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*The staff of the Smoke Signal wishes each of you
a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving!*



Tucker Art Festival Returns November 6-7 with an Even Larger Fall Event

After a very successful spring debut, ARTucker is thrilled to announce its return this fall, November 6-7, at the Tucker Recreation Center. This free event allows the public to view and purchase original works of art from local artists who represent a wide variety of mediums, including painting, photography, pottery, handmade jewelry and more.

The event has become a festival of events, and includes live music, food trucks, art demonstrations and more. Attendees will not only have the opportunity to meet local artists and purchase exclusive creations, but also see both pottery and weaving demonstrations. Another highlight will be the opportunity to sample fare from "Perhaps a Wrap," featuring savory wraps and melts, and "Tracy's Tasties," a dessert food truck. The acoustic group "Tom Hill and the Laid Back Gypsy Souls" will be playing both Friday and Saturday.

Patty Young, the visionary for ARTucker, is excited that the event has received so much attention. The fall show will be the perfect opportunity to usher in the upcoming season. "Given that it's a fall show, we're thinking people might use this as an opportunity to begin their holiday shopping. The show will be filled with unique, one of a kind items that make perfect gifts," she says.

Pottery Artist Lori Buff will be displaying her wares at the fall event. After participating in the spring show, she says she is excited about being a part of ARTucker again. "Art brings people together, it makes us feel various emotions, it adds beauty to our lives, and it helps people to think creatively. It reminds us that we can look at things in different ways and it records our history." And it is a fun way to bring the community together.

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**PLEASE VOTE
NOVEMBER 3
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!**



Celebrate Upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Festivities

by Barbara Bruschi

When the autumn leaves turn to red and gold and cool breezes inspire us to rejoice in the miracle of life, we celebrate Thanksgiving and soon after, Christmas. We are grateful for our family and friends and for the daily bounty we receive to enrich our lives in so many ways.

In the year 1621, the Plymouth colonists, who left their native country in search for freedom, joined with the Wampanoag Indians to share a harvest feast. This day became the first Thanksgiving celebration. It has been and still is – the great American family holiday fest, marked by parades, games, delicious food and time with family.

The celebration of Thanksgiving to many also signifies the beginning of the Christmas holiday season. Many of the following memorable festivities take place in Atlanta to enrich our lives. Make sure you enjoy one or more of these events.

- 1) Stone Mountain Christmas: Stone Mountain Park offers a medley of events. November 7 - January 3. Along with the two million glowing lights, there is a parade, sing-a-long Christmas train, a 4-D movie, a cabaret – and a visit with Santa, as well as music and Christmas characters.
- 2) Macy's Great Tree Lighting: November 26. Witness the 60-foot white pine lighting on Thanksgiving evening at 7:00 p.m., with live entertainment. Trace Atkins is one of the performers.
- 3) The Alliance Theater: November 19 – December 31. Showing A Christmas Carol and The Santaland Diaries.
- 4) Festival of the SEASON at the Atlanta Aquarium: November 20 – December 25. The Aquarium becomes a winter wonderland. Music and a SCUBA Santa are sure to delight visitors.

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HOLIDAY IN SMOKE RISE

Saturday, December 5
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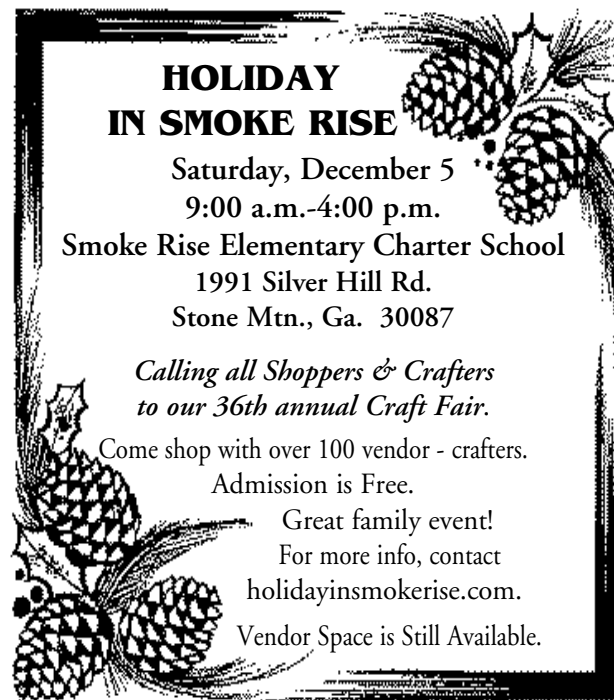
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To help address this issue for the more than 200,000 veterans that live in Metro Atlanta, the Tucker Civic Association (TCA) and the DeKalb Association of REALTORS® are hosting a Veterans Job Fair at Rehoboth Baptist Church in Tucker on Thursday, November 12, 2015 during the hours of 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Employers from a wide assortment of industries will be on hand to speak with and interview job seekers. The Fair will also feature information on Veterans' services, as well as complimentary resume critiques and on-site printing for resumes.

VETERANS, ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY, and WOUNDED WARRIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Attendees should bring, if available, their resume and professional licenses, certificates or college transcripts, DD-214, and VA Service Connected Disability Award Letter.

For more information, contact Dee Sims at 770-493-6100 or email Dee@dekalbrealtors.com.





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November Calendar of Events

- 3 Vote! at your Precinct, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 6 ARTucker: Arts and Crafts Festival
Tucker Main Street, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Veterans Job Fair, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Rehoboth Baptist Church
- 13-15,
- 20, 21 Main Street Tucker Theater: The Odd Couple-Female Version
- 15 Atlanta Concert Series: Eastminster Presbyterian Church
3:00 p.m., free
- 15 SRCC Chili Cookoff
- 21 Art Stroll Stone Mountain Village
Holiday Exhibits at ART Station and Galleries
- 27 Stone Mountain Village After Thanksgiving Christmas Parade
and Fireworks: 4:00-8:00 p.m.

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When cleaning the leaves from your yard, don't blow them into the street. Your yard may look good, but these leaves eventually collect alongside the curbs that are there to channel water into storm drains. Leaves eventually wash down the street and clog the storm drains. Instead, blow them into the woods if you can or pick them up and let the yard waste truck take them away.

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- 5) Garden Lights – Holiday Nights at the Atlanta Botanical Garden: November 14 – January 9. One million lights, costumed characters, and food.
- 6) Winter Wonderland at Fernbank Museum of Natural History: November 20 – January. Holidays Around the World celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah the Festival of Lights and other cultures at Fernbank Museum of Natural History.
- 7) Christmas at Lake Lanier: November 20 – January 3. Feast your eyes on the magic of lights and visit the Christmas village.
- 8) Christmas at Callenwolde: November 30–December 15. The Tudor Revival mansion, Callanwolde, is decorated by interior designers and staffed by volunteers, some of whom are Smoke Rise Garden Club members.

Participate in visiting the many home tours of our communities. Admire all of the dazzling Christmas decorations in your neighborhood. Recall the true spirit of Christmas as you do, and the news of the baby that was born in a manger to bring good tidings to the world. Let the light of the Christmas Star illuminate your soul and shine throughout the year. May you and your family have an unforgettable Christmas.

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11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Wednesdays:
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Looking for Ways to Give
to the Community
This Thanksgiving?

The DeKalb County Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs is currently accepting donations of nonperishable food items for its annual CANNED FOOD DRIVE and are also accepting new or gently used coats for its COAT DRIVE, now until Friday, November 13. The Tucker Recreation Center, 4898 LaVista Road, Tucker, Ga 30084 is the closest drop-off location. For more information, Contact LaShanda Davis, Public Education Specialist, at 404-371-3643.

The Lilburn Co-op can use non-perishable food items, clothing, electronics, school supplies and basic household items like toilet paper. During the holidays, they also appreciate gift cards to Wal-Mart, Kroger and almost any other location. These are distributed to local families with a demonstrated need. Go to lilburncoop.org to see their current needs or drop items off during their regular business hours- Mon-Sat 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. -at 5329 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lilburn, Ga. 30047.

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Free Music Concert Series
Brings Classical Arts to Smoke Rise

A young Tucker resident is bringing the sounds of classical music to Smoke Rise through her organization, the Atlanta Concert Series (ACS). This original idea, created and founded by recent music grad, Samantha Burke, desires to bring classical music to local communities like ours. As a staff singer in the choir at Eastminster Presbyterian, Samantha is involved in the Smoke Rise community and will be holding a classical music concert at Eastminster on November 15 at 3 p.m. It is free to the general public. The goal of ACS is to bridge the gap between the arts, accomplished young artists such as Samantha, and the local community.

Atlanta Concert Series was founded by Samantha Burke, a soprano and violinist major who recently graduated from Bard College in NY. After years of performing around the country and studying under world-renowned mentors, she was anxious to continue in that trajectory, but wasn't sure where to find direction when she returned to Tucker. She realized that other young, up-and-coming artists must face the same dilemma and also needed an outlet to perform. This began her vision: to provide a free concert series that allows young artists a venue, while also allowing the community the opportunity to experience quality classical music. "I brought on nine of some of the best musicians I have ever worked with from all over the globe. All of the artists just needed a platform on which to perform while they are awaiting their dream job of appearing in symphony halls, opera halls and major production stages around the world," says Samantha.

Performances by the artists will be hosted by various churches, such as Eastminster Presbyterian, local businesses and organizations. As a non-profit organization, a percentage of each ticket donation will go back to support the host church or business. Samantha is optimistic that other organizations will catch the vision and consider holding an event.

The ACS has four main goals: to provide a platform for young artists, to give the general public easy access to classical music, to benefit and promote local churches and business that support them, and to break down misconceptions about classical music, in general. "We love to bring a fresh, young perspective to classical music

with concerts that include cabaret and jazz. We want people to see that classical music can be fun," says Samantha. "I love the idea that music brings people back to the arts and connects them together through that. I wasn't sure I would easily find a music outlet when I moved back home, but the community has showed amazing support," she says.

For more details on the upcoming concert at Eastminster and to see their 2015 concert schedule and find more information on the artists and organization go to theatlantaconcertseries.org. If your church or organization would like to host a concert, email Samantha at atlantaconcertseries@gmail.com or by phone at 404-434-3265.

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There are some questions the
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Letters to the Editor:

To all our Smoke Rise neighbors,

Please remember to VOTE in the November 3 election. There are only two items on our ballot this time, both of which deserve our YES votes. One is a measure to reform the county’s Ethics Board, which is long overdue.

The other is cityhood for Tucker. As a leader in this initiative, I have been asked repeatedly why cityhood is necessary. It boils down to one thing. The one thing, although there are also many other benefits, is that CHANGE IS COMING. We can’t stop it, but we can take control of it. New cities are being formed, and existing cities are seeking to expand. Voting YES for Tucker will preserve the community we’ve all come to love. Voting NO will leave Tucker, including Smoke Rise, subject to either annexation by another city, and/or at the mercy of DeKalb County. In the last two years, every city bordering Tucker has proposed, or attempted, to take parts of what have always been known as Tucker. The cities of Stone Mountain, Clarkston, and the proposed city of Lakeside/LaVista Hills all have their eyes on parts of our home town, and if they all get what they want, Tucker will cease to exist as we know it. There may be a Main Street with some historical markers, but the rest will be in the city limits of other communities. A divided Tucker will never be feasible as a city.

The good news is, adopting cityhood also affords us lots of opportunities to improve important aspects of our quality of life. Overseeing our own parks, deciding our own zoning and development priorities, and enforcing building and signage codes by and for ourselves in our own immediate area will all lead to increased property values as we attract more and better shopping, businesses and residences.

But no matter how strongly you feel about the issue, it doesn’t matter at all if you don’t vote. Passage or failure only requires a simple majority of whoever shows up, so if you want to have a say in your future, get to the polls now, before it’s too late!

Frank Auman

Dear Smoke Signal Editor,

Perhaps I am confused, but I wonder when I step outside and see Stone Mountain from my front yard, or see the mountain as I drive on nearly every street around my neighborhood or hear the laser show and fireworks each summer night why I would vote to be annexed by Tucker. I love my Tucker and Lilburn neighbors, but there is something historical and beautiful about being associated with Stone Mountain. Whenever I travel, even outside of the U.S., I encounter people who actually know of or have visited our neighborhood. Their faces light up as they recount some happy adventure or family gathering they had while visiting the park or a restaurant or shop nearby. In fact I believe Stone Mountain is one of the most recognizable areas besides Atlanta outside of our state.

My husband and I moved to Smoke Rise fifteen years ago and we love it. Residing on a large wooded lot, we sometimes feel like we live in Stone Mountain Park. And we are thrilled to live less than five minutes away from this historical monument. So we find it very curious that some of our neighbors now want to be part of the City of Tucker. I still don’t understand what the benefits are. I have searched the Tucker2015 site for answers but all I can conclude is that our taxes would increase because in addition to funding our current set of county commissioners we would now have to pay a mayor and six council members (\$104,000 annually). Personally, I would like to continue to proudly proclaim that I am from Stone Mountain, GA and to celebrate my connection to this amazing geological wonder.

Lerita Coleman Brown
East Gate Drive

Editor’s note: The Tucker Vote is not technically “annexation”, but is a YES or NO vote for a new City of Tucker.

STONE MOUNTAIN CID
PLANTS TREES!

The Stone Mountain Community Improvement District has committed \$34,000 to plant more trees and shrubs along Mountain Industrial Boulevard. Look for them to begin the planting this month as they define Mountain Industrial as a major corridor into our area.

Main Street Theatre-Tucker
Expands Its Fall Performances

In its inaugural year, Main Street Theatre will be expanding the number of fall performances from three to five showings. We were amazed by the unexpected crowd at the May production of *Harvey* at the Tucker Recreation Center. For Friday opening night, we set up the venue with 96 seats; 195 people showed up for the play. Thank heaven we were in the Rec Center! The technical staff rounded up an extra 100 chairs so that we were able to accommodate all patrons. Saturday night, another 190 attended – and for the Sunday matinee, 120!

In November, production of Neil Simon’s *The Odd Couple- Female Version*, will add two additional performances on Friday and Saturday evenings. *The Damsel Game*, a short dramatic skit by local child actors will precede each performance. Tickets can be obtained from any cast or staff member, or at www.tuckertheatre.com/tickets.html for 7:30 p.m. performances on November 13, 14,15, 20 and 21.

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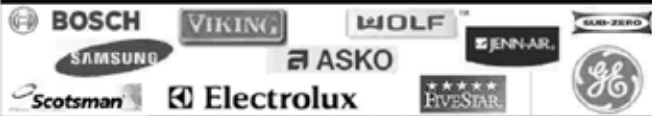
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ART Station Events

Tuesday - Fridays Through November 7
Plein-Air Painting Selections
Georgia Watercolor Exhibit
Craft Gallery

Tuesdays- Fridays Beginning November 21
Holiday Exhibits and Juried Art Exhibit

Stone Mountain Village November Events

Farmer's Market: Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

November 21: Art Stroll through ART STATION and GALLERIES

November 27 - 4:00-8:00 p.m.: After Thanksgiving Christmas Parade and Fireworks
Letters to Santa, hot chocolate and marshmallows

Tucker Arts Guild Events

Artists Ellen Chenault and Billie Dixon
Gallery Exhibit at the Northlake-Barbara Loar Library
November 10, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
(Exhibit Runs through December)

Main Street Lilburn November Events

Lilburn Tree Lighting: December 1, 8:00 p.m.

Lilburn Christmas Parade: December 5, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Main Street Tucker November Events

Farmer's Market: Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ARTucker: November 6, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Smoke Rise Community Garden News
By Doug Reynics, Community Garden Chair

The Smoke Rise Community Garden had another successful garden year! Our food pantry beds produced and distributed over 650 pounds of produce to two local food recipients: Networks Co-Op Ministry, located in Tucker, and Lady T. Networks does many outreach programs in the area. Please check their website at www.networkscoop.org. Lady T owns a catering company and prepares and distributes meals to the homeless. She also was the recipient of her own garden plot, provided by an anonymous donor. That way she can grow her own food to cook and distribute!

We recently had our second annual sweet potato dig with the 1st and 2nd grade class from Smoke Rise Prep. Twenty-three kids came and harvested over 200 pounds of sweet potatoes to be donated. They were also given a bed of their own this spring so they could plant sweet potatoes with their own hands. They harvested and got to take those home! We currently have 6 beds for rent. Please see our website: www.smokerisecommunitygarden.com for more info.



Recycling Event

On Saturday, November 7, the Rotary Clubs of Northlake and Stone Mountain, along with FODAC, will host an Electronics Recycling Day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church of Atlanta in Tucker. Working and non-working electronics are accepted at no charge; details can be found at fodac.org or by calling (770) 491-9014.



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New Junior Beta Club Officers

National Junior Beta Club Arrives at Smoke Rise Elementary!

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Forty students promised to maintain high academic records, outstanding character, and leadership qualities, as they became the first members of Smoke Rise Elementary School to be inducted into the National Junior Beta Club.

During the October 2, 2015 Candlelight Induction Ceremony, proud parents watched their 4th and 5th grade students march down the aisle and across the stage to accept the honor of becoming a member. National Beta Club Field Director, Mrs. Geraldine Henderson, led the pledge and officially pronounced the student’s membership. DeKalb County School Superintendent, Dr. R. Stephen Greene and former DeKalb Superintendent, Mr. Michael Thurmond were the ceremony keynote speakers. Their message to the students addressed the importance of striving for excellence and high academic achievement. Former Smoke Rise Interim Principal, Mrs. Anneice Speer, encouraged the students to continue to be good citizens in school, and Principal, Mrs. Pamela McCloud charged the students to continue being a guiding light in the community and to always have high expectations toward success.

The sponsors are proud to have re-established this program at Smoke Rise Elementary School and look forward to developing strong leaders of tomorrow in our school and community.



Morning Glories Garden Club Supports Smoke Rise Elementary School

Recently, the Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club assisted Smoke Rise Elementary School in helping to get the STEM outdoor classroom ready for use by removing vines and weeds, bagging trash, and turning the soil in the four raised garden beds. They also maintain the garden atrium by keeping plants trimmed and watered. Festive fall scarecrows and a pumpkin were placed in the garden for the students’ enjoyment.

Garden Club members planted milkweed in the butterfly garden to encourage Monarch Butterflies to stop during their migration journey. This has supplied a wonderful outdoor classroom learning opportunity for students. Information about Monarch Butterflies obtained from Stone Mountain Park Education Division was given to several classes to use in their studies of nature.

The Smoke Rise Morning Glories recently revamped the school’s front entrance planters on either side of the fountain by completely removing the old dirt and replacing it with rock, sand, new dirt, and plants.

The Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club also places a wreath at the Blue Star Memorial marker on Veteran’s Day and the Fourth of July.

Smoke Rise Elementary School is extremely appreciative of the Morning Glories Garden Club for their partnership and generous contributions to the school. Smoke Rise Elementary is turning over a new leaf with community partnerships like the one we have with the Morning Glories!

Night at Smoke Rise

Jumpy houses, cotton candy, popcorn, face-painting, pizza and hot dogs, a cake walk, Gran “E” Luv the clown, sand art, and a live DJ were all part of Night at Smoke Rise in September! The level of support from the community was astounding. Mt. Carmel Christian Church and Incarnate Word Lutheran Church supplied equipment, games, food, and numerous volunteers making this event one of the most successful yet. Smoke Rise Elementary would like to send a heartfelt message of thankfulness to the churches, community members, and parents for supporting the school!

Kingfisher Academy in Tucker: New Place, New Year, New Teachers

By Debbie Gathmann

The 2015-2016 school year is starting off with a bang at Kingfisher Academy. First, in order to grow but stay within central Tucker, we moved just across the street to the Youth building of the First Baptist Church of Tucker. It is a larger space that gives us more flexibility in the organization of our classes. The church has been very welcoming and has allowed us to maintain our secular identity while using their building. It has been a wonderful transition. We also get to collaborate with their friendly little preschool on the floor below us and are anticipating many activities that we can share together.

Being committed to a small class size of less than nine children per class has led us to add some wonderful new staff this year, and a few new enrichment activities--Ms. Krezh, Mr. Smith, Ms. DeRosa, Ms. Lepedus, and a Spanish teacher, art teacher, and tennis coach. We have plans to expand our elementary program and currently have openings for additional 4th and 5th graders. We do rolling enrollment, so families can enroll throughout the year. One of coolest parts of having new staff is that many of them come from far away--Peru, Hungary, New York, Cuba to name a few. We sometimes feel like the United Nations!

The holidays will be here before we know it and we will be starting our Habitat for Humanity holiday decoration project. For more information about this developing school, go to www.kingfisheracademy.org.

Boy Scout Troop 876 News

By Charlie Smith, First Class Scout

Boy Scout Troop 876 recently went on a backpacking trip to Cheaha Mountain, Alabama’s highest elevation. The newer scouts went on a three-mile hike that was mostly down hill and smoother paths while the more advanced backpackers went on an eight-mile hike with a steep rocky terrain. We all met up to camp together for the night and hiked out together the next morning. We learned basic skills like how to cook on backpacking stoves, ways to filter drinking water, and how to choose good food to eat on the trail.



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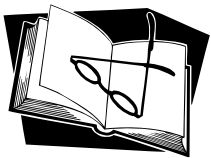
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Meet Another Smoke Rise Author

When Denny and Renée Hopf's first grandchild, Joshua, was born, they started writing children's books for him. Renée wrote the books and Denny illustrated them. The Hopfs now have five "Grands" and have authored 23 different storybooks for them and their friends to read. The books have all been about their own personal adventures, their pets and family fun and games.

About ten years ago the Hopf family bought a second home in Hayesville, North Carolina. In the town square was a wonderful small bookstore called Phillips and Lloyd. The owners read some of the books and decided to sell them. They gave Denny and Renée a book signing party to introduce their books, and then sold the books for several years. By the time Phillips and Lloyd decided to close their doors, the Hopf's oldest grandchild was 21 and the Hopf's had already put up their pens and paper. The books are now enjoyed as histories of their grandchildren's growing up years.



A Conversation with New SRCC General Manager, Jim Story
By Susan Gilbert, Staff Writer

Susan: You are probably getting tired of hearing this, but our community is thrilled to have attracted you from managing the prestigious Druid Hills Golf Club to lead our much smaller Club. You have managed several of the top private clubs in the country and could have gone anywhere. What convinced you to come here?

Jim: In early 2015, as I was entering the twilight of my career, it became clear to me that it was time to focus more on family. Doing that is difficult in the private club industry where a premium is placed on providing hospitality for others in the evening, on weekends and holidays. While contemplating my future, I was contacted by Suzy Ihnat, the outstanding Tennis Director at Smoke Rise Country Club asking for assistance in identifying a new general manager for the Club. I knew Suzy and was impressed with the quality of the facilities and staff. Clearly, the issues separating Smoke Rise Country Club from great success is one of leadership. I was intrigued. After more introductions to staff and meetings with the Board of Directors, I became confident I could make a major impact and Smoke Rise would permit me a more balanced life. So, I called to tell Suzy I had found a perfect candidate: Me.



Jim Story

Susan: What do you find special about Smoke Rise Country Club?

Jim: The dedicated staff, good facilities, and friendly membership. Everyone has been very welcoming to my family and me.

Susan: You have been here for over a month now; any surprises?

Jim: Yes, the major surprise is that more people are not flocking to be members. Smoke Rise is the best-kept secret in the Atlanta Club market. As is true of any newer private club, the struggles can be many, but with a solid membership base, the rewards of membership can be infinite. Where else could you experience great facilities, accommodating staff members, great programming, outstanding food and services in a family-safe haven?

Susan: As you commented earlier all clubs go through challenges. When you took over at Druid Hills what were some of the challenges the club faced and how did you approach them?

Jim: All clubs faced a big decline in membership during the economic decline in 2007-2010. My focus upon arriving at Druid Hills was to work with the board and management team to build a successful future. I believe you begin this journey by listening to the membership, staff and community and determine our best course of action for the future. We focused on family programming, maintaining our commitment to golf and improving food and beverage quality and services. I believe the ultimate growth in membership was due to everyone having the same goal for success.

Susan: What is your vision for Smoke Rise Country Club?

Jim: Build the membership, train the staff to offer excellent goods and services on a consistent basis, and when it is time to retire, having developed an outstanding assistant who I can hand the keys to and say, "stay the course; the future is bright."

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Smoke Rise Elementary Charter School to be Torn Down and Rebuilt

Did you know that the Smoke Rise Elementary Charter School is one of seven elementary schools in DeKalb County that were chosen by the District to be torn down and re-built? The project is part of money allocated from the SPLOST IV program. SPLOST stands for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. This tax is not a new tax, but the continuation of a penny sales tax voted on in 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2012. It is included in our present 7% sales tax in Dekalb County.

Smoke Rise Elementary School (ES), Gresham Park ES, Peachcrest ES, Austin ES, Pleasantdale ES, Rockbridge ES, and Fernbank ES are seven schools chosen to receive SPLOST IV money. They will all share 'prototype' design buildings. This means that each school will have the same basic building design, consisting of 58 instructional units that can be modified or extended if necessary. Smoke Rise ES School's building will have two levels and will be built to house approximately 600 students. The other six schools will have three levels, and will be built to accommodate 900 students with the possibility to expand by another 300 students.

Using a prototype building will significantly save in building cost and planning. It will also help the site architect uniquely configure the prototype building to each site without having to start from scratch at each location. Each school has \$18.4 million budgeted for the construction of the school and all site preparation work. You can see drawings of the prototype building on the following link: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/splost-iv/elementary-school-prototype-design.

The DeKalb County School District used a fourteen-member committee of citizens to help evaluate the proposed prototype plan. Two members were selected from each of the school locations. Aaron Moore, previous Principal of SRECS and Marcia Ashby represented Smoke Rise on the committee.

The Smoke Rise ES Replacement project is slated to begin in March of 2016 and be completed by July of 2018. Dates are approximate and include planning, design and construction completion. Watch the Smoke Signal for more updates on this project.

Tucker Art Festival...continued from page 1

Laura “Lala” Wellem will also be a returning artist. She was pleased with the response to the spring festival and looks forward to seeing how it will grow even more this fall. “I think people will appreciate the diversity in mediums and styles of the eclectic group of artists, as well as the music. The band was so fun!” She adds that this type of exposure to art is great for both the Tucker and the art communities. “One comment I kept hearing again and again from patrons, as well as artists, is that they had no idea there was this much talent in the Tucker area. I think a large part of that is there hasn’t been a forum specifically for visual artists. It’s my hope that ARTucker grows to becomes THE destination for fine arts and crafts.”

The event will be held Friday, November 6 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact artuckerga@yahoo.com or visit their Facebook page at “ARTucker 2015.”

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- 10/13/2015 - BURGLARY - FORCED ENTRY - 1500 BLOCK LILBURN STONE MOUNTAIN ROAD

If you want to get detailed information about any of these reports, you can go to the Records Room on the second floor at the Police Headquarters on West Exchange Place in Tucker and they will run a copy of the file for you. They charge 25 cents a page. You will need the case number and it is in the CrimeMapping report that you will get online.

The Internet link to subscribe to CrimeMapping is as follows:

<http://www.crimemapping.com:80/subscriptions/subscribe.aspx>

The following is the link to an iPhone app for the crime mapping service: <http://www.crimemapping.com:80/mobile/app.aspx>

With Thanksgiving travel coming up, here are some tips from AAA to help keep your belongings and home safe while you are away.

Long-Term Parking: Your vehicle in the lot tells thieves you’re not home. Your vehicle registration, insurance cards and other identification tell them where you live. Remove these items from your vehicle before you leave it.

Luggage Tags: Never attach your home address to luggage, which tells thieves where you live and that you’re not home. Instead, use your email address and/or phone number.

Electronics: Devices stored in your car such as a GPS unit and garage door opener give thieves your address and an easy way to get inside without being noticed, so remove both. If your GPS unit is mounted in the vehicle, delete your home address from it.

Social Media: Don’t announce your vacation plans on social media. Wait until you return to share your vacation photos and videos on sites like Facebook. You run the risk of making your house a target for break-ins when you broadcast that you’re away. Instead, text and email those close to you and wait until you return to share your experience on social media.

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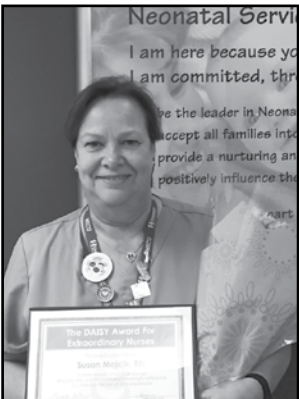
Susan Mojcik Recieves
The Daisy Foundation Award


Susan Mojcik of Spencers Mountain received the Daisy Award September 1st for her commitment to the highest standards of nursing and for making a difference in the lives of the patients and families she cares for in the NICU at Egleston Children’s Hospital. The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of Patrick Barnes to recognize nurses and the importance of their work.

Susan spent the 1980s working with babies at Egleston in the former Two West unit. She left nursing for a time to raise her two daughters, helping as a room mom at their school. When they graduated, she returned to Egleston after a refresher course, this time to the NICU, bringing along “that ray of sunshine and Martha Stewart attitude,” according to Kathleen Thacker, Manager Clinical Operations.

Since her return three years ago, Susan has taken care to recognize and appreciate NICU families as units, encouraging bonding between parents and their fragile babies. She knows what makes a parent smile and sometimes even matches the baby’s outfit to its bedding. Kathleen shared that one mother told the manager, “When Susan is with my baby, I know I can go home to my other four children and give them some of the attention they have been missing.” Susan also helps offer crucial support to families going through difficult outcomes. “After a family received a devastating diagnosis, Susan supported them through the process of making some tough decisions,” wrote Kathleen. “She allowed them the time to grieve, but also encouraged their interaction with the baby. She helped them understand the precious time spent with their baby was a gift they would always treasure.” Susan shares her generous spirit with her patients, their families and her co-workers.

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Nearly a year ago, the Westgate Plaza, where Paws in Paradise was originally located, burned. “We were devastated. We lost two dogs during the fire and also lost our business. It has been a long year but we are excited to be back here serving our clients in Stone Mountain Village,” says co-owner Chene Williams.

Paws in Paradise is now located at 1048 Main Street and is owned by Chené Williams & Lamarr Mitchell. Williams has always had a love for animals, and as a child growing up in the Bahamas, often brought strays home and tended to them. Now she combines her love for animals and her island heritage into her thriving business in Stone Mountain Village. Mitchell joined with Williams because of her business experience and a belief in William’s dream.

Paws in Paradise is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The salon is closed on Saturdays. More information can be found at www.pippetsalon.com.

The City of Stone Mountain Downtown Development Authority recently hosted a Grand Re-Opening for Paws in Paradise. “Losing seven businesses (in Westgate Plaza) was a blow to the Village. I could not be happier to see Chené and Lamarr re-opening their business here,” says Mechel McKinley, Executive Director of the DDA.



Editor’s Note: Paws in Paradise advertised in the Smoke Signal one year ago. Two weeks later, their business burned down. We are doing this salute to them as they are REOPENING this month!!

Books, Friends and Fun
By Renee Hopf

It was a rollicking evening full of excitement, starring the renowned southern author Mr. Terry Kay. Mr. Kay, who is perhaps best known for his book *To Dance with the White Dog*, won the prestigious Appalachian Heritage Writers Award in 2006, and has written eighteen books, several of which have become Hallmark Hall of Fame television movies.

When the newly formed book club, Books Friends and Fun (BFF), learned that the Rhineharts and the Kay families were friends, they began arranging their schedule for a very special meeting. One of the member’s husband, Milton Crosswy, an enthusiastic fisherman suggested that he would like to organize a fish fry for the evening event using his recent catch of delicious Amberjack. The event took place at the home of Kathy and Bill Rhinehart in the Millstone East subdivision on the evening of October 16th.

After a meal with the author Terry, and his lovely wife Tommie, everyone gathered in the Rhinehart’s family room. There they thoroughly enjoyed Terry’s casual commentary on life as an author who grew up in rural Royston Georgia, plowing with mules on a farm without electricity.

The conversations were mesmerizing as the book club members spoke with Terry about their favorite books and how they were developed and asked him questions. It was interesting to hear Terry talk about the various ways that he became inspired to write his own stories. One of those techniques came simply by “listening.” Often, somewhat mystically, various written creations came to him.

It was a delightfully entertaining, informative and intellectual meeting held right here in our own Smoke Rise neighborhood!





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HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

It’s Cold Season Again!

Does anyone remember a stern warning from your mother to “wear a coat or you will catch your death of a cold”? Have you ever wondered if cold temperatures really do cause colds, respiratory infections and other diseases? OR Are certain infections seasonal--so that they only look like they are caused by cold weather?

Many diseases do have a seasonal pattern, meaning they seem to occur more frequently during a certain time or season of the year. Influenza, cold viruses and several diarrheal diseases like the noro and rotavirus in particular, are among those that appear more often in the winter months. The reason for this seasonality is not completely understood. However factors like humidity, crowding and temperature preferred by the organism seem to play a part.

Lower humidity in the winter months causes drying of the nasal surfaces. This can make you more susceptible to upper respiratory infections, the flu and even meningitis. Overheating your house can drop the humidity in your house to as low as 10%. Room humidifiers can help with over-drying nasal surfaces, but haven’t been shown to prevent disease.

Cooler Temperature: Some viruses just prefer to grow in a cooler environment. The Noro- and Rotavirus infections, which are responsible for outbreaks of diarrhea, are in this category. Good hand-washing and not sharing drinks or eating utensils will help during an outbreak.

Other diseases that seem to be related to the cold are: Cold Induced Asthma, Raynaud’s Phenomenon, winter depression, Gout, and joint pain from arthritis. Heart attacks, stroke, high blood pressure, blood clots and angina are all more common worldwide during the winter.

Less Light: Studies in Scandinavian countries and in the far north have helped identify the link between fall and winter depression and lack of sunlight. This is called Seasonal Affective Disorder. Using a special lamp that emits the right light wavelength spectrum (sometimes in combination with medication) can markedly decrease depression due to this cause. See your doctor if your depression is seasonal- you may have SAD.

Crowded conditions, enclosed spaces: Studies in the United Kingdom show that Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Chicken Pox rates spike during times that school is in session and decline during summer months and school breaks. Having your children immunized will prevent spread of these illnesses to the community.

Immune suppression: Though not proven, there is some evidence to suggest that less ultraviolet radiation (less sunlight) may cause immune suppression. This may be why Psoriasis, Atopic dermatitis and Multiple Sclerosis are worse in the winter.

Mixed Causes: Some diseases may have seasonal cycles that are due to more than one factor. Studies of Cholera -which is not often seen in the US, but is a major killer worldwide-show that humidity, amount of saltiness in the air and temperature all play a part in the disease cycle. Most likely, many of the respiratory illnesses that occur in the fall and winter are due to multiple causes.

Here is a small list of things that you can do to prepare for the cold weather months:

1. Get your flu and/or pneumonia shot (if you are over 60)
2. Use careful hand washing when you have or are in contact with a respiratory illness.
3. Do not share drinks or utensils.
4. Plan to exercise regularly.
5. Get outside and soak up the sun. If you have SAD, get a phototherapy lamp and make a plan with your doctor.
6. Make sure you have an Asthma plan of action and needed medications and inhalers available.
7. Modify your exercise in cold weather if you have angina and maximize your medicines for high blood pressure and heart disease.
8. Make sure your children are up to date on immunizations.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

By AvivA Hoffmann

Help for Creatures Big and Small at AWARE Wildlife Center

One of the delightful perks of living in the Smoke Rise area is how our human dwellings are intertwined with nature. It’s not unusual to spot an occasional deer, opossum, hawk, turtle, chipmunk, and more. We even see some wild critters most of us would rather not encounter – like snakes, bats, and coyotes.

Have you ever discovered a wild animal that was injured? In these circumstances, I used to chalk it up to Mother Nature, or life, or even unfortunate human interaction. But, I have since learned about the Atlanta Wild Animal Rescue Effort (AWARE) Wildlife Center. In 2006, this 501 (c) (3) organization set up shop on seven acres at Arabia Mountain Park in Lithonia to preserve, protect, and promote wildlife and habitats in the southeast region. AWARE helps care for injured and orphaned native wildlife. It operates 365 days a year and is especially unique in accepting all species of native wildlife (everything from turtles, skunks, birds of prey, bobcats, ducks, lizards and more). AWARE rescues and rehabilitates almost 2,000 wild animals each year. Most of these animals are returned back to the wild.

AWARE also educates the community about habitat preservation and peaceful coexistence. The center responds to 10,000 calls and emails regarding native wildlife annually. It is evident that the staff at AWARE care about our wildlife and the environment. So, the next time you discover an orphaned or injured wild animal, remember AWARE.

One of the easiest ways to help an animal at AWARE is to ‘adopt’ an animal in rehabilitation. Adopters receive a certificate of adoption along with a picture of their adopted animal. Proceeds benefit AWARE’s rehabilitation and education efforts. If you would like to adopt a rehab animal, you can learn more online at: <http://www.awarewildlife.org>.

AWARE relies heavily on donations, sponsorships, and volunteers. There are many opportunities to get involved on many different levels. Be sure to check out the same website for details. If you have questions for AWARE, the best way to contact the organization is by email. Send your message to help@awarewildlife.org. If you don’t have email access, you can reach AWARE by phone at (678) 418-1111. You’ll find the facility at 4158 Klondike Road, Lithonia, GA 30038.

I visited AWARE in late August and met Dr. Tarah L. Hadley, the Executive Director of the center as well as some of the truly dedicated staff and volunteers. They graciously allowed DeKalb County Television (DCTV) to tape on location “the Furry Files” - a new show about animals in DeKalb County, Use your favorite search engine to look up the show online and see Dr. Hadley at the AWARE facility sharing many great animal stories! Use the search keywords DCTV and FurryFiles to find it. Also, if you would like to share a picture or story about your pet or an animal encounter, please send an email to FurryFiles@dekalbcountyga.gov. It might just make it into a future edition of the show!

Jack Frost’s Anticipated Arrival is November 16

- Light Freeze occurs at 29-32 degrees. Tender plants may be killed.
- Moderate Freeze occurs at 25-28 degrees. This is destructive to most vegetation.
- Severe Freeze: 24 degrees and below causes heavy damage to most plants.
- Clean your flowerbeds after the first killing frost.
- When the temperature drops below 40 degrees, take your tropical and subtropical plants indoors.
- When the temperature drops to 55-60 degrees for 4-5 nights in a row, spray your garden or lawn with winter weed pre-emergent.

Information adapted from Shannon Betsell, Master Gardener.



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Smoke Rise Garden Club

The October Meeting of the Smoke Rise Garden Club was at Margarita Fajardo’s house at 7pm. Co-Hostesses were Ann Weisz and Denise Finley. Again, Margarita had DINNER for us! The sausage and pasta creation were complimented by the co-hostesses’ cakes and cheese ball... thanks ladies for a wonderful meal!

Our Speaker was Ann-Marie Anderson, the Celtic Gardener. Her topic was the Edible landscape. Anne-Marie is a firm believer in fresh air, urban farming and the power of Mother Nature. Her Decatur-based business, The Celtic Gardener, promotes responsible stewardship of the earth’s precious resources through sustainable landscaping practices such as rainwater harvesting, composting and the use of Southern natives and heirloom plants that thrive here. She specializes in edible landscaping and urban animal husbandry, particularly chickens and bees. Anne-Marie provided us with samples from her garden. Some of leafy greens would be a nice surprise addition to a salad. Anne-Marie is a graduate of the University of Cambridge, England. She has lived in Atlanta for 17 years, growing to know and love our climate and native vegetation as a Master Gardener and Georgia Certified Landscape Professional. She teaches ‘Chickens are Easy’ and various edible landscaping classes at the Wylde Center for The Homestead Atlanta, and has been Chair of the 2012-2015 Atlanta Urban Coop Tours. She is also a Certified Beekeeper.

The DeKalb Federation October 22 meeting was about *Saving the Monarch Butterfly*. Trecia Neal has spent the last 25 years as a biologist at Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta. For the past eight years, this ornithologist, environmentalist and biologist has been focusing on the development and endangerment of the Monarch butterfly. “...Helping teachers incorporate monarchs into their curriculum is a very important part of what my mission is as a teacher and a scientist,” she says. She takes this expertise and gives us the “whys” and “hows” of protecting and promoting this amazing creature. If you would like to join the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs for great programs and refreshments, it meets every fourth Thursday at Callenwolde at 10:00 a.m..

Anyone who might be interested in joining the Smoke Rise Garden Club can contact Jane Culbertson at 770-938-3060.



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Mountain Mums Garden Club

October 14 was a spectacular day for the Mountain Mums Garden Club to meet to talk about gardening. The brunch meeting was held at the home of Jody Currie. Sally Young, Debbie Jones, and Ann Purr helped make the food and fellowship extra special.

The program portion of the meeting was given by Dawn Hines, Master Gardener and Co-Leader of Trees of Tucker- where she identified and marked thirty-seven varieties of trees behind the Tucker Recreation Butterfly Garden. Her talk entitled *Wildflowers* included information on native flowers, shrubs and trees and some heritage plants that have naturalized into Georgia over the last one hundred years.

Here are several points you might be interested in from her talk:

1. The Cherokee Indians identified over 750 native plants that they used for food, clothing and medicine.
2. Native plants are irreplaceable as hosts for caterpillars, bees and other pollinators. In fact Goldenrods host 170 pollinator types, Blueberries 250 and Oak Trees 465 varieties of pollinators.
3. And of course, she gave a short-list of Exotic Invasive plants. These plants were introduced to Georgia from other locations and have run rampant, oftentimes destroying the native habitat that our true native plants enjoy. This list includes Kudzu (no surprise here), Chinese Privet (the seeds are viable for up to seven years), English Ivy (harbors rats, snakes and mosquitos and contrary to popular opinion, does not really kill trees), Bamboo, Bradford pear, Tree-of Heaven and Princess Tree, Mimosa, Monkeygrass, Scarlet Firethorn, Chocolate vine and Sawtooth Oak. If you have these on your property please be kind to your neighbors and our state and eliminate them!!

The Mountain Mums were pleased to report good club participation in the Yellow Daisy Flower show in September. Ann Purr chaired the clerking of the show. Lucy White volunteered as horticultural identifier, Lynn Malone as hostess, Debra Adams set up and several members entered horticulture specimens that were awarded red and blue ribbons.

October events included a trip to the State Redbud District meeting in Dunaway Gardens by several Mountain Mums officers, seasonal touch up of the Hugh Howell Triangle, Horticultural Therapy and crafts with personal Care home residents on October 30th. A field trip to Christmas at Callenwolde in November is being planned. Next months November 11 meeting will be hosted and taught by Master Gardener Lynn Malone. She will be demonstrating how to make a boxwood centerpiece for the holidays. Call Gaye Auman at 770-934-3603 if you are interested in joining us.



Mountain Mums Garden Club Co-Hostesses Sally Young, Dawn Hines (Program Speaker), Debbie Jones, Ann Purr and Jody Currie

Smoke Rise Morning Glories

Smoke Rise Morning Glories enjoyed a striking presentation by local landscape designer, Lyle Collins, owner of Southern Trillium. Lyle’s special hobby is photography and he uses it in both his professional and personal life to capture “Before and after” photos of projects and for inspiration from botanical and historical gardens all over the United States. He uses his iPhone and a full professional camera rig to photograph various flora and landscapes-in all kinds of light and all seasons. During his talk, Lyle explained the art behind a successful photo and the concept of “The Rule of Thirds” This concept divides a scene into nine equal parts with four sets of bisecting lines. The image can fall within the intersection of the lines, above or



Lyle Collins, speaker



L to R: Quill Duncan, Mary Clark, Lassie Shipman, Susan Morrison and Mike Shipman, Not pictured: Beth Woodward

below or to the right or left depending on the composition. Lyle showed a number of photos of plants from various angles and demonstrated how positioning and lighting can influence the overall power of the picture. His enthusiasm was very evident to the group and he carefully answered our many questions about his “hobby” that is really quite an asset to his professional success.

After the presentation, the club held a business meeting and reviewed upcoming events at Callanwolde with Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs’ Leading Lights Luncheon and Fashion show scheduled for November 19. Gloria Cooke noted that the beautification committee was working on a different atrium planting at the Smoke Rise Charter School and that the front entrance was enhanced with new plantings and a refreshed entrance into the school. Marilyn Hug reminded her committee to gather at Brookdale on October 21st at 2:00 PM for garden therapy.

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