities, will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Evergreen Marriott Resort and Conference Center at Stone Mountain Park.

The event will allow each child a chance to chat with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Event registration fee will include a gourmet breakfast buffet; free park admission with an all-attractions pass for each person; a carol sing-along; a toy for each child; and an opportunity for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, their friends Frosty and Rudolph, and of course the elves.

Professional photographer on site at the event will take photos, which will be available via free online download. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children ages 6 -11; children 5 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For registration and info, visit [fodac.org/breakfast](http://fodac.org/breakfast).

Funds raised will support FODAC's mission to supply home medical equipment to people with disabilities.

**University of Governmental Affairs at Tucker**

**November 12 - 6:00 p.m.**


The City of Tucker invites all residents and other stakeholders to learn more about Tucker at a six-session education course, the University of Government Affairs at Tucker.


UGA Tucker (not affiliated in any way with the University of Georgia) gives participants deeper insight into how the city government functions, as well as into the partnership between the city, DeKalb County and state agencies. This course takes place during a six-month period, meeting for two hours on the second Tuesday of the month. It is led by city staff, who take participants inside the daily workings of City Hall, the City Hall Annex and the Tucker Recreation Center. The program graduated nearly two dozen students from its inaugural class, the Class of 2019.

Participants can sign up online at [//tuckerga.gov/ugatucker](http://tuckerga.gov/ugatucker) and can email any questions to Sonja Szubski at: [sszubski@tuckerga.gov](mailto:sszubski@tuckerga.gov).

Course schedule (locations to be determined)


November 12, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.      January 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 December 10, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.      February 11, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.





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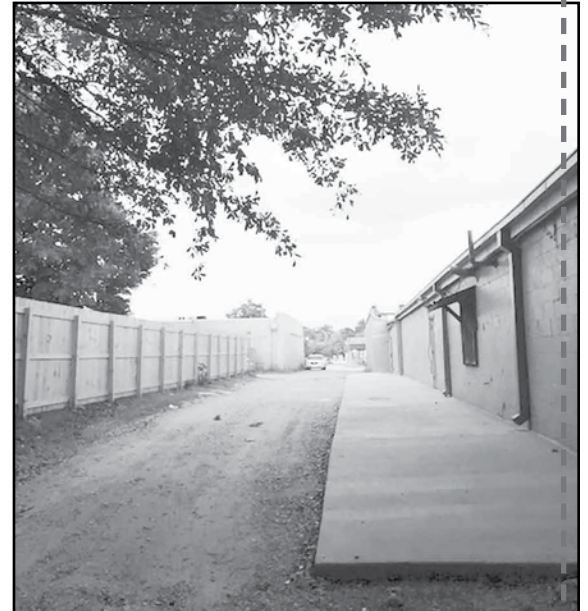
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**Saturday, December 14 • 1:00 p.m.**  
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**Saturday, December 14 • 7:00 p.m.**  
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**What's New in Tucker?**



Tucker Council Member of Dist. 1, Post 1, Pat Soltys, moved her real estate business, Smoke Rise Agents, to Heritage Place. She celebrated the ribbon cutting with more than 100 people. Tucker Council Member of Dist. 1, Post 2, Bill Rosenfeld, and Tucker Mayor, Frank Auman, also attended the event.



Blue Tarp Brewery has received its certificate of occupancy and has begun brewing. The brewery will be open to the public on November 2. Blue Tarp is located behind The Local 7 on Main Street.



The Garden Enthusiast opened in its new, larger space on Main Street near First Avenue. Pictured are owners Scott and Brittany with Frank & Gaye Auman and Beth Henson (wife of Senator Steve Henson) at the Grand Reopening.

**OUT THE WINDOW**

By Beth Henson

A small shadow of sadness raced across my heart as I looked out the window at my backyard flower garden. The sea of Black-eyed Susan flowers were beginning to fade from vibrant Indian yellow to the less exciting yellow ochre. Or that's at least how I often depicted them in my many watercolor paintings. With the summer's end, they would soon be just a beautiful memory.

Suddenly I saw the flicker of something lemon pie yellow and mesmerizing. The goldfinches had come to enjoy the spoils of my garden, feasting on the crusty dried seed. I knew they nested in mid-summer, so the flower seeds would be ripe later when their single brood of hungry young were hatched. As the days cooled in fall, many would migrate to Mexico in waving flocks, but some would stay with me. Their bright yellow plumage would turn to duller brown in the winter when they would go through a complete molt, blending them into the somber north Georgia winter landscape.

Thinking of my fading flowers and the hungry finches brought to my mind the cyclical nature of life. I would miss my lovely Black-eyed Susan but revel in the knowledge that it would sustain many of my sweet finch families in the months to come.



Yellow Finch by Beth Henson

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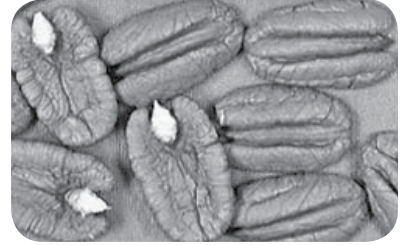
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**2019 Georgia Pecans  
for the Holidays**

By Don Armstrong, MSGC



The Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC) is pleased to announce its 2019 “Georgia Pecans for the Holidays” sale, our annual fall fund raising event. “The newly harvested pecans from our supplier, Stone Mountain Pecan Company, will be available in November, in time for the holidays,” said MSGC president Jeff Raines.

Demand continues to increase for Georgia pecans. Here are the prices for 2019:

- Fancy Natural Pecan Halves in 12 oz. packages are \$8.00
- Chocolate Covered Pecans in 10 oz. packages are \$6.00
- Roasted and Salted Pecans in 8 oz. packages are \$5.00

We expect high quality pecans again this year and would be delighted to add you to our customer list. Our long-standing customers know, “You Can Taste the Difference!” in freshly harvested pecans. It’s a local tradition. Proceeds help fund a scholarship to a Gwinnett Tech student and other community projects.

To assure your request is filled, we recommend orders be placed in advance with a member of MSGC. Please e-mail [msgcpecans@gmail.com](mailto:msgcpecans@gmail.com) or call us at one of these numbers: (404) 641-8633, (770) 923-9762, or (770) 879-6116.

On Saturday, November 9, pecans that were pre-ordered may be picked up at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain. From 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., MSGC members will be in the parking area outside to assist with pick-up and accept payment. A limited supply of all varieties will also be available for purchase.

After mid-November, MSGC pecans that were pre-ordered may be picked up at the following locations:

The Garden Enthusiast, 2343-B Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084  
Phone (404) 474-7072 or 79-D Main Street, Lilburn, GA 30047

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## What Happened to Civility?

Joel Gilbert, P.E.

Maybe it is just me, but I am sick and tired of all the bickering I constantly hear in the news. We are about to begin another season of politics and these people we voted into office are spending more time trying to tear the other side apart than getting the job done we sent them there to do.

Why is it that we have lost our sense of grace with each other? Can't we simply get along without fear of everyone around us waiting for the opportunity to stab us in the back? I mean ... really? Are we going back to some primitive state in humanity where this is all about survival of the fittest?

It seems to me that we all can agree with the high calling of God to love one another when we sit in our places of worship, but then we turn around and act like we never heard of the concept when we face life's real decisions of how we live with each other on this planet.

As I think about it, the key word that seems to describe our impasse is a sense of civility. So, I went on line to google the full meaning and found of all things a website focused on civility in government! Here is what that said:

What is Civility?

"Civility is claiming and caring for one's identity, needs and beliefs without degrading someone else's in the process," Institute for Civility in Government.

Civility is about more than just politeness, although politeness is a necessary first step. It is about disagreeing without disrespect, seeking common ground as a starting point for dialogue about differences, listening past one's preconceptions, and teaching others to do the same. Civility is the hard work of staying present even with those with whom we have deep-rooted and fierce disagreements. It is political in the sense that it is a necessary prerequisite for civic action. But it is political, too, in the sense that it is about negotiating interpersonal power such that everyone's voice is heard, and nobody's is ignored. And civility begins with us.

Well, I can't imagine a better thought for this time in our country! Good to know we have an institute dedicated to it. Not sure I'd give them high marks on achievement and would love to see some results.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Aviva Hoffmann

### Election Day is Coming – Vote on November 5

Although it's an off-year for major statewide and national elections, there are still several important municipal elections taking place this month – including in the City of Tucker. Voters will also get to weigh in on a countywide referendum regarding a plan to restructure the DeKalb County Ethics Board. Voters must approve the bill by a majority vote for it to be enacted.

The General Election/Special Election takes place November 5. Go to your assigned precinct to vote. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The races for Smoke Rise residents to watch:

TUCKER City Council, Post 2, District 1  
Christine Bloodworth  
Bill Rosenfeld (Incumbent)

TUCKER City Council, Post 2, District 2  
Noelle L Monferdini (Incumbent)

TUCKER City Council, Post 2, District 3  
Anne Lerner (Incumbent)

The Tucker City Council has a mayor and six council members, elected on a non-partisan ballot for four-year terms. Two council members represent each of Tucker's three districts, while the mayor represents the entire city. The terms for council members from District 1 Post 2, District 2 Post 2 and District 3 Post 2 expire in January 2020. The terms for council members from District 1 Post 1, District 2 Post 1 and District 3 Post 1, as well as for the mayor, expire in January 2022.

The Ethics Referendum on the ballot will ask, "Shall the Act be approved which revises the Board of Ethics for DeKalb County?" Yes or No.

Those who oppose this referendum believe it weakens the Ethics Board and will greatly diminish the power and purpose of the board. Those who favor the referendum believe it creates needed changes for the board.

The state Supreme Court ruled last year that DeKalb's Board of Ethics was unconstitutional, because most of its members were picked by private groups, like the Bar Association, the Chamber of Commerce, or Leadership DeKalb, rather than picked by elected officials. That ruling gutted – at least for a time – the power and operations of the Ethics Board.

If this month's referendum on the Ethics Board passes, it will not only revise how the Ethics Board's seven members are appointed, it will also include additional provisions such as: former county employees and former elected officials will no longer be the subject of an investigation; county employees will be required to file complaints through DeKalb's Human Resources Department before filing a complaint to the Ethics Board; the county CEO will have a representative on the Ethics Committee; and the Ethics Officer position will change to an Ethics Administrator that is more clerical in nature.

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**HEALTH NOTES:**

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

**E cigarettes and Vaping: Is it safe?**

Rates of cigarette smoking have declined in the last decade to about 20% in adults over the age of 25, and 17% in those under 25 years of age. Simultaneously, the tobacco industry has begun to heavily market e-cigarettes as a means of stopping tobacco smoking. The main target seems to be our youth! From glamorizing e-cigarettes in movies and advertising, to introducing kid-friendly flavors like bubble gum and gummy bear flavors... “vaping” is all the rage! These products are currently easily available for on-line purchase for anyone who knows how to use a credit card, and are available in dozens of local shops that have cropped up in our communities. Are e-cigarettes dangerous, or are they a better alternative to tobacco smoking?

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and “vaping” are almost interchangeable terms for “smoking” nicotine (and sometimes marijuana) from small cigarette-like devices. These devices have a mouthpiece and a refillable cartridge, which contains nicotine, water and flavorings (there are more than 3,000) in a chemical base. A battery-operated heating element heats the liquid in the cartridge to help aerosolize it to “smoke.”

Can e-cigarettes help you quit smoking? Well... possibly. E-cigarette users who are trying to stop smoking regular cigarettes were able to cut down, and some quit. But they were also more likely to become “dual users.” This means they continued smoking, while using e-cigarettes. While cutting down helps, it does not eliminate the smoking risk. Cutting down from one pack of cigarettes to half a pack per day doesn’t cut your health risk in half.

E-cigarettes are considered by some to be a “gateway” to smoking cigarettes. The Journal of American Medical Association reported that in teens who had never smoked, 30% of those who tried an e-cigarette went on to smoke cigarettes. In those who had never tried an e-cigarette, only 8% went on to smoke. While rates of smoking traditional cigarettes in youth have declined markedly in the last decade, “vaping” or e-cigarette use is up almost 20% among teens—and is being seen in younger and younger age groups. Current e-cigarette rates have surpassed tobacco-smoking rates in teens and young adults.

Are the chemicals and flavorings safe in e-cigarettes? Well, the jury is still out, because e-cig use is a relatively recent phenomenon. Most studies only extend 10 years and no long-term studies--lasting 30-40 years-- have been done. These studies are critical in determining how safe e-cigarettes are.

E-cigarettes have about a tenth of the carcinogens that regular cigarettes have. However, most of what is inhaled from e-cigarettes is inadequately studied. Devices that have a five-volt battery (or more), release agents that break down into formaldehyde. The heating element itself releases minute amounts of heavy metals, like aluminum. The base carrier in the cartridge is mostly propylene glycol. These substances are aerosolized and inhaled very deeply into the bronchial tree. No one knows what effect they will have in the long term. Most of the flavorings, while “food grade” have never been tested as inhaled substances. Food grade products are safe to eat, but not necessarily to inhale! Already some flavorings have been found in early testing to be toxic to lung cells in lab animals.

Are there known risks to e-cigarettes? Yes!! One teaspoon of nicotine from a cartridge can be fatal to a three year old. Each refill container holds between two and six teaspoons of nicotine. Considering that kid-pleasing flavorings might attract an interested toddler, it is very important to safely store the cartridges and refill bottles. The FDA took on the oversight of e-cigarette products and just started requiring childproof caps.

So, what is the bottom line? E-cigarettes and vaping devices are not yet considered safe. The news in the past few months is filled with reports of hospitalizations and deaths from some type of severe lung disease caused by vaping. Long-term studies are critical on these products to determine their effect on the lungs. There is no proof that they help people quit smoking, and they may be a gateway to regular cigarette usage in youths.

**The Gift of Life**

By Pat Soltys

Good health is an asset, but sometimes the cards of fate draw the joker for you or a member of your family. In a few short words containing “transplant,” life is changed. When a part, or parts, of the body must be replaced for good health to return, it is neither a short or simple road.


My husband had never been really sick. Sure a cold, flu or other short term ailment. A year ago, he became very sick, and we would not get a confirmed diagnosis until late December. He has a type of cancer in the bile ducts of the liver that probably started with a gene malfunctioning – nothing he could have changed or prevented in his life. He needed a full liver transplant.

Many people have checked the option on their driver’s license to be an organ donor, which is great, but there are still many who have not. Perhaps, they are not aware of some facts:

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6. All major religions support organ donation as an act of personal charity. It is often, literally, giving the gift of life.
7. Organ donations can come from any ethnicity, age and from people who have passed of many types of ailments.

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## Mountain Shadow Garden Club News

By Don Armstrong

The meeting of the Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC) on Monday, November 11, will feature a program titled "Native Plants for the Birds" by Esther Stokes, Chair of the Atlanta Audubon Society board. The presentation will include photos and commentary discussing the importance of native plant species for encouraging the presence of desirable wild bird species in north Georgia.

As a Landscape Designer in Atlanta for many years, Ms. Stokes was involved with a number of non-profit parks and greenspace organizations. She has been President of Stokes Landscape Design since 1985. Her other community involvement has included serving as Chair of the Board of the Piedmont Park Conservancy and on the boards of the Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy and the Georgia Advisory Council of the Trust for Public Land.



Esther Stokes

The welfare of birds is intimately linked to the quality of food and shelter found in their habitats. As urbanization increases and natural habitats disappear, native plants can go a long way to restoring the environments birds need. Atlanta Audubon Society is a partner in the "Plants for Birds" initiative in the Audubon Chapter Network. The goal of the initiative is to plant one million native plants to create habitat for birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife.

Over the years, Esther has increasingly utilized native plants in her work. She is a birdwatcher and a gardener and is particularly interested in conserving and restoring habitat, valuing the use of native plants to achieve those ends. Esther provides this observation:

"We have learned this September the shocking fact that nearly one-third of all the wild birds in the United States and Canada have vanished since 1970, a staggering loss that suggests the very fabric of North America's ecosystem is unraveling." John Fitzpatrick of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology wrote that to capture the shock of the news...and it underscores how vital it is that we create habitat in our own spaces, to welcome the birds we have all loved that are now in decline. The burden is now on US to do our part, she emphasizes.

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/MtShadowGardenClub](http://www.facebook/MtShadowGardenClub)

## Smoke Rise Garden Club News

And the results have been tallied! In the Youth Division of the Yellow Daisy Flower Show, the following ribbons were won:

Smoke Rise Elementary Horticulture: (2) First Place ribbons; (1) Second Place ribbon; (4) Honorable Mentions

Montgomery Elementary Horticulture: (8) First Place ribbons; (7) Second Place ribbon; (5) Third Place ribbons; (6) Honorable Mentions; and Best in Show: Lunchbox pepper

Smoke Rise 2nd grade – 7 year-olds in the "Masked" design category won: (4) First Place ribbons; (7) Second Place ribbons; (7) Third Place Ribbons

Smoke Rise 3rd grade – 8 year-olds in the "Ropes" design category won: (4) First Place ribbons; (5) Second Place ribbons; (4) Third Place ribbons; (9) Honorable Mentions

Congratulations to all the children who participated!

Smoke Rise Garden club met in the home of Amy Carubba on October 7. Her co-hostesses were Usha Ramakrishnan and Virginia Tinkle. The speaker was a Horticultural Therapist from AG Rhodes named Kirk Hines. Kirk is a Master Gardener with a love of Bonsai. He spoke to



Kirk Hines shows Bonsai specimen shaping techniques

the club about the sources, techniques, care and aesthetics of Bonsai. He learned from Father Paul of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers and participating in the Atlanta Bonsai Society which meets at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Kirk brought many inspiring trees for the club to study and appreciate. His PowerPoint presentation showed many examples of Bonsai masterpieces from the "Hiroshima Tree" in Washington DC to the miniaturized flowering azaleas.

Smoke Rise Garden Club will be working with the Tucker Parks Department to plant bulbs at park entrances this month as part of the National Garden Clubs initiative "Plant America."

The November meeting will be the annual Santa Boxes Workshop for Egleston Children's Hospital Holiday Closet.

The meeting will be at Deb Christensen's house November 4. For more information, please call Marilyn Oatway at (678) 334-9464.



Best in Show Ribbon for Lunchbox pepper

## Mountain Mums Make Fall Magic at Brookside

By Rene Boven

The Mountain Mums visited Brookside Stone Mountain on Friday, October 4 for a Horticulture Therapy project with the residents. The Mums helped the residents make a beautiful fall potted wreath which was made from dried magnolia leaves and painted Ginkgo leaves. The pots were covered with yellow or orange burlap and decorated with ribbon and small decorative labels. Nine Mums along with a guest and club mascot helped the 13 residents with the project. It was a fun morning for everyone and one of the several community service projects the Mums do during the year. The Mums will be back at Brookside on Friday, November 1 for another HT project!



Mountain Mums with residents of Brookside Stone Mountain

## Mountain Mums Had a Pond-tastic October Meeting

By Rene Boven

On Wednesday, October 9, the Mountain Mums Garden Club met at the lovely home of hostess, Connie Henry. Mums members held their business meeting and decided to sell the Hall's Twelve Months of Flowers Cards for the club's fund raiser. The cards make wonderful gifts. If you're interested in purchasing a card or need additional information, please contact one of your area Mums.

The Mums have a theme each year that sets the tone for its programs and projects for the year. This year's theme is "Water, Wildlife & Wonderful Wednesdays!!" In September, the Mums toured the "Waterfall House." This month, the program was "Ponds: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," and was presented by Bill Dowden, owner of Coastal Pond Supply in Tucker.

Mr. Dowden has quite the dry wit and entertained as well as educated the audience of Mums and several of the Mums spouses that sat in on the program. He pointed out the essentials in creating a pond that is not only pleasing to the eye but is also, natural looking and accessible. The usage of too many rocks and rocks that are too light in color can be a poor design choice. In addition to rocks, plant choices and placement are key elements. Most of all though, "your water feature should please you and give you pleasure for years to come," reported Mr. Dowden.



October meeting hostesses

After the program, a wonderful lunch of garden salad, chili casserole and pineapple pie was served by Mums hostesses, Lucy White, Heather McLendon and Angie Ballard. It was a beautiful fall day and Connie's home was decorated inside and out for the season. Rita Maloof brought not one but two raffle items, which were perfect for fall and Halloween.

Next month, the Mums' program will be "Who-Whoooo Do You See?" – a special presentation with live animal ambassadors from AWARE – Atlanta Wild Animal Rescue Effort and will be held at the home of Jean Weathers. The Mums meet on the second Wednesday of the month, September through May. If interested in membership or attending one of the programs, please contact Debbie Jones, Membership Chair at (678) 381-1648.



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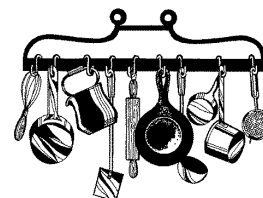
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*Amen, Let's Eat!*



By Joyce Ray

### Holiday Appetizers:

*This month I am highlighting some of my favorite party foods that are time savers, have few ingredients, and are "simply" delicious. While you are planning your party menus, be sure to include some fresh fruit and vegetables to the appetizer tray to help lighten the calorie intake. Paired with your favorite wine, punch or flavored sparkling water, these can either be front and center at a cocktail party or be the "warm up act" for the delicious meal to come. If you are cooking the meal and are flustered with a crowd in the kitchen before the party, serve the appetizers in a separate room, and your guests will follow their noses.*

*The first is a basic Spinach Dip served in a round sour dough bread bowl. You can purchase your bread bowl at the farmer's market, your favorite bakery, or at Panera Bread.*

### Spinach Dip

- 1 round sour dough bowl
- 1 pkg frozen chopped spinach thawed
- 1 cup shredded swiss cheese
- ½ cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tsp. lemon juice

Thaw and drain spinach by pouring it into colander. Put a layer of paper towels on top and gently press out the water. Add to your bowl and stir in all other ingredients. Refrigerate. Before serving, scoop out bread bowl and leave 1 inch of bread in bottom. Add spinach mixture. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes. Serve hot with bread slices, bagel toast rounds, chips or vegetables. Personalize this by adding your favorite spices or vegetables like artichokes, chopped pimentos, roasted garlic or green onions.

### Bacon Wrapped Dates

8 slices bacon, cut in half – 16 pitted dates

Place bacon on rimmed 10x15 inch baking sheet and broil about 6 inches below heat until partially cooked but still soft (about 2 ½ minutes). Let drain on paper towels. Discard excess fat from baking sheet. Place a date at the end of each bacon slice and roll up. Arrange, seam sides down, on baking sheet. Bake at 400°, until bacon is crisp and dates are hot (about 7 minutes). Makes 16 appetizers.

### Candy Coated Nuts

*These can be made days ahead and stored in airtight containers.*

- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1/s cup dairy sour cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla flavoring
- 2 ½ cups Pecan or walnut halves

Combine sugars and sour cream; cook to soft-ball stage (236°). Add vanilla, beat until mixture begins to thicken. Add nuts; stir until well coated. Quickly turn out onto greased platter or cookie sheet; separate in individual pieces. Make 2 dozen. Do not double the recipe.

Warning: You can't eat just one, so make a second batch so your guests will have some to enjoy!!

*I would like to collect your favorite simple party recipes to print in the December edition of Smoke Signal. If you have one or more recipes you would like to submit, just send them to me at [joycemray@bellsouth.net](mailto:joycemray@bellsouth.net).*



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