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RARE OPPORTUNITY TO BOARD THE GENERAL LOCOMOTIVE AT RAILROAD RENDEZVOUS

The popular annual Railroad Rendezvous event will return to the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History on Saturday, July 22.

A variety of activities celebrating the railroad and other industrial enterprises will be taking place throughout the day. Activities include an outdoor model train layout, small tractor display, blacksmithing demonstration, historic printing press demonstrations, a quilting display and an interactive model train display. An interactive exterior tour of the Museum's Southern Railway Caboose will also be available.

Railroad Rendezvous also offers the rare opportunity to step aboard the General locomotive, made famous during the Civil War's Great Locomotive Chase of 1862, and tour the cab of the historic steam locomotive. The "Board the General Experience" is \$5 per person, children 3 years old and younger are free, proceeds will go to the Kennesaw Museum Foundation.

All activities excluding "Board the General Experience" are included with regular Admission; \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, and \$5 for Children.



Now that the grills are cold, the sparklers snuffed out, and the array of fireworks no longer light our skies, we feel it appropriate to share how the history of fireworks came about.

FIREWORKS ON THE 4TH OF JULY – BUT, WHY???

BY MARY LOU CAGLE, MARIETTA

The 4th of July is a huge day of celebration in our country – but why is that day so significant and WHY do we have fireworks?

The United States of America got its beginnings in the 17th and 18th centuries when 13 British colonies were founded along the Atlantic coast of North America. These colonies were established by British colonists who travelled across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe and include New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The colonies, which were ruled by the Monarchy and Parliament in Great Britain, began to recognize that Britain did not want and would not accept freedoms which the colonists desperately wanted. In the early 1770's, America colonists began to fear that Britain was planning on taking all their freedoms away and talk of revolution grew.

Colonial leaders formed the Continental Congress, which met in Philadelphia. The Second Continental Congress decided that a declaration should be made to announce that the 13 American colonies were to be free and independent states. A committee, chaired by Thomas Jefferson, was appointed to write the declarative document which would clarify and formally announce the political separation of the 13 North American colonies from Great Britain and that this separation was necessary and unavoidable.

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to declare our independence from Britain and on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted. That summer the Declaration of Independence would be accepted by all 13 colonies, and, on September 9, 1776, our name officially became The United States of America.

But you ask "why, FIREWORKS?? History shows that John Adams – a founding father and our second president – wrote to his wife on July 3, 1776, and said that the signing of this significant document,

"...ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations [fireworks] from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." (History.com)

And so, the tradition began a year later in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, when ships cannons fired a 13-gun salute to honor the 13 colonies (now the United States of America). This first official event marking the anniversary of The Declaration of Independence continued with all kinds of celebratory events and ended with the ringing of bells and fireworks. That same evening, in Adam's hometown of Boston, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over the Boston Commons. It has been so ever since.

The 4th of July is a special day when the skies across the United States light up. This is the day to say Happy 4th, to wear shirts with the American flag displayed, to eat hot dogs, to attend or watch a baseball game, to take a nap, to sing our national anthem – The Star-Spangled Banner, enjoy the FIREWORKS, and remember how this day began so long ago.

And, as the day ends, thank God for our Freedom, for it has come at a price.



CITY OF ACWORTH, GEORGIA OPENS STATE ROUTE HWY 92

The Georgia Department of Transportation, C.W. Matthews, and the City of Acworth celebrated the opening of all four lanes of the State Route Hwy 92 Improvement Project on June 9, 2023 with a ribbon cutting.

The project included the widening of the road from two lanes to four lanes, a new five-foot sidewalk on the Lake Allatoona side, a new 10' multipurpose trail on the Lake Acworth side, two new bridges, double stacking turn lanes at major intersections, improved signalization, and stormwater improvements. The improvements span the section of Hwy 92 from Cobb Parkway to Allatoona Gateway.

In his comments, Acworth Mayor Tommy Allegood expressed his gratitude to the team at C.W. Matthews for their efforts in making an extremely complicated, nearly four-year project, as streamlined as possible.

The completed project will help relieve congestion along the route, improve safety, and add needed capacity to accommodate the rapidly growing parts of Paulding and Bartow Counties that utilize the route to access I-75.

The C.W. Matthews team will continue to conduct work along the route to put the finishing touches on the project. The State will keep the speed limit at 35 MPH for the safety of the workers while it remains a construction zone. Upon final completion of the project, the State will return the speed limit to its original 40 MPH.

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CONGRATULATIONS NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN EAGLE BASEBALL TEAM



At the Thursday, June 15 regular city council meeting, Mayor Tommy Allegood presented a proclamation to members and coaches of the North Cobb Christian School Eagles Baseball Program in recognition of winning the 2023 GHSA 2A State Championship. The North Cobb Christian School Eagles Baseball program won the 2023 GHSA 2A State Championship, their third overall championship in program history with another two coming in GISA 2002 and 2006. The Eagles went 34-7 on the season and won their first GHSA Region Championship in program history. During the season, they went on an 18-game winning streak and finished with a team batting average of .345 and a team ERA of 1.25.

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ACWORTH BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is now exploring outside
of Acworth! We will meet at the Community
Center, hop in the van and try new spots in
the Metro- Atlanta area. If the location has
shopping in the area, we'll take the time
to enjoy it as well (ex: Marietta Square or
Downtown Woodstock).

Van departs from the Acworth Community
Center at 9:00 a.m. on the days indicated
below. Cost: for van \$5 Residents/ \$7 Non-
Residents

7.28.23: The Marietta Local
8.28.23: Doug's Place

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

The first
Kennesaw City Hall
building was a small
brick structure built
in the 1930s. It was
located roughly where
our current City Hall's
main entrance and
Police Department
are today.



In 1956, plans
were announced for a new City Hall building
to be built at the southeast corner of Cherokee
and Main Streets. The building was completed
in 1957 and contained a council room, office
space, and a garage for the Kennesaw Fire
Department and city garbage truck. In 1963,
the garage was renovated to become the first
Kennesaw Library.

The original portion of the current City
Hall building was opened in 1973, and the old
building was briefly an office. From 1980 to
1988, it was used as the headquarters of the
Kennesaw Police Department. The old city
hall was subsequently torn down, and the site
is today home to a small park and BurgerFi.
The building's original cornerstone can still
be found in a plant bed in the park and now
serves as a small reminder of this building that
was once at the heart of our community.

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the week prior to the event. The event
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the Acworth Community Center (4361
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SMITH GILBERT GARDENS BUTTERFLY EXHIBIT

A Garden With Wings,” the popular pollinator exhibit at Smith-Gilbert Gardens (SGG) featuring a kid-friendly pollinator garden and 1,500 square foot butterfly house, opened for the season on Tuesday, July 1, 2023. Visitors to the pollinator garden will see an inspiring collection of annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs that attract and support native pollinators like bumblebees, hummingbirds and butterflies. The recently expanded butterfly house offers an up-close experience with butterflies, plus the opportunity to see all stages of their life cycle. Visitors will see host plants that serve as food sources for a wide variety of caterpillars. The exhibit is included with Garden admission and runs through the month of July.

“Our Butterfly House offers a wonderful experience for visitors,” says Smith-Gilbert Gardens Guest Experience Manager, Vanita Keswani. “You can get up close to see all stages of the life cycle and learn about the plants that attract specific butterflies. The exhibit is a unique visit every time! Remember to bring your camera to capture these memorable moments.”

Tickets must be purchased and reserved prior to arrival for all visitors and members. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://smith-gilbert-gardens.com>. All guests must have an admission ticket in addition to a Butterfly House ticket to be permitted inside. The exhibit runs through the month of July.

Butterfly Ambassadors will be on-site to answer visitor questions on select days throughout the summer. Staff will also have information available and answer any questions in the gift shop located in the main house.

“A Garden With Wings” is generously supported by Garden Members and the Smith-Gilbert Gardens Foundation. Smith-Gilbert Gardens would like to thank this year’s sponsors, Gentry Law Firm, LLC, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Cobb EMC Foundation and Cobb Travel & Tourism.

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority and the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association are excited to announce the second annual First Friday Concert Series in Downtown Kennesaw.

The Series will run from May through October, with no concert during the month of July. The next concert will be August 4, featuring: Run Katie Run. From 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., the community is invited to stroll through the Historic Downtown area, and enjoy an evening of shopping, dining and live music. The concert will take place at the Pedestrian Underpass/Tunnel Plaza off Main Street. Tables are available for reservation for \$70. Tables will seat six individuals.

To reserve a table, please visit city calendar of events at www.kennesaw-ga.gov/events.

OUTDOOR MOVIE - JULY 22

The next Outdoor Movie Series is hosted by Kennesaw Parks & Recreation is July 22 at Swift-Cantrell Park. Mark your calendar to enjoy Disney Pixar’s Finding Nemo (G) on July 22. Movies are shown on a giant inflatable screen on a large field at the park after sundown. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets, and chairs for their own comfort. There will be activities for the kids and vendors on-site beginning at 6:00 PM.

VIP Tents are available for rental at each movie. Four VIP tents will be available. The VIP Tent rental includes a 10’x10’ tent installed by Parks & Recreation staff, a 6’ table and 6 chairs. Tents will be placed towards the back of the viewing area, as to not block the view of other attendees. Tent rentals are \$50. VIP tent renters can check in early beginning at 5:00 PM, and the tents will remain up until the end of the movie.

VIP Tents can be reserved Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on “Special Events” and then “Outdoor Movie Series” to see a full list of opportunities.

SOLE KIDZ REGISTRATION

This program is a fun, flexible running program designed to get kids in the community active! The mission of Kennesaw Sole KIDZ is to promote a healthy, active lifestyle to the Kennesaw youth through a running based program. Meeting location is the at the picnic pavilions at Swift-Cantrell Park.

Registrations includes all sessions, two 5K registrations in the Kennesaw Grand Prix Series (Harvest Hustle on Sat Sept 9 and Nightmare on Main on Sat Oct 28), plus a t-shirt.

Parent Meeting: Tuesday, August 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Ben Robertson Community Center (2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144). Pace Night is Thursday August 17, at 6:30.


The running program is held from August 15 until October 26 every Tues and Thursday for boys and girls, ages 4-12 at Swift Cantrell Park. Required - Sole KIDZ Shirts and running shoes with socks and bring a water bottle.

Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, click on Youth-Sports and and scroll down to Sole KIDZ running program.

BACK 2 SCHOOL JAM

Kennesaw’s Back 2 School Jam, the first of its kind by the City of Kennesaw’s Parks & Recreation Department, will be held at the Kennesaw Recreation Center on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Admission is free and kids will receive school supplies and book bags on a first come first serve basis. Vendors will be on-site providing giveaways and helpful information for families and children.


In concurrence with the event, Kennesaw Hoops is hosting a Free Throw and 3-Point Contest for a \$2 entry fee per person to participate. Participants can register the day of for the contests, before 11:00 AM for the Free Throw contest and before 12:00 PM for the 3-Point contest. Registration for the Kennesaw Hoops – Youth League will be made available on-site and registrants will receive a 10% discount on their purchase. Learn more at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/back2schooljam/>



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COBB GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday July 25 at 7 PM, the Cobb County Genealogical Society (CCGS) will be holding its next program. The speaker is Brad Quinlan who will speak on Marietta, a Civil War Hospital City. The program will be held downstairs in First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta, 30060. For more information, visit our website, <https://cobbgagensoc.org/>

ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

Our Summer Daze in Acworth Exhibit is underway! There are many "Acworth" themed pieces of art included in this exhibit, as well as summer themed pieces... The exhibit will run through July 29.

All featured artwork is for sale. In addition to our featured exhibit, we have original art, prints, notecards, glass, pottery, jewelry, wood, resin, fabric work... created by our Member Artists also available! As always, we offer a broad variety of art styles and mediums.

All Artwork at the Art House is for sale!

The Art House is located at 4425 Cherokee St., Acworth (on the edge of Logan Farm Park).

OPEN HOUSE

Learning Days, located at 3920 Jiles Way, Kennesaw, 30144, invites our families to attend their open house on Saturday, July 22, from 1-3 pm. In addition to providing year round Private Pre-K, Learning Days also provides Infant, Toddler and Preschool care. Call 678-742-8004 for more information.

ACWORTH FARMER'S MARKET

The goal of the Historic Downtown Acworth Farmers Market is to support the development of the local agricultural economy by providing a place for farmers/producers to sell their goods directly to consumers while assisting businesses that sell food, farm/garden, and kitchen related products. The idea behind the market is to bring back the "small town" community atmosphere while providing an alternative shopping outlet. The Farmers' Market shall encourage a sense of community where business people and residents come together in historic downtown to support the local community & producers in our area.

The Acworth Farmer's Market is held every Friday morning from 8:00 am until 12 pm, now through October 27 at the Logan Farm Park (Main Entrance), 4405 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA 30101. This event is held rain or shine.

KENNESAW FARMERS MARKET

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority is excited to present the Kennesaw Farmers Market as it returns to Downtown Kennesaw. This year's market will take place on Mondays, with hours of operation from 3:30-7:30 p.m., and will be located in the Main Street Underpass Plaza. The market season is now open on Mondays, and runs through Monday, September 25. The market will be closed May 29 (Memorial Day), July 3, and September 4.

The Market features farmers, makers, baked goods, plants, as well as some local favorite food trucks. On a typical Market day in summer, over 15 vendors will be set up offering their best vegetables, fruits, baked goods, and specialty items.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/farmers-market/> and follow us on Facebook @ KennesawFarmersMarket!

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ART IN THE PARK

The 37th-annual Art in the Park in historic Marietta Square promises to be the best year yet with a larger footprint and 200 artists. Festival favorites like the Chalk Spot, Children's Art Alley and live music will return for three days of family-friendly outdoor fun.

Cobb County's only fine art festival, Art in the Park expects more than 50,000 attendees in 2023. A portion of the proceeds from Art in the Park benefits the Marietta Business Association, making the event its largest annual fundraiser.

ARTIST MARKET

This year will be the festival's largest fine art Artist Market to date, welcoming 200 professional artists working in a variety of mediums, such as acrylic, glass, jewelry, oil, pastel, photography, pottery, textiles, watercolor, woodworking and more. Artists are invited by an independent jury of art professionals, and all art is handcrafted. Visitors will have the chance to talk with the artists, watch demonstrations and get to know the work they are purchasing. Artists also offer attendees the opportunity to commission pieces.

DATE & TIME

Saturday, Sept. 2 - Monday, Sept. 4, 2023, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, includes Children's Art Alley Chalk Spot - Saturday, Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LOCATION

Glover Park on the Historic Marietta Square 50 N. Park Square, Marietta, GA 30060 Free Festival Admission.

Festival Map & More Information: <http://www.artparkmarietta.com/>

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This parking map information will benefit everyone and make parking hassle-free. Please visit mariettaga.gov, type downtown parking in the search box as you head to the Square to find the best parking spot for your visit.



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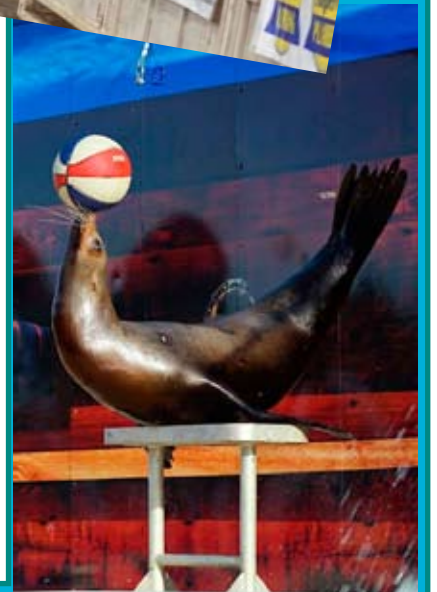
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ADMISSION

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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

It's summertime in Acworth! The lakes are alive with fishing and water sports, the trails are being enjoyed daily, and the kids have one more month before school starts. We hope you and your family are having a wonderful summer season making memories and enjoying all that our city has to offer. Your city team is working hard every day to ensure quality services and beautiful park spaces throughout Acworth to help keep your summer relaxation running smoothly.

This summer feeling ushers in July and brings a month of gratefulness and celebration. It's a wonderful time to look back at what we value in our lives and how our country works through challenges to achieve a quality of life worth fighting for. We celebrate the Fourth of July each year at Cauble Park with fireworks and music remembering the spirit and bravery of all who have been courageous on the frontlines and in our capital buildings to demand freedom and equality for nearly two and a half centuries. It's this spirit that reminds us of what our country does best. . . we work together. We come together with all of our strengths and abilities to create a community worthy of protection. This July, we celebrate a nation built on the rights and freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and we celebrate the community that makes it happen.

Speaking of summer, don't forget to stop by Logan Farm Park on Saturday, July 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Summer Downtown Classic Car Cruise. This event is put on in partnership with the Lake City Cruisers. It's free to attend, and a small fee to park your classic car. Proceeds from the participant fees are donated to the Special Needs Development Group which supports the Horizon League and upkeep of the Horizon Field at the Acworth Sports Complex. We're grateful in Acworth to have this inclusive field that offers a variety of league and programming opportunities for our community's youth and young adults with special needs, and we thank community partners like the Lake City Cruisers for their support to help provide these opportunities to our athletes.

As always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit www.acworth.org, sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" the City of Acworth, Georgia on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @cityofacworthga.

May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy



CONGRATULATIONS TO HONOR MY PET

Mayor Allegood and the Acworth Team welcomed Honor My Pet to the city with a ribbon cutting on Friday, June 16. Honor My Pet is located at 4494 Acworth Industrial Drive (next to the Acworth Police Department) and offers cremation services for pet owners. The city celebrates this family-owned business to help serve our community's families with pets. Honor My Pet Crematory is dedicated to serving the needs of pet owners in our community. Their phone number is 404-863-6409. Honor My Pet Crematory is located at 4494 Acworth Industrial Dr. Suite 104 Acworth, GA 30101. Pick up services are available. They are a family owned and operated pet cremation service serving metro Atlanta for over 10 years.

I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

HOW FUN

Grab your grandkids or come by yourself and join us for an Ice Cream Social to build your own sundae. GRANDCHILDREN ARE FREE! This will be held at the Acworth Community Center. Sundae bar will be provided by Scoops.

Date: Friday, July 14, 2023. Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Adult Resident/\$20 Non-Resident /Grandchildren free!

ACWORTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Registration for Acworth's annual Summer Camp Sports Series begins May 2 for residents and May 9 for non-residents. Each camp focuses on fundamentals and skills of a different sport. Each camp is \$45 for City of Acworth residents and \$55 for non-residents. All participants will receive an official Acworth Sports Camp swag item. Camp schedules, locations, and age groups are below:

SOCCER CAMP

Ages: 5- 12, Dates: July 11 - 13, Time: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Location: Acworth Sports Complex- Football Fields

BASEBALL CAMP

For Ages: 5- 12. Dates: July 18 - 20. Time: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Location: Acworth Sports Complex- Baseball Fields

ACWORTH YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is pleased to announce another season of the Acworth Youth Volleyball League! The season will consist of five games and a single elimination tournament at the end of the season. We will offer three 6-on-6 divisions based on the ages: 9- 10 years old, 11- 12 years olds, and 13- 14 years olds. The deadline to register is Tuesday, July 25. Assessments will take place on Tuesday, July 25 with practices beginning mid-August. Registration and additional information are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

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Welcome to the Mill District! The City of Acworth was thrilled to celebrate a ribbon cutting at the new Maple Drive parking lot,(located behind Georgia Funeral Care) on Thursday, July 6. The new lot features 68 free public parking spaces to improve connectivity to Acworth’s newly branded Mill District in the downtown area. Mayor Allegood and the City Team were joined by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority and Mill District businesses, Red Top Brewhouse and Georgia Funeral Care for the celebration. The City of Acworth is grateful for the businesses who have invested in the Mill District creating an increased footprint of our unique and vibrant downtown area!



9-11 MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE

The 2023 ride is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023, with a rain date of Sept. 16th. Our new location for the start is the Southern Devil Harley Davison, 2281 Hwy 411 NE, CARTERSVILLE, GA 30121.

The 9-11 Memorial Ride is a motorcycle parade that honors all first responders and active military and veterans. The 9/11 memorial Ride is in its third year. In 2021, we raised \$8200 for Tunnel to Towers. In 2022, we increased that amount to over \$12,000 and also donated two \$5000 checks to the families of the Cobb County Deputies who were killed in the line of duty.

In 2022, we had over 300 motorcycles and other vehicles participate in the 48 mile parade through Douglas, Paulding and Cobb Counties. This year, we have the new location and new route and are expecting well over 500 participants as we journey through Bartow and Cobb Counties.

The route will leave SDHD out to the right on 411, then south to US 41 South. We will follow Hwy 41 to Acworth Due West in Acworth, turning left and going over to Old 41 (S. Main St.) and turning left. We will follow Old 41 up through Lakepoint to Red Top Mountain Rd., then on to Interstate 75 northbound to exit 293 and left back to SDHD

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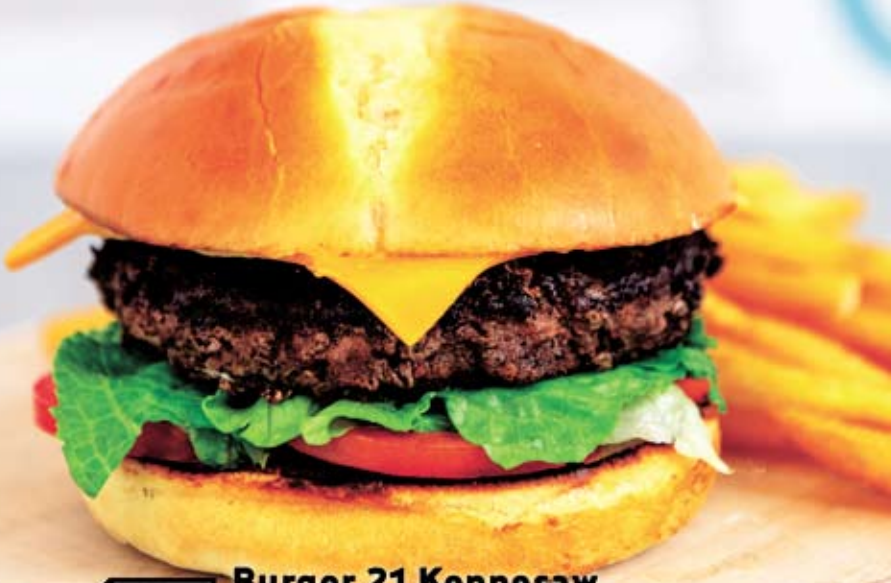
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From its humble beginnings, Pigs & Peaches has grown into one of the region's most beloved festivals attracting an estimated 65,000 attendees annually. Now in its 22nd year, the festival features two days of non-stop music, good eats, cold beer and interactive family fun. Attendees will find over 100 vendors, exhibitor and contestant booths, a Kid Zone full of inflatables, amusements and attractions, tons of tasty treats to satisfy every whim, and an incredible lineup of live entertainment and street performers.

At the heart of the festival is a Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned competition, which is also recognized as an official Georgia BBQ Championship event. Additional cooking events include a Backyard contest for amateurs, Anything Butt and Peach Dessert contests. Over \$16,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to contest winners. Festival organizers are currently accepting competition applications!

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation is currently accepting applications for sponsors and vendors. Parks & Recreation staff are committed to producing a quality event for attendees with a unique assortment of exhibitors and the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival would not be possible without the support of businesses and organizations. For those interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor, please visit www.pigsandpeaches.com for more information!

BREWS & BOOZE RECIPE CONTEST



The City of Kennesaw Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival, presented by Williams Elleby Law Firm, is excited to announce the “Brews & Booze” recipe contest, in partnership with Luzianne® Tea.

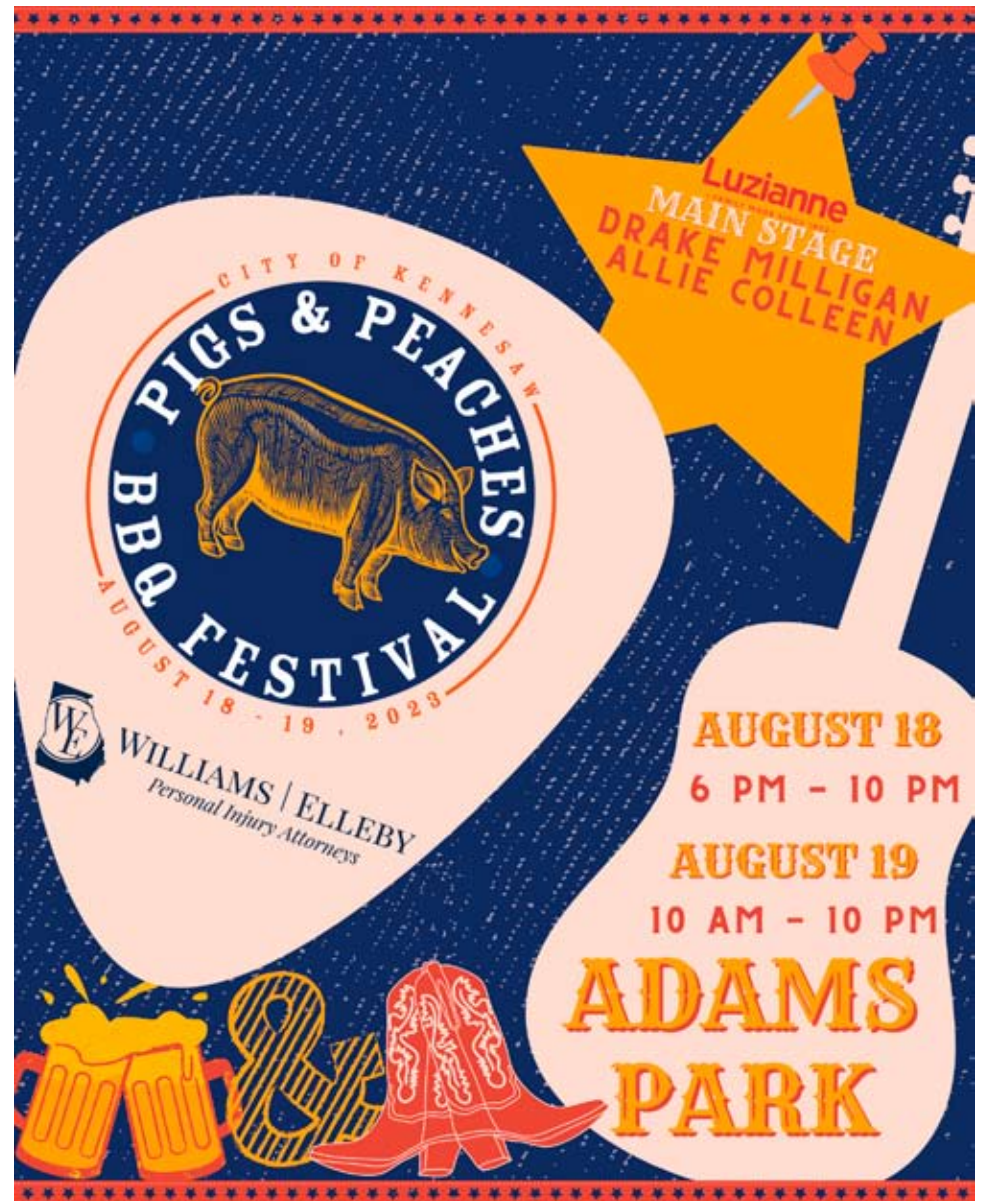
Interested participants are invited to develop a recipe for a mocktail or cocktail using Luzianne Tea and get creative! Submit the recipe with a photo or a video on Instagram or Facebook tagging both Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival and Luzianne Tea and using the hashtag #BrewsandBooze23. All entries

must be submitted by 11:59 PM CT on June 21, 2023.

Luzianne and Pigs & Peaches Festival will narrow down to three semi-finalists based on creativity and flavor. The semi-finalists will then go up against each other live at the City of Kennesaw's Annual Salute to America event where the tasting team will vote on a winner. There will be one final mocktail winner and one final cocktail winner. The winning recipes will be offered exclusively at the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival.

The prize package includes two (2) VIP Experience Tickets to the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival, one year's worth of family size bags Luzianne Iced Tea, custom Luzianne® swag bag, winners will be announced on Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival and Luzianne Tea social media channels, and the winning recipe(s) will be publicly recognized on stage as Official Recipes of the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival.

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THE BIBLE COMPARES THE CHRISTIAN LIFE TO GARDENING OVER AND OVER.

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

I have never considered myself a master gardener. A year ago, I bought some tulip bulbs to plant. For the past month, I have been wondering why the tulip bulbs were not sprouting. I was wondering what was going on. I went out the shed last week to charcoal for the smoker and I noticed that the bulbs were still in the Pike’s Nursery bag that they were placed in a year ago.

One of God’s laws of planting and harvesting or sowing and reaping is “**NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL THE SEED IS PLANTED.**”

I want to thank you for making it happen in our community by the seeds that Piedmont is planting. June’s Love Does is partnership month. Your financial support of Love Does has made it happen this week as Piedmont is planting seeds at the Davis Direction Foundation helping people fight off their addictions and stay in recovery. We are helping make it happen at MUST Ministries by helping them with their Summer Lunch program.

I need you to help Piedmont make it happen in the last week of July as we will be planting seeds in the lives of teachers by providing lunch during pre-planning. Here are the dates that we will be planting.

July 25th at Sprayberry High School beginning at 10:45 a.m.
 July 25th at JJ Daniell Middle School beginning at 11:00 am.
 July 27th at Acworth Elementary beginning at 10:45 a.m.
 July 27th at Bells Ferry Elementary beginning at 11:15 a.m.
 July 28th at Chalker Elementary beginning at 11:15 a.m.
 July 28th at Kell High School beginning at 10:45 a.m.
 July 31st at Blackwell Elementary beginning at 10:45 a.m.

The time to plant may change depending on training times at the school.

July’s Love Does is all about backpacks for kids in need at our local elementary school. The total backpacks needed from our local schools is 530. Sunday in the East Hall on the tables will be a list of the items needed. Many of you have already sent in these items. I love it when my office gets crowded with fresh supplies. Here is a list of the items needed:

PACK BACK SUPPLIES

Spiral Notebooks, Pack of 150 sheets of paper, 2 pack of glue sticks, Scissors (rounded tip) Crayola Colored Pencils, Crayola Crayons, 8 pack of #2 pencils, Composition Notebook and a book bag.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOVE DOES

July is a big month for Love Does projects. Thank you to everyone who has brought fully loaded book bags to church and has taken a sheet with the list of items to bring in. Our goal for the month of July to meet all the needs of our local schools is 530.

Thank you so much for your support of Love Does this month. I have already been to Walmart this morning to pick up supplies for the book bags. We are chipping away at that magic number of 530 loaded book bags for kids in need at our local schools.

Please go to <https://piedmontchurch.tv/serve/epic/> so that you can see all the dates to sign up for the back-to-school luncheons for teachers during pre-planning.

As soon as all the book supplies come in, we will have a date to stuff all the bags and dates to deliver them to the local schools.

Pictured: Office is getting filled up with book bag supplies and sensory equipment! Piedmont spreading some Love Does by providing 530 fully loaded book bags and opening up our 31st and 32nd sensory rooms at local schools.

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NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND ON 35,000-SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION, DOUBLING HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY

Clouds hung low on the morning of June 15, but spirits could not have been higher as a crowd of faculty, parents, students, and alumni gathered under a balloon-adorned tent to celebrate the groundbreaking of the second phase of North Cobb Christian School's upper school facility. With many donors and school supporters in attendance, the ceremony was led by the chairman of the NCCS board of directors, Todd Rainwater; capital campaign chair, Dan Garcia; and NCCS head of school, Todd Clingman.

"Here's the message you need to hear today: We did it!" said Rainwater during the ceremony, receiving cheers from attendees. "Forty years ago, a handful of families gathered around a vision of faith and made great sacrifices, and North Cobb Christian school began. And likewise, today, by faith, we grab hold of what's next. We've made sacrifices, and the dream and the vision move on. Today, I'm thankful to the Lord and I'm thankful for the generosity of this North Cobb Christian School community. Today, phase two is no longer a dream; it is no longer just a hope. Today, it becomes a reality!"

The His Plan/Our Time 2 Capital Campaign for phase two of the upper school building was launched in November 2021. Through the generosity of 375 donors, which includes NCCS board members, faculty and staff, current parents, grandparents, alumni, alumni parents, foundations, and friends of NCCS, the \$12 million campaign goal was reached at the end of May of 2023, enabling the second phase to be constructed debt free.

"This phase will add 35,000 square feet to the existing upper school building, which was built in 2020. The first phase was 40,000-square-feet and includes 24 bright and modern classrooms, a cutting-edge STEM center with SOAR Lab and Makeshop, and administrative and counseling offices," says NCCS Director of Development Tara Dorsey, who is also an alumnae, graduating in 2000 from the school's first graduating class. "By God's grace and with the help of over 350 generous donors, the \$10 million phase one facility was built completely debt free, and now we are once again launching a major campus addition debt free."

The second phase will include a large dining hall and serving area, commercial kitchen, student-run coffee shop, expansive outdoor dining area, student recreational area, four life sciences labs, and an upper school Moving Forward Program center.

"As we go into the celebration of our 40th year, two themes we are celebrating this year are God's faithfulness and our gratitude," said Head of School Todd Clingman during the groundbreaking. "We want to demonstrate to our kids that God has been faithful to this school for 40 years, and we are grateful. We're going to see concrete poured and steel erected and furniture moved in, but we're not going to forget the fact that what goes on in the building is why the building is important. We're about the people. We know life is brief, we know we're not guaranteed tomorrow, and we know that the gospel is really what matters. God has provided for this project, he has provided our every need for over 40 years, and we believe that the best is still yet to come."

Construction is underway and the school anticipates opening the new building in time for the start of the 2024/25 school year.

BRAIN-GUT CONNECTION

BY LINDA OVIATT, CERTIFIED MENTAL WELLNESS COACH

Our brain controls thought & all sorts of other things, but we also have a little brain or 2nd brain. It's massive! It's two thin layers of more than one hundred million nerve cells lining your entire gastrointestinal tract from your esophagus all the way down to where the food comes out. AND... It goes both ways!



When I am thinking about something, I'm nervous or I am stressed out, my digestive system stops & it literally slows to a crawl, & it doesn't do well. It's why we gain weight. Our metabolism slows to a crawl and all sorts of things, kind of stop. So stress can cause a massive problem in our systems.

But it goes both ways. If you are having digestive issues, or gut health issues, meaning your good bacteria or aka your microbiome, it affects your stress levels, your depression levels, your emotional health, your hormonal health, etc.

Scientists are gain more understanding of how the enteric nervous system & central nervous system work together, and they find that there is a higher-than-normal percentage of people with IBS or just functional bowel problems who end up developing depression and anxiety.

"Thirty to forty percent of the entire population has functional bowel problems at some point." (quote from the Hopkins Medicine Medicine website).

So what came first? Your bowel problems or your digestive upset issues or your stress issues? They go both ways.

When your gut health is bad that leads to stress and anxiety, which then leads to slowing down your hormones. Your liver function doesn't work properly. Your metabolism slows down. Strengthening your gut is also strengthening your brain. It's the gut/brain axis. It's Mental Wellness. Visit <https://linktr.ee/lindaoviatt> for more information

GEORGIA FUNERAL CARE STEPS UP

BY BRETT NORTH, ACWORTH ALDERMAN

As Community Liaison to Veteran Affairs for Georgia Funeral Care, I received a phone call this morning. The call broke my heart, yet made my heart swell with pride at the same time.

A 72 year old U. S. Navy Veteran lay in a local morgue, unclaimed. With no family to claim him, she called me asking if we could help. I knew the answer was yes. Nonetheless not wanting to act without consulting, I texted Kevin Marcy, owner and founder of Georgia Funeral Care, a network provider for Veterans Funeral Care and asked is it was OK to proceed. He replied with one word in much less than fifteen seconds, "Absolutely!!!"

This afternoon we claimed the gentleman and brought him into our care. Over the next few days Kevin will work out all the details and the Veteran will be laid to rest with full Military honors at Georgia National Cemetery as soon as we can get a burial appointment. This is an example of who the Marcy family is as well as their commitment to our community and our veterans. I cannot tell you how proud I am to serve my local community as an employee of Georgia Funeral Care.

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Southern Entertainment, the producers of Carolina Country Music Fest, the ever popular Barefoot Country Music Fest, Greenville Country Music Fest and more, is bringing Georgia Country Music Fest (GCMF) to Marietta, Georgia. Southern Entertainment has partnered with TRZ Management and JRM Management Services to bring Country's biggest stars to the beautiful Cobb County.

GCMF will spotlight country music with an emphasis on red dirt country. Artists slated to perform throughout the weekend include Turnpike Troubadours, Cody Jinks, Koe Wetzel, and Jamey Johnson along with 30+ national, regional, and local artists. Georgia Country Music Fest will take place at the Jim R. Miller Park - North Georgia's State Fair Grounds, over Labor Day weekend, September 1-3, 2023.

This star-studded three-day family-friendly event will feature live performances, unique vendors, theme nights, camping, and more! Located just 15 miles northwest of Downtown Atlanta in Marietta, Jim R. Miller Park provides residents and visitors access to an exciting selection of attractions and amenities, making it the perfect spot for Georgia's newest country music fest.

Give your friends a holler and get ready for some fun in the sun 'cause it's about to get rowdy in Georgia! Country's biggest stars are coming to beautiful Marietta, Georgia. This three-day event will host industry's biggest stars with 30+ artists, bringing a unique blend of today's country headliners, regional stars and up-and-comers plus your favorite locals, performing across multiple stages. With the combination of country music, hot Georgia nights, unique vendors, theme nights, camping and more, this three day fest is the ultimate end of summer vacation destination. Meet us there!

Three day tickets, two day tickets or single day tickets are available on line now. Plus if you like to camp, check out the camping facilities. Tickets for entertainment, parking and camping are available at <https://georgiacountrymusicfest.com/>.

"Georgia is rich in history and tradition, offering a deep rooted connection to country music," said Bob Durkin of Southern Entertainment. "We are thrilled to bring the first fest of this caliber to the area. Get ready for a one of a kind experience."

"This partnership brings over 100 years of combined experience to Cobb County," said Mitch Lesi of TRZ. "With such a fluent knowledge in the industry of providing live entertainment to millions of guests throughout the United States, GCMF is sure to be the next best thing coming to the residents and visitors of Georgia."

"JRM management is excited to partner with Southern Entertainment and TRZ Management, two entertainment powerhouses to bring a much-needed new facet of entertainment to Cobb County," said Tod Miller, President JRM Management. "Jim R. Miller Park is the perfect facility to host the next big thing, Georgia Country Music Fest."

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UPGRADES TO AVIATION PARK

Town Center Community hosted a ribbon cutting on June 27th to celebrate the completion of educational and historical upgrades to Aviation Park. Developed in partnership with Kennesaw State University’s Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books, the final installation includes four educational exhibits equipped with QR codes to provide informational panels, photographs, oral histories and interactive elements that engage visitors in the history and science of aviation.

“These upgrades have been a long time coming,” said Jennifer Hogan, director of community for Town Center CID. “From fundraising to exhibit development to overcoming the design challenges of mounting a 1964 Musketeer A23 Beechcraft Airplane on a pole 16 feet above the ground, we have invested a lot of time and effort in this park. Seeing everything completed, I can say that it was worth the wait. Everyone should experience this park.”

The corresponding Aviation Park Teacher Packet, available on the Town Center Community website, includes lessons and activities to support onsite and offsite learning. It outlines the K-5 Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) and Next Generation Science Standards and provides opportunities for pre-trip and follow-up instruction. Additional information is available online at towncentercid.com/aviationparkfieldtrip.



KENNESAW’S HARVEST HUSTLE RUN 5K -
SEPTEMBER 9

NOW IS THE Time to register for the third 5K of the season hosted by the Kennesaw Grand Prix. The HARVEST HUSTLE 5K is the THIRD race of the 2023 Kennesaw Grand Prix Series and will be held on Saturday, September 9. If you are a runner, how about setting your PR on an amazing, fast and flat course inside the city limits of Kennesaw?

The race includes a one mile fun run at 7:30 a.m.; the 5K at 8 a.m.; and a Tot Trot at 8:55 a.m. Awards are presented at the after party on Main Street at 9:15 a.m.

The SUMMER SUNRUN 5K is run on a mostly flat and fast asphalt course, professionally timed and USAT&F Certified, through Downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park. The course is perfect for competitive runners seeking a qualifying time for the Peachtree Road Race.

Fees are: 5K - \$35 (now – June 9) Day of Registration \$45; 1 Mile Fun Run - \$20; Tot Trot - \$5. After-party activities include snacks and water for participants, music and local vendors!

Packet Pick up is available Thursday September 7 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Big Peach Running Co. Kennesaw located at 1625 Ridenour Blvd, Kennesaw, GA 30152. The Kennesaw Grand Prix races are under the direction of the Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department. Visit Kennesawgrandprix.com to register or for more information.

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PRESERVING HOME GROWN HERBS

BY BRETT NORTH, ALDERMAN

Brett North has kindly share the process of preserving your home grown herbs to be used in cooking during the cold months ahead.



This is the first pruning of my basil plants this year. They are nice to have this winter for soups and such. Pruning them makes them grow much faster. Just important to stay on top of the pruning, and the more you prune the faster it grows. Don't allow the plant to bloom, it changes the taste of the basil. The

basil becomes more bitter and less sweet.

I rinse the leaves in a colander and spread them out to dry on paper towels. I cut as much of the stems as I can away just keeping the leaves. I have a small food processor, not much bigger than a bowl. I pack it in there and drizzle it with olive oil, I "pulse" the chop and grind buttons alternately until I reach the consistency you see in ice cube tray. Freeze it overnight and pop



them into a zip lock bag or airtight container. Throw several into a pot of homemade tomato soup, spaghetti sauce or a vinaigrette dressing. Yes, it freezes well and maintains its flavor.

If you grow other leafy herbs, they may be prepared and frozen in the same manner - Oregano, Marjoram, chives, cilantro, parsley, sage, thyme, to name a few.

ABA OUTREACH

The Acworth Business Association has developed a new program called ABA Outreach. The outreach program is designed to help people in the community who may be struggling in some form or fashion. The ABA Outreach was founded by Bob Brooks, a native to the Acworth community. ABA Outreach is focused on giving back to the community - whether it is helping to repair a home, maintain yard work, or provide groceries or school supplies to a family - we are here to help the community where we live, work, and play.

Our goal this year is to complete four projects, in hopes of growing to twelve a year. This endeavor will be solely supported by donations. A link is provided below for donations. A special thank you to ABA Member, Hill Brothers Flooring, for funding our first ABA Outreach project. They generously donated their time and resources to replace the carpet in the home of a family who recently lost their son.

If you have questions, would like to donate goods or services, or nominate a deserving individual or family, please contact Bob Brooks by phone 770-572-4173 or email bob.brooks@ccm.com. To donate visit acworth business.org and click on ABA Outreach in the top menu.

33RD ANNUAL KBA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

We will be at Pine Mountain Middle School for the 33rd annual KBA Back To School Bash. KBA will be providing lunch to over 200 teachers and staff from Pine Mountain Middle School and Hayes Elementary.

There are many ways to sponsor the luncheon:

* For two \$10.00 gift cards for teachers you can put promotional items in the 200 bags that will be given out at the luncheon.

*For \$300.00 you can be a sponsor of the luncheon. You will be given a table to set up before the luncheon as well give a brief speech to the teachers about your business. You will also be able to put promotional items in the 200 bags.

You can bring promotional items for the event to the KBA luncheon on July 11th or bring them to Pine Mt Middle School on July 31st beginning at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions about the bash contact Marlon Longacre at Marlon.Longacre@piedmontchurch.tv or David Bell at David.Bell@cobbk12.org.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS JULY CALENDAR

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

THURS JULY 13 ABA MONTHLY LUNCHEON - 11:30 Join us for our program featuring Hanna D Bauer, speaking about "It's Not About Me" Acworth Community Center. RSVP acworthbusiness.org.

THURS JULY 13- ABA ALIVE AFTER FIVE - hosted by SAPPY AXES, 3335 COBB PARKWAY, Acworth 5:30-7:30. Event is free for ABA members, \$5 for guests. RSVP at acworthbusiness.org

THURS JULY 27 - ABA WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, 11:30 at Henrys 4835 SOUTH MAIN ST Acworth. Join the women of the ABA for lunch, networking AND FUN. Cost is \$20 if you preregister, if you choose not to register in advance you will be charged an addition \$5 at the door. RSVP acworthbusiness.org.

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

TUES JULY 11 KBA MONTHLY LUNCHEON - 11:00 Join us for our program: (Un) Common Sense for Leaders ; Guest Speaker, Tim Fischer, President, Jackson and Coker at The KSU Professional Education Building on Busbee Dr. Kennesaw. Sponsored by Roof US and Ecotech Sytems, catered by Southern Events RSVP at kennesawbusiness.org.

TUES JULY 18 KBA ALIVE AFTER FIVE at Atlanta Custom Tables 2825 Cobb International Blvd. Suite 110 Kennesaw GA 30152 5:30-7:30. Event is free for kBA members, \$5 for guests. Catered by Viva Chicken RSVP at kennesawbusiness.org.

TUES JULY 25 WAKE UP KBA. 7:45-9:00am. Hosted by Gaines Park Senior Living, 1740 Old Hwy 41, Kennesaw, 30152 Join us at 7:45am on the 4th Tuesday of every month for coffee, breakfast, and some early morning networking at various locations around town. Interact with business owners & various team members to start your day off right!

GLOVER PARK SUMMER CONCERTS

The Downtown Marietta Development Authority and the City of Marietta are proud to announce the 2023 Glover Park Concert Series presented by Marietta Dental Associates. As in previous years, these free concerts take place monthly in Glover Park in the Marietta Square.

THE CONCERT LINEUP:

June 30: Guardians of the Jukebox, an 80's tribute; July 28: Chuck Martin & The Line-up, Country & Classic Rock. August 25: Bogey and The Viceroy, Classic South to today's hits, September 29: Grains of Sand, Beach, Soul & Motown

Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park. Tables and chairs are permitted in the street after 6:00 p.m. No personal tables, plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed.

Free street parking, City Hall parking deck, 205 Lawrence St and the Care Here of Marietta parking lot, 268 Lawrence St.

Admission is Free. Table reservations may be made online at www.mariettaga.gov/concerts

LEGACY PARK TENNIS

TEAMS UP WITH UNIVERSAL TENNIS MANAGEMENT

Legacy Park Tennis, a premier Club located in Kennesaw, Georgia, has entered into a partnership with local business Universal Tennis Management (UTM) to manage the beautiful Facility starting in August of 2023. Legacy Park has 10 full-size outdoor courts. In addition to these courts Legacy Park also has 4 permanent pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, and the Legacy Park membership has shown great interest in this fast-paced game! UTM prides itself on growing the great sport of tennis in the metro Atlanta area, and they are excited to bring their expertise to the Legacy Park membership. UTM Partner Stewart Russell will oversee the transition and Kennesaw native Evan Stack will be the Director of Tennis. Stewart Russell is excited about the future at Legacy Park saying, "Legacy Park is a beautiful facility with a great membership base. We hope to build their programs and customer satisfaction to even greater levels than they have seen in the past. We can't wait to get in there and meet the wonderful people of Legacy Park!"

MARIETTA NEWS



METRO MONTAGE XXIII

Metro Montage is the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art's annual juried exhibition featuring all types of genre, medium, style, subject matter, concept, and technique in art from across the country. Metro Montage XXIII features works of fine art by contemporary artists that showcase the diversity and skill within our nation's culture. Featuring over 100 artists from across the country, Metro Montage XXIII is exhibited throughout the Museum's galleries on both floors. The exhibit is free to members and admission for adult non-members is \$8, seniors \$5. The museum is located at 30 Atlanta St., Marietta, 30060.

The museum, a non-profit, is the only Metropolitan-Atlanta fine arts museum focusing on American Art.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Bright Side Newspaper maintains a calendar of events online in their Digital Newspaper at www.brightsidenewspapernews.com. Check this site out - many stories and a great way to keep up with our local events



SUMMER CRAFTS

POP-IN AT THE MARIETTA HISTORY CENTER:

The Marietta History Center will be hosting its monthly Pop-In event on Saturday, July 15th from 10am-4pm. This is a monthly event that takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Pop-In's provide children and their families the opportunity to interact with the museum through themed activities and crafts. Our goal is to facilitate a lifelong love of museums for children & their families! Join us in, July for crafts and activities geared towards Summer Fun.

Along with the themed crafts and activities provided by the Marietta History Center, other organizations will be in attendance. The Cobb County Library's, Georgia Room will have a table providing a fun craft, the Cobb County Book Mobile will be available for children and adults to check out books, and Bach 2 Rock East Marietta will be offering two free music classes and will be giving a performance!

MHC is able to host all Pop-Ins in 2023, for FREE to the community, due to the generous support of our Sponsor, Cauthorn, Nohr & Owen.

Schedule of Events:

12:15 pm & 2:30 pm: Bach 2 Rock - Free Music Class 1:00 PM: Bach 2 Rock - Performance

The Marietta History Center is located at 1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA 30060

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