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ACWORTH'S VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The City of Acworth is honored express appreciation and gratitude to those who have faithfully served their country and those currently serving. It is a privilege to have these brave men and women living in our community and to honor them with a Veterans Day Ceremony. Join us and keynote speaker Mayor Tommy Allegood on Thursday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Patriots Point at Cauble Park, home of the Veterans Memorial to honor our nation's veterans.

The Veterans Memorial at Patriot's Point at Cauble Park features the service flags of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard all surrounding the American Flag. The concrete dome structure is surrounded by a paver walkway with engraved paver stones. You may honor a veteran by purchasing a 4x4 or 8x8 paver on the Acworth Parks and Recreation website.

For more information please visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org or call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Office at 770-917-1234

LEARN, CLIMB & EXPLORE: TRUCK-A-PALOOZA

Cobb County, Georgia - Cobb County Safety Village will host the return of Truck-a-Palooza 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, November 13. The event will be located in the back lot at Town Center Mall, Kennesaw. The mall is located at 400 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

The event features more than 60 public safety vehicles, including police cars, fire engines, military vehicles, and a Georgia State Patrol helicopter. This is a family-friendly, fun and educational experience for all ages. Cost is \$5 per person, no more than \$20 per family (up to six family members), children under age 2 are free. All proceeds will benefit the Cobb County Safety Village. Al Martin, chair of the Safety Village Foundation Board, says, "Truck-a-Palooza is a fun, outdoor event for children and also a critical fundraiser to support the work we do all year long at the Safety Village."

MARIETTA'S VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Please join the City of Marietta and the Kiwanis Club of Marietta in honoring all veterans on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the 17th Annual Veterans Day Parade on the Marietta Square.

We hope to have a large turnout to honor all veterans and commemorate those who have paid the ultimate price in serving our great nation on Monday, November 11th at 11am on the Marietta Square.

The parade will begin at the Roswell Street Baptist Church at 10:45am and march up Roswell Street towards the Marietta Square and back down Lawrence Street with the intention of being on the Square by 11:11am. The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Noon at the Marietta Square.



CITY OF KENNESAW HOSTS VETERANS

The City of Kennesaw will honor the service of military members past and present with a complimentary lunch on Thursday, November 11 at Noon at the Ben Robertson Community Center, located at 2753 Watts Drive.

All veterans and active-duty military are invited to attend. No identification will be required. A small program will include acknowledgments from Mayor Derek Easterling, a special guest speaker, a presentation of colors by the North Cobb-Harrison NJROTC Unit and a special ceremony by the North Cobb American Legion Post 304. Guests are welcome.

This year's Veterans Day Luncheon is presented by the North Cobb Rotary Club, in association with Winkenhof Pine Ridge Funeral Home.

Lunch, provided by Copelands, will include Cajun fried turkey breast, gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans with ham, macaroni and cheese, mashed sweet potatoes and pumpkin bread pudding for dessert.

No registration is required for attendance to the event at the Community Center.

For more information, visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.



COBB PUBLIC SAFETY HEROES HONORED

The Cobb Chamber honored Cobb County's finest Monday, October 4, during its annual Public Safety Appreciation Breakfast.

MEDAL OF VALOR

The Medal of Valor is the highest award recognizing an individual for an act of bravery in a life-threatening situation. The award is only presented when a deserving candidate is found. This year Officers David Cavender, John Pearson, Bryan Moore, Cobb County Police Department were honored with the Medal of Valor (Pictured above). Officers Cavender, Pearson and Moore are veteran members of the Cobb Police SWAT Team and K9 Unit.

On June 25, 2020, Cobb County Police officers responded to the area of Powers Ferry Road and Delk Road regarding a carjacking that had just occurred in a grocery parking lot. The victim reported that a male had brandished a knife and stole his Tesla vehicle. The suspect had arrived at the shopping center in a truck that he had earlier carjacked before fleeing in the Tesla. Cobb Police officers were able to locate the suspect and pursued him for several miles until the suspect abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. He fired several rounds from a rifle at the pursuing officers, who took cover and lost sight of the suspect. Cobb Police SWAT Team officers David Cavender and John Pearson responded to nearby townhomes where residents had called 911 after observing the suspect entering their complex.

As they searched for the suspect in the residential area that had dozens of potential danger areas and hiding spots, the three officers utilized their tactical training to analyze the situation and make an effective plan to solve the crisis. Had they not changed their approach route to the suspect's location, the incident could have had fatal consequences for Officers Cavender, Pearson and Moore, as well as many other officers and dozens of civilians.

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VIETNAM WAR VETERAN TO SPEAK

Former U. S. Army Capt. Edward H. "Rusty" Hightower of Kennesaw will be the special guest speaker at the Save Acworth History Foundation Lecture Series on Tuesday November 9th at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public and will take place in council chambers at Acworth City Hall, 4415 Center Street in Acworth.

Capt. Hightower is a 1966 graduate of the University of North Georgia where he was commissioned as a 2nd. Lt. in the U. S. Army. During his deployment to Vietnam in 1969, now Capt. Hightower distinguished himself while taking control as commander after his battalion leaders were killed. Despite being wounded, he maneuvered through enemy fire, inspiring his comrades by his courageous leadership, and evacuating the wounded and dead. His actions resulted in the saving of many lives of his fellow soldiers and allies. For his valor in battle, Capt. Hightower was awarded the Silver Star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star and Purple Heart, among other decorations.

In 2020 Capt. Hightower was inducted into the Georgia Military Veteran's Hall of Fame. His framed photo is prominently displayed on the Heroes Wall of the Floyd Building in the State Capitol complex in Atlanta.

Hightower also served in the Georgia State Defense Force, retiring as Chief of Staff in 2020 after 30 years of service. He was promoted to Brigadier General at retirement. In civilian life Hightower was a teacher and coach at Harrison High School in Kennesaw.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN KENNESAW

Kennesaw-Acworth-Optimists is hosting an "all-you-care-to-eat" pancake breakfast with Santa at the Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive, on Saturday, December 4. Attendees are encouraged to bring a camera. Two seating options are available: 8 to 9:15 a.m.; and 10 to 11:15 a.m. The "all you care to eat" breakfast comes complete with pancakes, sausage juice, coffee and table to table visits with the jolly old Elf himself. Tickets are only \$6 per person and may be purchased online at kennesawparksandrec.com or at the door based on availability.



CONGRATULATIONS

Takari Tatum, a 4th grader at Varner Elementary School, was asked to do a community service project by his Target teacher, Ms. Laurie Mendenhall.

He decided to do something to represent mental health. He noticed how stress was affecting his friends and family. He noticed a change in some of his classmates in class because they were stressed with Covid. His grandfather passed a year ago and he watched the stress of his grandmother, father and uncles.

He watched some of his favorite athletes like Simone Biles and Naomi Osaka deal with the stress in their lives and how it affected their sport.

As a result Talari created rubber band bracelets and called them "Snap It" bracelets. When you wear the bracelets you are acknowledging that mental health matters. When you become stressed or anxious you are to "snap it" to remember to breathe deeply and take an minute.

Takari was team leader of Team Tatum a virtual walk October 9th for NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) and as of this date has raised almost \$600.00 for the cause. He has also handed out over 500 bracelets all over the country. His bracelets can be seen in Georgia, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S RESIDENTS OF THE KENNESAW CEMETERY

In honor of
Veterans Day, I
wanted to share the
story of one of the
soldiers who resides
in the Kennesaw City
Cemetery. Charlie
Brown was born
March 22, 1891,
in Kennesaw. His
parents were John
Henry and Etta Brown, who are buried in
the cemetery as well. According to Charlie's
gravestone, he spent seven years in the military
including twenty-seven months in Europe
during World War I.



According to the April 24, 1919 Cobb
County Times, Brown was one of the first
25,000 men to be sent to Europe. He was a
Master Supply Sergeant in the 18th Regiment
of the First Infantry Division.

Brown's division saw some of the heaviest
fighting in France, and after the war his division
was a part of the occupying force in Germany.
Brown returned to the United States around
September of 1919 and according to a later
edition of the Marietta Journal he was the most
decorated soldier from Cobb County.

Brown continued to serve in the Army
and was stationed at Fort Zachary Taylor
outside Louisville, Kentucky. He married
Monta Boyles in Indiana on April 20, 1920.
Unfortunately, a few months later Charlie
Brown contracted tuberculosis. He spent some
time in late 1920 in a North Carolina hospital
but passed away on January 4, 1921. His
gravestone is inscribed with a list of the many
battles he participated in during the war.

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
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DANIEL WOOD IS PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Detective Daniel Wood for being awarded the Public Safety Employee of the Year award at the Cobb Chamber's Public Safety Appreciation Breakfast held on Monday, October 4, 2021. On February 11, 2021, Detective Wood observed a 17-car pileup on I-75N. Wood was traveling south and immediately stopped. He exited his vehicle and jumped over the concrete barriers that separated the interstate lanes. Of the 17 vehicles, 7 were tractor trailers, one of which had crashed into a car hauler entrapping the driver. Simultaneously, a fire had started in two other vehicles which quickly spread to the tractor trailer. Other motorists assisted by providing extinguishers which he utilized in fighting the fires. Detective Wood continued helping motorists get clear from their vehicles and evacuate the area. Wood recognized a nearby wrecked truck with two 50-gallon drums of oil on-board. Recognizing the potential of ignition/explosion, he had another truck push the danger away. He was able to keep dispatchers aware of conditions providing information for arriving responders. Detective Wood is a true embodiment of bravery, compassion and leadership!

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Kennesaw's Cemetery Preservation Commission is accepting applications for a seat on its 2021 Board. The purpose of the Cemetery Preservation Commission is to preserve and restore the City Cemetery, a valuable historical resource located in the heart of Historic Downtown Kennesaw.

Qualifications include: being a resident within city limits, an interest in local culture and history and a commitment to perpetual preservation and maintenance of the cemetery's grounds.

The Cemetery Preservation Commission meets every second Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM in the City Hall Training Room. There are seven members on the board serving staggered four-year terms. Board members are appointed by Mayor and Council.

For more information, please contact James Friedrich, Deputy City Clerk, or visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/boards-and-commissions.

VENDORS AND PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Event organizers are seeking vendors, as well as accepting entries for the DAY WITH SANTA parade at www.kennesaw-ga.gov/adaywithsanta. Parade entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded in several categories. Parade participation is free.

KENNESAW'S HOLIDAY MARKET CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority and City of Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission are excited to announce a Call for Artists to participate as vendors in the inaugural Kennesaw Holiday Market. The market will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Merchandise should be handmade/crafted, locally produced and suitable for holiday gifts. No commercially produced items or direct sales items will be accepted. Examples of item categories include original artwork, crocheted/knitted goods, candles, glassware/ceramics, jewelry, woodcrafts, bath goods, food items (with appropriate cottage licensing) and children's gifts.

A limited number of scholarship booths are available at no charge to non-profits, student organizations, first-generation refugee/immigrant groups from developing countries or similar groups. Scholarship applicants should complete the scholarship section of the application and provide a copy of the 501(c)3 or other relevant documentation of the group's organizational status.

To see the full show and application guidelines or to apply, please visit <https://forms.gle/kj86YLKWfV1zMj3A>. The deadline to apply is Monday, November 8, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

WREATH MAKING

Join Kennesaw Parks & Recreation for our November Art in the Park Event – Wreath Making! We will supply kits with all the materials for you and your friends to create your own holiday wreaths during this 21 & up event! This event takes place on Saturday, November 20, 11:00-12:30 in the Banquet Hall of the Community Center. Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog/index>, click on Special Events, Art in the Park and then Wreath Making. Check out the other crafts for November while you are there.

DECK THE HALLS AT DEPOT PARK

The City of Kennesaw invites area residents, families, neighborhoods, non-profit, civic and faith-based organizations, local businesses, schools, local sports teams, athletic clubs, etc. to decorate a holiday tree to display in Depot Park for the inaugural "Holiday Extravaganza." Help decorate Depot Park for the holiday season! Participation in this event is free.

The application & information packets can be found on the City's website at www.kennesaw-ga.gov/holidayextravaganza.

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The Bright Side welcomes Susan Black, owner of Stretch Zone Acworth and Stretch Zone Kennesaw. See their ad on page 9 and learn how to be more flexible and get relief from stress and tension. Located on Cobb Parkway in Acworth.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Wednesday, December 15 at midnight is the submission deadline for our "It's a New Year" Exhibit. Submissions are open to artists who can hand deliver their works. This exhibit will run from January 8 thru February 26, 2022. Receptions are planned for Saturday, January 8 and February 5, from 4-7PM. Please email acworthartsalliance@gmail.com for your submission form. Images of your submissions should be emailed to: acworthartsalliance@gmail.com.

Coming in November/December - "Small Works Exhibit". We will have a reception on Saturday, November 6 and an Open House on Saturday, December 4, from 4-7pm. These events are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available.

AUDITIONS

Acworth Cultural Arts announces auditions for its next production, "Seven Keys to Baldpate Inn," by Paul Thain. This mystery/melodrama/farce offers roles for 7 men and 5 women.

As a community theatre, auditions are open to anyone with the urge to try something new or to hone their acting chops.

Auditions will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26, 27, 28 at the ACA office at 4367 Center St. Acworth, GA 30101.

Performances will be the final weekend of March 2022, and the first weekend of April.

For more information contact the director, Suzanne Husting, at suzannehusting@acworthculturalarts.org.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP IN ACWORTH

YOU'RE INVITED! SATURDAY, November 13, 2021, 10:00AM TO 4:00PM

The gift shop will be held at the Acworth Community Center's Tanyard Creek Overlook, located at 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, 30101 Light refreshments will be available. This event is free and open to the public.

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join Santa and Helping one Guy on Saturday, December 4 from 7:30 - 10:00 am at the Cowan Historic Mill, 4271 Southside Drive, Acworth. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast, courtesy of Chick-Fil-A and a chat with Santa. It is free to our community. Donations will be appreciated as this is our Christmas fundraiser for The Horizon League for Special Needs Children & Young Adults Acworth Parks and Recreation Dept. Pictures with Santa will be taken and sent to you by email on Monday. Children must be accompanied by parents.

NORTH COBB ROTARY

North Cobb Rotary meets at Copelands New Orleans every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m., feel free to stop by in the coming weeks for great food, great fellowship

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NATURAL WAYS TO DEAL WITH STRESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

BY PATTY WALLENBURG, OWNER
OAK SANCTUARY

The holidays bring up all kinds of stressors for us: too much to do, family issues, gifts to buy, coordinating and pleasing everyone. It is exhausting and many of us would love to just hide until they are over.

Your breath is one of your best tools for calming anxiety and mood. The simple act of slowing your breath and breathing in and out for the same amount of time has a quieting effect on the mind. Deep cleansing breaths will also help calm you down. Most people breathe quickly and use only the upper part of the lungs and that causes even more stress.

Meditation is also a great way to relieve stress and reduce blood pressure. There are so many different ways to meditate so explore a few and see which one you like best. Just sitting still for a few minutes is a great way to start. It causes you to pay attention to where your mind is running off to and calm down so that you can begin fresh. You can also meditate by repeating a phrase that has meaning for you: I am calm. I am relaxed. I've got this. I am at peace. Anything similar will help you to relax and reduce your anxiety. You can certainly find guided meditations online for free and listen to those. I like to do those in the morning before I begin my day.

I love to listen to music when I need to relax. Sound is such a raw way of connecting. A sound session or sound bath has the notes of Tibetan bowls, drumming, gong, and other instruments creating a safe and healing way to relax and recharge. This can be done for just yourself or you can have several people do it together—a nice way to get the entire family or a group of friends to enjoy some peace and relaxation.

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ACWORTH TURKEY CHASE

The 13th Annual Acworth Turkey Chase 5K Run & 2K Walk will be held on Saturday, November 20. Come enjoy an exhilarating 5K run, jog, or walk through Historic Downtown Acworth and along the shores of beautiful Lake Acworth.

The City of Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department presents this annual Thanksgiving tradition to benefit the Tackle Hunger Program! For the past twelve years, Turkey Chase runners have helped stock local food pantries during the holiday season!

Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome. All participants must bring a non-perishable food item on the day of the race to receive a race number and t-shirt.

Registration for the Untimed 5K Run for age 6 and over is \$10 before noon on November 17 or \$20 on the day of the race. Registration for the Little Pilgrim Trot (Kids 5 & under) is \$5 before noon on November 17 or \$10 on the day of the race. Kids 5 & under are free.

The Timed Run for participants 10 years old and up, cost is \$20 before noon on November 17 or \$30 on the day of the race. The 5K Run will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the 2K walk at 9:15 a.m. on Main Street in Downtown Acworth. There will be a "Little Pilgrim" Trot for children ages 5 & under beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street.

For more information, to register and for sponsorship opportunities visit www.acworthturkeychase.com

YMCA TO HOST VETERAN'S EXPO

Join us at the Northwest Family YMCA on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 4pm - 7pm for our first annual Veterans' Expo. The Veterans' Expo supports our veterans, military community, families, and caregivers from all branches of service by providing access to information and products, services, resources, organizations, and support groups. Veterans, military personnel, families and caregivers are ALL welcome and encouraged to attend. Participants can expect free food, free t-shirts for the first 200 in attendance, swag items throughout the evening, and free exhibitor services.

Interested in being an exhibitor, contact Becky Cross at BeckyC@ymcaatlanta.org or call 770-423-9622 for more details."

LEGAL INSURANCE—IS IT WORTH IT?

ERIKA ORCUTT, ORCUTT LAW

It is becoming more common for employers to offer "legal insurance" plans as a benefit for their employees. But just like health and auto insurance plans, not all legal insurance plans are created equally. For either employer-sponsored or private legal plans, consumers need to look at the details of these plans to determine whether they are worth paying for.

Legal insurance plans, often known as pre-paid legal plans, cover one's legal expenses, if the need arises, for a low monthly fee. Most plans offer access to "provider attorneys," who agree to provide certain types of attorney services for flat pre-negotiated rates paid by the company directly to the attorney, or at a discounted hourly rate (generally 25% less than their normal fees) paid by the client to the attorney. Some plans offer extended coverage for spouses and dependents.

Often these plans are useful for smaller legal matters like handling traffic citations, landlord/tenant issues, minor business disputes; or non-contested matters like preparing estate planning documents or contracts. However, exceptions to coverage can leave one still responsible for large legal bills. Matters such as contested divorce, DUI or other criminal charges, bankruptcy, or civil litigation are frequently excluded, as are court costs, fines, and fees for notaries, documents, expert witnesses, or court reporters. There may be caps on coverage by dollar amount or attorney hours expended.

Before signing up for a plan, look at whether it makes sense to pay the plan's monthly fee or save that money in a legal emergency fund. Be sure to read the coverages and exclusions information carefully, check whether there are waiting times or deductibles required, find out how and when the policy can be cancelled, and don't be afraid to ask questions. Ultimately, whether legal insurance plans are worthwhile depends on the fine print as well as one's ability to pay for representation if a legal matter arises.




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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

As Acworth transitions into fall, it reminds us how thankful we are for all the good in our lives. Now that November is upon us, I am taking time to reflect on how thankful I am for our strong city spirit that has led us through the past several seasons. Being a part of our community where so many put so much effort into creating a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and play has me truly appreciative for all of our blessings this Thanksgiving.

Last month, our very own Acworth Police Department held its first ever Acworth Police Ambassador Camp. This experience was geared towards middle school students and provided a great opportunity for our police department to engage with future leaders. I would like to thank Officer Mistretta and the Acworth Police Department for all they do for this great city we call home.

Acworth is proud of its veterans, and I invite you to visit Cauble Park on Thursday, November 11 to honor the bravery of all who have served our country. The City will host our annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Patriots Point at 2:00 p.m. We invite you to come show your gratitude for those who have risked all to protect our freedoms.

We are excited to welcome back the Acworth Beer and Wine Fest on Saturday, November 13. This annual event will take place in a new location at Logan Farm Park. Those over 21 years of age are invited to purchase tickets at www.acworthbeerandwinefest.com. Also, don't forget to sign up for the 13th annual Acworth Turkey Chase that will be held on Saturday, November 20th. We look forward to coming together once again to collect food donations that benefit the Tackle Hunger Program and stock local food pantries this holiday season.

As we move into the holiday season, remember to shop small and support our wonderful businesses. I encourage you to visit our downtown merchants this year while enjoying all the holiday festivities that the city has to offer. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and know that we are thankful for each one of you!

As always, for more information on any of these happenings, you can visit www.acworth.org, God Bless, Tommy.



HORIZON ABILITY GALA

The Special Needs Development Group is excited to announce this year's Horizon Ability Gala will be held on November 12, 6:00 pm at the Tanyard Creek Overlook (Acworth Community Center). Individual tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. Reservations received before November 1st are eligible to win a Yeti cooler compliments of the North Cobb Rotary Club. Raffle drawing for cooler will be held at the gala.

Tickets to the Horizon Ability Gala include, a unique fine dining experience, charity auction and jazz ensemble. Cocktail attire is required. The Gala is for adults, but on-site supervision for children ages 5 and older will be available at the Acworth Community Center and included in the cost of your Gala Ticket. Attendees must register by November 1 to be eligible for onsite childcare.

As in years past, all proceeds from the Horizon Ability Gala benefit the Horizon League. Funds from this event help us to keep league costs down, replace/improve the quality of adaptive equipment, upgrade the quality/quantity of program uniforms, and increase the number of participants and programs offered.

The Horizon Ability Gala not only raises funds to advance its mission (to strive a better quality of life for children and adults with special needs), but it also raises awareness for our cause.

For more information and to buy tickets visit www.horizonabilitygala.org or contact Lauren Ham at 770-917-1234 or laham@acworth.org.

LIGHTS AT THE LANDING

The City of Acworth is excited to partner with Atlanta Beer Festivals for a fantastic new holiday event at Dallas Landing Park. Visitors and locals alike are invited to enjoy a walk through holiday light show through the park from Friday, November 26 – Sunday, January 2. Please visit www.visitacworth.org for more information times and pricing on this exciting new holiday experience in Acworth!



GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE ACWORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN

On Thursday October 21, the City of Acworth hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Acworth Community Garden. The Community Garden will be located next to Durr Field at 4757 School Street. Their mission is to create an operationally and fiscally sustainable garden in Downtown Acworth that will provide opportunities for the community to engage in volunteer activities to support Acworth senior adults who are experiencing food insecurity. Find them on facebook at Acworth Community Garden Visit <http://www.acworthcommunitygarden.org/> for more information. Or email acworthcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Pictured above - far left, Mayor Tommy Allegood along with all the Acworth Aldermen and representatives of the Acworth Tree Commission.



GREAT GIG PRESENTS 15TH ANNUAL SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Great Gig Dance Co. in Kennesaw presents Sights & Sounds of the Season, a musical Christmas variety show on Friday, December 10th at NorthStar Church in Kennesaw at 7:30pm. Sights and Sounds of the Season will feature the talented dancers of Great Gig Dance Ensemble, and promises to get you and your family in the Christmas mood!

Tickets are \$15 in advance, and may be purchased by calling Great Gig Dance Co. at 770-218-2112, or visit their website at www.greatgigdance.com, or you can find them on Facebook.

NorthStar Church is located at 3413 Blue Springs Road in Kennesaw. This is a family Christmas event you won't want to miss!

Great Gig Dance Co. offers dance classes for everyone, ages 3 to 103! Classes are available in Hip-Hop, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary Dance and Tumbling. The studio is located in Kennesaw at 4200 Wade Green Road--in the Wade Green Crossing center, near Big Lots and LA Fitness. For more information, please visit www.greatgigdance.com.

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

North Cobb High School is beginning to plan for their 18th annual Shop with a Warrior (SWAW). The Bright Side is happy to share the following information. The event is Saturday, December 11th and they are looking for donations of snacks for 105 little shoppers, new warm blankets for 105 little shoppers, wrapping supplies such as tape, bows, and gift bags (no wrapping paper needed) and water for all our participants (roughly 550 people). Alternatively we would gladly accept cash donations to be used to purchase the snacks, blankets, wrapping supplies, and water.

North Cobb will feature the sponsors for the month of December on their marquee out front. All we'll need from them is the artwork. Your level of sponsorship will determine the frequency your name appears. For further information contact Kennedy Reese at Kennedy.Reese@cobbk12.org,

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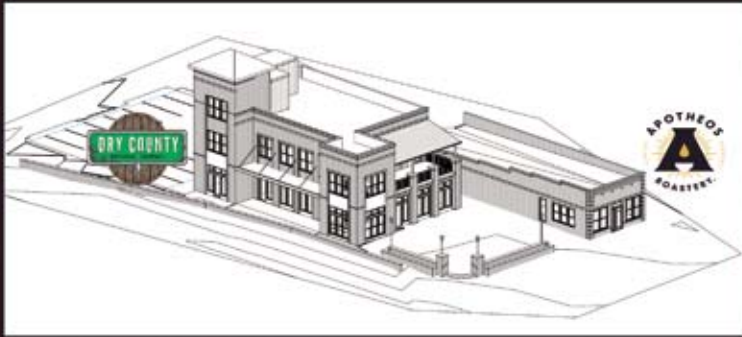




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The parade route will start at Adams Park; left on Watts Dr., left on Main St. (headed north); and to Park Dr. and a left on Park Dr. (back into Adams Park). Road closures are as followed: Park Dr., Dallas St., Whitfield Pl., Moon Station Rd., J.O. Stephenson Ave., and Watts Dr.

Event organizers are seeking vendors, as well as accepting entries for the parade at <http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/adaywithsanta>. Parade entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded in several categories. Parade participation is free.

For more information, visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/adaywithsanta or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-9714.

KENNESAW'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join Mayor Easterling and other city officials at Depot Park in downtown Kennesaw on Saturday, December 4 at 6:00 pm, for the time-honored tradition of counting down to illuminate the official Christmas tree. The program begins at 6 pm and will include festive choral music and sing-along, light refreshments, and plenty of holiday cheer.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

First Baptist Church Marietta has been presenting their Carols By Candlelight concerts for twenty-two years. The concerts are on Sunday, December 5th at 3:00pm and 7:00pm and Monday, December 6th at 7:00pm. All the concerts are free along with childcare for birth to Pre-K children. Since the audience could not attend the concerts during the pandemic last year, the musicians recorded the concert and made it available online. That video is still available on their website at www.mariettafbc.org/carols-by-candlelight. This year the plan and expectation are to return to a live audience.

Around sixty singers make up the Worship Choir this year and the First Orchestra is comprised of about thirty-five musicians. There is a singalong with a brief devotional from the pastor, Dr. Bill Ross and the concert lasts a little over an hour. Dr. Paul Hill, the Director/Music Minister who introduced Carols By Candlelight twenty-two years ago when he came to the church, has made it a priority to carefully select beautiful arrangements centered around carols, all focusing on the birth of Jesus.

Recently, their sixty-year-old, forty-six rank Reuter pipe organ received a much-needed upgrade. As a part of reintroducing this beautiful instrument to our church and community, there will be a mini-organ recital of Christmas favorites beginning about forty-five minutes before each concert by members of the church's team of organists.

For more information, visit their website (www.mariettafbc.org), or call the church offices at 770.424.8326, or send an email to cbc@mariettafbc.org. Kick off your Christmas season with this Marietta tradition!

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HOG'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join Santa and Helping one Guy on Saturday, December 4 from 7:30 - 10:00 am at the Cowan Historic Mill, 4271 Southside Drive, Acworth. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast, courtesy of Chick-Fil-A and a chat with Santa. It is free to our community. Donations will be appreciated as this is our Christmas fundraiser for The Horizon League for Special Needs Children & Young Adults Acworth Parks and Recreation Dept. Pictures with Santa will be taken and sent to you by email on Monday. Children must be accompanied by parents.

MARIETTA POPS ORCHESTRA

Marietta Pops Orchestra is back in business after having to pause during our recent pandemic and is ready to present their popular holiday concert on Saturday, December 11th. This year's concert is held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church Marietta. The sanctuary seats eight hundred, allowing listeners to spread out as they feel necessary. There are two concerts on that date to choose from, one at 5:00 and the other one at 7:30. The concerts last a little over an hour and include an intermission. Along with singalongs of popular holiday songs and carols, there are traditional holiday pieces including Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells Forever, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting), I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, and many more including a surprise bonus piece.

The Orchestra's Founding Conductor and Music Director, Dr. Paul Hill, has been serving as the Director/Music Minister at First Baptist Church Marietta for over twenty-two years. His purpose in starting this orchestra eleven years ago was to re-engage musicians who otherwise would have no place to continue performing their instrument. Ranging from forty-five to sixty players, this orchestra has delighted audiences at every concert. The concert tickets are only \$20 and children under ten years old are free. Performing about twenty songs results in just a dollar a song! You can purchase tickets online at www.mariettapops.org or purchase tickets at the door. For more information, visit their website or contact them at mariettapopsorchestra@gmail.com.

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“Stephanas and his family... were the first to become Christians in Greece and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere.” 1 Cor. 16:15 (LB)

What a great goal for our families. To be a launching pad to serve others for the Kingdom of God.

Notice - It says they were the first. I realize that some of you might not have grown up in a great home situation. You might not have had ideal parents as role models. But that doesn't mean that your home has to follow suit. Your home can break the chain that effects future generations of your family tree.

Psalms 128:3 reads “His children are like olive shoots around his table.”

Talk about Olive tree.

The Longacre family business is all about serving in the community. My father taught me so many nuggets about serving in the community that I want to pass on to my boys.

One Nugget was: If you ever call a work detail then you take the dirtiest job. When dad would have the firemen clean the firehouse he would always clean the bathrooms.

One day after the firemen had been out doing a project for Fairdale Elementary, he was backing the firetruck back in to the bay at the firehouse. I remember asking him. Dad why do you do all this? His answer has always stuck with me.

He said “Son if all we ever did around this firehouse was wait for a house to catch on fire. We would be standing around a lot. We are here to serve. My father taught me to take the initiative. Talk about mission trip...”

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The home is to be a launching pad for ministry... Vacation is over... its time to head back home and back to our responsibilities.

But as you head back home..ask yourself. Is my home a shelter in storms. When those storms come... Is my home safe?... Is my home a refuge?... Is my home a learning center for life... Am I truly passing on what is really important. Is my home fun? Do I have fun with my family? Or have I turned my home in to a boot camp? If that's the case don't be shocked when your kids leave and they don't come back home. Is your home a launching pad for ministry? What nuggets are you passing down to them. What is your family business that you want to keep going long after you leave this world?

Some of you today need to come back to church home here at Piedmont. The same responsibilities that God has for our homes are the same as he has here for Piedmont.

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Piedmont is a learning center for the life. We teach the word of God here. We are all about Life Development here at Piedmont. The #1 goal for our staff at Piedmont is to help you become all the God created you to be. We have great bible studies and groups here. We have a connections pastor named Daniel Roberts who wants to help you take those next steps. We have a senior pastor named Dr. Ike Reighard who has a fresh word for you each week to encourage you and remind you that God loves you.

Piedmont is a place of fun. We have fun here. We have a children's and youth pastor who are all about fun. All summer long this campus has been alive with activities. Christmas at Piedmont are just around the corner. We are a fun church.

Piedmont is a launching pad for ministry. God has a purpose for our lives. He has given us unique talents and gifts and the church is tailored made for you to shine! Piedmont is a place for you to put those talents on display.... Oh yeah! It's time to come home...

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ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BY KIM WIGINGTON, PRESIDENT



THANKFUL AND BLESSED

Every November, we take a day to thank God for our blessing, even in the middle of turmoil.

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Yes, the past couple of years have been tough. It is easy to get discouraged and focus on our problems more than our blessings. I hope you take this time to look back on your year, find the bright spots, and be thankful.

I am thankful that my family is healthy, my business is strong, and my friends are many. I am thankful that I can see the fruits of my labor, and I have hope for the future. Those are not small things.

Finally, I am thankful for the Acworth business community and the support you have given each other these past two years. Some of us would not have survived without it.

Acworth is truly a blessed community.

ABA NOV AA5

Will be held Thursday, Nov 11, 5:30-7:30 at The Holbrook, catered by The Holbrook. Located at 4491 S Main St, Acworth, GA 30101 RSVP www.acworthbusiness.org.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK

Will be held on November 18th, at 11:30 at Qualusi Vineyards 440 Blossom Trl, Acworth, GA 30101. Please RSVP at acworthbusiness.org.

ABA DEC LUNCHEON

Will be held on Thursday, December 2, at the Acworth Community Center. Come join us to Celebrate 2021, and as we recognize those that have given back to our community. With awards Luncheon begins 11:30 and with be catered by 1885 Grill.

KBA NOV LUNCHEON

Join us on Tuesday, Nov 9 at 11:30 at the Governor's Gun Club, as Northside Hospital presents two speakers. Dr. Kevin Powell speaking on Robotic Surgery and Katie Pearson, Director of Operations. Please RSVP at kennesawbusiness.org.

KBA NOV AA5

Will be held Tuesday, Nov 16, 5:30-7:30 at The Holbrook, catered by The Holbrook. Located at 4491 S Main St, Acworth, GA 30101 RSVP www.acworthbusiness.org.

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GIVING CANCER THE BOOT BY CAROL WALLS

An event like no other took place on Saturday, October 30 inside the Acworth Community Center. Over 200 people were lined up, dancing at the Give Cancer the Boot line dance event.

The event was a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The dancers were out in full force on this Saturday, anxious to raise money to fight cancer. There was a silent auction with over 45 donated items, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, t-shirts and luminarias available to honor loved ones lost to cancer.

Guests included Mayor Tommy Allegood and his wife, Carol, who is a line dancer. The event was coordinated by Kennesaw residents, Carol and Glenn Walls, who along with Lynn Ziner, Senior Community Development Manager at the American Cancer Society, were able to create an atmosphere of fun while raising \$10,000 for a great cause.

All the dancers enjoyed a catered lunch in the Tanyard Creek Overlook. The stars of the show were the skillful dancers who came from as far away as Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida. Lead by talented instructors Leslie Thompson of Dallas, GA, Jeanette Bowen and Gail Dawson of Chattanooga, TN and Michelle Neese all the way from Melbourne, FL. These ladies donated their time and talents, along with DJ Terry McLeroy, from Kathleen, GA.

A good time was enjoyed by everyone with plans to do it again next year. If you enjoy line dancing, this is the event you do not want to miss. For more information, contact Carol Walls at carolwalls@comcast.net.

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LOVE DOES NEWS

MARLONG LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

On Tuesday, October 19, Love Does 365 Conference at Piedmont over \$32k was given out to 14 local front-line ministries that Piedmont partners with to meet the deepest needs in our community. I am so grateful for all my church family members who were in attendance to witness firsthand the impact Piedmont is making in our community. The group is pictured below.



Organizations represented were Camp for Kids with a Trachea - provides three medical staff for each child; Children's Haven - Serving foster kids that are abused and neglected; Cobb Communities Schools - provides resources to help the counselors and the kids; Davis Direction - provides support for recovering addicts; Faith Bridge - Foster care ministries - partners with churches with foster families; KSU - Homeless Students under Care Services.; MUST Ministries; Foster for Love - provides care for Foster children from abusive homes.; Mountain Top Boys Home; GA Military Care - provides for female homeless vets; Horizon Field - City of Acworth Horizon League provides services for special needs children and adults.; Tommy Nobis - provides training for special needs adults; Special Needs Cobb - provides housing for special needs adults. Many of us have never heard about these groups. They are all here in Cobb County, providing services to those in need 24/7, 365 days a year.



I want to thank all the volunteers who helped with the cookout for the NJROTC programs at North Cobb and Harrison High School. This unit has 130 members under the direction of Lieutenant Derek Easterling.



I want to thank the Brown/Miller Class and the Next Level Class for volunteering to work the concession stands on "Senior Night" last Friday at North Cobb High School. The parents of those Senior Players were so grateful. I loved getting their calls.



I want to thank all of you for bringing in your Love Does grocery bags. As of tomorrow, we will have delivered 240 bags of groceries along with funds to purchase 140 turkeys. We are just 43 bags away from fulfilling our commitment to all 5 local elementary schools. Already a record 257 Love Does grocery bags have been returned.

I want to thank all the volunteers who worked yesterday at the Fifth Annual Piedmont Church Fall Festival. A record crowd of close to 3000 were in attendance. What an amazing night of fun and fellowship. Aaron and the children's department staff are simply the best there is.

EDITOR'S NOTE; Piedmont Church is located at 570 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066 For more information visit www.piedmontchurch.tv

MARIETTA/COBB NEWS

COBB CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Members of Cobb Christmas is holding a fund raiser at Burger21, Kennesaw (Kennesaw MarketPlace) on Sunday Nov.14th 11AM to 8:30PM. (The Whole Foods shopping center at the intersection of Hwy 41 & Barrett Pkwy).

A portion of their sales will be donated to Cobb Christmas. Cobb Christmas provided for 365 families in 2020 which included 896 children. Cobb Christmas is an all volunteer 501C3 Charity that has been serving children in Cobb for over 50 years. The families are pre screened for income limits. Learn more at www.cobbchristmas.net

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SANTA ON THE SQUARE

The City of Marietta's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting returns!! Let's kick off this holiday season with Santa's arrival to the square on Thursday, December 2. The fun begins at 4PM with performances by local school and church choirs, then Santa makes his Grand Entrance to help the Mayor and the City of Marietta light the tree! Santa arrives at 6:00 and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin.

SANTA LETTER WRITING STATIONS - 4PM-6PM

Meet some of Santa's elves and watch as your letter gets put straight in to the hands of the Big Man himself! Letter writing stations will be up throughout the park for individuals who want to send their wishes to Santa. Stations will close and letters will be delivered when Santa arrives at the Square (6PM)

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Beginning December 2, 2021 in Glover Park Come see the amazing trees decorated by local schools and organizations to celebrate the Holiday Season! Stroll through the magical forest of trees and be inspired by the creativity of our very own Marietta City School students. These beautiful themed trees will come to life for the arrival of Santa on the Square. Prizes will be awarded in four categories. Visit our Winter Wonderland with friends and family and enjoy what will certainly be one of the most photographed spots of the holiday season!

CHAMBER NEWS

At our final Northwest Cobb Area Council for the year, Mayor Tommy Allegood (City of Acworth) and Mayor Derek Easterling (City of Kennesaw) will sit down with Mike Linch, Senior Pastor of NorthStar Church, for a discussion on the up-and-comings of their cities

Earlier this year, we heard from experts about the parks in the area that families could enjoy and the booming brewery business in Acworth and Kennesaw. The northwest region of Cobb County continues to see incredible growth and development. From the downtown areas and new festivals to community and recreation centers, residents have a wide variety of new things to enjoy in their neighborhoods. Join us as the two men leading the way forward share updates about the Northwest area of Cobb County.

Additionally, we will present the Citizen of the Year Awards for Acworth, Kennesaw, and West Cobb.

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MARTINIS AND MUSIC - NOVEMBER 12TH

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MARIETTA NEWS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLANT TREES AROUND MARIETTA

Give back to your community and get some good exercise by coming out and joining us for our December Scavenger Hunt - Tree Planting. We will be planting trees around Marietta and will meet at City of Marietta Maintenance Building (near Lewis Park) in Marietta. The address is: 434 Sessions Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060. The date is Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 9:00am.

Please join us as we plant trees to reforest our community. Grab a friend or a family member and donate your Saturday morning to help Marietta Tree Keepers put more trees in the ground. Dress for the weather. Tools and gloves included. Donuts, hot chocolate and hot coffee provided. In case of bad weather please call 770-424-4664 for weather updates and rain date. Large groups please contact us with your number of volunteers that will be in attendance.

The City of Marietta Maintenance Building (near Lewis Park) and the link to Lewis Park is <http://www.mariettaga.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lewis-Park-22>

Members of the Marietta Tree Keepers have been promoting the value of trees to the community since it was founded in 2002. MTK has over 100 members and has planted over 5,500 trees around the city. The 501(C)3 non-profit organization works closely with the City of Marietta to plant trees along public right-of-ways, parks and schools. Those wishing to become a member or make a donation can learn more by visiting MTK's website at www.mariettaga.gov/committees/treekeepers. For more information, please call 770.424.4664.

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ACWORTH NEWS

ACWORTH TURKEY SHOOT 2021

The 2021 Acworth Turkey Shoot will take place Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This 3-Point Contest will give local citizens the opportunity to make as many three-point field goals from five positions behind the three-point arc in one minute. Each position will have five balls on a ball rack, four balls worth one point and one ball worth three points. Top winners will advance to the next round. The winner will receive a turkey just in time for Thanksgiving! There is a \$10 fee to participate, and we are also accepting canned good donations for a local food pantry! Bring your canned goods with you on the day of the tournament! For more information and to register, please visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ACWORTH ADULT WINTER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is pleased to announce that it will hold its 2nd annual Christmas Themed Pickleball Tournament! Players will be able to play against others of similar skill level and play is guaranteed! The tournament will be held on Friday, December 17 with the following times for groups:

- Women's Doubles: 8 AM- 9:45 AM
- Mixed Doubles: 10:15 AM- 12:00 PM
- Men's Doubles: 12:30 PM- 2:15 PM

The fee for the tournament is \$25 for both City residents and non-residents. Each participant will receive a custom Acworth take home. Winners will receive a t-shirt and department credit for a future pickleball program!

ACWORTH ACTIVE ADULT EVENTS

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us every third Wednesday of the month for the City of Acworth's Senior Luncheon. Come join us for lunch and Bingo. This program is free to all seniors but you must RSVP to attend. Reservations will be accepted the week prior to the event. The event is the 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Location: Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth, Ga 30101)

RSVP: (770) 917-1234 Acworth Community Center (1 week prior to the luncheon) Time: Lunch is served at noon. After lunch we will have rounds of bingo with prizes. Cost: Free but you must RSVP (770) 917-1234

CLASSES FOR SENIORS

ZOOM CHAIR YOGA

Learn stretching and strengthening exercises, breathing techniques and much more during this class. Classes will be offered virtually every Tuesday.

Date: Tuesday, January 25 – Tuesday, March 15 Time: 10:00 am – 10:45 am, Cost: Free Resident Registration: Monday, November 1. Non Resident Registration: Monday, November 8.

LIVE CHAIR YOGA

Learn stretching and strengthening exercises, breathing techniques and much more during this class. Classes will be at the Acworth Community Center every Tuesday. Classes will be held at the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth 30101).

Date: Tuesday, January 25 – Tuesday, March 15 Time: 10:00 am – 10:45 am

Cost: Free-Resident/\$15- Non Resident Resident Registration: Monday, November 1 Non Resident Registration: Monday, November 8. Maximum Number of People: 30

LIVE CARDIO

Elevate your metabolism by moving rhythmically to music. Strengthen and tighten muscles using free weights. Classes will be offered virtually every Thursday.

Date: Thursday, January 27 – Tuesday, March 17 Time: 10:00 am – 10:45 am. Cost: Free-Resident/\$15- Non Resident

Resident Registration: Monday, November 1. Non Resident Registration: Monday, November 8.

STILL COLLECTING FOR CHRISTMAS

Georgia Funeral Care invites our community to join their Christmas toy collecting for Operation Toy Soldier

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Drop off bins are located at Georgia Funeral Care (4671 S Main St., Acworth). Drop off bins for September will be at Georgia Funeral Care and Northcutt Station Salon. Both on Main Street in Acworth.

DAY TRIPS

DECEMBER DAY TRIP:

Elegant Annual Christmas Luncheon Tour at the Tate House

Looking for something fun to do this upcoming holiday season? This unique and highly-styled Christmas events bring together some of the most magical holiday elements. From delicious cuisine to extravagant holiday decor, our Christmas Open House is sure to amaze all who tour the 19th century mansion!

Luncheon Tour offers delectable lunch options with a dessert buffet and bar. Along with history, all tours also allow friends and family to stroll through the house's most extravagant and upscale rooms. Our guests stop to take pictures with the many glamorous Christmas trees and holiday decor located around the venue.

Bus departs from the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth 30101) AT 10:30 AM on Thursday, December 16..

Cost: is \$ 55 Residents and \$ 60 Non Acworth Residents

Resident Registration: Monday, November 1 Non Resident Registration: Monday, November 8

JANUARY DAY TRIP:

Bartow History Museum. Located in historic downtown Cartersville, the Bartow History Museum illustrates the past and present of Georgia's Bartow County. Visitors can view exhibits featuring 200 years of history, from Cherokee habitation in the early 1800s to events shaping the region today. After the tour you will have time on your own to shop and dine in downtown Cartersville. Lunch is not included in your cost of the trip.

Bus departs from the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth 30101) at 10:00 am on Friday, January 28..

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