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It's Back to School Time!
Keep a watchful eye out for our neighborhood kids as they head back to class!

DeKalb County's Newest City!



City of Tucker

Here We Grow!

Our city council has been very busy putting in the infrastructure for our new city. We now have a new web site <http://tuckerga.gov/> where you can find a lot of information including press releases, meeting notices, announcements, resolutions and much more. All city council and the mayor can be emailed directly from the site. We have a new logo that represents our heritage and the beginnings of our community.

On May 23, CH2M was hired to provide municipal services for the City of Tucker. According to the release on the CH2M site, the services the firm will provide are:

"The CH2M team will manage the city's administration, finance and community development departments. CH2M will perform code enforcement, planning and zoning, and building permitting and inspections. The firm will also handle administrative services, including revenue collection, financial support and general staff support."

This staff provided through CH2M includes interim City Manager Tami Hanlin, City Clerk, Jennifer Davis and Code Enforcement Manager, William Wharton. The contract with CH2M runs through 2020.

We also now have a city hall and phone number. Should you need to go to City Hall, the address is Tucker City Hall, 4119 Adrian Street, Tucker, Georgia 30084. Phone number is 678-597-9040.

The first Planning Commission has been appointed. Serving Tucker for the initial term are Katherine Atteberry, Daymon Claar-Pressley, Ann Coppage, George Wellborn, and Michael Williams to the Planning Commission. You will find their bios on the City of Tucker site.

Work is in progress to appoint other committees and commissions that are needed by the City of Tucker. Residents interested in serving on one of the volunteer service groups should send information regarding their interests and background to the council.

There has been a lot done in the short time since our council was fully seated. It is a lot of work with long-term benefit.



City Hall is Open for Business at 4119 Adrian Street, Tucker!

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School Bus Safety

With school starting at the beginning of August, it is good to review some common sense practices for all of us to follow as the school buses get back on the roads. The following is not a total set of practices, but will give you a start in thinking about personal safety.

Millions of children in the United States ride safely to and from school on school buses each day. Although school buses are the safest way to get them to school, an average of 33 school-age children die in school bus-related traffic accidents each year. What is the most dangerous part of the school bus ride? The bus stop! Children are at greatest risk when they are getting on or off the school bus. Most of the children killed in bus-related accidents are pedestrians, five to seven years old, who are getting on or off the bus. They are hit by the school bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped bus.

School bus practices for children getting on the bus: BE EARLY. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is due. When the bus approaches, take five giant steps back away from the edge of the road. Line up and WAIT until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it is OK to get on.

Getting off the bus: Check your clothing, backpack and anything with straps before you get off. Make sure nothing gets caught in the handrail or door. Before you cross the street in front of the bus, take five giant steps up the sidewalk or side of the road. Make sure the bus driver can see you before you cross. NEVER walk behind the bus. Walk at least five giant steps away from the side of the bus anytime you are walking beside the bus. If you drop something near or under the bus, WAIT! Don't pick it up. Tell the bus driver.

School bus practices for adults: Drive slowly. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Yellow flashing lights mean the bus is preparing to stop and load or unload children. Motorists need to slow down and prepare to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm means

How to Be a Good Neighbor

On Monday, July 11 at 3:30 a.m., the BP Gas Station at the bottom of Hugh Howell was ransacked and robbed. The criminals wore masks to deter identification and had on professional working gloves to avoid leaving fingerprints. They broke into both registers and stole one of the safes. They knocked over the counters and vandalized the entire store. The incident was caught on video, but there is, candidly, little chance of the perpetrators being caught.

Malik Waliyani is the owner of the BP station. In the wake of this incident, Malik is on the hook for many thousands of dollars in repairs that insurance won't cover. He and his family are facing a great challenge as they try to rebuild their business.

Of course, Malik is more than just the owner of a gas station, he is our neighbor. And, at



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August Calendar of Events

- 3 Smoke Signal Staff Meeting at the home of Pat Soltys, 9:30 a.m.
- 5 Summer Olympics begin in Rio
- 6 Stone Mountain Historical Society BBQ, Wells Brown House, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 8 School Starts!
- 8 Mountain Shadow Garden Club, Founders Hall Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day
- 8 Boohoo-Yahoo Breakfast, Alcove Coffee, Rt. 78, Lilburn 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- 10 Mountain Mums Garden Club at Susan Gilbert's, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Tucker Arts Guild, Custom Frame Shop 4195 Fellowship Road, Tucker, 7 p.m.
- 21 Summer Olympics ends in Rio
- 28 Music in the Garden, Woodlands Garden, 2-4 p.m.

Save these September dates:

- 9-11 Yellow Daisy Festival at Stone Mountain Park
- 24 Third Annual BBQ Festival, Lawrenceville Rd. Methodist Church

Smoke Signal Deadlines

AUGUST 13

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Notes from Eastminster Presbyterian Church

• Save the Date! Adult Vacation Bible School will be held August 8-11 from 9:30-12:30 p.m. Our theme this year is "Loving our Neighbors."

• We need volunteers at the Respite Care Center! Call the church office at 770-469-4881. We are looking for someone to spend just an hour at a time on Wednesdays, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.



Spiffy New Sign Toppers

Have you noticed the nice new sign toppers all around Smoke Rise? They are so much easier to see than the old ones. But, have you noticed some of the streets signs under them? Some of them are so covered with mildew that you can hardly read them. It would be great for some good neighbors to get out there with a bucket of bleach water and wipe the mildew off – maybe get a little team – one to hold the step stool and bucket and one to do the cleaning. What an improvement that would be!

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the present time, he is our neighbor in need.

We have an opportunity to be a good neighbor to one in our own community that has suffered a setback. Malik does not need bandages for his wounds, but he does need support as he seeks to rebuild his business. Make an effort to buy groceries and gas there and take the time to walk into the store and get to know our neighbor, Malik. It is a simple act of support and solidarity, an act of compassion and care.

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

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Sundays:
 9:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
 9:45 a.m. Sunday school
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 Communion: Second Sunday of each month
 1st Tuesdays: 11:30 a.m. Prime Time
 Wednesdays:
 5:00-5:45 Fellowship Dinner
 6:00-7:00 Programs for children, youth and adults
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 Director of Christian Education: Mardee Rightmyer
 Pastor of Senior Adult Ministries: Rev. Jeanne Simpson
 Telephone (770) 469-4881
 www.eastminster.us

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

Summer Schedule

Sundays:
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Wednesdays:
 6:30 p.m. Vespers - 2nd and 4th
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 Wednesdays beginning August 10:
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Bible Studies/Electives for All Ages

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 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

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 4818 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain
 Service Times 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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**Back to School
for Smoke Rise Students**

Summer break is nearing its end for SRES students. Open House will take place on August 3rd, and school will begin on August 8th. Smoke Rise is looking ahead to their best year yet and hopes to continue to grow the level of community involvement. Last year, SRES held their first Community Partnership Day to acknowledge the tremendous level of support they received from community members and local businesses and organizations. The school is looking forward to another wonderful year, and they will continue to seek out various ways to involve the community. To become involved or to schedule a school tour, please contact the parent liaison, Brenda Ali, at 678-874-3602.

SRES Summer Gardening Project

The Smoke Rise Elementary School garden is alive and thriving during the summer months! It has been a hot and dry summer, but the garden is being maintained by Coach Kearney, Ms. Cummings, Mrs. Dean, and the custodial staff. When students return to school in August, they will be able to see and eat the fruits of their labor. The garden is a critical component of students' science and math studies. Students will measure the length of plants, calculate the perimeter and area of growing beds, and read thermometers. In addition, students will act as agricultural engineers by studying soil samples, and determining why some plants grow bigger and faster than others.



Students planted a plethora of vegetables during the spring, and can boast they have three different varieties of tomatoes, two types of lettuce, two types of sunflowers, Japanese eggplants, carrots, bell peppers, bush beans, zinnias, milkweed, and passion fruit. Cucumbers, corn, and squash are beginning to develop. In addition, the S.T.E.M. department is hoping to add an aquaponic growing system to the curriculum. Students will then be able to compare and contrast traditional versus non-traditional agricultural growing methods. Agricultural engineering is just one component of our S.T.E.M. program.

**BooHoo and Yahoo!
Look What's New!**

A BooHoo Yahoo Breakfast! On August 8th, Smoke Rise Baptist will host a BooHoo Yahoo Breakfast at Alcove Coffee. This event will be for all parents and guardians who are excited (or sad) about their children heading off to school. This will be a good time to connect with other parents who know how you feel. The breakfast will last from 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Alcove Coffee is located on Lake Lucerne at 4615 Highway 78 in Lilburn.

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The Friends of Sue Kellogg Stone Mountain Library offer a \$1000 scholarship to an accredited college or university graduate wishing to obtain a graduate degree in library related studies.

Applicant must complete a scholarship application form. Forms may be obtained at the Sue Kellogg branch of the DeKalb library system, 952 Leon Street, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083.

Completed scholarship application form must be submitted by September 1st to the Scholarship Committee, Friends of Sue Kellogg Library at the above address.

Barbara Luton and Kathryn Wright, co-chairmen of the recent Friends of the Sue Kellogg Library book sale, said they are delighted that funds for the \$1,000 scholarship were made possible from funds raised at the book sale.



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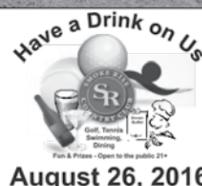
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What's Up at Smoke Rise Country Club?

Since Jim Story started as GM in September of last year, there are a lot of positive things happening at Smoke Rise CC. With support from the Board of Directors, Jim and his team have been able to improve the following:

- The four clay courts have been resurfaced improving play conditions for members and guests.
- Dynamo was hired this summer to help support the pool operations and ensure that lifeguards were properly trained. This has resulted in a very positive pool experience for members and guests. Through Dynamo, the club is now offering swim lessons for children of all ages and abilities.
- An emphasis on improved service and quality of food has provided a better dining experience for the members and guests. The club has a wonderful atmosphere with Friday and Sunday night family cookouts poolside. Jim says, "It's the small improvements that we can make daily that will change the experience for our members, and at the end of the day we want them to say, 'Wow, what a great time we had'. We strive to receive feedback and continue looking for ways to make every experience better than the last."
- Feedback from the recent member/guest golf tournament was said to be the "best one yet."
- The golf course looks great and the club recently was able to address dated equipment needs in order to ensure the golf course staff has the tools they need to keep the course in top condition.
- The clubhouse has received a complete overhaul of a dated and inefficient AC system. Through membership support, a new HVAC system is almost complete. The club will celebrate the "cool clubhouse" with a party on August 28th with Atlanta's legendary band, Banks and Shane, providing entertainment.



According to Jim, "Smoke Rise Country Club has the opportunity to fill a void in this area by providing a quality, affordable member experience in a private club atmosphere. With the wonderful subdivisions surrounding the club, we can be an asset to the neighborhood and assist in keeping property values up. With the City of Tucker now complete and the talk of developing the 90 acres Sears owns behind NTB, there will be more and more people looking to establish homes and businesses in the area, and we want to be a part of the exciting changes that are happening."

But perhaps most importantly, the atmosphere is changing at the club. There is a renewed sense of enthusiasm from members and staff who feel that the future is bright. Smoke Rise Country Club continues to improve and strives to be "Tucker's Own Club."

Drop in and see what's going on, or make an appointment to tour by calling Mary Anne Thomas at 770-908-2582.

Summer in Mountain Creek – Activities For All Members

- Friday, August 5th – Olympics Opening Ceremonies – join neighbors to watch Olympics every Friday evening
- Wacky Olympic Games throughout the summer! Now open: The new "Ga-Ga Ball pit." Ga-Ga ball is a fast paced game that combines dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the object of being the last person standing.



- Back-to-School Teen Night Saturday, August 13th – June Teen Night was a big hit!!!
- Adult-only party August 20th
- Water Aerobics continues through Labor Day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 11 a.m. - FREE to Mountain Creek Pool members - \$5 per session for guests. We are having great turnout! Mixing laughter with serious exercise!

- Special thanks to DeKalb County Firefighters for leading our traditional July 4th parade around Mountain Creek! The day included water games, underwater gymnastics, and delicious food - everything from grilled burgers and hot dogs to fresh veggies, salads, watermelon, and fabulous desserts!



- Still time to join Mountain Creek Swim Club! August membership fee: \$125 takes you the rest of the season! Learn more by calling Marsha Ashby at (770) 596-4989, visit our website at MountainCreekSwimClub.com or our Facebook page.

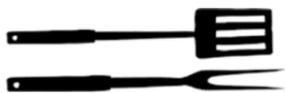
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Something New in Tucker – 50+ Walking Tours

Recently a new, informal, group was started in Tucker. 50+ Walks. The walks are organized by PEDS, a pedestrian safety advocacy organization that promotes walking and works to insure that people who walk have infrastructure that safely accommodates all needs and abilities. Funding is through a grant from Kaiser Permanente.

The objective is to increase walking and improve pedestrian safety. Tucker and Norcross were chosen as the cities for the establishment of walking groups. The group is open to men and women who would like to participate. No registration is required, simply show up at the meeting place with water,

Walks are casual and have a map, time and meeting place available on the website - (<http://peds.org/50-walks/>) or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/50walks/>. Walks have been held in the evenings and mornings to date ranging from .8 miles to about 3 miles. Longer walks are certainly possible if there is interest.

The groups are friendly and the conversation interesting. There is currently a survey on the Facebook page to find what walkers would like. Tour maps and descriptions as to terrain are on the website and Facebook.

The group is open to having walk loops submitted for the group throughout Tucker, including Smoke Rise. Kemberli Sargent is the Program Manager and welcomes your participation, comments and suggestions. Contact her at kemberli@peds.org, or 404-685-8722.



SRBRC, the Summer "Resort" in Your Neighborhood

While your summer vacation may come to an end, and preparations for the new school year have to be made, don't let the summer slip away quite yet. The pool at Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet Club is open until September 26 and offers discount rates for the remainder of the season.

Even if a summer vacation at the beach is not in your cards this year, SRBRC delivers like a happening summer resort. The club is no longer just a swim and tennis community, but has developed into the number one summer family fun destination in the neighborhood.

SRBRC celebrated the first half of the summer season with seven different live musical acts, a fun-filled Music and BBQ Festival, the exciting Annual Smoke Rise BBQ Cook Off, a laid-back delicious Low Country Shrimp Boil, an action packed Kids Camp with fun movies under the stars, manly Cigar and Bourbon nights, and of course, the most spectacular fireworks display in the Smoke Rise neighborhood on July 4th.

Although the kids are heading back to school and life is back to "normal," the club still has some activities planned to help you cling to summer just a bit longer.

- On August 5 SRBRC is showing the Olympic opening ceremony on a big screen
- August 13 is Root Beer Float Fest
- August 6 & 7 are the ALTA City finals
- And during the Labor Day weekend, on September 4 & 5, the club is putting on a two-day pig roast for members, with live music and lots of entertainment.

Even if you are not a member of SRBRC, you can still get in on some summer fun. The club is offering \$125.00 pro-rated membership rates for a family swim membership for the remaining season until September 26.

Take a look at the club's Facebook page and friend the club to stay informed about the latest activities at [facebook.com/srbrccommunity](https://www.facebook.com/srbrccommunity).

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The DeKalb History Center offers another in-depth learning opportunity this month. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the Reconstruction period (1865–77) and its effects on DeKalb County and Atlanta. The featured speaker is Wendy Hamand Venet; a history professor at Georgia State and author of *A Changing Wind: Commerce and Conflict in Civil War Atlanta*.

The symposium provides a forum for scholarly presentations and a discussion about conditions in DeKalb County and Atlanta after the Civil War. Additional speakers are Dr. Brian Wills (Kennesaw State University), and Dr. Glenn Eskew (Georgia State University).

Professor Venet specializes in nineteenth century U.S. history. She teaches courses on the American Civil War and Reconstruction at GSU. Dr. Venet speaks and writes extensively on the Civil War era.

Professor Glenn Eskew specializes in the history of the American south. A member of the GSU faculty since 1993, Dr. Eskew has written widely on the subject of the American south and has been recognized and awarded for his scholarship. Beyond GSU's boundaries, Dr. Eskew educates teachers and travels the world lecturing on southern history. His latest book is *Johnny Mercer: Southern Songwriter for the World*.

Professor Wills is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at KSU, after a long tenure at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. He is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War, including *The River Was Dyed with Blood: Nathan Bedford Forrest and Fort Pillow*.

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LIBRARY NEWS

The DeKalb County Library system is hosting a major exhibit at the Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library called *Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863, and the March on Washington, 1963*. Information about the exhibit is available online at <http://dekalblibrary.org/news/library-hosting-major-exhibit-highlighting-two-pivotal-events-in-us-hist>.

The exhibit will be available for viewing from July 29-September 3 during library hours. Programs will take place in the month of August at various library locations. Visit the following link for full program details: <http://dekalblibrary.org/events/?series=121>

Exhibit: Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963

This exhibit features historic photographs and paintings that explore two pivotal events in American history - The Emancipation Proclamation and the 1963 March on Washington. The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, developed the exhibit to commemorate the achievements these events represent. The exhibit explores their historical context, what they accomplished and failed to accomplish, and their impact on the generations that have followed.

The Meaning of Emancipation Workshop

This workshop, presented by the Center for Civil and Human Rights will explore the early resistance to the institution of slavery, what the Emancipation Proclamation really meant to those of African descent in the United States, the political strategies behind the Proclamation, why it was flawed and the loopholes in it that would lead to the Civil Rights Movement nearly a century later. Presented by National Center for Civil and Human Rights

Adrienne Herndon: Race and a Letter to Booker T. Washington

Adrienne Herndon, wife of Atlanta's first African-American millionaire, Alonzo Herndon, passed as a white woman (Anne DuBignon) during the early 19th century. See and explore how Ms. Herndon navigated the black community and the wider world and helped give Booker T. Washington insight into the rigid race restrictions blacks faced in the South.

News and Views from the Stone Mountain Historical Society

July was a busy month for the Stone Mountain Historical Society. The July 4th pancake breakfast was a rousing success with a record number of pancakes flipped!



At right, Chef Rusty and Frank Luton after the flippings!

On July 20th a roundtable discussion on the recent ground penetrating radar survey results of the Civil War section of the Stone Mountain Cemetery was held at the Wells Brown House, the home of the Stone Mountain Historical Society. Led by historian Chris Davis and New South Associates' geophysics and mortuary archaeologist specialists, the participants learned about the past without having to disturb human remains.



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August will also be busy with the annual Backyard BBQ

fundraiser on Saturday, August 6th. Come and enjoy and support the society. BBQ from the Snead smoker, the famous Ann Hamby cole slaw, Brunswick stew, topped off by banana pudding – what could be better? You can also purchase the Q and the stew to take home with you. The funds raised will go to the development of a master plan of the Ridge Avenue property for the development of the gardens and grounds.

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Smoke Rise Country Club Receives 2016 Best of Stone Mountain Award

Stone Mountain Award Program Honors the Achievement



Smoke Rise Country Club has been selected for the 2016 Best of Stone Mountain Award in the Country Club category by the Stone Mountain Award Program. Each year, the Stone Mountain Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Stone Mountain area a great place to live, work and play. Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2016 Stone Mountain Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Stone Mountain Award Program and data provided by third parties.

The Stone Mountain Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Stone Mountain area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Stone Mountain Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

2016 Smoke Rise BBQ Kings

During the weekend of June 25, some of the best neighborhood BBQ pit-masters converged at the Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet Club to compete at the Smoke Rise BBQ Cook Off.

This annual event is an opportunity for BBQ aficionados to compete in a fun and challenging environment and show off their skill and expertise.

BBQ enthusiasts fired up their smokers on Friday evening and tended to their pork butts and ribs all through the night while team members, friends and neighbors joined them at the camp fire over drinks, s'mores and good stories.

While the neighborhood enjoyed the festivities at the club on Saturday, listening to live bands, cooling off in the pool, and sampling and judging some of the finest BBQ around, they crowned the kings. The Smoke Rise BBQ kings of 2016 are King of Ribs, Oliver Hoffmann and King of Butts, David Stone!



News from Tucker Parks

Thanks to donations from YP, The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Mountain Mums Garden Club, and several local residents, the Tucker Nature Preserve has created a new shade garden surrounding the group picnic area. Come out to the Preserve, bring your lunch and enjoy dining al fresco surrounded by the new plantings! If you would like to contribute any non-invasive shade plants such as hosta, fern, coral bells, or lenten roses to the garden, please contact Beth Ganga at bwhite.te93@gtalumni.org. The Preserve is located across the street from Walmart on Lawrenceville Hwy. in Tucker. See you at the Preserve!

Please join our Facebook page, Friends of Tucker Nature Preserve to find out about all the latest details, workdays, and meetings.

School Bus... continued from page 1

the bus has stopped and children are boarding or exiting the bus. Motorists on both sides of the road must come to a complete stop a safe distance from the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the arm is retracted, and the bus begins moving before they start driving again. Put simply, if a bus is on the street with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended - DO NOT PASS IT! The only exception to the law is if the bus is operating on a four-lane highway with a median - such as a grass strip or concrete barrier - which provides a physical divide. Drivers traveling in the opposite direction of the bus are not required to stop on such a road. Drivers following a bus are always required to stop when the stoplights on the bus are activated. Improper passing of a school bus carries a hefty penalty. Fines run into the hundreds of dollars. Drivers under 21 found guilty of unlawfully passing a school bus will have their license suspended. In addition, conviction of unlawful passing of a school bus will likely result in a hefty increase in your insurance rates.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, CHILDREN EXPECT VEHICLES TO STOP FOR THEM AT THE SCHOOL BUS STOP.

The above practices should be useful to you in getting into the safe practices mode, and do not represent any official school policy in any way.

Want to Volunteer to "Do Lunch"?

Senior Connections, a local non-profit organization providing home and community-based services to seniors in metro Atlanta and middle Georgia, has joined with Meals on Wheels America in its first-ever national campaign to recruit volunteers to serve the nation's most vulnerable citizens - its seniors. Produced in partnership with the Ad Council, "America Let's Do Lunch™" aims to inspire a new army of volunteers to deliver meals with a personal touch to seniors living on their own. The fully integrated campaign, which includes TV, radio, print, out-of-home and digital public service announcements (PSAs), launched in major markets across the U.S., including Atlanta, on July 12 with a goal of recruiting 1 million volunteers this year.

The campaign will invite America to "Do Lunch" by volunteering to deliver meals and a smile to seniors. "We rely on an army of volunteers to deliver over 15,000 meals per week," said Debra Furtado, CEO, Senior Connections, "but it's not just about the meals. For many seniors, the volunteer who delivers that meal may be the only person they will see all day. That moment of personal connection will nourish the volunteer and senior alike."

More than 10 million (1 in 6) seniors in the U.S. face the threat of hunger and more than 15 million (1 in 4) are living in isolation. In metro Atlanta alone, Senior Connections - along with fellow MOW affiliates Meals on Wheels Atlanta and Open Hand - bring meals and smiles each week to over 24,000 seniors and others with disabilities and illness. With the senior population projected to double by 2050, many new volunteers are needed to meet the growing need.

To learn more about the "America, Let's Do Lunch" campaign or to volunteer, visit www.AmericaLetsDoLunch.org, or follow Meals on Wheels America on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

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City of Tucker Now Issuing Business Licenses

As of July 1, business license applications are available for download on the City of Tucker's website – Tucker.ga.gov – as well as in person at City Hall (4119 Adrian Street). Business owners must bring necessary documentation to be considered.



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Of Note to the Community...

(formerly Alerts & Watches)

by Cedric Ross

Protect yourself from violent crime

- Don't walk or jog early in the morning or late at night when the streets are deserted.
- When out at night, try to have a friend walk with you.
- Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
- Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as pagers, cell phones, hand-held electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. If the person continues to follow you, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant or a lighted house. Don't be afraid to yell for help.
- Try to park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores, and people.
- Make sure you have your key out as you approach your door.
- Always lock your car, even if it's in your own driveway; never leave your motor running.
- Do everything you can to keep a stranger from getting into your car or to keep a stranger from forcing you into his or her car.
- If you are a battered spouse, call the police or sheriff immediately. Assault is a crime, whether committed by a stranger or your spouse or any other family member. If you believe that you and your children are in danger, call a crisis hotline or a health center (the police can also make a referral) and leave immediately.
- If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up your life.
- If you are robbed or assaulted, report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent someone else from becoming a victim.

Crime Reports

- 6/25/2016 - Larceny – 5100 Block Hugh Howell Rd
- 7/2/2016 - Damage to Property – 2100 Block Gunstock Dr.
- 7/11/2016 - Burglary – Forced Entry – BP Station, Lilburn-Stone Mtn. Road

We make an effort to list local crimes. If we miss something please let us know!
Email address for submission - smoke-signal@earthlink.net



Stone Mountain Rotary Club

By L. A. Dison

Club Installs New Board, Honors Members

In July, The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain inducted its new board for 2016-2017. Margie Kersey (owner, The Kersey Team) took the reins of leadership as the new club president, taking over from Donna Jensen (managing partner, GeoCreative), who now moves onto the board as past president. Kersey is a former Rotary District Governor, and also currently serves as District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) Chair.

Smoke Rise residents Gillian Leggett and Scott McAvoy also joined the board; Leggett takes over as president-elect and McAvoy will serve as secretary. Durl Jensen (managing director, GeoCreative) will serve as director for the Rotary Foundation. Former District Governor Al Lipphardt (owner, Lipphardt Associates) will head up membership, and Hiram "Hikie" Allen (manager, support services, ISES Corporation) will continue as club administrator. DeNorris Heard, attorney, will serve as service director and Jerry Crane (partner, DNP Holdings) will serve as presidential advisor.

In one of his last appearances as district governor for Rotary 6900, Bob Hagan oversaw the lunch ceremony and recognized two members for outstanding work during his past year in office. Chris Brand, president and CEO of Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (and past president of the Stone Mountain Club), was honored for his support of several special projects during the past year, including a polio fund-raising event with the Harlem Ambassadors, and the shipment of medical equipment to earthquake survivors in Nepal. Immediate Past President Jensen was also recognized with a special certificate honoring her commitment to the club for the past year.



Members of the 2016-2017 Rotary Club of Stone Mountain Board (left to right): Lizbeth Dison, Al Lipphardt, Durl Jensen, Scott McAvoy, DeNorris Heard, Gillian Leggett, Hikie Allen, Margie Kersey, Donna Jensen, Jerry Crane.

One of the club's first service projects of the new year was the Stone Mountain Back to School Bash on July 23. The club donated supplies and helped man the tables at the annual event, which provides free school supplies to approximately 1,000 students attending Stone Mountain schools. The event was held at The Pavilion in Stone Mountain Village, and included a fish fry and a screening of the movie Zootopia.

The Stone Mountain club meets Tuesdays for noon lunch at Smoke Rise Country Club; visitors and those interested in learning more about Rotary are welcome to attend. To learn more about the club and its programs, go to www.stonemountainrotary.org.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Aviva Hoffmann

Travel Around DeKalb with Your Fingertips

You can find some really helpful information about DeKalb County before you even leave the house. One great example is the DeKalb County Maps & Apps gallery. This internet site provides a single location to access maps and apps to county services through browsers on desktops, tablets and smartphones.

Go to the county internet homepage to check it out (dekalbcountyga.gov). Scroll down the homepage to locate DeKalb County Maps and Apps Gallery then click on the link.

Featured on the gallery, you will find the County Facility Story Map, the Election Polling Place Locator, information about government services, county attractions, and a county parcel map.

With the facility story map, you can locate major county facilities such as the courthouses, animal control, libraries, rec centers and senior centers. Green indicates environmental-related facilities, blue is for health and recreation, red is for admin safety and security issues, and purple is for everything else.

The county attractions story map section provides lots of information about state parks, historic sites, and entertainment within DeKalb. For example, did you know the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a museum that was established in 1996? The museum opened in conjunction with the facility's 50th anniversary and has permanent exhibitions that explore the history of the CDC. You'll also find information on the DeKalb County courthouse which was built in 1823 and now houses the DeKalb History Center - just for starters.

The information is easy to digest and interesting, but some of the maps and descriptions do require applications like Adobe Flash Player to view. If you don't have that on a specific device, the content can be viewed on a desktop computer or on mobile devices that do support the required application.

Happy surfing!

HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

Smokers Face

When I was in active practice I used to bet medical students that I could tell - just by looking - who smoked and who did not. In all the years I practiced, I only remember being wrong twice. How was I able to tell who smoked and who did not by 'just looking'? The answer lies in the changes in appearance that happens to the smoker. This is called smokers face.

Besides repetitive prolonged exposure to the sun, there is nothing that ages your skin more than smoking. Smokers who are 35-40 years old frequently have the same degree of facial wrinkling that nonsmokers have in their 60's. Smoking dries the skin out, making it less elastic and more 'leathery' in appearance.

Combined with the toxic effect of the smoke, this causes more wrinkles to form, especially around the lips and eyes. These are not reversible changes that disappear once you quit smoking, so it really is best to just never start. Adding to the skin changes, dental problems like yellow or brown staining, tartar build up, cavities and gum disease are much more common in smokers. These changes often lead to the loss of teeth or the need for significant dental work.

While I have done my share of lecturing and threatening to try to get smokers to quit, this approach is rarely effective. One thing that does seem to make a difference - especially in teen and young adult smokers - is to talk about and show 'before and after' pictures of smokers face. If you have some extra time, you can Google 'before and after pictures of smokers face' or 'smokers face in identical twins'. The differences seen between smokers and non-smokers is astounding.

If you need help to stop smoking, you can find scores of websites that are helpful on the internet. Your doctor should also have patient information. By phone, you can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW. They will send information and do phone counseling. A great internet guide is the 12 page booklet called the Quit Smoking Guide put out by the AAFP (American Academy of Family Physicians). Their guide includes five basic steps to quit smoking:

1. Get ready. This includes finding out why you smoke, and where. A smoking diary can help you identify these triggers and times. Make alternate plans for trigger times. Finally, commit to quit and set a quit date.
2. Gather support and encouragement. Get friends and family to support you. Stay away from those who will sabotage your plan. Enlist the help of your doctor or health care provider. Join a quit smoking program for group support or go online.
3. Develop new skills and Behaviors. Learn to manage triggers like stress. Learn to manage trigger times by changing routines and distraction. Be physically active. Build in rewards for not smoking.
4. Use medicine to help you quit. Nicotine patches, lozenges and gum work! Follow directions carefully. You can also use prescription nicotine inhalers, nasal spray and patches. There are also at least two types of pills that will help with the psychological aspect of smoking. Ask your doctor and don't be afraid to try these tools if you need them.
5. Be prepared for a relapse or for problem situations. Stress happens. Plan ahead what you will do before life stresses occur. Plan to minimize weight gain. Decide what you will do if you relapse.

Don't be discouraged if you aren't able to quit smoking the first time you try. It is common for smokers to make more than one attempt at quitting before cigarettes are a thing of their past. It is worth it to make a 'quit plan'. Look as young as you are and be healthier too! Quit smoking!





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The Ultimate Global Sports Competition:

The Games of the XXXI Olympiad

by Barbara Bruschi

The city of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, with its breathtaking views and its Christ the Redeemer statue to greet the world, will hold the XXXI Olympiad from August 5-21, 2016. This major international multi-sports event will feature the world's best trained athletes who have devoted their lives to be a part of this glorious gathering. These are disciplined, dedicated and determined young people that will bring the world together in a peaceful and productive endeavor of the highest caliber.

Scholars have speculated that the Games at Olympia in Greece in 776 BC were not the first games, but rather the first games were held after they were organized into festivals, and held every four years. This resulted in a peace agreement between the city-states of Elis and Pisa.

The Eleans traced the founding of the Olympic Games to their King Iphitos, who was told by the Delphi Oracle to plant the olive tree from which the victors' wreaths were made. The games took place outdoors in a stadium where a 200-yard dash was the only competition. Since the resumption of the modern form in 1896 in Athens, the Games have spanned the globe.

The primary symbol of the Olympic Games is composed of five interlocking rings colored blue, yellow, black, green and red on a white field and is known as the Olympic Rings. Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the original founder of the modern games, signified the colors of the participating countries in that year. The five rings are a symbol of unison of the five inhabited continents. The Parade of Nations is always a highlight and a great honor for its participants.

1912 – The start of the Olympic torch which travels from Greece to Rio is lit at the opening ceremony and extinguished at the closing of the Games.

Rio 2016 will have a record number of participants and sports. First time entrants are Kosovo and South Sudan. More than 10,500 athletes from 207 National Olympic Committees (countries) will take part in the Olympic Games, to be held in thirty-three venues in the host city and five venues in the cities of Sao Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Salvador, Brasilia (Brazil's capital), and Manaus.

Rio is a diverse and multi-cultural city and unites in celebrating life with music, festivals, and dance. Samba and percussion instruments dominate the scene. The official language is Portuguese. If you go, take a dictionary or electronic device that translates. When traveling to Brazil, leave your good jewelry at home, stay with a group and do not wander into areas - especially the slums of Rio (Favelas), and places that are out of the way. You will find many different religions, and black magic is still being practiced. Rituals are for natives – don't be tempted. Take mosquito repellent. Even though this is Rio's winter season, temperatures will rise into the low 80s. The Zika virus and its unknown effects have resulted in the withdrawal of some athletes.

While you are in Rio you may want to visit Christ the Redeemer statue. It stands 98 feet tall at the top of the Corcovado Mountain and is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Sugarloaf Mountain is found at the mouth of the Guanabara Bay and has a height of about 396 feet. You can take a cable car to the top and get a spectacular view.

Ipanema beach is where the action can be found. Beautiful vistas, people, restaurants and shops. Stop at H. Sterns for a variety of Brazilian stones that will dazzle you.

For just a short while the world will unite and compete in fairness and energize a new generation to follow their Olympic dreams. Triumph and tears are part of all competitions, yet the important message this Olympiad carries is one of peace and world-understanding.



What's All the Fuss About Pokémon Go?

If you watch the news, you already know about the Pokemon Go phenomena that struck the nation in early July. Within days of the new game's release, parent company Nintendo's market value increased by nine billion dollars. Yes, nine billion with a "B." The news struck our home in Smoke Rise even before it appeared in news stories because we have a teenager who keeps up with all things video game.

We learned of it when to my utter amazement, our teenage son, Stephen, mentioned that he had been out "walking around in the neighborhood."

"What?? I have known you in all of your 19 years and you have NEVER, EVER, without parental prodding, gone out 'walking around' anywhere," I gasped.

"Yea, I was just out walking around, and tomorrow I am meeting friends at Stone Mountain Park to walk around," he replied.

"How could this be?" I asked in total shock.

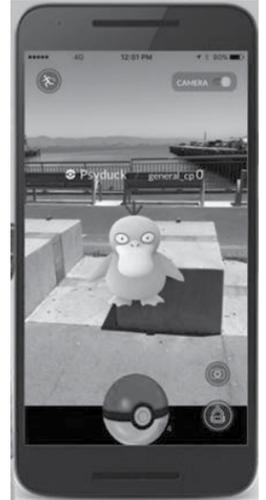
He answered by showing me the Pokemon collection he has accumulated on his iPhone in the new game. The vast array of cartoony critters are virtually hiding all over our neighborhood, in the park, in our houses, offices, and even in our church. Let me clarify that - they aren't physically there. What you see on your phone's screen is an image of your setting as a backdrop. Superimposed on the image are pictures of the Pokemon creatures, which makes them look like they are actually there in the space with you.

Last Sunday, thinking my Sunday school class might enjoy seeing the new rage, my son came to class and shared the Pokemon he just captured - in our classroom. Yes, lurking by a book case, there it was. You could see it on the map of the room on his iPhone. He walked over to it, clicked, and captured it on his phone.

While a bit unnerving, Stephen tells me there are some wonderful success stories of couch-potato kids losing massive amounts of weight walking around searching for prize Pokemon. The downside is coming to light too. There is concern that criminals could use the game to target victims. And experts predict it's only a matter of time before lawsuits surface from people being hurt or killed walking into obstacles, tripping, or stepping into traffic because they are heads-down, watching their phones and not where they are headed.

A doctor being interviewed on ABC's Good Morning America warned parents and adults alike of some other dangers including addiction. This doctor said the capture of Pokemon treasure releases dopamine in the brain creating the pleasure sensation that can make playing addicting just like can happen with gambling and substance abuse. The advice given is to keep it in moderation and get away from the game if it seems to be taking over your life.

Will the good of getting people out walking around outweigh the downsides? Guess we'll have to let it play out to know. Stay tuned. We will publish and update in the months ahead if the craze continues. In the meantime, watch out for Pokemon hunters, and if you are a gamer, keep your playing time in check.



Smoke Rise Preferred Contractor's List

If you are looking for reliable people to build decks, paint, do electrical, plumbing, interior design and many other services, then request a copy of this list as a potential starting point. We maintain a free listing of contractors and other service providers that your neighbors have used successfully. If you want a copy of this list, please email Jim Farmer at: jimfarmer812@earthlink.net or call him at (770) 939-8949. We also ask for your feedback. Tell us about a contractor or service provider that you have used with opinions about their work. This information will be useful for future revisions of the list.



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Mountain Mums Garden Club

The Mountain Mums Garden Club will hold their first meeting of the garden club year on August 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Susan Gilbert. The meeting will be a social gathering, and we will be touring Susan's garden, so it is a great time to come and check out the atmosphere of our garden club!! This year the theme of our club will be: Cultivating our Community. We will be working this year to include more field trips so that we can encourage relationships within the club. We also want to be able to see and visit our local community gardens and become familiar with the gardens and parks that are a part of our new City of Tucker.

The Mountain Mums meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:45 a.m. in the home of a club member for a business meeting, meal (brunch or lunch) and a garden-related program. These meetings are announced in the Smoke Signal. The last few years we have also included several 'make and take' meetings where we have learned to watercolor flowers or fruit, made hyper tufa pots, Christmas wreaths and evergreen tabletop displays. We have also made and painted ceramic flower stakes for the garden, painted stepping-stones and made whimsical painted mushroom garden art.

In addition to garden programs, we go on field trips several times during the year. This year we have already scheduled a trip to the Atlanta Botanical Garden in October to see the famous Chihuly glass sculpture exhibit. In December we have a Christmas luncheon. In January we help sponsor and participate in the Walk to Remember, which raises money to sponsor scholarships for needy and deserving teens to take driver's education classes.

Please come check out our meetings, and help us as we work to Cultivate our Community!! Contact Carole Wales, membership director, for more information at cawale@hotmail.com.

Morning Glories and Miss Daisy: The 45th Annual Yellow Daisy Flower Show

September 9-11, 2016, is the 45th annual Yellow Daisy Standard Flower Show at Stone Mountain Park. The juried flower show is presented by garden club members in the Redbud District of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. It is held in Memorial Hall on the park grounds at the same time as the Yellow Daisy Festival. Admission to the Flower Show is free with paid park admission.

The Redbud District includes the garden clubs of Tucker: Smoke Rise Garden Club, Smoke Rise Morning Glories, Mountain Mums and Ivanhoe Garden Club and many other clubs. This year's Show Chairman is Betty Lester from LaGrange, GA. Ann Purr, Carol Hayes, Quill Duncan, Janet McGinnis, Edith Morton, Sandy Suggs, Glendolyn Hallman and many other folks are chairing or serving as volunteers from the Tucker community.

Members from all these clubs and many others volunteer to setup, host, classify, place and then disassemble all the horticultural exhibits. There are many aspects to the show from Design entries to Youth Entries to all the various classifications of horticulture.

The show welcomes visitors from all over the world and the interest is amazing.

Every year a particular theme is selected that involves the Yellow Daisy. This year's theme is "Driving Miss Daisy" and promises a great connection with the film's colorful character. The Design division will showcase designs that interpret the themes of "Daisy's Destinations" and "Daisy Dines" and the miniature design division has themes such as "Texas Wildflowers" and "Maine Driftwood" and "Nevada Rock Formations". The Design section shows incredible creativity. Morning Glories' member Joy Zaidan is the chairperson of this division.

The horticulture can range from a perfect okra pod or tomato to a Limelight Hydrangea to Autumn Fern to cacti! It is quite surprising how many hundreds of entries are accepted and displayed in all those green bottles or containers.

If you have never seen a standard flower show, you will be charmed by the wide variety of the colors and scents and displays. It is also very fun to see which entry won the Blue Ribbon and read the judge's comments. You can really learn from the show as to why one flower won the Blue and the same flower species won the Red or Yellow. There are subtleties in judging and certain criteria must be followed to win the ranking of a Blue Ribbon.

You are all invited to join the fun this September and see where Daisy takes you!

Mountain Shadow Garden Club Will Feature "Ferns of GPC Botanical Garden"

Well-known Atlanta area horticulturist Rick Barnes will be the speaker for the August 8 meeting of Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC), with the topic of "The Fantastic Ferns of the Georgia Perimeter College Botanical Garden". Mr. Barnes has had a long association with Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) and with George Sanko, the popular Botany instructor credited with developing the horticulture program and gardens at the DeKalb County facility.

Mr. Barnes attended GPC (then called DeKalb Community College) in the 1970s and worked as a teaching and lab assistant. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1980 with a B.S. degree and specialty in woody ornamental horticulture. He worked in the interiorscape industry and started Greensphere Landscaping, Inc. in 1984 as co-owner, specializing in design-installation-maintenance of grounds for the high-end residential market in Atlanta.

After Greensphere was acquired by NatureScapes in 1996, Mr. Barnes stayed with the company as Vice-President of Sales and Marketing until March of 2016. He is now a business developer for the Tree & Plant Health Care division at Downey Trees, Inc.

Through the years, Mr. Barnes has worked for the enhancement of the Georgia State University/Perimeter College Native Plant Botanical Garden. He has been a part-time instructor at the college and taught a Botany lab for non-science majors, with the GPC garden as an outdoor lab.

Mr. Barnes is a Certified Arborist, a licensed pesticide applicator with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and past Chairman of the Georgia Green Industry Association. He has been recognized for contributions to the Georgia Certified Landscape Professional Program and received the Jake Tinga Distinguished Professional of the Year award in 2000. He has had numerous articles published on horticultural topics and has spoken to groups ranging from the Charleston Horticultural Society to the Georgia Native Plant Society.

MSGC is open to men and women of all ages who enjoy learning about a diverse range of topics related to home landscapes, plants, and gardens. The meeting and program begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. in Founders Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain. Free. For more information, contact club president Jeff Raines at (404) 641-8633 or visit www.facebook.com/MtShadowGardenClub.



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By Jenny Hall

I am learning to accept what I like to call the philosophy of "good enough". I have never been particularly high maintenance, so I guess this is coming as no surprise to you that this philosophy simply reinforces my basic character trait of extreme cheapness combined with equal parts of laziness and an acute inability to notice much of anything anymore. Perhaps my medication needs adjusting, but I am learning to accept that wearing a dress backward or a shirt inside out (which I have done) is just fine since I did look "good enough". Most food is good enough for me and I'll accept iceberg lettuce, bottled lemon juice, inorganic produce and boxed cake mixes because good enough tastes delicious most of the time. Fancy doesn't always mean tasty but if that floats your boat, just make up a fancy name for these cool summer dishes.

Cantaloupe/Salami/Cuke Salad

Or Tuscan Style Melon with Basil Chiffonade and Cotto Salami
4-6 cups cubed cantaloupe
1 medium peeled and cubed cucumber (I seed mine, too)
1 cup cubed salami
1 small mild sliced onion
1 cup cubed mozzarella or cheese of choice, optional
½ cup Italian dressing mixed with 2 Tablespoons honey and 3 Tablespoons lemon juice
4-5 fresh basil leaves, sliced thin in strips (chiffonade)

Toss all ingredients except basil in container. Refrigerate a couple of hours. Add a dash of salt and pepper before serving and sprinkle with fresh basil. I like to serve this in salad bowls filled with plain old lettuce, but any lettuce you like is great. It is plenty for two dinner style salads and is nice with a hearty bread like this hot and gooey olive loaf. It offsets the cool salad and gives you an excuse to fire up the old oven. Which you don't want to do. I realize that now. Sorry.

Cheesy Olive Bread

1 loaf of French bread, which you are going to slice lengthwise
6 ounce can each sliced black AND green olives, drained
2 sliced green onions
1 stick softened butter
½ cup mayonnaise
12 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese

Mix all ingredients very well until spreadable (this is also pretty good on crackers, by the way). Spread evenly on each long slice of bread and bake on cookie sheet at 325 for about 20 minutes or until it's all bubbly. Slice to serve. It's supposed to serve about 12, but in reality you and I both know this will just about serve 4 or 5.

Now I tried this next recipe and the original version was a dismal failure, resulting in my having to buy more watermelon than I actually wanted so I could come up with a recipe that worked. And by that I mean worked without you having to have a fancy sorbet machine or servants or something. This works.

Easy Watermelon Sherbet - or be fancy and call it sorbet
You'll need about a quarter of a small seedless watermelon – cut up into smallish (2-3 inch) cubes. Mine were not cubes. I had 3-4 inch random blobs. This is about 8 cups, I guess. Put them in a single layer on a cookie sheet and freeze them solid. Meanwhile, mix 3-4 Tablespoons lemon juice (bottled is fine) and 1/3 cup sugar. Stir it and ignore it for a while. Pace around the kitchen or have some tea. Relax.

When the watermelon is frozen, process the frozen cubes in your food processor in about three batches. My processor walked all over the counter, but I persevered and ground the melon up into what I can only call granules. It's like dry snow. Dump each batch in a bowl. When you have all cubes done, add all back to the processor and pour in the lemon sugar mixture. Process this until it pulls together in a custard-like mass. It is most delicious to just eat it at this point. It is slightly lemony and slightly sweet. If you want to make this in advance, just scrape it into a freezer-proof, covered container. To serve, thaw about 30 minutes in the fridge. You'll have to break it down and stir it a bit with a fork, but it's really tasty and very, very cold. A small amount is plenty and this would be a terrific palate cleanser if you are having a fancy dinner and are the sort to call this sorbet. But it will freeze your esophagus. Seriously. I love it.

I think I might experiment with cantaloupe cubes or a mixture of melons. I'm also thinking this would be a pretty interesting start to one of your famous summer daiquiris or a champagne cocktail. But it's good enough just as it is!

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Some scholarship recipients have been single mothers who dropped out of school to care for their children. As the sole provider for the family, some single mothers often could not afford to finish college. Other women have desired a graduate degree to help them advance in a career. The scholarship is not limited to single women, and any woman who demonstrates the need for financial assistance to return to college is eligible. The scholarship can be used to complete a degree in nursing, art, music, library science, business or any other undergraduate degree or attend graduate school for an advanced degree.

An application is required to be submitted before the deadline of September 30, and a panel of judges from the Education Community Service Program of the Stone Mountain Woman's Club will review the applicants and choose the one they deem to be most deserving. The scholarship is open to any woman wishing to return to college. You do not have to be a member of the Stone Mountain Woman's Club to apply.

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