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4th of July Fireworks in and around Atlanta*

Fantastic Fourth Celebration

Memorial Lawn at Stone Mountain Park

July 1-4, 9:30 p.m.

Enjoy a fireworks display following the Laser show Spectacular. Fireworks show, free; parking, \$15.

Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade

Dunwoody Village

July 4, 9:00 a.m.

Celebration features marching bands, floats, clowns and animal units who will march from Mount Vernon Road and Jett Ferry Road to Dunwoody Village. Free.

Fourth of July Extravaganza

The Children's Museum of Atlanta

July 4, 3:00 p.m.

March in the children's parade around the museum floor, enjoy storytime, sing patriotic songs and see special indoor "fireworks" with bubble wrap. Adults and ages 1 and older, \$15.95; wear your 2017 Peachtree Road Race T-shirt to receive one half-price admission per T-shirt (with purchase of one full-priced admission).

Star Spangled Fourth

Mall of Georgia, Buford

July 4. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m.; fireworks at dark

Live music, children's area, a movie and Gwinnett's biggest fireworks display. Free.

Chamblee Fourth of July Celebration

Keswick Park, Chamblee

July 4, 5:00 -10:00 p.m.

Activities for kids and adults, food vendors, live music and an elaborate fireworks show in the park. Free.

Pied Piper Parade, Concert and Fireworks

Downtown Decatur

Fireworks display at dark. July 4.

Parade Line-up, 5:30 p.m.; concert, 7:00 p.m.;

fireworks, 9:00 p.m.

Decorate a wagon, ride your bike, skate or walk along with the parade that begins at First Baptist Church of Decatur. The Callanwolde Concert Band performs after the parade. Free.

Fourth of July Celebration

Centennial Olympic Park

July 4. Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

Live music, food vendors, fireworks set to patriotic music for the Southeast's largest fireworks show. Fireworks at 9:45 p.m. Free.

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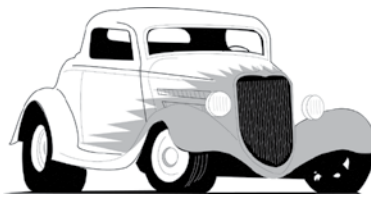
The fireworks show will start at dusk each night. Be sure to get a spot early in the Cotton States Exposition district near the American Scream Machine and Sky Coaster for the best view.

Note: There will be no fireworks at Lenox Square this year. They will combine with Centennial Olympic Park's display.

*Some information from Atlanta Parent Magazine

The staff of the Smoke Signal wishes you a star-spangled 4th of July!

TUCKER CRUISE-IN



Tucker Cruise-In is a non-profit, old-fashioned town meet and greet car show located on Main Street in Tucker, Georgia. We have a wide variety of cars, ranging from antiques to street rods, motorcycles to imports.

The Cruise-Ins are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month beginning in April and ending in September. The fun begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with the presentation of awards around 8:00 p.m. There is a nominal \$5.00 registration fee for you to enter your car into judging. The cut-off time to have your car entered into judging is 6:30 p.m.

Don't worry about dinner plans, there are plenty of restaurants to choose from on Main Street. Or you can grab an old fashioned grilled hotdog or hamburger and a delicious homemade dessert. Take a stroll down Main Street, enjoy the warm summer nights, cool sights and old-fashioned music.

SEE YOU ON MAIN STREET!

For more information about the Tucker Cruise-In, please call 770-527-1521.

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The Rise

by Pat Soltys

There is a lot happening regarding "The Rise", also known as the Sears Project. The project was originally started by Macauley Investments prior to Tucker becoming a city through DeKalb County. When Tucker became a city, the jurisdiction for approvals changed to the City of Tucker. As a newly-formed city, not all of the elements were in place to move forward on the project. In addition, all city leadership had a high learning curve not limited to this project.

Over the last year, there has been a groundswell of support for this multi-use project, primarily from the Smoke Rise community. Smoke Rise would be the most directly affected, especially since this area is the primary choice for the new Smoke Rise Elementary School - but only if it is multi-use.

Earlier this year, after a lot of work by the developer, the community and the city, the project came to a vote. If council had voted, the vote would have been a denial which would have meant that nothing could happen on that site for 2 -10 years. The developer withdrew his application which meant that he would be able to reapply.

A new application was submitted with three variations as requested by City Council. One in which it was fuller featured and would have required abatements. A second that could be built without abatements but lacked esthetics and things like the Art Station. The third would comply with the current light industrial zoning and not need zoning changes or approvals.

In the meantime, work has continued on the comprehensive plan. On June 15, 2017, the latest version of the land use plan map was released creating a large and solid industrial zone separating Smoke Rise from the rest of Tucker. Note that the comprehensive plan is a long-term plan for the City of Tucker and will serve as the basis of zoning for many years to come.

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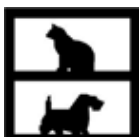
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July Calendar of Events

- 4 Independence Day
- 8 Tucker Cruise-in, Main Street, Tucker
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Tucker Arts Guild, First Baptist Church of Tucker
Building B, Church Street entrance, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 National Junk Food Day
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Deadline to Receive: 6:00 p.m. on 19th of month
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Main Street Theatre in Tucker announces its 2017-18 Season

July 20, 23, 27 & 30
Murder at the Theatre

Main Street Theatre and Tucker's very own fine-dining establishment, M572, come together once again to bring you a Murder Mystery Dinner! Dine on a delectable three-course meal and be entertained as an evening of intrigue, comedy and suspense unfolds. Tickets sell out fast, so you don't want to miss your opportunity to see this one-of-a-kind show!

Fall 2017
The Sunshine Boys

Vaudeville is alive and well! Join us this fall as Neil Simon brings to life those golden days of yesteryear. Meet comedy veterans Lewis and Clark. The act has been broken up for eleven turbulent years. Television wants to put the team together one more time – but they can't stand each other! Can they bury the hatchet? Will the finger keep them apart? This is classic Simon at his best. The New York Post says "It's ham on wry." It's a bellyful of laughs. Come see The Sunshine Boys and enjoy the best in American comedy old and new!

Spring 2018
The Curious Savage

In John Patrick's endearing and delightful comedy, *The Curious Savage*, we meet the lovable residents of The Cloisters, a comfortable sanatorium for the troubled. Enter blue-haired Mrs. Savage and her giant teddy bear that never leaves her side. Following the death of her dear husband, her stepchildren have committed her in an effort to acquire control of the family fortune. Mrs. Savage has other plans for the money – she is starting a fund that allows people to follow their dreams. As the hunt for the fortune intensifies, the residents come to the aid of their new friend. This show lampoons our modern day love of wealth and fame. Sad to say we haven't changed much since the play premiered in 1950. Where is the money? Well, you'll just have to come find out for yourself!

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

Dr. Chris George, Senior Pastor
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Kathy Dobbins, Minister of Spiritual Formation
Danny Vancil, Minister of Music & Worship
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Jeremy Colliver, Minister to Families with Youth
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Telephone: (770) 469-5856
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
1st Tuesdays: 11:30 a.m. Prime Time
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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Worship Leader: Leslie Riley
Director Kids Ministries: Vicki Tyler
Director of Student Ministries: Will Tyler
Telephone (770) 279-8437
www.mountcarmelcc.org

Sundays:
8:30 a.m. Coffee/ Doughnuts/ Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Bible School Classes – Adults & Children
10:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesdays beginning August 10:
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Bible Studies/Electives for All Ages

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Congregational Acolyte: Bill Hitz
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11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

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www.mwchurch.com
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Smoke Signal News Facebook page each month
with posting of pictures and stories throughout the month.
For questions,
contact Pat Soltys at pat@smokeriseagents.com.

ENGAGEMENT

COOPER – KHANINA

Doug and Sherry Cooper of Smoke Rise, Georgia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Brian Cooper, to Veronika Khanina, daughter of Nadea and Alex Khanin of Alpharetta, Georgia. They will be married on September 16, 2017 on Tybee Island and will live in Alpharetta.



Children's Events at the Tucker Library

Movie Afternoons: Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Bring a snack and enjoy a free movie!

July 11 - *Kubo and the Two Strings*

July 18 - *Pete's Dragon*

July 25 - *Finding Dory*

Family Nights: Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

July 03 – Inflatable Zoo (balloons!)

July 10 – Laugh Out Loud (ventriloquist!)

July 24 – S.E. Reptile Rescue (snakes!)

July 31– Drumming for Success
(everyone gets to try a drum!)

Toy Sleepover (ages 3-8 years)

July 7-8, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite toy to the library and leave it for a sleepover. Return the next day and get a photo of what your toy was doing during the night, along with a frame to decorate for your toy's picture.



For more information, please call the Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library at 770-270-8234.

Wonderful Wednesdays in July

Smoke Rise Baptist is hosting Wonderful Wednesdays - A Summer Event for Families throughout the summer. In June they kicked off the summer with an outdoor showing of "Beauty and the Beast," and followed up with a Water Works party that included a balloon fight with over 500 balloons.



In July, Smoke Rise will host two more Wonderful Wednesdays, and community families are invited to participate. On July 5th at 6 p.m, families will enjoy a Fourth of July cookout, complete with fireworks and a bicycle parade. The final Wonderful Wednesday of the summer will be a "Chef Night" on July 21st at 6 p.m., when people of all ages can experience the excitement of becoming a fabulous chef.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 24 - 27
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Smoke Rise Baptist Church is hosting Hero Central Vacation Bible School July 24–27 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Families may register online at www.smokerisebaptist.org.

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Stay-cation Hurrah!

We are Here to Stay

by **Barbara Bruschi**

While some people dream of vacationing in faraway places, others want to explore and renew their love for Atlanta and surrounding areas. A staycation can be a rewarding and exhilarating experience. We are lucky to have many choices to vacation at home.

- Stone Mountain alone is a paradise for serenity and natural beauty. This wonderful playland has diversity of activities that will make your summer a memorable one. Camp, row your boat, hike, swim, jog, take in a fabulous laser light show, dine at night and finish the day with a fantastic fireworks finale. www.stonemountainpark.com gives you an in-depth look, including prices and available rentals, like tents, RV's and daily events and much more.
- Visit Ponce City Market. It is one of the latest hot spots in town. Shopping, dining, music and the Skyline Park which offers a variety of attractions should make it a fun day for old and young. www.poncecitymarket.com.
- Explore "The World of Coca-Cola". Enter The Chamber of the Secret Formula and take part in the various entertainment attractions.
- Feel like flying high? Delta Flight Museum features historical airplanes and a flight simulator - the only "full-motion simulator" open to the public in the U.S.
- Thrill seekers get ready to step into the ultimate adventure at Six Flags Over Georgia with a part water park and part theme park.
- Fernbank Museum and Fernbank Science Center are truly enriching and offer natural history and science. The Imax Theater, a true reality show, will fascinate those that are learning about our universe and the ever changing and dynamic world we live in. Visit www.fernbankmuseum.org to plan your day.
- The Aquarium, Zoo and Botanical Gardens are places which connect us to nature and the animal world.
- There are a variety of museums you may want to indulge in. The High Museum of Art is a great place to appreciate the art of the world, to learn about different cultures and admirer the works of past and present artists who gave much for us to be grateful.
- The Margret Mitchell Museum, recalling "Gone with the Wind," is worth a visit. Check out www.tripadvisor.com for info on all of Atlanta's various museums.
- Make a date with an old friend for lunch. For a special treat, a complete spa day will relax and renew you. Summer is a time to catch up on your reading. Good books are an elixir for the soul.
- For night entertainment the theater and symphony, concerts in the park and picnics at Chastain are a special way of celebrating music and life.
- If you love French food, dine at Bistro Niko. If you desire Italian food, Sotto Sotto is a good choice. Should your palate call for a Japanese dinner, Eight Sushi Lounge is the place to consider.
- Support Atlanta's baseball team! Watch for upcoming games in the newspaper or check www.ticketnetwork.com for events, times and locations.

The beauty of a staycation is that you are the captain of planning your days, according to your likes. No planes to catch, no tours to join, no packing, just rediscovering your world and what pleases you and your loved ones. May your days be filled with adventure and your nights rekindle the romance of the South.



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2017-2018 Theatre Season

Buyer & Cellar, by Jonathan Tolins
September 14 – 17 2017

This one-man, hit comedy is part truth and part fiction, inspired by Barbra Streisand's book, *My Passion For Design*. It is the story of a struggling Los Angeles actor, who takes a gig working in the "pretend mall" in the basement of Streisand's home, and develops an unlikely and hilarious friendship with Babs. Contains adult language and situations. Co-production with Out Front Theatre. (this special event is not included in season ticket packages – \$15 single tickets may be purchased immediately).

Another Night Before Christmas
by Sean Grennan with music by Leah Okimo
December 6-17, 2017

It's Christmas Eve and for Karol—a harried social worker—the holiday season can't end soon enough. Walking home after her office party, she meets a homeless man and gives him her party leftovers. When the same man appears in her apartment, questions arise—like, could Santa really have come to town?

Clark Gable Slept Here, A Thriller by Michael McKeever
January 31 – February 11, 2018

There's more hiding in Hollywood's closet than Tom Ford tuxedos, and Jarrod Hilliard, agent to megastars, is determined to keep it all there! When the corpse of a male prostitute is found in his client's hotel room during the Golden Globe Awards, Hilliard is left to make the problem disappear? But, when you work in a world of make-believe, everyone is acting and nothing is what it seems. Contains strong adult language and nudity.

An Evening With Patsy Cline
Conceived by Patrick Hutchison and David Thomas
April 5 – 15, 2018

Experience a theatrical concert of country music pioneer, Patsy Cline, as performed by Georgia singer Michelle Martin.

Breath & Imagination: The Story of Roland Hayes
A musical by Daniel Beaty
May 30 – June 10, 2018

Before Paul Robeson, Roland Hayes was the first African-American classical vocalist to achieve world fame. The son of a Georgia slave, Hayes discovered his voice as a young boy, singing spirituals in church. This musical chronicles his amazing journey from Georgia plantation to singing before kings and queens in Europe.

The Bikinis, by Ray Roderick and James Hindman
July 12 – 29, 2018

The girl group everybody loves is back, with all the sun and fun, and great songs they sang down on the Jersey Boardwalk in 1964, when they won the Belmar Beach Talent Contest in their bikinis. Reminisce and be transported back to a simpler time with favorites like "Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," "Under the Boardwalk," "It's Raining Men" and more.

Season Subscription Packages are now available for previous subscribers. Sales of season subscriptions as well as single tickets will be open to the general public on June 26.

Performance schedules vary show by show. For a complete listing of dates, visit www.artstation.org. Full season packages are available starting at \$60. Single Ticket prices are as follows: Regular performances: \$24.00 Senior(60+), \$19.00 Military/Student, \$28.00 Adult, Wednesday morning matinee performances (when applicable): \$15.00

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Fast forward – Macauley Investments has hired Doug Dillard, a well-known and respected land use and zoning attorney, to work toward approval of the development with the developer and the council. This will be a benefit to the council as Doug brings a depth of experience that will be valuable to the council in information as they move through the decision making process. The process of moving through the planning commission and then on to City Council will be deferred by 30 days to allow Doug and his team to put together the packages and work with the city in preparation.

You will also see signs of support for the development posted from supporters and businesses who see the value of the multi-use development and change in zoning. There will be important meetings that should be attended for information and to show interest in the project.

The first reading for City Council will be scheduled for August 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex at 4228 First Avenue. The second reading and vote will be scheduled for August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Annex.

“The Rise” brings new meaning to the rallying cry to Rise Up for the interests of our community.



Summer is here and summer fun season is well underway. With a bunch of parties, concerts and events, the Smoke Rise Bath & Racquet Club is again the most vibrant and exciting swim and tennis community in the neighborhood and a great destination for summer family fun.

The club has welcomed more than 50 new families to its membership and there is a lot of activity at the pool and on the courts every day. Members and friends are enjoying the newly resurfaced pool and the competition grade tennis courts. The neighborhood also had a ball during the open house on June 4th, listening to great live music and savoring more than 120 lbs. of BBQ and hotdogs.

Many more happenings are also on the calendar. Don't miss the 4th of July Party, the annual Low Country Shrimp Boil, the Kids Campout, Screens on the Green, the Root Beer Float Fest or the traditional two-day Labor Day weekend Pig Roast & Camp Out. For a detailed schedule, visit www.SRBRC.org.

If you are not a member yet and are looking for more than just a place to swim and play tennis, it's not too late for you to jump in. First-time members don't miss out, \$200.00 will buy you a full family swim and tennis membership for the whole year.

Check out SRBRC on Facebook at facebook.com/srbrccommunity, on the web at SRBRC.org, or swing by and judge for yourself. If you have questions, call (770) 493-9073.



Belinda Belvin, REALTOR®

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Welcoming New Talent Serving Smoke Rise

Smoke Rise welcomes top new talent in most departments of the Smoke Rise Country Club. Since bringing The Mosaic Resorts country-club management firm onboard last year to operate the Club, a stunning transformation has taken place at what most in our community knew as a traditional, staid, 18-hole golf and country club. “The addition of 55 new members in the past few months means you see lots of new faces at events,” reports General Manager, Rob Sabat, who is shaking things up since he took over last November.

Meet Our New Staff

Front of House Manager **Jonathan Dean** comes to us from the University of Louisiana where he spent the last three years as the Food & Beverage Director for the Athletics Department. He also spent time as a catering and sales director for Turner Food Systems, which served the ESPN Go Daddy.com Bowl, the ESPN Camelia Bowl, and the NFL Senior Bowl. Jonathan comes to Smoke Rise from his home in Loganville where he lives with his fiancée, Stephanie, and their three dogs. When he is not working, you can find



Claude Ellis, Jonathan Dean, and Josh Deal

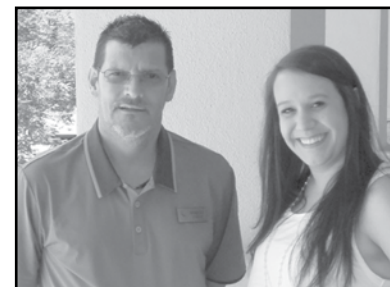
Jonathan fishing, playing golf, or just relaxing with the family.

Chef **Claude Ellis**, a Washington DC native by way of San Francisco Bay area, has a knack for carving out a style of his own. His culinary charisma has earned praise from adoring diners and critics alike. Chef Claude has garnered attention from his honest approach to classic American food with a southern flair. Chef showcases a seasoned palate for authentic flavors, while connecting family heritage with food. His style is influenced by his mother, grandmother, and Chef Vincent Burns of the world famous Olde Pink House in Savannah, GA.

Contributing to the success of Smoke Rise CC, Chef Claude is establishing our neighborhood Club as the premier local dining destination.

Our new PGA Head Golf Professional is **Josh Deal**. A Class “A” professional, Josh oversees the daily operations of the golf course and is a key contributor to making every golfer's experience pleasant and memorable. Josh comes to Smoke Rise from Woodloch Springs CC in Hawley, Pennsylvania, where he was the PGA Head Golf Professional. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Josh has served as assistant golf pro at well-respected clubs in Connecticut, Arizona, and at the Manor CC right here in Georgia. You can contact Josh at jdeal@smokerisec.com.

Kelsey Paulley comes to Smoke Rise from The Georgia Club in Statham, Georgia, where she spent several years as the Member Relations Director, planning and coordinating member events, assisting the membership director and helping all the members with their needs. When she is not working you can find Kelsey doing something crafty, cooking or baking or just relaxing with her family and friends. Kelsey can be reached at kpaulley@smokerisec.com or on the Club phone 770-908-2582, extension 4.



Rob Sabat and Kelsey Paulley

New General Manager **Rob Sabat** comes to our community from Alpharetta where he led Mosaic's successful turnaround of The Manor Golf & Country Club. Prior to the Manor, Rob worked at Woodmont in Canton. He looks forward to leading Smoke Rise CC in the quest to consistently provide an outstanding food, beverage, golfing, tennis, swim and social experience for every Club member and guest.

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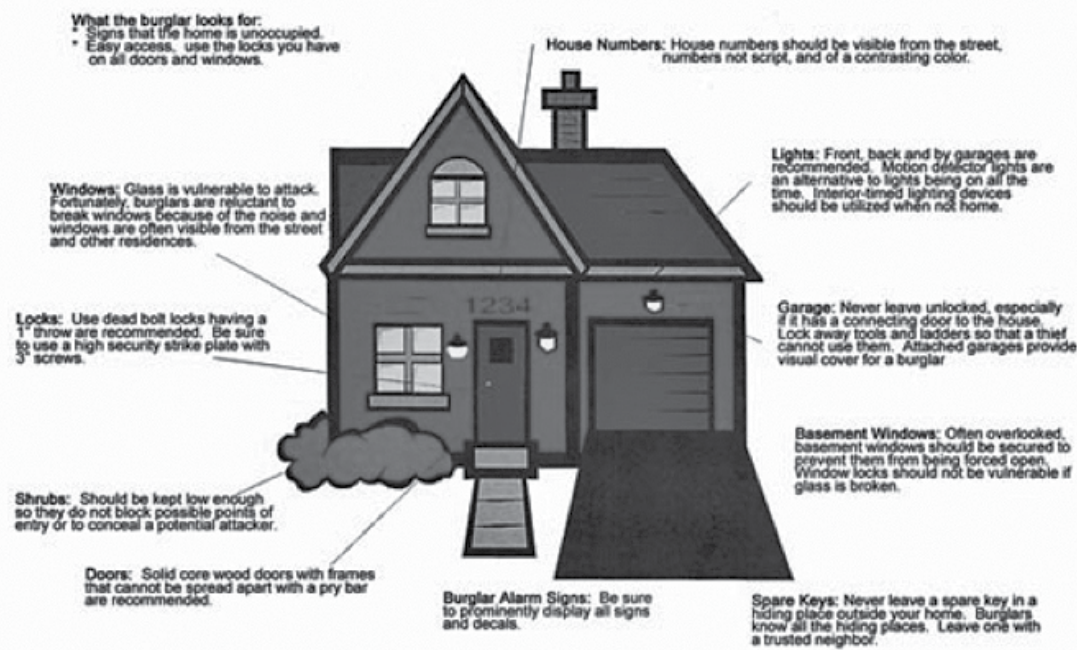
Of Note to the Community: Safety Alerts & Watches

by Cedric R.

Neighbor Watch May Be the Starting Point for Crime Prevention

To get your own neighborhood watch together, set up a meeting and invite everyone who lives around you, as well as representatives from your local police department. Establish a neighborhood watch, speak with your neighbors, print fliers, and place a statement in the community paper. Share the benefits with everyone that working together to watch over each other's home and loved ones can make the difference. People who are part of a local watch group can help prevent crime, they are not trained to stop criminals; however, they represent the first list of defense. If you see something, say something, call 911 when appropriate. Stress to the members of your watch group that they are not taking on the job of a law enforcement officers; they are working with the rest of your neighbors to keep an eye on each other. Your group should work together to help deter crime, warn others of potential danger, but never put themselves at risk by trying to stop a crime on their own. If any criminal activity is spotted, the best thing to do is call the police immediately.

How to Keep the Burglar Out



Additional details can be found at <https://lerablog.org/home-and-family/how-to-keep-your-home-secure/>

We make an effort to list local crimes, if we miss something please contact the *Smoke Signal* for submission at - staff@smokesignalnews.com.

Community Improvement District (CID) Update

The first week in June we filled potholes throughout the CID and by the end of June we will complete another round of curb and catch basin repairs. Call, email or text if you notice any infrastructure issues. Hopefully the county will take over all road maintenance responsibilities next year when the new SPLOST kicks in.

Crime in our CID is at an all-time low. When we started six years ago there were two building break-ins per week. Now we average less than one burglary per month among 300 buildings - not perfect, but close! Our seven nights a week security patrols and off duty DeKalb Police weekend coverage is working well. If you notice any suspicious situations please contact Emory Morsberger at 770-409-8100 or emory@stonemountaincid.com.

City of Tucker to Adopt Millage Rate

by Matt Holmes, Communications Coordinator, Tucker

Having just adopted their Fiscal Year 2018 budget, leaders with the City of Tucker are now looking to adopt a millage rate for the City. The rate, which is multiplied by assessed property values to establish property taxes, is expected to be set at "zero", meaning residents will see no increase from the City on their tax bill in the upcoming year.

Incorporated as a city in 2016, Tucker will operate for the upcoming Fiscal Year on a \$7.6 million budget, which sets aside an additional \$1 million for reserve. Having a zero millage rate, the City generates revenue through things like business and alcohol licenses, permit fees, fines, as well as utility franchise fees.

Dave Roberts named Dean for Student Affairs Columbia College

Dave Roberts, a Smoke Rise native, and a 1997 graduate of Tucker High School, has been selected as the new Dean for Student Affairs at Columbia College following a national search to fill the position. Roberts joined Columbia College in 2011 as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. He was named Associate Dean at Columbia College in 2014.

In his role as Dean for Student Affairs, Roberts will oversee a Division of 26 full-time staff members and serve as the chief student conduct officer for more than 25,000 students at the main campus, online and at the 36 Nationwide locations. He will also lead initiatives related to strategic planning, assessment, first-year experience development, retention, staff training, professional development and parent involvement.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Education in 2002 from Valdosta State University and his master's degree in Education (College Student Affairs) from the University of South Florida in 2004. He is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Missouri.

Roberts began his career at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, where he was Assistant Director of Residential Life. Prior to coming to Columbia College, he was at the University of Missouri for four years as Director of Leadership Development and Community Involvement.



Founded in 1851 in Columbia, Missouri, Columbia College has been helping students advance their lives through higher education for more than 160 years. As a private, nonprofit, liberal arts and sciences institution, the college takes pride in its small classes, experienced faculty and quality educational programs.

Dave and his wife, Amanda, have two children, Kendall and Preston. His proud parents are Dave and Jean Roberts of The Forest.

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City Council Wrap-Up

by **Matt Holmes, Communications Coordinator, Tucker**

Tucker's City Council met for two scheduled dates in the month of June, taking on packed agendas at the City Hall Annex.

The first meeting began with a special called Public Hearing to give residents the chance to respond to the proposed "zero" millage rate. During the regular called meeting that followed, the millage rate was read into the record and should be voted on by Council at their meeting on June 28. Council then held a First Reads and Public Hearings on four different matters. The first was for a proposed 19-unit detached residential development on Saren Court. Next, was discussion of a special land use permit (SLUP) and variances that would allow a four-story, 81,000 square foot self-storage facility on Northlake Center Drive. That hearing was followed by discussion of amending the City Zoning Code. One set of amendments would deal with the City's overlays, specifically restricting linear lighting in the Downtown and Northlake overlays, as well as banning "health spas" and "massage establishments" in the Mountain Industrial overlay. The second set of amendments would change the Sign Code, seeking to ban business' use of so-called "feather signs", except in the case of special events. A final vote on those changes, as well as the Saren Court plan is scheduled for June 28. The petitioner of the Northlake Center Drive multi-warehouse project asked that their Second Read and vote be deferred to the July 10 City Council meeting. Council agreed to that request.



Council then voted 6-0 to approve slight amendments to their contract with professional services provider CH2M. They wrapped the meeting by voting to authorize the Mayor to signal the City's intent to work with DeKalb County to procure Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).



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In June, Mountain Creek welcomed two groups to the pool:
First: AWARE - Atlanta Wild Animal Rescue Effort, a wildlife rescue organization in Lithonia. Two volunteers came with Windy the Barn Owl, Owlbert the Barred Owl, Ellis the Screech Owl, Skulli the Possum, Shelli the Box Turtle, and Cessna, Stella, and Night Fury the baby flying squirrels! These animals live in our neighborhoods! A presentation by the volunteers drew kids of all ages to the packed pavilion where we enjoyed meeting the animals who had been injured and rescued, thanks to the dedication and skills of the rehabilitators who care for the animals, and the donations from thousands of caring Georgians.



Second: The Tucker Table Toppers group held a meeting under the pavilion. All were invited to play board games; no cell phones, PC or iPads required. Check the pool's Facebook for the next meeting.

Water aerobics is back! June: Wednesdays & Saturdays. July 1 - through Labor Day: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays - 11am. This is the perfect summer workout to get good exercise while enjoying the pool and meeting neighbors! The community is welcome. Free to members - \$5 fee for non-members.

We look forward to the July 4th cookout and Movie Night on July 14th. The late night Friday swims, Sunday's "Kids Games at 3:00" and water aerobics. To join in the activities: email mountaincreekswimclub.com or call 678-824-2108.

Tucker is Growing Strong!

New estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau show the City of Tucker has grown steadily over the first half of the decade. The report, released on May 25, 2017, has Tucker's new population estimate at 35,322 - a nearly seven percent increase since 2010.

In these new numbers, which are current as of July 1, 2016, the state of Georgia sees its population grow to 10,310,371. In the 2010 Census, the Peach State had only 9,687,653 residents.

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Stone Mountain Rotary Club

By Lizbeth Dison

Members Recognized with Honors by Rotary District

Rotary District 6900 Governor Raymond Ray made a surprise visit in May to the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain to personally deliver some awards. The club and its members were recognized in several categories at the recent Rotary District 6900 Conference, which this year was held in April as part of a Bahamas cruise. Stone Mountain Past President Chris Brand was awarded the District Rotarian of the Year for his "Service Above Self" and his significant contributions to the local and international mission projects of the club. President-Elect Gillian Leggett was awarded the District Club Builder Award, recognizing her significant impact in supporting and strengthening her club. Carol Lipphardt was given a District Service Award to recognize her efforts to serve humanity and work towards world understanding and peace through Foundation programs. The club was recognized as District 6900's Best Category II Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) Program, encouraging members to "empty their pockets" at each meeting to support Alzheimer's research grants.



Chris Brand is presented with Rotarian of the Year by District Governor Raymond Ray.

The RCSM joined with the Rotary Club of Tucker and the eClub of the South to host the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Fellowship of Rotary in May at the ART Station in Stone Mountain for an evening of food and fellowship. Heavy appetizers and adult beverages (including soda, tea and water) were served to about 80 guests. The RVers hailed from all over the U.S., including Australia, California, New York, Colorado, Washington and more.

Park Springs Retirement Community hosted RCSM's Annual Salute to Veterans in honor of Memorial Day. About sixty veterans and thirty Rotarians were in attendance at the luncheon recognizing the service and sacrifice of the retired military residents. Guest speaker was Julian L. Veatch, Jr., Heritage Associate of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission, which, in coordination with the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission, has developed a program that educates all Georgians about the significance of WWI in world history and the role Georgians played in that war. The VFW Department of Georgia State Honor Guard provided military honors to open the event.

The Stone Mountain club meets every Tuesday for noon lunch at the fellowship hall of Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church; visitors and those interested in learning more about Rotary are welcome to attend as a guest of the club. To learn more about the club and its upcoming programs, go to www.stonemountainrotary.org, or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

Meaghan Farrell to Appear at the Tucker Library Saturday, July 29, 2017, 5:00 PM—8:00 PM

This eager and passionate singer, performer, and writer has been vocally compared to female rockers like Melissa Etheridge and PINK! Influenced from childhood by everyone from Billy Joel to Pearl Jam to Tori Amos, her writing touches on the emotions of everyday life and draws from past, tumultuous experiences. The Jason Beyer Band will be the opening act. Open to tweens, teens, and adults.



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HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

Ankle Sprains and Strains

This time of year is filled with sports, summer trips and lots of outdoor activities. With outdoor activities come accidents and injuries. The ankle sprain is a very common injury. When an ankle sprain happens, a few tips will help you decide if it is a significant injury or one you can treat at home.



Most ankle injuries are caused by either twisting the foot inward (inversion), or outward (eversion).

Walking on uneven ground, 'falling off' of high heels, tripping or sudden stepping off are the most common ways to sprain your ankle. Inversion injuries usually cause pain and swelling on the outside of the ankle. The opposite is true of an eversion injury... pain is usually on the inner side of the ankle. Eversion injuries can be serious and can affect the ligaments that form the arch of the foot. These should always be evaluated.

Physicians 'grade' sprains by the degree of injury:

Grade 1 sprains are the most common and the easiest to recover from. In these sprains, there is over-stretching and possible tearing of a few fibers of ligament.

Grade 2 sprains have more swelling, pain, bruising and tearing of ligament fibers

Grade 3 sprains mean at least one ligament is torn. Instability of the ankle can occur if this sprain is not treated properly.

Once the ankle is injured, three questions should be answered: 1) Can you walk on the foot? 2) Did bruising occur immediately after the injury? 3) Was there a 'popping sensation'?

If you are unable to walk on your foot immediately after the injury, an x-ray should be done to rule out a fracture or break in the bones of the foot or lower leg. It is common to have significant trouble walking on the foot once swelling occurs, so it is important to know if you were unable to walk at the time of injury. In this case, a fracture or torn ligament should be ruled out. A completely torn ligament can require surgery. Most of the time it means a walking cast will be needed for several weeks.

Immediate bruising can be a sign of a more significant ankle injury. Delayed bruising can also occur in milder sprains, so the immediate nature is important. Bruising = Blood. This can indicate a torn ligament. An x-ray is needed to evaluate this.

The popping sensation is more subjective (varies from person to person). If it is felt, suspicion about a torn ligament should be entertained.

How to treat an ankle sprain: The old pneumonic R.I.C.E. still holds. R stands for REST (limit walking on it or use crutches), I stands for ICE (20 minutes at a time every 2-3 hours during the first 48-72 hours), C stands for Compression (Use an ace wrap), and E stands for Elevation of the ankle. Tylenol or Ibuprofen can be used for pain. For cases of mild pain and swelling, this may be all that is required. Grade 1 sprains take 5 days to two weeks to fully recover from. Grade 2 sprains may respond better to a splint. This will keep the ankle immobilized and protect it from being reinjured. Two weeks is an average time to heal from this injury and be able to walk comfortably. A Grade 3 sprain will usually need a walking cast or boot for a longer period of time.

All ankle sprains need some rehabilitation after the swelling goes down. Your doctor can help you decide when this should occur. Strengthening and flexibility exercises keep the ankle from being reinjured and rebuild stability. Also, a gradual return to exercise and sports, reserving those that may use foot planting and twisting motions for last (basketball, tennis, football). Incomplete rehab of the ankle can lead to ankle instability that may become permanent, especially in the higher-grade sprains.

Be careful this summer and stay healthy and strong!



Convenience with Cutting-Edge Candles

Remember the days when having the warm glow of candlelight meant purchasing expensive candles, lighting them, and having to carefully blow them out to avoid wax splatter? Not to mention enduring constant safety concerns of an open flame in the house.

Those days are long gone with the invention of electronic candles, but candles keep evolving. I am delighted with the ones I recently purchased from a catalog. They came in a set of three: one tall, one medium and one short. The nice glow they provide for our outdoor living spaces is soothing, and you would never know they are not real candles. They flicker and flutter just like ones with wicks and flames.



Some I have seen have the ability to light up in any color of the rainbow, a feature that would be fun for a color-themed party like July 4th or a Georgia game. I opted for the simple, natural flame color.

My favorite feature of the ones I have is the remote control enabling me to turn them on and off from my patio chair. An earlier set I had required turning each one off with a switch on the bottom of the candle, which was especially difficult when they sat high on a shelf or inside a lantern.

When they arrived about this time last year, I was disappointed to see that they each required two D-cell batteries. My worry was I was going to constantly be replacing batteries. And replacing the batteries is not easy. It requires a Phillips screw driver and the removal and replacement of four small screws. A call to the contact center eased my concern. The representative told me the batteries last quite a while, which has proven to be the case. I use the candles for several hours most every evening and their batteries are going strong.

We are also pleased with the metal lanterns we ordered along with the candles. With the look of a lamp from medieval times, they are large and quite heavy, making them an attractive decoration on our patio. If you shop for candles or lanterns, I suggest you read online reviews of the ones you like before purchasing. A few tips to watch for - some don't have remote controls, others create flicker with flame-shaped, metal tabs that can be problematic. Ours flicker just fine with no such attachment. And if you plan them to be used outside, be sure they are designed for that. Some are made only for indoor use.



Smoke Rise Preferred Contractor's List

If you are looking for reliable people to build decks, paint, do electrical, plumbing, interior design and many other services, then request a copy of this list as a potential starting point. We maintain a free listing of contractors and other service providers that your neighbors have used successfully. If you want a copy of this list, please email Jim Farmer at: jimfarmer@live.com or call him at (770) 939-8949. We also ask for your feedback. Tell us about a contractor or service provider that you have used with opinions about their work. This information will be useful for future revisions of the list.



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Smoke Rise; A Canopy of Trees and How to Prune Them

One of the reasons people move to Smoke Rise is because of our large trees - something you don't find in a new subdivision where they cut down every tree in sight. However, spring can bring a lot of rain and wind, so trees should be pruned to prevent damage to other parts of the property.

A tree may need pruning for a variety of reasons:

- to remove diseased or storm-damaged branches
- to thin the crown to permit new growth and better air circulation
- to reduce the height of a tree
- to remove obstructing lower branches



Topped tree - Picture courtesy of Ben Brooker ben@trees.im

Once the decision has been made to prune, your next decision is whether or not to tackle the job yourself. In the case of a large tree where you want to remove big branches in the upper area of the crown, it may be best to hire experts. Large tree pruning, in particular, can require climbing and heavy saws or even cherry-pickers and chain saws. This is a job that should be left to trained and experienced professionals. Never compromise personal safety in pruning a tree.

Large trees aside, there are many pruning jobs that you can do on your own. In all cases, the key is to prune the unwanted branch while protecting the stem or trunk wood of the tree.

Another way trees are pruned is called tree topping. That is when the whole top of a tree is cut off, leaving a large stub or lateral branches. Hundreds of large trees are topped each year, which causes significant stress and future safety issues. Some species of trees are more likely to recover from the effects of topping than are others. A good example of tree topping on a small scale is topping a crape myrtle – often called crape murder.

Topping is perhaps the most harmful tree pruning practice known. Yet, despite more than 25 years of literature and seminars explaining its harmful effects, topping remains a common practice.

Why topping hurts trees:

Newly formed bark may be susceptible to sun scald. When the leaves are removed, the remaining branches and trunk are suddenly exposed to high levels of light and heat. The result may be sunburn of the tissues beneath the bark, which can lead to cankers, bark splitting, and death of some branches.

Topping stresses trees. Topping can remove 50 to 100 percent of a tree's leaf-bearing crown. Leaves are the food factories of a tree. A stressed tree with large, open pruning wounds is more vulnerable to insect and disease infestations.

Topping a tree can leave the tree in an unflattering and unattractive state. As a result, they reduce property value. Healthy, well-maintained trees can add 10 to 20 percent to the value of a property. Disfigured, topped trees are considered an impending expense in reduced property values, including removal and replacement cost when the tree dies, loss of other trees and shrubs that succumb to the changed light conditions, risk of liability from weakened branches and increased future pruning costs.

Topping can lead to unacceptable risk. The survival mechanism that causes a tree to produce multiple shoots below each topping cut comes at great expense to the tree. These shoots develop from buds near the surface of the old branches. The new shoots grow quickly, as much as 20 feet in one year in some species. Unfortunately, the shoots are prone to breaking, especially during windy or icy conditions. While the original goal was to reduce risk by reducing height, risk of limb failure has now increased. Because topping is considered an unacceptable pruning practice, any damage caused by branch failure of a topped tree may lead to a finding of negligence in a court of law.

Topping makes trees ugly. The natural branching structure of a tree is a biological wonder. Trees form a variety of shapes and growth habits, all with the same goal of presenting their leaves to the sun. Topping removes the ends of the branches, often leaving ugly stubs. Topping destroys the natural form of a tree. Without leaves (for up to six months of the year in temperate climates), a topped tree appears disfigured and mutilated. The landscape and the community are robbed of a valuable asset.

Alternatives to topping:

Sometimes a tree must be reduced in height or spread, such as for providing utility line clearance. There are recommended techniques for doing so. Small branches should be removed back to their point of origin. If a larger limb must be shortened, it should be pruned back to a lateral branch that is large enough (at least one-third the diameter of the limb being removed) to assume the terminal role. This method of branch reduction helps to preserve the natural form of the tree. A professional arborist or tree surgeon will be able to perform a crown reduction or crown thin. However, if large cuts are involved, the tree may not be able to close over and compartmentalize the wounds. Sometimes the best solution is to remove the tree and replace it with a species that is more appropriate for the site.

Important note: If you need to remove more than five (5) trees, you must have all trees assessed by a certified arborist and forward tree assessments in writing to the DeKalb County Arborist. You can find certified arborists in the yellow pages or by going to the International Society of Arboriculture Website at www.isa-arbor.org.

Excerpts courtesy of ISA – www.isa-arbor.com, Purdue Univ. Co-op. Ext. Service, VA Co-op Extension, VA Tech, VA St. Univ., and TreeHelp.com

NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Aviva Hoffmann

Mobile Hotspot for Free!

New pilot program offers patrons ability to borrow Wi-Fi service

We do so much with the help of computers these days. In fact, it's hard to envision handling some daily tasks without them. But for some folks, access to a Wi-Fi connection is a problem. And now, a new pilot program, at select DeKalb library branches, give patrons the ability to "check out" the internet and take it home with them for a limited time, while they plan a more permanent solution for their Wi-Fi needs.

It's only fitting, as there's been a big shift recently in the resources and services offered at library systems across the country. Libraries have contin-



ued to evolve to meet the needs of people who want more than books on paper. So, even if you're not interested in the hotspot, you should make sure to obtain and use your free library account to check out the many offerings, including, e-books, computer classes, programs for youth, language learning software, art exhibits, meeting spaces and more.

If you are interested in the mobile hotspot to connect your phone, tablet, PC, etc. to free Wi-Fi, you can use your free library card, and check out a mobile hotspot for 28 days. (DeKalb wants to make sure everyone gets a turn with the devices.) Since the program is currently in the pilot phase, the participating branches are limited. That means, for right now at least, you can't put a hold on a mobile hotspot, get on a waiting list, or renew and extend the due date – as you would a library book.

There are currently four branches offering mobile hotspots for checkout, each with 15 devices: the Chamblee, Decatur, Flat Shoals, and Stonecrest libraries. It's best to call ahead and double check on availability, when you're ready to borrow one. However, with increased support, the program will grow. The program is funded in part by the DeKalb Library and the DeKalb Library Foundation.

Supporters aim to expand the program to every library branch. If you would like to find out how you can help support the mobile hotspot program, check out the DeKalb Library Foundation website online at: <http://dekalblibrary.org/foundation>. If you'd like to learn more about the many services available through our library system, go online to <http://dekalblibrary.org/>.

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**Septic Systems –
What You Don't Know Can Hurt You**
by Joyce Ray

There are many theories as to why there is no sewer system in much of our section of DeKalb and nearby Gwinnett Counties. It is often blamed on rapid growth and development of the unincorporated areas in the 1960's & 70's, the underlay of granite that presented a challenge to install sewers and the fact that we enjoy estate-sized lots that are perfectly suited to septic drain fields. Regardless of the reasons, all Smoke Rise residents know that a septic tank is buried someplace in their yard and works 24/7 to dispose of and break down waste from their homes. Proper maintenance and operation of your septic system can have a significant impact on how long it will continue to work well for you.

Water use around the home: The average single family residence water use is 45% from toilets, 30% from bathing, 20% from laundry and dishes and 5% from drinking and cooking. Virtually 100 % of that water finds its way into your septic tank. Water conservation around the home will help to keep the level of waste water down in the septic tank.

How to maintain your system: Proper maintenance takes only a little forethought and effort but will save you lots of money if done regularly. It is a good idea to keep a sketch of where the tank is located, records of when it was pumped and of any other maintenance done on the system. Can you remember the last time your tank was pumped? It's not something you keep in the forefront of your memory, and if you had to guess, you would likely miss the year by at least one or two, or five! If you are selling your home, your buyer will want to see the maintenance records that show a recently pumped tank. The cost of having your tank pumped and inspected is approximately \$450 - \$600. The cost to replace the system could be in the thousands. Most companies recommend that you have it pumped every three to five years. There are some factors which might dictate the need for it to be done more frequently, such as the number of people residing in the home, whether there are hot tubs or high water use appliances, or if you had frequent problems with the septic system in the past. Pumping your septic tank is the most important way to protect your system. If the buildup of solids in the tank becomes too high and solids move to the drain field, the system could become clogged enough to need a new drain field.

Use a reputable company and licensed contractor to pump your tank. They will locate the tank, remove the cover, inspect the ports and check the connections of the tank and the distribution box. The inspector will also check the condition of the tank for cracks and inspect the drain fields. It is a good idea to be present when the tank is pumped to make sure that all inspections of the tank are performed and included in the price you pay. Before hiring a company that advertises budget septic pumping, make sure you know exactly what services they provide and if any service or added inspections will require an increased fee.



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Join in the Resurgence of Pokémon Go
by Stephen Gilbert

Pokémon Go, the mobile game that swept the nation last July, is having a resurgence in popularity with the release of its first major expansion. The Second Generation of Pokémon made its debut a few months back, bringing over 80 new Pokémon to the fold to catch, empower, and compete with, alongside a multitude of general improvements to both the gameplay and player customization. This makes it an excellent time to get back into broadening your Pokémon collection, while simultaneously narrowing your waistline through good old-fashioned exercise.

If you're at a loss for where to find Pokémon in abundance, look no further than Stone Mountain Park: it boasts one of the highest Pokémon concentrations in the country!

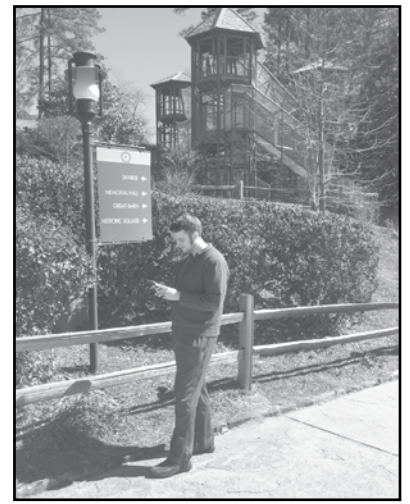
A jog around the five-mile sidewalk circling the mountain will not only be a refreshing excursion, but also help to hatch any Pokémon eggs you may have picked up along the way, and brings you to many Pokéstops along the way. For you non-players, a Pokéstops is a location where you can restock free of charge on important adventuring supplies like pokéballs and berries. They are almost always centered around historic landmarks or art installations, giving you the opportunity to visit interesting places and learn as you adventure.

Be sure to check out the Laser Lawn, as it is not only teeming with Pokéstops, many overlapping the same area, but also has two of the local Pokémon Gyms to seize for your Team! These Pokémon Gyms are the primary objective of the game. They are where you can compete against other players' Pokémon to earn premium currency.

The other Gym, should you be willing to make the hike or take the Skyride, sits atop the mountain, making it somewhat more difficult, but certainly worth the trip for the impressive view from the mountaintop.

Since you're liable to run into many more Pokémon than you can hold on to, remember this helpful tip: if you press and hold on a Pokémon in the collection browser, it will let you select multiple Pokémon to transfer simultaneously, saving time when collecting Candy to use in training your Pokémon.

So, get out there, get some exercise, and Catch 'Em All! And be sure to watch where you are going as you stroll, eyes locked on your mobile device.



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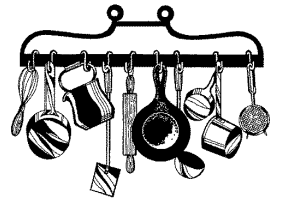
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By Jenny Hall

I don't know how you feel about fortune tellers or stuff like that, but it just amazes me that I am apparently the most easily swayed person in the United States. Everything I read seems just exactly right and perfect. My horoscope in the Sunday paper is always perfect, tarot cards are spot on, tea leaves are correct...I imagine you could draw a line in a pile of oatmeal with a stick and I would find something prophetic about it. And it would be perfect. That is, unless it's sad or full of doom, at which time I realize I pulled the wrong card or the cards were bent or I made the wrong kind of tea or anything so that it becomes happy happy full of joy. So being eternally optimistic I set out to make gluten-free goodies for a tea and I loved them! I loved them so much I ate entire batches and had to remake them. So I'm sharing two of my successes - both worth making even if you're not gluten-free. The frosting is also pretty fabulous on banana bread, chocolate cookies and pretzels. You can trust me on this!!

These are the best chocolate cupcakes in the world. And gluten free. Really. Moist and intently chocolate. Top them with peanut butter frosting and you will have entire communities gravitating to you.

Rich Chocolate Cupcakes

1 cup King Arthur® all-purpose baking mix - not flour - make sure it's the mix
1/2 cup dark unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 stick butter
1/2 cup vegetable oil (not olive)
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs
1/2 cup water or cold, prepared coffee

Preheat oven to 350° and line 12 muffin tins with paper liners. Mix baking mix with the cocoa powder and set aside. In a separate bowl, cream the butter, oil and sugar well. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each egg. Add vanilla. Add half the dry ingredients to the butter/egg mixture alternately with half the water, beating well. Divide evenly among the 12 tins - they will be rather full. Bake 20-22 minutes. Cool slightly in pan and then cool completely before frosting with this heavenly

Peanut Butter Frosting

Cream 1 1/2 sticks butter (that's 12 tablespoons) with 1/4 cup solid Crisco® shortening. Add 1 cup plain old peanut butter - not natural or low calorie, etc. Add in about 2 Tablespoons heavy cream. Beat in confectioners sugar until it's light, fluffy and spreadable. I usually use about 4-5 cups of sugar but keep adding cream and sugar back and forth until it suits me. This is a somewhat random way to make frosting, but the trick is in the solid shortening and cream additions. This is just delicious and frosts 12 cupcakes heavily. You can eat the rest on cookies, cake or fingers.

I made these scones as well and was amazed at how good gluten-free tasted. I made honeysuckle honey to gild the lily, but with butter and honey these would be great. They freeze perfectly - just reheat at 300° wrapped in foil for about 10 minutes.

Gluten-free Walnut Nutmeg Scones

2 cups King Arthur® baking mix
plus 1/2 teaspoon baking powder and 3 Tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 stick butter
2 eggs
1/3 cup half and half
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Mix baking mix, baking powder, nutmeg and sugar. Work in the butter with pastry blender or perfectly clean fingers until you have pea sized pieces of butter. Mix eggs, half and half and vanilla and quickly blend with dry ingredients. Dump in walnuts and incorporate. Put mixture on counter and fold over, adding just a bit more baking mix, until it just holds together. Cut into two halves, shape into rounds and cut each round in 8 wedges. Place on greased baking sheet (they all will fit), brush tops with a bit of cream and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 400° for 15-17 minutes. Cool about 5 minutes before serving. This enables the scones to set well, an important step with gluten free baking I am told. So ok...that's what I did. *And then I ate about four of them just to make sure.*

Happy July 4th to you all!

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Ladies in Stride, Inc. 5th Wellness Retreat

Ladies from all across the United States came together for the 5th Annual Total Health & Wellness Retreat at the lovely Loews Hollywood Luxury Hotel in Hollywood, California on June 1st-4th, 2017!

All retreat attendees received health screenings upon arrival by the Ladies in Stride, Inc. medical team: Dr. Donald Hanchett, Sr. (L.I.S. Medical Advisor), Pharmacist Robyn Howard, and Junice Robertson, RN. All of the ladies were empowered by our distinguished guest speakers: Dr. Donald Hanchett, Sr; Mr. Brent Hamlet, CIMA; Ms. Pamela Rice, MFT, D.MIN; Ms. Ingrid Vold; and Mrs. Ashley Hanchett, MBA. Subjects covered their health, finances, spiritual life & relationships, the importance of relaxation, and how to "Keep It Moving" with Ladies in Stride, Inc.

Awards were presented by L.I.S. Founder Mrs. Geonice Hanchett of Smoke Rise, GA, and Vice President Mrs. Panette Griffin of Tampa, FL. The BMI Award in loving memory of L.I.S. Medical Team Member Donald Hanchett, II was presented by the Hanchett family to Ms. Tari Smith of Sacramento, California.

The ladies enjoyed a tour of Hollywood and Beverly Hills, shopping, and dinner on Sunset Blvd. The retreat ended with an awesome spa night in the Balance Spa of the Loews Hotel. All of the ladies had a wonderful time and were able to bond, relax, and de-stress. Thank you to all of our wonderful 2017 sponsors! Stay tuned for our 2018 Total Health & Wellness Retreat Cruise leaving from the East Coast! Membership for Ladies in Stride, Inc. is open to ALL ladies 13 years old and up. Feel free to read about Ladies in Stride, Inc. and join if you would like to at www.ladiesinstride.com.

