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## KENNESAW MAYOR DELIVERS STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AT KBA LUNCHEON

BY AMBER ROLAND, BRIGHT SIDE CONTRIBUTOR

The Kennesaw Business Association (KBA) hosted its first State of the City address luncheon of the new year on Tuesday, January 12th. Governors Gun Club hosted the prestigious event working closely alongside the event's sponsor, Loud Security Systems. After a year of chaos and uncertainty, everyone in attendance beamed with gratitude. Chatter and laughter quickly filled the conference hall as doors opened to guests.

KBA's honored guests found their seats and greeted friends as they made their way to the lunch buffet catered by the gun club. After everyone made their plates and found their seats, KBA's 2021 president, Cassandra Stiff, took the stage. She graciously welcomed everyone, thanking all of the attendees for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend. Stiff reflected on the hardships that 2020 forced upon KBA and the city of Kennesaw.

"Let's use 2020 as hindsight, into what we are looking to have accomplished. Let's use our unexpected experience and our unexpected learnings from 2020 to leverage our business for today, forward facing," Stiff said.

Succeeding Stiff's introduction, KBA's family pastor and spiritual leader, Avery Headd, led the audience in prayer asking for prosperous leadership and success in the new year. KBA's chairperson of hospitality, Kim Moore, followed Pastor Headd. After various speakers following Moore, Kennesaw Mayor and NC staff member, Derek Easterling, made his way to the stage while enthusiastically singing along to Bon Jovi's "It's My Life." After 6 years of consecutive annual speeches at KBA's state of the city addresses, Easterling became quite accustomed to the concept. However, this particular luncheon held a special place in the mayor's heart. 2020 marked a year of unforeseen darkness, yet the extra free time gifted Easterling's parents with the knowledge and expertise of navigating an iPad and Facebook Live. So, for the first time ever, Easterling's parents virtually attended his State of the City address and listened to him speak.

Easterling began his presentation reflecting on the repercussions 2020's health crisis brought upon the city of Kennesaw. He brought to mind the challenging decisions and policies made in the early months of the pandemic, then revealing that the city of Kennesaw secured 1.8 million dollars in Federal Cares Act money to dedicate towards enhancing Kennesaw's safety and stopping the spread of COVID-19. This money went towards the installation of touchless water faucets and advanced audio and visual equipment to safely continue critical communication.

"Life may never be the same as it was, but that doesn't mean it can't be better. It's possible that 2021 will bring lessons of resilience and a conquering spirit," Easterling said.

Easterling reassured his audience that despite the multifaceted obstacles faced in the past year, the city of Kennesaw would triumph in 2021. He emphasized the importance of restoring the economy while simultaneously prioritizing public health.

After exasperated years of diligently pushing Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, the program received its long-anticipated approval. Kennesaw SPLOST consists of 34 million dollars put back into the city of Kennesaw. Easterling proudly shared how he plans to effectively distribute this money in an effort to better the city of Kennesaw. SPLOST dollars will allow Kennesaw's Depot Park to welcome a new amphitheater and expanded parking lot. This money will also cover the expenses for building a new recreation center. Aside from SPLOST dollars Easterling detailed numerous renovation and construction projects happening within his beloved city.

Easterling's natural leadership complimented his public speaking skills and ability to command a room, allowing his positive message of perseverance and goals for 2021 to effectively reach and inspire his audience.

"Leaders must know the capabilities of the members of their group. The more capable the member, the better the result. Our team is a leader and we are leading the way to a bright, and successful future," Easterling said.

Amber Roland, a junior at NCHS is the Features Editor of the NCHS Chant and a contributor to the Bright Side.



## AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

Many have asked about the removal of homes and businesses along Summer Street, Cobb Parkway and in between. Hopefully this will provide some answers.

Enriched with a historical past, SchoolHouse Village™ is a mixed-use development that will transform downtown Kennesaw and be a central gathering venue for this vibrant community. "Kennesaw is our home," said Sanctuary Companies CEO Chad Howie. "This is an exciting development for the new residents and neighbors alike to be able to enjoy a night out, eat, drink and socialize, all within the Entertainment District.

Upon completion, SchoolHouse Village™ will offer over 80,000 square feet of restaurants, a brewery, and retail and office space, and 56 state-of-the-art townhomes. SchoolHouse Village™ will transform downtown Kennesaw, create a thriving city-center, and provide a central gathering place and entertainment district for this vibrant community, similar to the transformation now being enjoyed by the cities of Woodstock, Alpharetta and Roswell.

Located on the site of the original Kennesaw School at the intersection of Keene Street, School Drive and Burrell Drive, SchoolHouse Village™ will blend old and new seamlessly. To create this new downtown district, part of the original Kennesaw School building was razed. Built in 1890, the original building was lost in a fire, but it rose from the ashes in a 1932 rebuild. Additions serving an increasing student population were added through the years, but the School eventually was closed in 2017. The Library structure will be preserved as a foundation for SchoolHouse Village™.

Pictured above - looking down Summers Street toward Cobb Parkway. Harold's Pawnshop sign is the only thing left standing the day this photo was taken. For more information visit <https://schoolhouse-village.com/>.

## KENNESAW'S VALENTINE'S DANCE IN A BOX

The City of Kennesaw's Department of Parks & Recreation is putting a twist on their annual favorite "Valentine's Dance Party!" New this year, participants will be able to pick-up all of the supplies needed for an at-home dance party with "Valentine's Dance in a Box."



Kennesaw Parks & Rec will set the stage for friends & families to continue making memories at Valentine's Day! Whether participants choose to stick with the dress attire or decide on something more causal, the night will be the participants' to create. Box contents will include craft, Valentine's cards, small dessert box, playlist for your family and more!

Registration for Valentine's Dance in a Box is currently open through February 5, 2021. Cost is \$10 per box, and quantities are limited. Registration is available at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Special Events Tab and then Valentines in a Box to register. Boxes will be available for curbside pick-up on Thursday, February 11, and Friday, February 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ben Robertson Community Center. During that time, pre-registered families will pick up their special Valentine's Dance in a Box filled with several items for their own party!

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### CONGRATULATIONS



Her Mom, Tammy Everhart, writes:  
Kayleigh Everhart is a BOSS! Her awesome  
Tap solo (choreographed by her sister, Victoria  
Everhart) placed 3rd overall at NUVO Dance  
Convention in Atlanta this weekend (out of 64  
senior solos). After a 5-1/2 month recovery  
from a broken (aka shattered) foot, I'm just  
gonna call it a "comeback." She was also  
named a Breakout Artist Finalist/Runner-up.  
So proud of my baby girl!

Ed Note: Kayleigh is a member of the  
Great Gig Dance Ensemble, a senior at NCHS  
and a student of the International Studies  
Magnet Program.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION SENIORS IN NEED INVITED TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENTS. DONATIONS NEEDED

Cobb Senior Services staff are holding  
drive-up services for Cobb residents age 60  
and older to get shelf stable food from 11 a.m.  
until noon, or while supplies last, on Friday,  
Feb. 12 and Feb. 26. An ID showing date of  
birth and Cobb County home address for each  
senior is required upon arrival. No appointment  
needed. The address is Cobb Senior Services,  
1150 Powder Springs St., Marietta.

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### KBA SCHOLARSHIPS

Calling all graduating seniors in Acworth  
and Kennesaw. The Kennesaw Business  
Association is accepting applications for their  
scholarships. Twenty are available. Learn  
more about what is offered and apply online  
at <https://kennesawbusiness.org/about-kba/scholarships/>.

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### GRIEFSHARE

Beginning Sunday, March 7, 2021,  
from 3:00 pm - 5 pm Summit Baptist  
Church in Acworth, GA, will be hosting  
an interdenominational seminar called  
GriefShare. This seminar is a Bible based  
program designed for persons that have  
experienced the death of a family member of  
friend. Participants will be around others that  
understand their feelings. This is a 13 week  
seminar with each session being a stand alone  
session so that a person is welcome to come  
anytime during the 13 weeks.

The cost is \$15 per person and scholarships  
are available. The group will meet in Room  
M114 at Summit Baptist Church, 4310  
Moon Station Lane in Acworth. For more  
information please call 770-975-4595.

### COBB COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Did your ancestors arrive by riverboat,  
wagon train, horseback, or perhaps the  
railroad?

The Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock  
over 400 years ago. Are you one of the 35  
million descendants? Join the Cobb County  
Genealogical Society on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at  
7:00 p.m. as Mayflower expert, Jane Schleinzer,  
speaks on the topic, "Mayflower - 400 Years  
and Counting." The meeting will be held via  
Zoom.com, so sign up by going to the CCGS  
website: [www.cobbgagensoc.org](http://www.cobbgagensoc.org).

The Cobb County Genealogical Society  
General Meetings are held at 7 PM on the  
fourth Tuesday of the every month, except  
December. For now The meetings are virtual.  
Visit the CCGS website to register - [www.cobbgagensoc.org](http://www.cobbgagensoc.org).



### ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

This month's  
article is a random  
assortment of word  
origins. Back in  
medieval times, it  
was believed that a  
goblin would sit on  
people's chests while  
they slept, giving  
them bad dreams. The



bad-dream goblin was called a "Mare", which  
gave us the word NIGHTMARE. In Viking  
legend, there were a group of warriors who  
went into battle wearing only a bear's skin to  
protect them. The Norse word for shirt was  
"serkr", so these warriors were called "Bear-  
serkr", or BESERKERS. These berserkers  
were fierce, furious warriors, whose actions  
gave us the word BESERK. It was first used  
in English by Sir Walter Scott.

During World War I, the British army  
was experimenting with airships without a  
rigid internal structure, which they called a  
"Limp". The created two designs to test, called  
the A-Limp and the B-Limp. The B-Limp  
proved a more effective design and gave us  
the word BLIMP.

According to an urban legend, a man  
named Daly was manager of the Dublin  
Theater in Ireland around the year 1791. One  
day, Daly made a bet that he could create  
a word with no meaning in 24 hours. Very  
quickly, Daly painted four letters all over the  
city, Q-U-I-Z. As people tried to determine  
its meaning, they thought it must be a test of  
some kind, giving us the word QUIZ. Sadly,  
no proof of this story has been found, and the  
word QUIZ likely comes from the Latin word  
"Quis", meaning "who" or "what".

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### ANDREW BRAMLETT VIDEO SERIES

For the past 3 years Andrew Bramlett has  
written articles for the Bright Side on the origins of  
Words and Phrases. Now Andrew also is producing  
videos! His first series cover his Bright Side  
Articles. His next series covers the history and  
highlights of each Georgia State Park His third series  
covers former State Parks in Georgia. Andrew's  
current series is called "Overlooked History" where  
he shares interesting stories from history that have  
been largely forgotten. All of these videos can be  
found under the "Video Series" tab of his website,  
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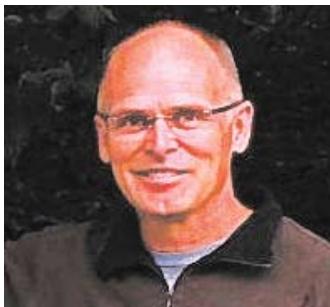
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### ART BLOOMS COMING THIS SPRING

With the support of the Cobb EMC Foundation, Smith Gilbert Gardens is very excited to launch Art Blooms this spring! This event will take place the months of April and May.

With 31 outdoor sculptures representing international, national, and regional artists, Smith-Gilbert Gardens is a property rich with artistic treasures. We want to connect art and nature in a unique way – through Art Blooms.

The staff has just finished planting 10,000 daffodil bulbs showcasing some of the sculptures in the permanent collection. In May, we'll open a temporary outdoor exhibit featuring sculptures created by students in the Master Craftsman Program at KSU.

Families and children will be invited to create their own pieces of art, display them at home, and share them on social media. On Saturdays, Art Ambassadors will be here to help interpret some of the pieces, encouraging new ways to look at our world.

The two month event will include a series of weekend artists' demonstrations and workshops, along with self-guided tours.

Following the unprecedented events of 2020, this project reminds us all that we can enjoy art regardless of our age or training. This initiative comes at the perfect time and we hope will be a positive experience for our community.

Vanita Keswani, Guest Experience Manager, is coordinating the exhibition and will be able to provide more information in the weeks ahead.



### CUPCAKE DECORATING CLASS

The City of Kennesaw's Department of Parks & Recreation will host a Cupcake Decorating class on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Ben Robertson Community Center, located at 2753 Watts Dr.

In the introduction to cupcake decorating class, participants will learn piping

preparation and techniques with various tips. Attendees will have time to practice their own technique and decorate their own cupcakes! No previous decorating experience is needed!

Advanced registration is required; registration is \$15 per person. Registration is available online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on special events and then this class.

Supplies included with registration are icing, colors to dye icing, bowls for mixing, several basic tips, couplers, buttercream icing bags and parchment paper for practice. Participants will receive a decorating starter kit to take home! Kennesaw Parks & Rec asks that participants bring their choice of six unfrosted cupcakes with them to decorate.

Masks are required to be worn while inside the Ben Robertson Community Center and during the workshop. Outside food and beverages are welcome.

### WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Cobb County Schools' winter break is just around the corner. Do you need a fun activity that week for the kids? Smith-Gilbert Gardens is hosting their first Wednesday Wonders for 2021 on February 17, with a focus on birding! Great for grades Pre K- 6! Drop-in between 10 AM to 11 AM. The cost is \$18 for one parent/caregiver plus one child, an additional child is \$3. Price includes admission. Tickets available at [smith-gilbert-gardens.square.site](https://smith-gilbert-gardens.square.site).

### GIFT SHOP ONLINE

The Southern Museum is excited to announce that their gift shop, The General Emporium, has launched an online gift shop.

The General Emporium features a variety of exclusive Civil War and railroad items, from clothing and collectibles to toys and model trains. They also have our own signature line of Lacy House jams, jellies and sauces. Created and stocked for children and adults alike, you will find something special at the General Emporium, where all purchases benefit the educational mission of the Southern Museum.

Visit the online store at <https://generalemporium.square.site>.

### THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

FEBRUARY 13, 2021

Inviting all citizen scientists to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) on Saturday, February 13th. The GBBC contributes data that provides a snapshot of bird distribution and helps scientists observe changes over the past two decades. This self-guided event is from 9AM-2PM. Backyard birding experts from Bird Watcher Supply Co. will be on hand to answer all your birding questions. Children can also help these efforts by using our Bird-themed Nature in Action Discovery Kit sold in our Gift Shop! This event is included with garden admission.

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### THE ACWORTH ARTS ALLIANCE'S ART HOUSE

The Art House is hosting their first "SIMA" Exhibit (student, instructor, member artist). This exhibit runs from now thru February 27.

Receptions is planned for Saturday, February 6 from 4-7PM. Receptions are free and open to the public. Please wear a mask or face shield while inside the Art House (while Covid continues). All artworks are available for purchase.

#### CALL FOR ARTISTS

Call for Artists: Submission Deadline for our "Something for Everyone" Exhibit is Monday, February 15th. This exhibit will run from March 6 thru April 24. Visit our website for more details and to submit art. [acworthartsalliance.org/guidelines](http://acworthartsalliance.org/guidelines).

**ART CLASSES-** We are currently requiring masks or face shields during our classes. Visit our website to register for upcoming classes: [acworthartsalliance.org/classes/](http://acworthartsalliance.org/classes/)

We are open: Tuesday thru Saturday, Noon to 6PM. Closed Sunday, Monday. Located at 4425 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA 30101, call 678-543-5777, visit [acworthartsalliance.org](http://acworthartsalliance.org)

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### CLEARANCE SALE

Smith-Gilbert Gardens Gift Shop and artist's studio are hosting a winter clearance sale! Sale dates are Saturday, January 30 - Saturday, February 13

(Don't forget members get an extra 10% off all merchandise!).

Please join us for our first annual winter clearance sale in our gift shop and artist's studio. We have a wonderful selection of merchandise including toys, jewelry, humming bird supplies, garden accessories and home decor. Come explore the newest addition to our gift shop the artist's studio. We have a variety of custom items created by local artists available for purchase. Many sale prices are up to 50% off original prices!

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### ACWORTH'S ART EXPLOSION WINTER BREAK CAMP

It's time to get those creative juices flowing! Art Explosion Camp offers a full week of non-stop art experiments and activities. Each day of camp will focus on a different art style like fabrics and dyes, paper making, paint, clay, and more! Young artists will roll up their sleeves and create their next masterpiece. Campers are encouraged to dress in clothing ready to get painted, stained, and splattered! Camp will take place Monday through Friday, February 15-February 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Campers may be dropped off no earlier than 7:45 a.m. and picked up no later than 5:30 p.m. This camp is open to children ages 6-13. The cost of this camp is \$115 for City of Acworth residents and \$140 for non-residents. Registration and additional information are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

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**ART AND FURNITURE SALE THRU FEB. 22**  
**SIMMERTIME CAFE AND ART GALLERY IS CLOSING**

It makes me sad to have to write this, but Simmertime Cafe and Art Gallery is closing. Another victim of the pandemic. Nancy Booth and her daughter, Danielle, thank everyone in our community for their patronage and support over the last four years.

They are sharing that they are hosting an Art and Furniture Sale through the month of February until Feb. 22. They are open 10-2 Tuesday-Sunday

Drop by and say goodbye. Take a look at what is available for sale -- not only does this include the paintings, sculptures, and handcrafted jewelry, but also includes their very unique tables.

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**EATIN FRESH KENNESAW**

What do you get when you mix a divorce with your dreams and your talents? You get a brand new business that is brave enough to open in the middle of a pandemic!

Eatin Fresh Kennesaw was founded by Courtney Eaton Brennan after she moved back to Kennesaw to be with her family following a surprise divorce.

Courtney has always had a passion for the kitchen and even went as far as to try out for MasterChef in New York City. It wasn't until her life took a dramatic turn that she found the courage to pursue her dreams.... and now our community is blessed with Eatin Fresh Kennesaw.

Who knew when we were little that the biggest most difficult thing we would have to do it adult to figure out what to have for dinner and what to feed our family? That's where Eatin Fresh comes in. They have weekly menus - place your order by Friday and you can order an entire weeks worth of meals for pick up at her new location at 3032 Cemetery Street right next to the Horned Owl Brewery. If you live in Legacy Park or Revival on Main delivery is available.

Keep an eye out on social media Facebook, Instagram and her website for a grand opening tour of the kitchen!

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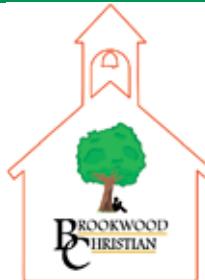


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## THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

February is Black History Month, and we in the City of Acworth can think of no better way to celebrate than to visit the newly opened Doyal Hill Park. Located adjacent to the Rosenwald School, this park serves as an outdoor interpretive history area featuring public art honoring our community's rich African American History. Hill Park bears the name Acworth's first African American Alderman, Mr. Doyal Hill. I know the current Alderman would agree that it takes courage to run for public office under the best of circumstances. I cannot imagine the courage it took for Alderman Hill to follow his calling to serve our City. While visiting Doyal Hill Park, we encourage you to take a moment to read the interpretive history exhibit panels found along the walkway. The park also features a new sculpture from Ron Huffman and a plaza. It is a treasure that is free to the public, and we are so excited to have it in our City.



Many see February as a time to celebrate romantic love, but we want to take this time to focus on those who love and serve their community. We have a dedicated City team that demonstrates their love of Acworth and its residents daily. Whether it is our Acworth Power and Public Works Department working long hours away from their families to ensure power is returned during an outage or the Acworth Police Department keeping our roads and homes safe during dangerous winter weather, we need to remember these acts of service are done out of love. The Save Acworth History Foundation showed their love of our heritage through their work in restoring Acworth Christian Church. This landmark is one of the oldest structures in Acworth, and through the generosity and love of local donors, now has an updated façade, stained glass windows, wiring, and more. These acts from our community partners and City Team are only a few examples of the love we see in this community.

As we continue to navigate through these challenging times, it is important to remember to love one another. We must not act out of fear. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" - 1 John 4:18-29. I have faith that we will move forward together through our love of one another.

God Bless, Tommy Allegood

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA POLAR PLUNGE

Special Olympics Georgia is proud to present the 12th Annual Polar Plunge which will be held on Saturday, February 20th at Lake Acworth in Acworth, Georgia, and the plunging will occur between 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Polar Plunge is one of Special Olympics Georgia "coolest" and largest fundraising events through the efforts of the Law Enforcement Torch Run Program (LETR). All proceeds raised go to help provide 26,620 Special Olympics Georgia athletes free year-round sports training. For more information and to register, visit [polarplungega.org](http://polarplungega.org).

### ATHLETICS FOR ALL ACWORTH SPRING PRESCHOOL SPORTS CAMP

This is a non-competitive program to help three and four-year olds develop basic skills for sports programs in the future. The program gives children a chance to explore a variety of different sports all in one program such as soccer, T-ball, volleyball, and basketball. Spring camp is held every Tuesday and Thursday, April 13 through May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Acworth Community Center. Registration is \$50 for City of Acworth residents and \$65 for non-residents. The deadline to register for this program is March 26. Registration and additional information are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### SPECIAL WARRIORS TAE KWON DO

Special Warriors Taekwon-Do is a great program for the young community with special needs. The traditional skills of Taekwon-Do have been adapted to teach focus, balance, hand-eye coordination, and effective self-defense skills to those with special concerns. This class is instructed by Omar Welch who is a third-degree black belt and instructor certified by the United States Taekwon-Do Federation. Classes will meet at the Acworth Community Center on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Additional information and registration are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### ACTIVE ADULTS GENTLE YOGA WITH MARY

Mary's Gentle Yoga is designed for Active Adults aged 55+, but ages 18+ are welcome. This class is conducted on a mat with gentle movements that concentrates on relaxation and strengthening muscles. Classes are held on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information and registration, please visit [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### LIVE CHAIR YOGA

Active adults (ages 55+) are invited to learn stretch and strengthening exercises, breathing techniques, and much more during this low impact class. Live Chair Yoga classes will take place at the Acworth Community Center every Tuesday beginning April 6 through June 22 at 10:00 a.m. Classes are free to City of Acworth residents and \$15 for non-residents. Registration is available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### ZOOM CHAIR YOGA

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### ACWORTH SPRING BREAK BASEBALL CAMP

This three-day camp is open to athletes 5 to 12 years of age and will cover the basics of the sport of baseball that will assist in the development of every participant and is a great mini-camp to participate in over Spring Break! Camp will be held at the Acworth Sports Complex on the baseball fields on Tuesday, April 6, through Thursday, April 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost to participate in this camp is \$35 for City of Acworth residents and \$45 for non-residents. The deadline to register is April 2. Registration and additional information are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### ACWORTH ADULT SPRING VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is now offering a Co-ed Adult Volleyball League! The league will be held in the Acworth Community Center on Mondays and will offer two divisions: Competitive and Recreational. Both divisions will run simultaneously with start times beginning at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. The league will begin on Monday, February 22, with a single-elimination tournament being held on Saturday, March 27. The fee for this league is \$350 per team for both City residents and non-residents. Don't have a team? No worries! Come out and participate in our Free Agent Day on Monday, February 8 at the Acworth Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Free Agent registration is \$35 for both City residents and non-residents. Registration and additional information regarding schedules and guidelines are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

**COBB EMC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WITH TECHNOLOGY**

Brookwood Christian School has received a Cobb EMC Community Foundation sponsorship to update and expand student technology. Existing devices are several years old and not compatible with current software updates.

The recent COVID-19 situation has impacted our regular budget by creating \$25,788 COVID related expenses such as sneeze guards, training, PPE, thermometers, etc. Our annual fund-raising was also impacted as we were only able to have one of our four fundraisers this year, which raised \$3,478. Combined with the drastic reduction in our annual giving, we saw a net loss of \$70,000 in charitable giving.

“The recent COVID -19 closure also showed we can no longer rely on classroom sets of materials during a closure” said principal, Kim Wigington, “We did not have enough internet devices for each student and many of our families did not have enough devices at their homes for all of their children to utilize during distance learning.”

This sponsorship will help with remote learning for those electing virtual options, or should quarantine become necessary.

Many thanks to the COBB EMC Community Foundation for their generosity.

**ABOUT BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN**

Brookwood Christian School is a private, non-profit, non-denominational Christian school that serves students who have not been successful in public or private schools due to their unique learning needs: individual or multiple learning disorders such as dyslexia, reading & language processing disorders, auditory processing disorders, attention deficit disorder, neurological disorders, and other specific learning disabilities.

Most of our operating budget comes from tuition payments augmented by the Georgia SB-10 scholarship program. Eighty-six percent of our students receive some sort of financial assistance. Recognition such as this helps with our fundraising which helps keep our operating costs and tuition low.

**THE KENNESAW GRAND PRIX RACES HISTORY**

BY DR CRIS WELSH

In 2010, when it became apparent that our community was interested in participating in a 5K, several of our knowledgeable runners literally ran all over the city to find the course with the least impact and the ability to hold the most runners. We wanted a standardized course that would make it easier for the Police Department, Parks and Rec, and Public Works to staff and man. And first race: The Swift Cantrell Classic was formed to benefit the Swift Cantrell Park Foundation - the first SCC had over 700 runners. (normal first race participation is about 250 runners).

In 2011 the idea to create a Grand Prix Series was born. The concept was: In the City, By the City and For the City. Four races: Swift Cantrell Classic (Park Foundation), Dream Dash (Teen Center), Garden Gallop (Garden Foundation) and GLC (Museum Foundation) were joined by The Run For Wounded Heroes and The Warrior Way 5k (NCHS Cross Country seemed like a natural fit) In 2012 NCHS went to a trail course and the series brought in the KDDA for the Elf Trot (this spot is now filled by the Dave Krache Foundation, Allison Giddons.)

Since 2011, over 50,000 runners have participated in our races. In race fees alone, not counting sponsorships, the races have brought in over a million dollars into this community. This money has paid for all the expenses of the race and the balance is given to the individual foundation connected to that race. The amount of miles run by participants of this series is around 155,000 miles which is enough miles placed end on end to circle the earth 6.2 times!

In 2011 we organized a Fit City Kennesaw Kick off and engaged Wellstar, KSU, Life University, Kaiser, The American Heart Association, Get Fit Atlanta and Big Peach Running Company. Many things have spawned from these relationships. Life University sponsored the work out equipment in SCP and became actively involved with all the races and the Park Foundation, Swift Kids Running Club was started. It is run with 50 volunteer coaches and serves about 400 kids per year. Their prize - to run in a City of Kennesaw 5K.

As a bonus -- we have healthier kids, parents, grandparents, friends and The KGP is continually contacted by other communities, as a resource, on how to set events like this up.

We hope you'll join us and putting your health first in 2021 as we celebrate the 10th year of the KGP series. There will be lots of fun and exciting changes but the one thing that will stay the same is the KGP series runs In the city, BY the city and FOR the city and for our health

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**ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**  
 BY KIM WIGINGTON, PRESIDENT



**HOW DO I GET MORE CONNECTED?**

We all need to feel connected to a community. As we have learned over the past year, isolation is not good for us. Our physical and mental health decline and we lose touch. People need connections to other people.

It seems counterintuitive, but connecting with a community begins by connecting with individuals. I've been reading a book by Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*. Gladwell asserts that Paul Revere's midnight ride changed history, because Revere knew which people would best spread the word. He knocked on the right doors and told the right people. Revere was a connector, and he had the personal relationships he needed to connect with the right people that night.

As president of the Acworth Business Association this year, I am challenging myself to get to know the other members as individuals. Knowing someone in a group is much different than knowing them as a person. Truth be told, I am much more comfortable in front of a large group than I am one on one with new people. However, if I don't get to know the individuals, I won't get to know the group.

My challenge to you, and to myself, is to find a way to safely have lunch or coffee or even a one on one phone conversation with someone new at least once a month this year. Find out what makes them tick. Then, personally introduce them to someone else you know. Be a connector. How do you meet these people? Join the ABA at [AcworthBusiness.org](http://AcworthBusiness.org), and share our strength. See the website: [AcworthBusiness.org](http://AcworthBusiness.org) and RSVP for events to guarantee your seat. We are Acworth, moving forward, united and strong.

**ABA LUNCHEON**

Thursday, February 4, 11:30-1:00 pm.  
 Speaker: Ira Blumenthal, "Your Best is Next"  
 Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. Sponsored by Northwest YMCA, Catered by Carrabbas Italian Grill. RSVP at [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

**ABA FEBRUARY AA5**

Thursday, February 11, 5:30-7:30 at The Cowan Historic Mill. RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

**ABA WOMEN EVENT**

Thursday, February 18, 5:00-7:00 pm. Cedar Plantation, 4610 Northside Dr, Acworth, GA 30101. Catered by Adriane's Delectables.

**KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

CASSANDRA STIFF, PRESIDENT

Cassandra Stiff, President of KBA, invites the KBA members and their guests to the Tuesday, February 9, luncheon at the Governor's Gun Club. Our guest speaker is nationally known Dr. Roger Tutterow.

Roger Tutterow is Professor of Economics at Kennesaw State University where he holds the Henssler Financial Endowed Chair. In addition, he serves as Director of the Econometric Center, an applied research center housed in KSU's Coles College of Business.

His analysis of the economic, business and political environments have been featured in a variety of media including Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Business Week, Forbes, USA Today, Atlanta Journal Constitution, Arizona Republic, Florida Times-Union, Kansas City Star, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Orlando Sentinel, Palm Beach Post, Wichita Eagle and on CNN, CNBC, NBC, Bloomberg Television, NPR's "Marketplace" and "All Things Considered," CNN-Radio as well as by regional electronic and print media.

In addition to his work in academia, Dr. Tutterow has served as a consultant on financial economics and statistical modeling for corporate clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to closely held businesses. He has provided expert testimony on economic, financial and statistical matters in state and federal court, before the Georgia General Assembly and before the Georgia Public Service Commission. Dr. Tutterow has given several hundred speeches to professional groups in over 40 states and Canada on topics in the economic, business and political arenas. Please RSVP at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org). Members \$15.00, Guests \$20.00.



**KBA LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, February 9, 11:30-1:00 pm. Come hear Dr. Roger Tutterow, Professor of Economics at Kennesaw State University. Please RSVP at [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org). Our monthly luncheons are held at The Governor's Club; 1005 Cobb Place Blvd. NW in Kennesaw. Catered by Copeland's of New Orleans, Sponsored by PCT Clean

**KBA FEBRUARY AA5**

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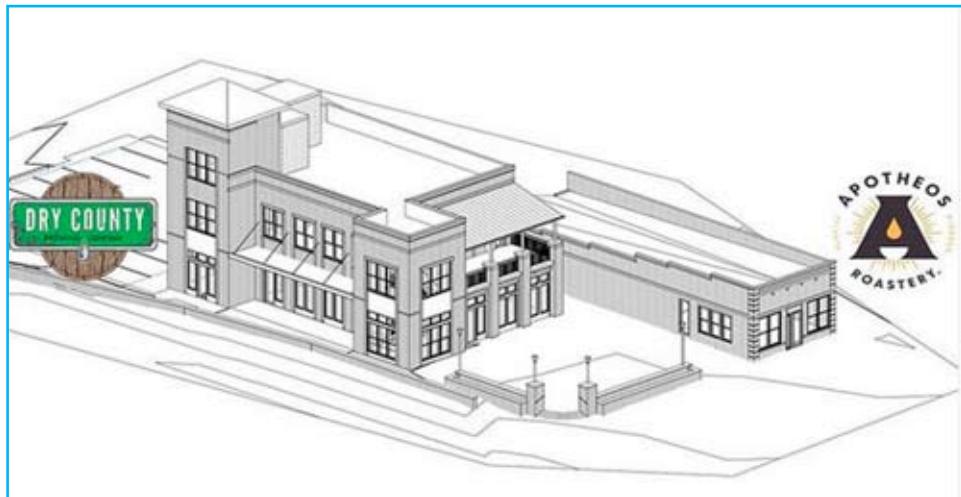
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Pictured above: Sushma Soni and Hardika Soni (Mother-Daughter duo), owners.



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**COBB CHAIRWOMAN LISA CUPID**

Cobb Chairwoman Lisa Cupid was officially sworn in to office in January by Senior Judge of Superior Court Adele Grubbs and Superior Court Judge Robert Flournoy.

Cupid makes double history, as both the first Black and the first woman elected as chair in Cobb County. And for the first time the Board of Commissioners is made up of all women!

Cupid has served on the Cobb Board of Commissioners for eight years and was previously commissioner of District Four. Some accomplishments during her public service include championing Cobb's newly instituted Sunday transit service, improving citizen education and engagement in government and advocating for enhanced public safety measures, including the use of license plate readers, additional body cameras and a public safety nuisance abatement program. Cupid is known as a strong advocate for the fair treatment of all of Cobb's residents and stakeholders regardless of geographic, demographic or economic standing.

Cupid is an attorney and former mediator, policy analyst and manufacturing process engineer. She resides in Austell with her two children and husband who is also an attorney, law partner and former electrical engineer. Both are graduates of Georgia Tech and Georgia State College of Law. The Cupid family attends Buckhead Church.

**SPECIAL PET ADOPTION RATE TIL FEB 14**

To help add your family's newest member, all pet adoptions through Cobb Animal Services are only \$40 through Feb. 14. All kittens, cats, puppies and dogs available for adoption have been spayed/neutered. Appointments are needed, so please visit [cobbcounty.org/pets](http://cobbcounty.org/pets) to schedule a visit.

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Melissa Krudwig is known as the Bear of Real Estate. She is a proud US Army Veteran Business owner. **Their team is the #1 Sales Team and they are very protective of their clients' interests.** Melissa Krudwig and Angie Chavez, Director of Buyer Services, have over 30 years of Real Estate experience and they are here to help you or others buy or sell (now or in the future).

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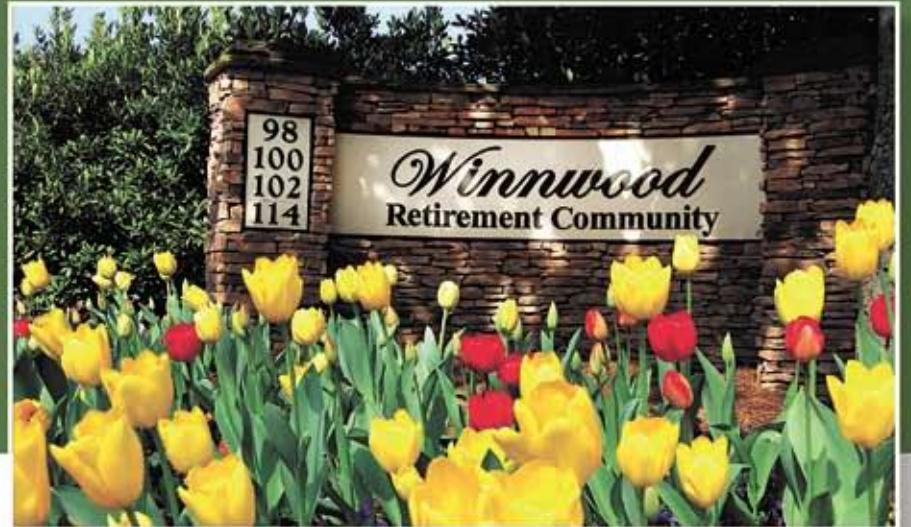
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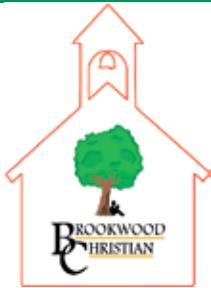


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## FEBRUARY CITY OF KENNESAW PARKS & REC EVENTS AND CLASSES

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### EVENTS

**Touch-A-Truck Activities Postponed** For the health and safety of our staff and community, Kennesaw Parks & Recreation has made the decision to postpone the 2021 Touch-A-Truck. All of the amazing vehicles will be moving on down the road to Kennesaw Parks & Rec's Fall-O-Ween event on Saturday, October 16th.

**Drive Thru Bunny Breakfast** Although we are not able to go through with our Bunny Breakfast in person this year, we wanted to offer our community a fun & safe way to get out of the house and spend time with each other this Easter. Feel safe bringing your children to this Easter event from the comfort of your vehicle at the Ben Robertson Community Center! Drive up with the whole family on Saturday, March 27 from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM and hop out to take a quick photo with the Easter Bunny and grab breakfast to go & an Egg Hunt Home Kit. Breakfast includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, a fresh fruit cup, and juice, water or coffee. Egg Hunt Home Kits include: Easter eggs, candy and prizes, and two Easter crafts. Be sure to bring your camera or cell phone to capture photos with the Easter Bunny. Tickets are only \$5 per person. Advance purchase is required. Tickets are non-refundable after March 20. Registration begins Monday, February 1st and runs until Friday, March 26th at 5:00 PM.

### COMMUNITY CLASSES

**Balanced Running & Walking** is group training presented by Balanced Running. Our 13-week (21 session) program is a jumpstart to kick off the New Year with a New You. Our motivational group training is a series of functional fitness to include speed, strength and agility for all. Balanced Runners meet at Swift-Cantrell Park on Thursday mornings from 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM, Saturday mornings from 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM, and Thursday evenings at the Kennesaw Mountain High School Track from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. The January – April session is available for \$195 for City of Kennesaw Residents and \$215 for Non-Residents.

**BSD Taekwon-Do** This is a traditional Taekwon-Do class that will use proven techniques to build focus, teach self-control, and develop physical fitness. Omar Welch, a third-degree black belt and instructor certified by the United States Taekwon-Do Federation, instructs this class. Class meets twice weekly at the Ben Robertson Community Center on Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The January – April session is available for \$224 for City of Kennesaw Residents and \$244 for Non-Residents. Join anytime!

**Gymnastics** Kennesaw gymnastics offers a small town, family atmosphere where children will be challenged and set up for success. Kennesaw gymnastics offers classes for boys and girls including parkour, gymnastics, camps and parties to every skill level starting from ages 2 through high school. The gymnastics program has an excellent and knowledgeable staff that will love your child and make them feel right at home. All of the competitive team coaches are USA certified coaches. Check out a class with Kennesaw gymnastics! Classes meet at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Sessions are available from now – March.

**Little Dragons Taekwon-Do** This is a great way for young people to learn self-control and develop self-confidence using traditional Taekwon-Do skills. No prior experience needed. Omar Welch, a third-degree black belt and instructor certified by the United States Taekwon-Do Federation, instructs this class. Class meets at the Ben Robertson Community Center on Thursday evenings from 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM. The January - April session is available for City of Kennesaw Residents for \$105 and \$125 for Non-Residents.

**Painting & Drawing w/Jessica Geist** This class is limited to intermediate and advanced oil painters. Students can expect to learn/improve upon techniques for creating depth and realism as well as color theory and color mixing. Individual guidance will be provided as you work from a source of your own choosing in a large well-ventilated Art lab with color-corrected lighting and friendly supportive fellow classmates! Class meets at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Several January – March and March – April sessions are available for City of Kennesaw Residents for \$120 and \$140 for Non-Residents.

**Photography Basics.** Learn the basic skills and techniques of photography. This class is for beginner level photographers who want to improve their skills and understand the functions of using their cameras. In this class, you will learn about equipment, exposure settings, composition, and how to save and process your images. Whether you use a point-and-shoot camera, DSLR, or a mirrorless camera, this course will guide your way to creating beautiful images. Class meets at the Ben Robertson Community Center on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The January – February sessions is available for City of Kennesaw Residents for \$55 and \$70 for Non-Residents. Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog> to hold your spot!

**Pottery** We have sessions for beginning, intermediate, and advanced level students.

Clay is a versatile material that can be used to produce ornate objects or functional pieces. Learn the coil, pinch, and slab methods of hand building, and when you have the basics down, move on to wheel techniques. Classes are offered weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These classes meet at Ceramic Studio behind the Ben Robertson Community Center. Classes are available starting at \$90 for City of Kennesaw Residents and \$110 for Non-Residents.

**Swift Kids Running Program** This program is a fun, flexible running program designed to get kids in the community active! The mission of Swift Kids is to promote a healthy, active lifestyle to the Kennesaw youth through a running based program. Swift Kids meet at Swift-Cantrell Park on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The March – June session is available.

**Tai Chi** With the blend of low-impact physical movement and calm mind, Qigong and Tai Chi can be a great way to improve your well-being. They focus on controlled motion and breathing, which puts your mind and body into a relaxed state. It is mostly slow motion exercise practiced for health maintenance, healing and increasing vitality. Benefits include reduction in stress, improved concentration, increased circulation and inner strength. Class meets at the Ben Robertson Community Center on Wednesday mornings from 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM. The January – April sessions are available for \$85 for City of Kennesaw Residents and \$105 for Non-Residents.

**Tennis** Our tennis program includes classes for kids 3+ and adults of all abilities. No matter what your skill or fitness level, we have a class that will teach you new tennis skills, positioning, rules, and scoring. Participants will develop confidence in their ability as they succeed on the court. Classes meet at the Tennis Courts of Adams Park. Sessions are available from January - April.

## ACWORTH/MARIETTA NEWS



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 15996

On Saturday, January 23rd the Knights of Columbus Council 15996 from St. Clare Catholic Church, Acworth braved the cold to clean up their stretch of Cedarcrest Road between Cobb Parkway and the Paulding County line. This is a quarterly activity to help preserve the appearance of one of our County's major thoroughfares. The Knights are never amazed by the things picked up along the roadside and in the median.



### WILLIAM ROOT HOUSE & COBB LANDMARKS LAUNCHES "ROOT HOUSE TV"

MARIETTA - As part of a new educational initiative at the William Root House Museum & Garden, Cobb Landmarks is partnering with historians, local businesses owners, and "celebrities" for a series of entertaining and educational videos about everyday life during the 1860s. The videos, which are viewable both online and on touchscreen displays located throughout the Root House campus, show modern-day people trying their hand at 19th century tasks.

The first video in the series was filmed in the cookhouse at the Root House Museum. For the video, Cobb Landmarks reached out to Pie Bar to see if they would be interested in baking a pie using the 1850s cast iron cookstove at the museum. Lauren Bolden, who owns Pie Bar along with her husband, agreed to take part in the project. During filming, Lauren discussed the ingredients and the original 1845 apple pie recipe she was using, all while adding humor throughout the process. Finally, the pie went into the oven. The result? A pie that "does not reflect the quality of pies we serve at Pie Bar," as Lauren laughingly put it.

Another video challenged Brielle Gaines, CEO & Co-Founder of Tiny Bubbles Tea Bar, and Mariah Rutledge, Manager, to correctly set a formal afternoon tea using instructions culled from Mrs. Crowen's American Lady's Cookery Book, published in the 1860s. Another video features local entertainers taste-testing popular 19th century dishes including foods like dandelion greens, beef tongue stew, and vinegar pie - all prepared by local food historian Clarissa Clifton and her associates.

"It's my hope that these and future videos will provide a bit of levity and entertainment to educators and students," said Trevor Beemon, Executive Director of Cobb Landmarks and the William Root House. To view the videos and to make a contribution to help fund future videos, visit [RootHouseMuseum.com/TV](http://RootHouseMuseum.com/TV).

### TWO NEW EXHIBITS AT MCMA

Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is excited to announce the opening of two new exhibitions on January 9, 2021. MCMA will be open from 11 am until 4 pm.

**Melissa Hunang: Another Day Another Girl** explores themes like personalities versus personas and technology and social media's effects (both positive and negative) on the search for and establishment of identity.

**Permanent Collection: Ten** will display and discuss the majority of the Museum's acquisitions that have occurred since the year 2010. This exhibition seeks to study and present the patterns and evolution of the Museum's collection over the past decade.

Make plans to stop by MCMA to view these two exhibitions which will be on view January 9 through March 21, 2021. Please visit [mariettacobbartmuseum.org](http://mariettacobbartmuseum.org) for operating hours and admission prices.

### MARIETTA SHREDDING EVENT

On Saturday, March 13, 2021, the City of Marietta and Keep Marietta Beautiful will hold a shredding event from 9am-12pm at Elizabeth Porter Park located at 370 Montgomery Street NE, Marietta, GA. While the event is free, donations are greatly appreciated.

If you have confidential or sensitive documents that need to be safely discarded, Keep Marietta Beautiful will allow you to watch your documents as they are shredded on site. Paper items only will be accepted.

About Keep Marietta Beautiful

Keep Marietta Beautiful is a volunteer organization that works in the areas of litter prevention, beautification, community improvement and waste reduction. The mission of Keep Marietta Beautiful and Marietta's Clean City Commission is to generate an environmental pride and a sense of ownership within the Marietta community.

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