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SECOND ANNUAL TUCKER Fourth of July FIREWORKS

For the second year in a row, the City of Tucker will be celebrating America's birthday in style with a patriotic bash on its iconic Main Street.

The July 3 Celebration of Independence and Fireworks Spectacular is back after drawing an estimated 5,000 revelers last year. The 2019 edition will again feature live music and entertainment, but with expanded food options. The fireworks display will be professionally managed by East Coast Pyrotechnics from behind Tucker High School. Seating for the event will be along Main Street facing Tucker High School. Bring your blankets or beach chairs!



"Last year's Spectacular was a huge success, but we knew there were some areas where we could improve," says Tucker's City-Community Connector Sonja Szubski. "Specifically, our amazing downtown restaurants were overwhelmed by the crowd last year. This time, we're bringing in some of Metro Atlanta's most popular food trucks to help accommodate all those hungry patriots. So, you can pack a picnic, dine in our restaurants or enjoy the food trucks; either way, there will be significantly less of a wait for food."

Music for this year's Spectacular will be provided by local band 16 Penny. The Buford-based group is billed as "a fun, party style dance rock band playing all of your favorite tunes from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s with a little today rock sprinkled in."

This is the second event of the TKR Summer of Fun series. The complete summer series is sponsored by Old Town Tucker Merchants Association (OTTMA), Jacobs Engineering and Discover DeKalb. Hall of Fame-level sponsors are the Tucker-Northlake CID, Tucker Summit CID and Optech.

Caught in the Act!

Rosalind Moore and Maggie



For three years Rosalind Moore and her trusty assistant, Maggie, have decorated the mailboxes of her neighbors on Stillwater Court and Minute Court with American Flags. They are put in the ground by the mailboxes just before Memorial Day and most neighbors leave them in place until after Labor Day. Thanks, Roz, for this festive reminder. You were "Caught in the Act".

If you know a Smoke Rise resident who volunteers or gives to others in need and would like to feature them in CAUGHT IN THE ACT, contact staff@smokesignalnews.com.

City of Tucker Millage Rate Yields Property Tax Reduction

At its meeting on June 26, Tucker's Mayor and City Council voted to approve the City's first millage rate. While some may be quick to call out a tax increase in the fiscally responsible new City, the reality is property owners are going to see their tax rate go down.

"We are taking over taxing authority for the parks from DeKalb County and we're doing it for less than DeKalb County was charging," Mayor Frank Auman explained.

Tucker's millage rate will be 0.9 mills, with that money going to fund Parks and Recreation in the City. For 2019, DeKalb County will be taxing at a rate of 1.458 mills. That figure will now go to ZERO on tax bills for Tucker citizens as Tucker takes over responsibility for Parks and Recreation.

"It's a big step for us in the development of the City," Auman said. "Up to now, the City's had no property tax and no ad valorem tax. That was true and that was part of the plan. This step takes us into a place where we're collecting our own taxes to, in this case, fund our park operations, while relieving our residents of that portion of their DeKalb County tax bill."

Since assuming responsibility for its parks from DeKalb County in 2018, Tucker's Parks and Recreation Department has been quick to repair and upgrade parks amenities that needed attention. This is evident in new playgrounds at Henderson, Kelley Cofer and Montreal Parks, as well as at the Tucker Recreation Center. They have also worked to make significant cosmetic and infrastructure improvements to the aging Rec Center, including new HVAC units, fresh coats of paint and security cameras. Kelley Cofer pool has seen upgrades, including a new splash pad installed this year through a partnership with DeKalb County.

In the coming months, more improvements are on the way including lights on the tennis courts at Henderson Park, repair of and expansion of the dock at Lake Erin, renovating the kitchen and bathrooms at the Rec Center, replacing aging fences in virtually all the parks, and installing parking spaces at Smoke Rise Park.

What is Patriotism?

Joel Gilbert

Sometimes a word replaces a thought for so long that it causes us to forget its true meaning. Patriotism may just be one of those words. The meaning is very simple: love for your country. Yet, today, the meaning seems to have shifted slightly toward meaning your beliefs are something you stick with... almost like loyalty or perseverance.

As we celebrate this holiday with friends and family, check the word 'Patriotism' out. How does it compare with a word like 'Nationalism'? If you look at your favorite source for insights into the word Nationalism, you find it's meaning is a bit more political or potentially divisive. You see something other than love for sure. Maybe we need to simply go back to the basics... a love of country. Perhaps that is the real problem. True love is not selfish. True love shows devotion and service without expectation of a 50/50 balance or without knowing "what's in it for me?"

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the 13th chapter is often called the "love chapter." Traditional marriage vows often include the "in sickness and in health" clauses. Do we have this kind of love for our country?

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July Calendar of Events

- 1-7 Stone Mountain Park Fantastic Fourth of July Fireworks (nightly at 9:30 p.m.)
- 3 Tucker Main Street Fireworks Spectacular. Food trucks and Fireworks at dusk.
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 4 Lilburn's Sparkle in the Park. Band at 7:30 p.m. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.
- 13 Georgia Iris Society mtg. 2:00 p.m.
- 11-28 *Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical* at the ART Station
- 19-28 Little Women at Tucker Main Street Theatre (Tucker Rec)

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 Go to the "Smoke Signal Digital" link.
 You'll also find the link posted to the *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.

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NEXTDOOR

Do you read Nextdoor? If you use a computer or have a smart phone you should. Nextdoor is a neighborhood 'chat'. You can sign up for Nextdoor Smoke Rise or Mountain Park. It is only open to neighbors living in your area.

If you enable notifications, a message will pop up in your email queue or on your cell phone queue. Or, you can disable notifications and just log on to Nextdoor when you like.

Here are some conversations that were posted in the last two weeks on Nextdoor Smoke Rise:

"Recommendations for a septic tank maintenance company?"

"Attention Neighbors: RSVP for the Summer Social/Pool Party..."

"Just FYI... my daughter calls to tell me a teen aged man with backpack knocking on our door." Thirteen neighbors responded. It was a teen selling educational books.

"Large dead bird in our yard (an owl?)...anyone know why?" Twelve people answered with their ideas, including one on calling GA wildlife who will come and pick it up.

"Found Parakeet. Whose is it?"

"Anyone find lost keys in the road?"

Is anyone's power out? (It was a downed tree, also posted on Nextdoor.)

We lost Ginger our cat. (He was found, and the owner posted to let everyone know he was safe)

Missing Mail?? I saw open mailboxes up and down McCurdy road.

Did your property taxes go up? Various people posted on this back and forth.

Bottom Line: Nextdoor is much more up to the minute than a publication like the *Smoke Signal*. I cruise it off and on to get news on things like the community garden and crime reports. The *Smoke Signal* no longer posts a crime report column because Nextdoor and Crime mapping websites are more up to the minute. Sign up for Nextdoor at help.nextdoor.com. The site is private and monitored.

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 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 Communion: Second Sunday of each month
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 7:00-8:30 Sanctuary choir
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Tucker Main Street Fireworks Spectacular (July 3):
 Bring lawnchairs or blankets to Main Street. Live Music, entertainment and Food Trucks. Come early for food and music. Fireworks released from THS.

Lilburn's Sparkle in the Park (July 4):
 Bring lawn chairs and blankets to Sparkle in the Park. Food trucks, bounce houses (there is a cost). Band at 7:30 p.m.
 Fireworks at 9:30 p.m. (Free)

Stone Mountain Park's Fantastic Fourth Celebration:
 Fireworks every night: July 1-7
 Spend all day at the park (daily parking fee): Bring your barbeque and chairs or blankets for later. Visit the Crossroads, the Dinotorium, Geyser Towers and Camp Highland Outpost (Adventure Pass required). Stay to see the Patriotic fireworks at 9:30 p.m.! Stone Mountain Park's celebration includes the largest giant fire wheel (Called a Catherine Wheel) in North America.

Atlanta's 50th PeachTree Road Race:
 Watch it in the morning, then catch GIANT Fireworks at Centennial Olympic Park. Centennial Olympic Park: at 7 p.m. (free) 265 Park Ave, NW. Atlanta.

Brave's Baseball at Sun Trust Park:
 Braves vs Phillies at 7:20 p.m. Arrive early for the 13 Gun Salute, a giant American Flag and a Flyover. Following the gamed, stay for fireworks choreographed to patriotic music. Sun Trust Park: 755 Battery Ave. SE.

GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club

The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club presented a donation to John Schauber at St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store on Memorial Drive. The money is to be used for summer employment of students and schooling expenses. Members of the club volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul location.




Pictured left to right: Mary Eubanks, Valerie Riecke, Peggy Burdette, Brenda Price, John Schauber (Store Manager), Joanne Cannarella, Jolene Davis (Smoke Rise resident).

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July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Spanish for Preschoolers (ages 3 to 5):

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Read to a Pet Partner (ages 5 to 12):

July 11 or 25 @ 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.;

Call to schedule a 20 min time slot.

Chess Club for Kids: July 18 @ 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Drop

by the library to play a game-- no instruction provided.

Book Buddies Book Club (for beginner chapter book readers):

July 10 @ 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call to register.

Book Ends Book Club (A book club for middle grade

readers): July 24 @ 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call to register.

Family Fun Nights @ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.:

July 1: Parrot Productions

July 22: An Evening of Wonder with Georgia Tech

July 29: Got Magic with Ken Scott

Movie Afternoons @ 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.:

July 8: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*

July 15: *How to Train your Dragon: The Hidden World*

For Tweens and Teens:

Art And Robotics with Lakeem Winborne (ages 10 to 17):

July 10 @ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Call to register.

Night Of Steam (Ages 10-17):

Come Play With Our Button Maker And 3D Pens And Make Stuff. Tuesday, July 2 @ 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

No registration required. Open to 15 participants at a time while supplies last.

Imagination! Creation! Comics! (Ages 10 to 17):

Tuesday, July 23, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Kyle Puttkammer, comic book artist and creator of "Galaxy Man," will teach participants how to imagine and create comics! Open to first 30 participants. Please call or visit branch to register.

Universe of History with Susan Campbell Bartolleti

(Ages 10 to Adult): Saturday, July 31, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Skype with youth historical fiction and nonfiction author Susan Campbell Bartolleti to explore the vastness of our history. Read one of her books and come with questions! Open to first 75 participants. No registration required.

Open Mic: July 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sing, dance, rap, play an instrument, slam poetry or just hang out! Sign up begins three weeks prior. Early sign up is recommended to guarantee a spot to perform. Please call or visit branch and ask for Jason, or email at beyerj@dekalblibrary.org. Open to the first 10 performers.



ART Station's 2018-2019 season concludes with *Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical* written by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman. This show, based on the life of Rosemary Clooney, runs July 11 through July 28. Performances will be held Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. with one senior matinee performance on Wednesday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. All performances will be in the ART Station Theatre located at 5384 Manor Drive in Stone Mountain Village. Visit our online box office open 24 hours a day at artstation.org or call our box office at 770-469-1105.



Tenderly is not your typical "juke-box musical", but instead has Rosemary's signature songs woven throughout the performance. Rosemary's journey starts with her simple Maysville, Kentucky childhood and follows her rise to Hollywood stardom. The show offers a fresh and remarkably personal picture of a woman whose unparalleled talent and vibrant personality made her the legend that we recognize today.

Smoke Rise Academy of the Arts Holds Spring Recitals

Smoke Rise Academy of the Arts (SRAA) held its Spring Recitals in May, celebrating the end of its spring semester and the accomplishments of its young students. The academy hosted five different recitals during the month, covering violin, piano and dance students.

The violin recital saw sixteen violin students perform individual pieces on the chapel stage at Smoke Rise Baptist Church, then receive certificates of merit and trophies for their hard work over the past few months. Fifteen of these students had performed at the Federated Music Club Festival in March, where all of them had received Superior scores for their performances.

Individual music lessons with professional instructors (piano, voice, violin, guitar, flute, organ and drums) are available during the summer for all ages starting at 4 years old; one-on-one music lessons are offered weekly in 30, 45 or 60 minute sessions.

Registration is also still available for the SRAA 2019 Summer Arts Camp, scheduled for July 8 – 11.

For more information or registration, contact Denise Burcham at 678-533-0562 or artsacademy@smokerisebaptist.org.



Above: SRAA Executive Director Denise Burcham poses with Smoke Rise residents (left to right) Pari Gumber, Rollen Williamson, Ella Paden and Alexander Paden at the Violin Spring Recital.

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LITTLE WOMEN

by Marisha Chamberlain

July 19-28

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GRADUATES

Hannah Robinson graduated May 13, 2019 from Mercer University with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and minors in Chemistry and History. She graduated magna cum laude with Neuroscience Departmental Honors. Hannah is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Nu Rho Psi, Phi Eta Sigma, and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies and a member of the American Chemical Society. She will be pursuing her PhD in Neuroscience at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Hannah is the daughter of Ted and Joanne Robinson of The Summit.



Emma Deal, daughter of Eric and Sherrie Deal of Spencers Mountain, graduated with a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD) from the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University on May 10, 2019. During her years at Augusta, Emma was elected by her peers to be class Secretary.

Emma grew up in Stone Mountain. She attended Greater Atlanta Christian School and played varsity tennis in high school. Emma graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in Biology and Psychology.

She will begin her career at Lipson Dental Group in Lilburn, GA. Emma has been a patient and a friend of the Lipson group since she was young and has formed



Kamryn Noelle Jaugstetter graduated from Georgia Cyber Academy on June 1, 2019. She was a member of the Beta Club, Fashion Club, Running Club, Aspiring Medical Profession Club, Compassionate Students Club and Business Club. She currently holds a National Pageant Title as your Starz 2019 All American Miss Teen. She is a member of a National winning dance team, Love To Dance-Lisa Werner Studios in Loganville, Ga. Jaugstetter will attend Joffrey Ballet School in New York City as a professional trainee. She is the daughter of John and Kandy Jaugstetter of The Forest. She is the granddaughter of Albert and Ruby Mitchem of Stratmor Hills and Jack and Laura Jaugstetter of Savannah, GA.



Kyra Hoskin graduated from Providence Christian Academy on May 25 as Valedictorian of her class. She delivered a speech on the importance of impacting others. Kyra is headed to Duke University in Durham, North Carolina in the fall. *(Kyra is pictured with her grandfather, Ralph Kelley).*



a strong relationship with the head dentist, Dr. Kapur, while shadowing him prior to applying to dental school. The late Dr. Lipson also played a major role in her decision to become a dentist with his example of skill and kindness.

In her free time, Emma enjoys running, cheering on the Braves, and visiting her alma mater to root on the Dawgs! Congratulations, Dr. Deal!



Joseph Marvin Feagle, son of Karen and Jim Feagle of Kanawha, graduated from Chamblee Charter High School, DeKalb County's High Achiever Magnate program with a 4.34 GPA.

Joseph was very active in sports during his years at Chamblee. He played soccer for CCHS JV team for 2 years and was the defensive MVP and team captain his 9th grade year. Joseph lettered in Varsity soccer 3 years, and received the Coaches Award his junior year and the Bulldog Award his senior year. He was also team captain his senior year, and was selected to the DeKalb County All Star Team in 2019. Joe also played soccer for TYSA and Chiefs Football Club.

In addition to soccer, Joseph swam during high school for CCHS Varsity team and lettered his senior year. For over ten years, he swam for the Smoke Rise Sharks, and is an Assistant Coach this season. Joseph loves to play tennis, too. He has played on the Smoke Rise Country Club 12/under teams in USTA and ALTA, and currently plays on a SRCC's Mens ALTA team.

Joseph will attend the University of Georgia in the fall with plans to major in Political Science and Business Management. His goal is to attend law school, and after graduating, join his father's law firm, Skaar & Feagle, LLP, in Tucker, GA.

Patriotism... continued from page 1

If we do, let's show it in all we do and in all we say to each other.

My wife, Susan, believes we too often take our freedom for granted. How often does anyone in this country stop to appreciate that we can freely publish our thoughts in our papers and protest in the streets for our beliefs? July 4 is the day we have set aside to acknowledge the powerful message that Freedom is not Free, and to remember that in our military, past and currently serving, "All gave some, and some gave all" to protect the freedom we enjoy. Happy 4th of July!

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City of Tucker Code Enforcement

by Frank Luton

Code Enforcement was one of the three areas that the City of Tucker became responsible for when it became a city in March of 2016. Smoke Rise, at that time, became part of the City of Tucker, and is in District 1. The other areas we are now responsible for are planning & zoning and parks & recreation.

Code Enforcement for Tucker is headed up by Maricela Perdomo, who has been its manager since November, 2017. In addition, there are two additional code officers.

The City of Tucker Code Enforcement's mission is to educate the public and enforce the City of Tucker's code ordinances. They protect and enhance property values, maintain community appearance and standards, and to preserve the quality and beautification of our community through the enforcement of city codes and ordinances.



Maricela Perdomo

Below are the requirements of some common residential codes that affect our properties in Smoke Rise:

- (1) Grass and Weeds: must be maintained below 12 inches in height.
- (2) Accessory Structures: All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls shall be maintained to be structurally sound and in good repair.
- (3) Motor Vehicles: No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles shall be parked, kept, or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.
- (4) Parking: All vehicles shall be parked on a paved surface that is connected to and has continuous paved access to a public or private street.
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Note: There are some exceptions, such as temporary signs requiring a sign permit, temporary special event signs, etc.

Reporting what you observe as code violations to the code enforcement is easy.

- Go to City of Tucker web site, www.tuckerga.gov.
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In future *Smoke Signals*, I will further elaborate on this subject.

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Club Raises Funds for Rotary's Polio Eradication Initiative

By L.A. Dison

Earlier this year, an anonymous member of the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain pledged \$450 to Rotary International's End Polio fund, with the caveat that the club must raise matching funds before June 30 to receive the donation. The goal was met before the end of May, and at the June 11 meeting, RSCM President Scott McEvoy presented a \$900 check to District Rotary Foundation Chair Margie Kersey.



RSCM President and Smoke Rise resident, Scott McEvoy, presents a \$900 donation to District Rotary Foundation Chair Margie Kersey, also a member of the Stone Mountain Rotary Club. The funds will go towards Rotary's End Polio Campaign.

Rotary International has been working to eradicate polio for more than thirty years, supporting programs worldwide to immunize and educate. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary has helped to reduce polio cases by more than 99.9 percent. While polio now is endemic in only three countries (Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan), new cases shed light on the importance of vaccinating every last child. While polio is a threat to a child anywhere, it remains a threat to a child everywhere.

The Stone Mountain Club meets every Tuesday for noon lunch at the Village Corner German Restaurant and Bakery in Stone Mountain Village. Visitors are always welcome to attend as a guest of the club.

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain and upcoming programs, go to stonemountainrotary.org or follow the club on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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Linton C. Hopkins, is a retired neurologist from Emory University, and long-time member of East Lake Golf Club. Taking inspiration from his patients, Hopkins became enthralled with the history of Bobby Jones, East Lake, Golf Club and the countless stories that were widely untold until now.

East Lake – Where Bobby Learned to Play, is unlike most books about golf. Exploring the history of East Lake Golf Club along with the story of Bobby Jones, Alexa Stirling, and other amateur golfers, this book recounts stories from the time Bobby Jones was learning how to play golf and the journey that turned him into one of the greatest amateur golfers of all time.

Boy Scout Troop 876

A crew of six scouts and two adult leaders from Troop 876 recently traveled to The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys for a week at sea. We were on the Coral Reef Adventure where we sailed along the Keys for seven days and six nights enjoying fishing, snorkeling and learning all about sailing. Our captain was really nice, we had great weather and we enjoyed eating the fish we caught. We ended the week with a Luau back at base before heading home the next day.



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Tennis is Booming at SRCC

*Suzy Ihnat, Tennis Director,
Smoke Rise Country Club*



The tennis program at Smoke Rise Country Club is busy. We generally have 100-120 people out on our courts evenly split between adults and children. The biggest attraction is the "Tennis 101" program that has added more than fifty new adult players to the program in the past fifteen months.

Saturdays at the club are bustling with all eight courts typically booked from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The junior program involves more than 140 kids. Adult members actively playing tennis sits at 167.

Summer camps are available for beginners and tournament players and run nine weeks in duration. The recent addition of a high performance program has kids playing more than 100 games in a 5-day period and preparing for high school tennis, potential college tennis and USTA sanctioned tournaments.

The club recently resurfaced four hardcourts and added four lighted pickleball courts in the hopes that the fastest growing sport might catch on at the club. The first Friday of open play created a flock of more than thirty members to try out this sport. Everyone responded that their new Friday routine will be to play pickleball under the lights until the late evening.

As the tennis director here at the Club, I welcome you to come meet with me and see everything our SRCC Tennis Program has to offer. It's a great way of getting some exercise and not only meeting your neighbors, but creating lifelong friendships.

SMOKE RISE SHARKS

Who are the Smoke Rise Sharks Swim Team?

The Sharks are a member of the Atlanta Swim Association Summer League and compete against teams of similar size in the Dekalb division. The team emphasizes good sportsmanship, improved swimming skills, and having fun.



Meets are held on Tuesday nights with ribbons awarded to 1st-6th place. Personal Best Ribbons are awarded to swimmers as they develop skills and improve times. Mini Meets are held on Friday mornings for the Mini Sharks, children ages 3 and up who are just learning to swim. Mini Sharks focus on increasing comfort in the water and crossing the pool independently. All home meets are held at Smoke Rise Country Club. In addition to the regular meets, The Sharks have been invited to two Championship meets: The Georgia Parks and Rec Championships at Chamblee High School, and the Atlanta Swimming Association Championship at Georgia Tech.

The Sharks are sponsored by: Smoke Rise Country Club, Mountain Creek Swim Club, Smoke Rise Bath & Racquet, The Summit Swim & Tennis Club, Atlanta Premier Homes, Burns & Sons Remodeling, Nations Lending-Tucker, Cofer Brothers, The Local 7, Peachtree Junk Removal, Autoglo, Smoke Rise Community Association, and Growler Time. Coach Kelly Griendling is the head Swim coach and the assistant coaches are, Victoria Ashby, Ava Smith and Joe Feagle.

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HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

Are Immunizations Really Controversial?? -- An Opinion

It is interesting for me to watch the anti-vaccination cycle come and go again. I have lived through at least two cycles now. In fact, in 1986 I wrote a two-part journal article about the famous British anti-vaccination experience. Immunizations have not been around forever, of course. On the other hand, childhood diseases like polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and meningitis have.

For those of you who know who Dr. Denmark was, you might find this interesting. Dr. Denmark was a female pediatrician that lived to be 114 years old. She practiced out of a little office in her house in Alpharetta/Cumming until she was 103. She had one daughter of her own. Dr. Denmark was credited with being a co-developer of the whooping cough (Pertussis) vaccine.

When my children were babies, I took my infant son to see her for a well child check. She was in her late 90s then. I drove all the way to Alpharetta to her little

farmhouse just to meet her. She was one of a kind. Not many women went to medical school in those days, and I just couldn't let the opportunity to meet her pass. She was the only woman in the Medical College of Georgia (class of 1928). She was the third woman to ever graduate from medical school in the entire state of Georgia.

Leila Denmark entered the practice of medicine before antibiotics, immunizations and baby food. In fact, I asked her what three things she thought had changed the practice of medicine the most during her 70 something years of practice. Her answer? "Antibiotics, immunizations and baby food." She lived through the years of children dying of infectious diseases like staph pneumonia, rheumatic fever and polio. She saw chicken pox, measles, mumps and rubella. She heard the terrible 'whoop' of whooping cough and saw the deadly gray membrane of diphtheria closing off the throats of sweet little children. Today

we have to 'google' a video to hear what whooping cough sounds like and look on the internet to see what measles looks like. Many pediatricians and family doctors have never seen these diseases. Why not? Because of antibiotics and immunizations!

It is easy to sit in an armchair in our 'safe' America and think none of these diseases will ever come back to affect us. There are several reasons that this is not true.

1) We live in a global society. Yes, the World Health Organization is 'close' to eradicating polio from the face of the earth. BUT. There are still native strains that appear in countries across the globe today ... Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria to name three. The 33 cases reported in 2018 could become a new wave epidemic, especially if immunization rates decrease. A trip to one of these countries, or a traveler with the disease could be the start of an outbreak.

I went to Nigeria in 1990. I saw measles in children there.

Measles is a highly contagious, airborne disease. As you know, there are currently outbreaks in Israel, Russia and New York, California and 26 other states. There have been over 1000 cases in the U.S. during the first 6 months of 2019. The U.S. has now lost its designation as a measles-free country.

2) This is not the first 'anti-vaccination' cycle. There have been several 'cycles' where parents have resisted giving their children immunizations. In the 1975-1983 British society, they worried about neurologic damage from the pertussis vaccine. This resulted in a terrible outbreak of Pertussis (whooping cough). Interestingly, the current 'cycle' of anti-vaccination has caused an outbreak in the U.S. of whooping cough. The worst recent year was 2012... with over 48,000 cases! This respiratory disease can be deadly—especially in infants because they have such small airways.

Today's modern 'cycle' of non-immunizing parents is mainly due to the fears provoked by a fraudulent doctor who popularized the idea that autism is caused by childhood vaccinations. In fact, this British doctor lost his license to practice medicine because he was found to fake data on ALMOST EVERY PATIENT in his paper. He still lectures. And people still believe him.

Since 2003, a total of nine studies have proven that autism is not caused by vaccines or any mercury (thimersol) component in them. Thimersol was removed from childhood immunizations between 1999 and 2001. Autism rates continue to rise. Shouldn't rates decrease if Thimersol is the cause?? Yes.

3) Herd immunity (sometimes called 'community immunity') varies depending on which disease you are referring to. Herd immunity is a concept that means those who cannot be immunized can be protected from the disease if a certain percentage of the 'herd' or whole population is immunized. The immunization of the 'herd' will prevent the vulnerable from getting the disease. Examples of those who are vulnerable include: babies too young to receive vaccines, those who are on chemotherapy or otherwise immunosuppressed and the very elderly.

Exceptionally contagious diseases like measles require 95% of the population to be immunized to prevent the disease in the vulnerable. Less contagious diseases may only require 80-85% of the populations to be immunized. Currently, there is an overall immunization rate in the U.S. of 85%. What do you suppose might happen if immunization rates fall further? Think about it.



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By AvivA Hoffmann

Being Counted, Counts!



What the Heck is PICKLEBALL?

As we celebrate America's independence this month, it's worth noting; the next United States Census will be held on April 1, 2020. The decennial census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by the Constitution. The results provide a tally of our population and households. The data serve as the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs (in the areas of education, healthcare, transportation, housing, recreation and other public needs).

The census aims to count every person living in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the island areas. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens too.

In 2015, an independent study was conducted by George Washington University identifying that each resident of Georgia is allotted \$1,339 per year for services.

It estimated that, with a 100 percent response rate to the 2020 Census, DeKalb County could receive \$985 million per year during the next 10 years. In the last census count in 2010, DeKalb County had a reported 72 percent response rate. That means the county failed to benefit from \$275 million worth of funding. To help raise awareness about the 2020 Census, the governing authority of DeKalb County has created a "Compete Count Committee." You should hear more about this from our representatives in the coming months.

By April 2020, you should have received a census form to fill out. You will have three options to respond: online, by phone, or by mail. Census workers (carrying a census badge and bag) will also visit households that do not return questionnaires. The 2020 Census questionnaire will consist of eight questions, asking for basic information about the people in your household, and should take about 10 minutes to complete. The Census Bureau will never ask for: Social Security numbers, money, donations, anything on behalf of a political party, or bank or credit card account numbers.

In case you were wondering; strict federal laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the personal information they provide. The Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. Also, all Census Bureau employees take a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a hefty fine — or both — for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.

Democracy works best when everyone is counted. The 2020 Census is important for DeKalb's (and our nation's) future, and **your response is required by law.** For more information, visit the Census Bureau online at www.2020census.gov.

To learn more details about the results of past census data in DeKalb County, GA, go online to: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/dekalbcountygeorgia>

If you haven't heard of it, better get with the program. Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country. It's been added to the tennis courts at Smoke Rise Country Club and teams are forming. Smoke Rise Baptist Church is adding two courts in the gym when the basketball courts are refinished and new lines painted. My friends who have moved to new communities are buzzing about the pickleball teams they are joining as if it were the most important neighborhood amenity.

So, what exactly is pickleball, and why this recent boom in popularity? Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong using a paddle and plastic ball with holes, kind of a wiffleball. Because the ball is light and moves slower than a tennis or handball, it is a wonderful alternative to both those sports as players become more "mature," the polite way of saying getting older.



Because the ball moves slower and the force of hitting it is lower, it is a perfect game for players of all ages and skill levels. The rules for pickleball are also simple and similar to ping pong, making it a great introductory sport. Of course, as with any sport, it can also be quite challenging if the players are athletic and competitive, but most players are just out for some exercise and some good, spirited, social fun. Few take the sport as seriously as tennis, for example, where really good tennis players tend to avoid playing with novices since it takes the edge off their game.

Pickleball is also a much more social game than tennis because a pickleball court is smaller than a tennis court. In fact, you can convert one tennis court into four pickleball courts. The game allows players to be close enough to one another that they can hold conversations. So, if you're looking to bond with your family or have an outing with friends new or old, pickleball makes it easy to do just that while also giving you the ability to fit in a fun workout.

If you are looking for some great exercise for your mind and body, pickleball can't be beat. Playing pickleball allows you to work on your balance, agility, reflexes, and hand-eye coordination without putting excessive strains on your body. Pickleball is a wonderful alternative for older players who used to play tennis, but have physical limitations such as hip, shoulder, knee, or other joint problems. So, what's holding you back? Let's play Pickleball!

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**Blue Star Markers:
Honor, Remember and Respect our Military**

The Smoke Rise Morning Glories place a lovely red, white and blue wreath in front of the Blue Star Marker at Smoke Rise Elementary School on Silver Hill Road every Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

The Blue Star Marker honors all the men and women who have served, are serving or will be serving in our nation's military service. The marker depicted below was installed in 2007 and was supported by the garden clubs of Smoke Rise.



The Blue Star Markers are located across the United States of America in small towns and big cities commemorating and paying tribute to our military service members. There is a marker in front of the Veterans Administration Hospital on Clairemont Road and also one at the entrance to the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center to name two prominent locations in Atlanta where the markers are located. In May, Avondale Estates rededicated their Blue Star Marker in a ceremony attended by the City Manager, Mayor, Fire Chief and the head of the local American Legion Post and over twenty-five Avondale Estates citizens on Memorial Day weekend.

The Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs is planning to sponsor a new Blue Star marker in the City of Tucker in 2020. Currently a committee is being formed to secure funding for the marker and communicate with the city for the best possible location to honor our military. Once we have the details, we will announce the dedication date and include local citizenry, a Color Guard and band if possible.

The tradition of the markers was begun in 1945 with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, now known as National Garden Club. The program was adopted in New Jersey and The Blue Star Highway System was also established at that time. Today the markers are in all 50 states and are located in gardens, in front of city halls, Veteran's facilities, government offices and interstate highway rest areas and welcome centers.

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Legendary Women of Smoke Rise Garden Club

DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs began "The Legends Club" to recognize long term, dedicated members of our clubs in 2017. The Garden Center at Callanwolde sponsors a planting in their honor each year and a permanent plaque is kept in the Garden Center. Members receive a flower arrangement and are honored at the May meeting.

Wilma Coney was one of 10 founding members of Smoke Rise Garden Club. Wilma is one of only a few to have a Federation annual award established in her name, "The Wilma Coney Shade Gardening Award". She served as Club President in 1970 and 1999 and was honored with a Federation Life Membership in 1994. Wilma was Federation President in 1993 and 2009. She was honored with a Garden Club of Georgia State Life Membership and became a Legend in 2017. Wilma currently resides in North Carolina and remains a source of inspiration for the Smoke Rise Garden Club!



Margaret Lloyd with her son being honored at The Legends Club celebration meeting of DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, May 2018.

Margaret Lloyd joined The Legends Club in 2018. Margaret was President of Smoke Rise Garden Club in 1991. She was voted "Outstanding Member of the DeKalb Federation" twice; 1994 and 2013! She served the Federation for over 20 years as Treasurer. Margaret is both a Garden Club of Georgia and DeKalb Federation Life Member. Margaret is truly a loyal and dedicated Garden Club legend.

Last Month, Edith Morton was honored as a Legend. Edith is Smoke Rise Garden Club's longest serving President. She served in so many capacities for both the Federation and her club, but she served as Smoke Rise Garden Club President for more than eight years (1987-89 and 2011-16)! Edith was also Federation President in 2001 and was voted "Outstanding Life Member of the Year" by DeKalb Federation in 2012. She is a true leader and continues to be active with her Club and the Federation.

Smoke Rise Garden Club is proud to call Wilma, Margaret and Edith our own! They are jewels in our crown and are truly legendary! We wish them all the very best and happy gardening!

A Christmas in July workshop is planned benefiting the Ronald McDonald Charities. If you'd like to be part of our workshop, field trips or want to attend a monthly meeting, please call Marilyn Oatway at (404) 537-7050. The club continues to celebrate its 50 years of service to the community. SRGC is a member of the DeKalb Federation, Redbud District, Garden Club of Georgia and the National Garden Club.

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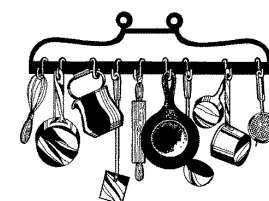
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I'd Rather Have a Loaf of Bread

by **Bob Newman**

I began making bread about 25 years ago. Early on, I gave my barber a loaf of bread in place of a tip. One day, I went for a haircut but hadn't had time to bake a loaf so I tried to give him a money tip; he refused and said, "I'd rather have a loaf of bread."

Over the years, I have tried various recipes offered in books, and tried different ways of measuring ingredients, to the extent I even considered buying a digital scale attempting to be exact. But making bread should be simple and fun, so I have simplified my technique to where I use a one-cup liquid measure, a half-cup dry measure, and a tablespoon, which allows me to make a loaf that will last my wife and me for two days with about one-hour of hands-on labor and several hours of waiting. That means two loaves a week, three on haircut week. Here is my simple technique:

Ingredients:

- Five half-cups of bread flour
(I prefer King Arthur or Bob's Red Mill)
- One tablespoon of sea salt
- One tablespoon of Active Dry yeast
- One cup of warm water.

Procedure:

- Add salt to the flour in the bowl and stir.
- Add yeast to the bowl and stir.
- Add water to the mixture and begin mixing (I use my Kitchen Aid).
- Increase the speed and mix for 10 minutes.
- If the dough is sticking to the bowl, add a tablespoon of flour; if it feels too dry to the touch, add a tablespoon of water.
- Cover the bowl with a damp cloth and let it rise for about two hours; it should have doubled in size.
- Shape the dough into a ball with your hands, making sure to get a smooth surface top and bottom.
- Place the shaped dough on parchment paper, sprinkle some flour on top, cover it with the damp towel, and set the oven to 400°F.
- When the oven reaches temperature, the dough will have risen again, and will be ready to transfer to the oven on a cookie sheet or a pizza stone. Make two cuts in the top with a very sharp knife and set the timer to 30 minutes.
- Remove the finished loaf from the oven and let it cool on a wire rack for another 30 minutes before enjoying the fruit of your labor.
- Take a deep breath and inhale the fragrance of fresh baking.

The best way to enjoy the bread is to slather it with salted Irish butter while it is still warm and the crust is crispy. If you are concerned about the time involved, consider the meaning of making things by hand and with heart in these lines from a Robert Frost poem:

*"Baptiste knew how to make a short job long
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