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APOSTROPHE!

BY MARY LOU CAGLE, MARIETTA

Veterans Day does not include an apostrophe but does include an “s” at the end - Veterans. Why: because it is a day to honor All veterans of the United States, living or dead. It is a day to say to all veterans “Happy Veterans Day.” The term “veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. Celebration of Veterans day is November 11 of each year. Veterans Day began November 11, 1918 when Allied powers signed a cease fire agreement with Germany - the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 a.m. This brought to an end World War I. Originally called Armistice Day, in 1954 at the urging of major U.S. Veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day. Many ask the question, “What is the difference in Memorial Day and Veterans Day?” Memorial Day honors those who have died in military service, while Veterans Day in November honors all veterans living and dead. Military service has touched most American families; Today, November 11, 2025 over 18,500,000 Americans living have served in the military. This day is designated a day to honor these men and women, and those who died, who served in the United States Military. Mary Lou Cagle is a contributing editor to the Bright Side Newspaper



ACWORTH'S VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The City of Acworth is proud to say thank you to those who have faithfully served their country, as well as those who are now serving. Acworth is honored to have these brave men and women living in our community and what better way to honor them than to host a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Cauble Park.

If you have not seen the Veterans Memorial at Patriot's Point at Cauble Park, make sure you take an opportunity to stop by. The service flags of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard surround the American Flag. The concrete dome structure is surrounded by a paver walkway with engraved pavers.

You can honor a veteran by purchasing pavers. The pavers are available in 4x4 or 8x8 sizes. With the 4x4, you get 3 lines, each with up to 18 characters engraved on the pavers. The 8x8 comes with 4 lines, each with up to 18 characters engraved on it.

TRACY STYF NAMED THE 2025 SMYRNA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

With 25 years of experience across civic, private, and nonprofit sectors, Tracy Styf



is a recognized leader in community and economic development, known for her strategic insights and visionary leadership. As the Executive Director of the Town Center Community Improvement District, Styf collaborates with decision-makers, elected officials, business leaders, investors, and government agencies with the goal of making the Town Center Community one of the most accessible, prosperous, and exciting areas in metro Atlanta.

Under her direction, the Town Center CID has secured more than \$130M in grant funding for projects like the award-winning Skip Spann Connector and Noonday Creek Trail. She currently oversees 15 projects totaling \$75M, with a focus on improving transportation, public spaces, and regional connectivity. Styf has also led the following projects and initiatives: the first three phases of the South Barrett Reliever, the Electric Vehicle

Charging Infrastructure Study and Freight Cluster Plan, the Regional Connected Vehicle Program, and the state's first CID bikeshare program.

In addition to her work with the CID, Tracy founded the CID's 501(c)(3) partner, the Town Center Community Alliance, which enhances the CID's impact by delivering complementary programs and public space investments that benefit residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

As a committed community leader, Styf serves on the Executive Board of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and on the boards for the Council for Quality Growth, Georgia Transportation Alliance, Kennesaw State University, and the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theater.

Her achievements have been recognized with several awards, including the 100 Influential Women to Know by Engineering Georgia for the past seven years, and she has been named a Notable Georgian for the past nine years by Georgia Trend magazine. Other recognitions include being honored as a member of the Georgia 500 by Georgia Trend Magazine, being named the 2017 Woman of Distinction by the Cobb Chamber's Cobb Executive Women and being a member of the Atlanta Business Chronicle's 40 Under 40 class. She has also been recognized as a Top 20 Under 40 by Cobb Life Magazine and a 2014 Woman of Achievement by LiveSafe Resources. She is also a member of the 2012 Class of Leadership Cobb.

COBB PUBLIC SAFETY HEROES HONORED AT 2025 AWARDS LUNCHEON



The Cobb Chamber honored Cobb County's finest Monday, October 6, during its annual Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon. Below is one of the highest honors awarded.

AWARD OF VALOR

The Award of Valor is one of the highest honors in public safety, recognizing extraordinary courage in the face of imminent danger. It is reserved for individuals who, without hesitation, place themselves at great personal risk to protect others and safeguard the community.

Officer Rahim Somani, Cobb County Police Department

On December 5, 2024, Officer Rahim Somani displayed extraordinary courage and selflessness while off duty. Driving home from his shift at Precinct 4, he came upon a multi-vehicle crash on I-285. One vehicle

was already engulfed in flames, and a man was trapped inside—bleeding, disoriented, and pinned beneath the dashboard.

Recognizing the urgency, Officer Somani immediately sprang into action. With flames quickly approaching the victim, he forced the vehicle door open and climbed inside. Disregarding his own safety, he worked quickly to free the man's legs. Despite the intense heat and danger, Somani remained focused. After a brief struggle, he successfully extricated the injured driver—later found to have suffered broken legs—and carried him to safety. Moments later, the vehicle was completely consumed by fire.

Officer Somani's bravery and decisive action undoubtedly saved the man's life. His conduct reflects the highest ideals of law enforcement and public service. His heroic efforts that night serve as a powerful reminder of the selfless commitment officers make both on and off duty.

Cobb County has posted the entire list of Public Safety officers recognized online. Visit <https://www.cobbcounty.gov/communications/news/cobb-public-safety-recognized-annual-chamber-awards> to read about all of the recipients.

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KENNESAW PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR RELEASES INSPIRATIONAL BOOK

The City of Kennesaw's Parks & Recreation Director, Bill McNair, released his new
book, *Power Forward: From Redbone to the World Stage, How Basketball Changed My Life*,
on October 3, 2025.



McNair has served with the Kennesaw Parks and Recreation
Department since 2019 and was promoted to Director in 2023.
With more than 30 years of experience in parks and recreation,
he is a past president of the Georgia Recreation and Parks
Association (2007) and previously served as Recreation Director
in Milledgeville, Georgia, before retiring and continuing his
career in Cobb County.

Originally from North Carolina, McNair has called Georgia
home for over 43 years. A graduate of Georgia Southern College,
he has always dreamed of serving the Cobb County community.
His book reflects his lifelong commitment to faith, family,
friends, and community — values that continue to guide his
leadership in Kennesaw.

Power Forward is available on Amazon in hardcover and
eBook.

For interviews or media inquiries, please contact: Bill
McNair, bmcnair62@gmail.com, Phone number 478-288-0766.
Congratulations Bill - very proud of you.



NEXT DAY ACCESS EXPANDS SERVICE WITH GRAND OPENING IN COBB COUNTY

Next Day Access, a leading provider of mobility and accessibility solutions, celebrated
the grand opening of its new office and warehouse in Cobb County on Friday, October 10th
with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Joined by city officials, community partners and members
of Cobb County Economic Development, the Next Day Access team spoke about the mission
and values of the company and gave attendees a tour of the facility. The event commemorated
the company's growth and unification of former Georgia franchises, now combining forces
to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities across the entire state.

Next Day Access provides accessibility and mobility solutions that help individuals live
safely and independently at home. The company specializes in products such as wheelchair
ramps, stair lifts, grab bars, patient lifts, and bathroom accessibility modifications, offering
same or next-day service for many items through its expanded Kennesaw warehouse.

The grand opening also highlighted the collaboration of Next Day Access Georgia's four
co-owners Steve Bush, Salvatore Massaro, John Sullivan and Howard Wolfson who joined
forces with a shared vision. Each partner brings unique experience in business, creating a
strong foundation for the company's statewide expansion.

The new facility will serve as the company's regional headquarters and primary distribution
center. The expansion enhances the company's ability to respond quickly to customer needs.

Residents and caregivers can learn more or schedule a free in-home consultation by
visiting www.nextdayaccess.com or calling 770-637-9757.

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LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

Andrew J. Bramlett

One of North Cobb's most illustrious



visitors was
Grover Cleveland.
In preparation for
the 1888 election,
Cleveland and his
wife Frances went
on a Goodwill Tour
across the South in
1887. In October of
that year, he traveled
from Chattanooga to

Atlanta to attend the Piedmont Exposition, a
large fair held at what is now Piedmont Park.

As the Clevelands traveled south via the
railroad, they stopped in Kennesaw on October
17 so the train could pick up several dignitaries,
including Atlanta newspaper editor Henry
Grady and future Georgia Governor Joseph
E. Brown. While in Kennesaw, Brown gave a
book on the Civil War to Frances Cleveland.

The train next traveled to Marietta, where
the Clevelands saw a "brilliant" fireworks
display on Kennesaw Mountain. While
Cleveland proved immensely popular on his
tour, he ultimately lost the 1888 election. His
opponent, Benjamin Harrison, visited Marietta
in 1891, but it is not known if he stopped in
Kennesaw or Acworth.

CEMETERY TOUR A SUCCESS

Andrew reports: This year's Kennesaw's
Cemetery tour was a big success! We had
over 180 attendees who learned about the
long history of the City. If you missed it - The
videos of the tour can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLADQ6qWgrJrM1LoVrWIqBQT_D8z_RHQUq.

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HOLIDAY MARKET -

The Kennesaw Holiday Market returns on Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15, for two festive days of local shopping and seasonal cheer. Held at the Ben Robertson Community Center, the market features handcrafted gifts, art, and holiday finds from local vendors. Friday evening guests can enjoy complimentary bites and live music while they shop, and Saturday offers a full day of browsing unique items perfect for holiday giving. Admission is free and open to all.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

Join us for the Holiday Gift Shop on November 21 at the Kennesaw Pottery Studio, located just behind the Ben Robertson Community Center. This shopping fun will be open from 10:00 til 6:00. Discover one-of-a-kind handmade gifts crafted by local artists, from pottery and paintings to plants, candles and quilts. It's the perfect place to find something special (and uniquely Kennesaw) for everyone on your holiday list.



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Register online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation/. For more information, call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-9714.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
VIDEO GAME
TOURNAMENT

The City of Kennesaw will host the inaugural College Football Video Game Tournament at the Kennesaw Recreation Center on November 15. Participants will compete on PlayStation 5 using EA Sports College Football 26 in a double-elimination format. Brackets will be announced at 8:30 a.m., with play beginning at 9:00 a.m. All equipment, including controllers, will be provided; personal controllers are not permitted. Competitors will vie for the Championship Belt in this first-ever tournament event. For more information call 770-422-9714.

BIG GAME DAY
NOVEMBER 15

Football season is here, and Downtown Kennesaw is ready for Big Game Day at the United Bankshares Amphitheater! Grab your chairs, pack your favorite snacks and drinks, and get ready for the action. Tailgating begins at PM, followed by two college football games at 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM! Join friends, neighbors, and fellow fans for an unforgettable game day

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Performances will run Feb. 20-March 1, 2026.

KENNESAW RECREATION CENTER NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Please note that membership rates have been adjusted to continue providing high-quality programs, facilities, and services to our community.

New Rates:

- Cobb County Residents: \$20
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The Arts Alliance Members invite our readers to attend their Holiday Gift Shop on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10-4 at the Acworth Community Center. Everything is created by these talented artists.

FROM A SICK FROG TO A NATIONAL PET
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Our founders story began with a sick frog and a lot of dead-end phone calls. No one treated amphibians — and there was no simple way to find out who did. That gap inspired ZooDoc, a platform built in Atlanta to make pet care transparent, searchable, and species-inclusive. ZooDoc helps pet parents find verified veterinarians for everything from dogs and cats to exotic pets like reptiles, birds, and yes — frogs. Users can search by species near them, compare pet professionals, view pricing, and request appointments directly, all in one place. What started as a personal frustration has grown into a national movement. Today, ZooDoc lists over 12,000 providers across the U.S. and continues to expand every week. From our Atlanta headquarters, we’re rolling out new tools designed to make pet care more accessible — including improved price transparency, flexible financing options, and a lightweight AI triage feature to help owners make informed decisions faster. At its core, ZooDoc is about connection — bringing together passionate veterinarians and the pet parents who need them most. Whether it’s an anxious dog owner, a first-time reptile keeper, or someone just trying to find fair pricing, we believe information should never be the barrier to care. Because every pet deserves a vet who understands them — and every owner deserves clarity, not chaos, when they’re trying to help. For more information visit <https://zoodoc.org>.

MOSTLY MUTTS RAISING MONEY FOR
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Mostly Mutts is taking a big step forward to end pet homelessness. Everyday dogs and cats in our community face the risk of euthanasia because the cost of veterinary care, especially spay and neuter services, is out of reach for many families. November 1st, we begin raising funds for Cobb County’s only low-cost dog & cat spay/neuter clinic — a resource that will keep countless dogs and cats out of animal control facilities. While rescuing dogs and cats from animal control facilities does save lives, it does not touch the root of the problem. Reducing the number of unwanted litters is truly the only way to affect change. This is an ambitious project, and we need to raise \$300,000 to make this dream a reality. If you have a heart for animals and want to support this life saving initiative, please donate. Visit our website www.mostlymutts.org to follow our progress and of course, to donate. Thank you for your support.

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ACWORTH NEWS



IN HONOR OF RUBY MCCRAY

On Monday, October 6, Alderman Richardson, Alderman Carmichael, and the City Team joined the Save Acworth History Foundation, along with Moose McCray, Helen Nicholson, and other members of the McCray family, to celebrate the unveiling of a new historic storyboard in honor of their mother, Ruby McCray, at her namesake's Gazebo at Logan Farm Park on Cherokee Street. Located on the property of the original family home, the storyboard honors Mrs. McCray, her dedication to her family, and the many amazing memories she helped create for the Acworth community, from holiday decorations to petting zoos! The McCray Farm House, which stands on the property today, will soon be relocated to Logan Farm Park next to the Art House, where it will be renovated and its historic charm preserved for future generations to come. Thank you to KSU Museums, Archives & Rare Books – MARB for their contributions to this project, helping to preserve Acworth's history through storytelling.

ACWORTH TURKEY CHASE 2K AND 5K

The 2025 Acworth Turkey Chase presented by Northside Hospital will take place on Saturday, November 22, 2025. We are excited to announce that we are an official Peachtree Road Race Qualifier. Runners will 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 sixteen years, Turkey Chase runners have helped stock local food pantries during the holiday season. Be sure to save the date for this special event. 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.

Acworth Cultural Arts presents THE MOUSETRAP

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Don't miss the world's longest-running play... and its best-kept secret! Performances are being held at Acworth Roberts School 4681 School Street Acworth, GA 30101.



ART AND MUSIC PROGRAMS HELP DYSLEXIA STUDENTS REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

At Brookwood Christian School in Acworth, our art and music programs help students with dyslexia reach their full potential. Why is this important?

Students with dyslexia process written language differently, so they are usually very creative. They see things from a holistic angle and tend to think "out side of the box." Art and music classes allow them to develop their creative strengths.

Allowing students to express themselves creatively on a daily basis engages multiple parts of the brain, supporting memory, focus, and emotional growth. In addition, students gain confidence and discover new ways to communicate and connect with others. These activities also provide a sense of accomplishment beyond academics, allowing each child to shine in their own unique way. Schedule a tour today. Call 678-401-5855.

CITY OF ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

Senior luncheons are held at Acworth Community Center. The November luncheon will be held Wednesday, November 19 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 City Residents 55 and up, but you must register to attend. Registration closes 1 week before the luncheon.

Visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org, navigate to the menu on left, click on register or reserve now. Select Senior from Age Group and then click on Senior Luncheon under Active Adult Programs. .



SAVE THE DATE- ACWORTH CHARM TOUR OF HOMES

Save the date for a charming afternoon of philanthropy and historical immersion as Historic Downtown Acworth gears up to host the much-anticipated “Acworth Charm – Tour of Homes” on November 8, 2025. Organized by Brookwood Christian School, this event not only grants a peek into the captivating interiors of Acworth’s homes but also gives back to the community that holds it dear.

From 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, participants will stroll through the heart of Acworth on a captivating walking tour. Attendees will have the opportunity to enter seven charming homes and admire the architectural styles and interior designs that render each home exquisitely distinct. For your convenience, golf-cart shuttles will be readily available.

More than just an exhibition of beautifully designed homes, the “Acworth Charm – Tour of Homes” reflects our community’s commitment to education. All proceeds from the event will be used to equip dyslexic students at Brookwood Christian School with specialized reading tools.

Secure your spot with early bird tickets priced at \$25. Text CHARM to 404-491-7724 before the event to take advantage of this offer. On the day of the event, tickets will be available for \$30. Your ticket pickup will be at TRG Wine Market on Main St between 11:00 and 4:00 on November 8. Don’t miss this opportunity to embrace the charm of Acworth while contributing to a brighter future for students with dyslexia.

KIMBERLY HAASE ELECTED TO ACWORTH BOARD OF ALDERMEN



Kimberly Haase has been elected to serve as Alderwoman for Acworth’s Post 4 At-Large seat, making history as the first Black woman elected to the Acworth Board of Aldermen.

Haase’s victory represents the culmination of years of persistence and dedication – following campaigns in 2021, 2023, and 2025 – that created new opportunities for Acworth voters to have a choice in how their community is represented.

Throughout her campaign, Haase emphasized her values-driven approach to leadership, grounded in transparency, inclusion, and accountability – not partisanship. “This campaign was never about political labels,” Haase said. “It was about bringing people together around shared values and a shared vision for Acworth’s future.”

As Alderwoman, Haase will represent all residents of Acworth and continue her mission to ensure the city remains a welcoming, thriving community for everyone.

“Let’s take the lead in Acworth,” Haase said. “Together, we can continue building a city where every voice is heard, every neighborhood is valued, and every person feels at home.”

MARIETTA POPS ORCHESTRA
NOVEMBER CONCERT

Marietta Pops Orchestra is back for another family-safe, family-fun concert of music covering a wide range of themes and titles on November 22 at 7pm. Coming right after Veterans Day, we will have a section dedicated to our brave veterans (Star Spangled Banner, medley of military branch theme songs; Battle Hymn of the Republic, music from the WW2 movie, Band of Brothers. Coming right before Thanksgiving, we’ll have a section of hymns typically heard as we celebrate the thankfulness we all have for our lives and freedoms; Coming just a few weeks before the Christmas season gets started we have a fun section of Christmas favorites (I’ll Be Home for Christmas, Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire, a few Christmas medleys and many more Christmas hits; and finally, we have some fun pieces from Broadway, movies, and modern classics (Tribute to John Williams, Broadway Showstoppers, Somewhere in Time, Farandole (Bizet), Jazz Waltz No. 2 (Shostakovich), Blue Tango, and many more) and thrown in is a piece that features a manual typewriter (remember those?) as a percussion instrument.

All this for just \$20 for adults and children/students 16 years old and younger are free. The concert is about 90 minutes (no intermission). We are Marietta’s Pops Orchestra presenting live, orchestral music. We exist to present music from our community, to our community. Join us on November 22nd, in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church Marietta (downtown Marietta) at 7:00pm. You can purchase tickets at the door or online at: mariettapops.org

VIEW THE FULL LIST OF ACWORTH’S CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES AT
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Acworth Charm

Acworth's Historic Tour of Homes



This year’s tour focuses on seven homes,
three are pictured here. All are on the website listed below

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Visit www.AcworthCharm.com for more information.

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SANTA ARRIVES AT THE SQUARE - THURSDAY, DEC. 4

The City of Marietta's annual Christmas Tree Lighting and visit from Santa is planned for Thursday, Dec. 4. The fun begins at 4:00 pm with performances by local schools and church choirs. Santa's arrival is planned for 5:15 pm aboard a Marietta firetruck. He will make his grand entrance to help the Mayor and the city of Marietta light the tree! Let the Christmas season begin.

Don't miss the UGLY Sweater walking parade that starts about 4:45. The tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6:00 pm. Through out the evening children will have the opportunity to write their letter to Santa and music will be heard through out the park as the school choruses perform.

The Marietta Ugly Sweater Holiday Parade is part of the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival, which is held annually. This traditional, old fashioned day of family fun is centered on the Christmas Tree Lighting celebration, and includes choir performances, meet and greets with Santa Claus, and the annual lighting of the tree.

UGLY SWEATER REGISTRATION

Registration is now OPEN for the Marietta Ugly Holiday Sweater Parade, returning as part of the City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting celebration on Thursday, December 4, 2025. Break out your ugliest (family-appropriate!) holiday sweater and join Santa himself in a festive, feel-good parade to kick off the holiday season in downtown Marietta.

ABOUT THE UGLY SWEATER PARADE

The Ugly Sweater Parade is a cheerful highlight of the City's traditional Christmas Tree Lighting, a beloved evening of old-fashioned family fun that includes:

PARADE ROUTE & DETAILS

Parade steps off at 5:00PM from Marietta City Hall; Travels west on Lawrence Street, loops around the Square, and ends at Glover Park via East Park Square. Total route: ~0.4 miles. Inviting any individual, group, organization, business, or club to participate. To be part of the fun, you must complete and submit the official application before the deadline. All forms must be submitted in full to Marietta Parks, Recreation & Facilities. Application Deadline: is Friday, November 21, 2025, 5:00PM To register or learn more, visit: mariettaparks.com



ACWORTH'S SANTA'S ARRIVAL

The City of Acworth, along with their partner NorthStar Church is excited to host this year's Santa's Arrival! Santa arrives in Historic Downtown Acworth on Center Street on Friday, December 5, 2025. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and Santa is scheduled to arrive at 6:30 p.m. There will be a host of live performances and activities until 8:30 p.m. to help Santa kickoff the holiday season. Don't forget to visit Frana Brown Park, where you can enjoy the beautiful Festival of Trees! Bring the entire family to hear Mayor Tommy Allegood read The Night Before Christmas and watch the lighting of the tree on the Plaza behind Henry's. Enjoy pictures with Mr. Claus, eating candy canes with all his elves, and filling the streets with the holiday spirit. Pictures with Santa are free each year and begin at 6:45 p.m. Rumor has it that Santa will arrive down the chimney at Acworth City Hall. There will not be a photographer onsite, so please plan on bringing your camera to capture the special moment. For more information call the Parks and Recreation office at 770-917-1234.

PICTURES AT DEPOT PARK WITH SANTA ON DECEMBER 6

Come see Santa in Historic Downtown Acworth! Santa will be celebrating the season at Depot Park on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Families are welcome to stop by, visit, and take pictures. Pictures are free of charge. Make sure to bring your own camera to capture this special moment, as no photographer will be on-site. We hope to see you this holiday season for Christmas in Acworth!

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN KENNESAW

The holiday season shines brighter in Kennesaw as the City launches its annual Holly Days celebration, a joyful series of events running from mid-November through the New Year. With dazzling lights, festive markets, creative workshops, and heartwarming community traditions, Holly Days offers something magical for everyone.

DEPOT PARK BECOMES A WINTER WONDERLAND

Downtown Kennesaw’s Depot Park transforms into a glowing holiday destination with more than 100,000 lights, including a sparkling tunnel, towering toy soldiers, and a festive sleigh—perfect for seasonal photo ops. The Holiday Extravaganza runs from December 1 through January 6.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Celebrate the season in Downtown Kennesaw at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 3. The evening begins with a holiday choir performance at 6:30 PM in Depot Park, featuring classic and contemporary favorites. At 7:00 PM, gather as Santa helps light the park’s holiday tree, marking the official start of the season. This free event is open to the public and welcomes all ages to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 6

THE CITY OF KENNESAW’S Parks & Recreation Department is excited to welcome families back to one of the community’s favorite holiday traditions, Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, December 6, at the Ben Robertson Community Center.

Registration is now open for this festive event, which features two seating times: 8:00–9:15 AM and 10:00–11:15 AM. Tickets are \$10 per person. Guests will enjoy a cheerful morning of holiday fun and a special visit with Santa.

This event is proudly co-sponsored by the Kennesaw/Acworth Optimist Club.

Seating is limited, and advance registration is required. Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, select Special Events, scroll down to Breakfast with Santa, select which time you desire.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their holiday spirit and cameras to capture the magic of the morning!

For more information or to register, call 770-422-9714.

HOLLY DAY PARADE TO USHER IN HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATION

The City of Kennesaw will usher in the holiday season on Saturday, December 6, with the annual Holly Day parade starring Santa plus pictures with Santa after the parade. This year’s theme is Elves! We encourage parade participants to decorate their vehicles and floats with this theme in mind.

The parade, heralding Santa’s arrival begins at 11:30 pm. with a Main Street parade featuring marching bands, decorated floats, vintage cars and colorfully costumed characters.

The parade route will start at Adams Park; leaving from Park Drive, right on Main Street (headed south), right on Watts Drive and right on Park Dr. (back into Adams Park). Event organizers are accepting entries for the parade. Apply to participate in the 2025 Holly Days Parade. Parade entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded in several categories. Parade participation is free.

For more information contact Hallie Swift at hswift@kennesaw-ga.gov or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-971. To register for parade visit: Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, select Special Events, scroll down to Kennesaw’s Holiday Parade Application.

BRAND NEW EVENT GLIMMER & GLEE: A SKY-HIGH SPECTACLE - SUN. DEC 7

The City of Kennesaw is proud to introduce Glimmer & Glee: A Holly Days Flight, a brand-new signature event lighting up the sky for the very first time. On Sunday, December 7, join us in Downtown Kennesaw for an enchanting evening of music and aerial magic. The festivities begin at 6:00 PM with a live holiday concert, followed by a dazzling drone show at 7:30 PM.

This cutting-edge spectacle features multiple synchronized drones painting the night sky with glowing holiday scenes. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable viewing. Admission is free and open to all ages.

SANTA SIGHTINGS ALL SEASON LONG

Santa will be making multiple stops throughout Kennesaw, offering families plenty of opportunities for photos and holiday cheer:

WED DEC 3 Tree Lighting Ceremony & Santa Mingling at Depot Park, with a choir performance at 6:30 PM and tree lighting at 7:00 PM

THUS Dec. 4 Santa at the Gardens – Dec. 4 at Smith-Gilbert Gardens (pre-registration required)

SAT DEC 6 Breakfast with Santa – Dec. 6 at Ben Robertson Community Center, co-sponsored by the Kennesaw/Acworth Optimist Club (pre-registration required) Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, select Special Events, scroll down to Breakfast with Santa, select which time you desire.

SAT DEC 6 Pictures with Santa – Dec. 6 at Depot Park (free walk-up and reserved photo sessions, pre-registration required for reserved sessions)

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LOVE DOES INSTALLS THE 50TH SENSORY ROOM AT HAYES ELEMENTARY

Piedmont Church has an outstanding mission, and it is done through their Love Does program. The mission is many faceted and includes providing clothes and food for those in need. They also cook lunch for our schools teachers, celebrate undies Sundies - by donating underwear and socks to be shared with foster children and other children in need, provide Love Does Grocery Bags filled with products to give each family a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner - it also includes turkey.

Their biggest mission is to supply our Cobb County schools with a special room where children that need a quiet space for a while can sit and chill. These rooms are called Sensory Rooms. On Tuesday, November 3, members of the church gathered at Hayes Elementary School in Kennesaw to install their 50th room. Each room costs about \$2500 and the members of the congregation raise the money by contributing money over and above their tithing commitment. It is truly an act of love.

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PIEDMONT CHURCH LOVE DOES PROJECT LOVE DOES GROCERY BAGS BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



“Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.” Luke 3:11

November’s Love Does project is the Love Does Grocery Bags. This coming Sunday in the East Hall the red Love Does grocery bags will be on the Love Does tables. Each bag contains the list of items needed for a family. Some of you have called and asked about the items. You can bring the items to church Sunday and put them in the bags. We need these items by November 16, 2025 please.

The items needed for the Love Does Grocery Bags are: Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams; Cranberry Sauce; Canned Green Beans; Canned Peas; Canned Fruit (2); Canned Soup (2); Dessert Mix or Brownie Mix; Dressing or Stuffing Mix; Cornbread or Biscuit Mix (2) Macaroni & Cheese Mix or Rice (Boxed) and Jello (2)

Four hundred of these bags have already been committed to local schools and front-line charities. We have one-hundred more bags to fill. Let us hear from you! All financial donations given to Love Does in the months of October and November will be given to the schools to purchase turkeys for the bags and to help with transportation for Christmas at Piedmont. To donate food for Love Does Grocery Bags - email the church at info@piedmontchurch.tv or call the office at 770.422.2566

ALL ABOARD FOR HOLIDAY FUN AT THE SOUTHERN MUSEUM

Celebrate the season at the Southern Museum with festive music, hands-on crafts, and family fun with a Victorian Era twist!

Enjoy live fiddle tunes from Doug Carson, the “Sounding Joy Handbells,” and Victorian carolers “Like the Dickens”! Step back in time with candle dipping, card making, and Civil War holiday traditions, plus artisan demos, kids’ crafts, and festive train layouts.

Santa will be onsite from 10 AM – 2 PM to greet families and hear holiday wishes.

The “Board the Caboose Experience” will offer the opportunity to tour the caboose for a \$5 donation to the Kennesaw Museum Foundation.

All activities excluding “Board the Caboose Experience” are included with regular Admission; \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, and \$5 for Children. Don’t miss this chance to experience the warmth and wonder of a Victorian holiday while exploring history in a unique and festive setting.

Learn more at <https://southernmuseum.org/event/all-aboard-for-holiday-fun-2025/>

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CONGRATULATIONS WOODLAND
MARCHING BAND

MARCHING MILESTONE: At the LaFayette Marching Classic over the weekend, Woodland’s Marching Wildcats delivered a POWERHOUSE PERFORMANCE, earning SUPERIOR ratings in all captions! The band took home:

- 2nd Place in Percussion and Colorguard
- 1st Place in Drum Major
- 2nd Place Class AAAA Band in Prelims with a score of 93.6
- 2nd Place Overall Band in Finals with a score of 93.9

This season has redefined excellence for the Marching Wildcats, all while making history with their original show, Helios.

What makes this even more remarkable? Helios was written by Woodland seniors Izaak Higginbotham, Makai Messier, and Hylan Westberry-Davis during the 2023–24 school year. A student-written show earning this level of recognition is unprecedented!

Congratulations to Makai, Hylan, and Izaak for blazing a trail. And congratulations to every member of the Marching Wildcats for raising the bar and inspiring us all!

Pictured above, on left is Jordan Howard, Woodwind Captain, behind him, Martin Hernandez, a Trumpet section leader, behind Martin is Braden Warner, Saxophone player and Carson Pope, Alto Saxophone Section Leader. Aleah Broussard, Drum Major is holding their award reflecting all Superiors.



TOWN
CENTER’S
NOONDAY CREEK
TRAIL BECOMES A
DESTINATION FOR
ART LOVERS

Town Center Community is transforming Noonday Creek Trail into more than just a path for walkers, runners, and cyclists—it’s now a cultural journey. With the addition of two new murals and the first Tiny Doors ATL installation outside of Atlanta’s perimeter, the trail has officially become an Art Walk experience.

This fall, muralists Kelsey Wishik and Leigh Ann Culver unveiled vibrant works that reshape the trail’s underpasses into dynamic community landmarks. Wishik’s mural, Radiant World, wraps a bridge support beam in bold color blocks and floral patterns, symbolizing growth and transformation. Nearby, Culver’s Stained Glass mural casts light beneath the bridge with panels and candle imagery that bring a sense of serenity and reflection.

On October 25, the community celebrated another first: the debut of Tiny Doors ATL along Noonday Creek Trail. Artist Karen Anderson Singer, known for her whimsical seven-inch doors found throughout Atlanta, selected a site on Noonday Creek Trail that inspired her to create the first standalone door outside the city.

These new additions join a growing lineup of public art along the 2.8-mile trail. Past and yearly installations include:

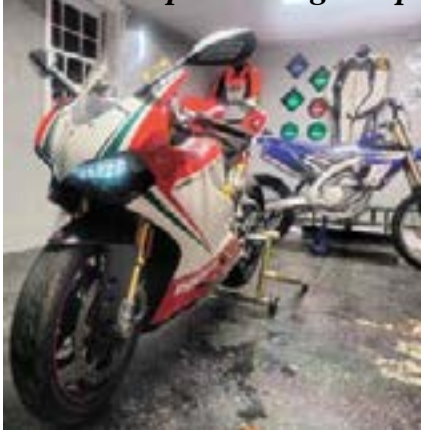
- Drake Arnold’s “Convergence” mural (2022), a colorful gateway at the I-75 bridge.
- Chimney Swift Tower, designed with Georgia Audubon to provide habitat for migratory birds.
- Art Hatch, a seasonal collaboration with Smith-Gilbert Gardens that showcases egg-shaped art designed by Cobb County students.

Visitors can now explore six art installations along Noonday Creek Trail, including new murals and the first Tiny Doors ATL piece outside the perimeter.

“Public art has the power to connect people to the places they live, work, and explore,” said Tracy Styf, executive director of Town Center CID. “By incorporating murals, sculptures, and interactive pieces along the trail, we’re creating opportunities for residents and visitors to experience art as part of everyday life.” For a map of installations and details on upcoming events, visit towncentercid.com/art-walk Pictured above two TownCenter CID young ladies, Isabel Kicklighter and Courtney Koch with the first Tiny Doors ATL on the Noonday Creek Trail.

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WHEN CLEANING BECOMES HEALING

At the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital in Fiji, cleaning is part of patient care. In October 2025, two international cleaning leaders, RJ Patel of PCT Clean and Gosia Baran of Helping Hands Cleaning Services, led a "Cleaning for Health" program that combined science, skill, and purpose. Their message was simple: when done right, cleaning heals.

The program followed the hospital's 2023 results, when proper microfiber methods dropped ATP contamination readings from 9,158 RLU to 30 RLU, a clear improvement in safety for children recovering from heart surgery. ATP testing measures biological residue, showing whether a surface is truly clean. Paired with microfiber technology, which traps rather than spreads bacteria, each wipe becomes a layer of protection.

Staff learned to read ATP results, follow cleaning sequences, and apply nine best practices for worker safety, including proper handling of chemicals and better ventilation. Each session ended with ATP testing so cleaners could see the impact of their work. They left knowing their role was not just custodial but clinical.

The Fiji Sun featured the initiative on October 10, 2025, recognizing it as an important step for national infection control. Patel and Baran, both accredited by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council, brought international standards to Fiji's hospitals. For a facility that has provided more than 400 free heart surgeries to Pacific children, cleanliness is a promise of safety and care.

The lessons apply to every service business: measure results, master the tools, protect workers, and repeat what works. Cleaning, when done with care and precision, safeguards lives.

At this hospital, a clean surface is more than a shine. It is compassion made visible and healing made real, one careful pass at a time. Pictured above: R J Patel teaches a nurse how to use an UV light that helps spot areas on the bedding that may have dirt or bacteria you can't see with the naked eye.



TOWN CENTER CHAMPION AWARD

The Town Center Champion Townie Award goes to an individual or organization that embodies the spirit of Town Center — a true ambassador for our community, whose leadership and involvement will leave a lasting impact for generations.

This year's Town Center Champion has shown an unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe, connected, and thriving. They're out in the community every day — engaging with residents and businesses, building relationships, and fostering a real sense of trust and connection. Their work plays an essential role in supporting the economic vitality of the district, helping make Town Center a place where businesses want to invest, employers want to grow, and families want to call home. Often working quietly behind the scenes, their impact is seen and felt every day — a true example of what partnership looks like in action.

This year, I am pleased to announce our 2025 Townie for Town Center Champion goes to Cobb County Precinct Commander Major W.A. Mitchell and his team of officers at Precinct One.

Pictured above with members of Precinct One are JoAnn Birrell, Cobb County Commissioner on left, Tracy Styf, Executive Director of Town Center CID and Kelly Gambrell, Cobb County Commissioner on right,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Bright Side Newspaper maintains a calendar of events online in their Digital Newspaper at www.brightsidenewsnewspapers.com.



THE NUTCRACKER WITH A LIVE ORCHESTRA! AT THE JENNIE T. ANDERSON THEATRE, MARIETTA

Ring in the holidays with a beloved tradition! The Nutcracker returns to The Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, a sparkling spectacle for the whole family and the perfect last-minute Christmas gift. The Georgia Ballet Orchestra, led by conductor Robert Trocina, will be accompanying this holiday classic! Visit <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36260/production/1231942?performanceId=11605024> for show dates and times and to purchase tickets.



COBB CHRISTMAS 2025 TOY DISTRIBUTION AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Cobb Christmas Elves and Board of Directors are once again hard at work planning this year's Cobb Christmas Toy Distribution.

CobbChristmas, Inc. is a 100% volunteer-run, non-denominational, nonprofit organization that has been helping low-income families in Cobb County have a Merry Christmas since 1963. Through the generosity of community volunteers, local businesses, industries, and government partners who host toy drives and fundraising events, Cobb Christmas provides toys each year for 1,000–2,000 children ages 3–12.

These toys not only bring joy to children but also offer financial relief to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and other guardians who might otherwise be forced to choose between paying bills and buying gifts.

This year, Cobb Christmas has partnered with local restaurants to host Charity Dining events—breakfasts, dinners, and full-day fundraisers. Burger 21 in Kennesaw recently held its 8th Annual Charity Day benefiting Cobb Christmas. The next fundraising event will take place at the Marietta Wine Market on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, from 5–7 p.m. The Marietta Wine Market has supported Cobb Christmas by hosting fundraisers since 2014!

Important Dates for Cobb Christmas 2025:

- Registration: Opens November 10 (online at cobbchristmas.net/registration)
- Stuff-A-Bus: December 16–18
- Set-Up: December 15–18
- Distribution: December 19–20

Set-up and distribution will take place at IAM Local Lodge 709 on South Marietta Parkway in Marietta.

Cobb Christmas anticipates an increase in assistance requests this year and will be placing a special emphasis on collecting toys for older children (ages 11–12), as requests for this age group have been growing.

For more information about Cobb Christmas, including registration requirements, wish lists, volunteer opportunities, and donation options, visit www.CobbChristmas.net. The website also includes details on hosting toy drives and fundraisers, as well as contact information.

Stay connected by following Cobb Christmas on Facebook (@CobbChristmasInc) and Instagram (@cobbchristmas) for updates and upcoming events.

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TASTE OF KENNESAW WINNERS

Pictured with Michael Everhart, Chairman of Taste of Kennesaw are l-r: Best Dessert: Brown sugar chess pie - Pie Bar; Best Booth decoration: Copelands Best Presentation: Frutus - Sanchez Papas & Corn; Best Entree: Bayou Catch - Gaston's, Best Appetizer: Lobster Crostini - Angry Crab;



TASTE OF ACWORTH WINNERS

Best Presentation: J.D.'s Bar-B-Que – Caribbean Coconut Shrimp; Best Appetizer: Henry's Louisiana Grill & Henry's Uptown – Blue Crab Roasted Corn Dipl Best Entrée: Keegan's Irish Pub - Acworth – Corned Beef & Cabbage; Best Dessert: Caribbean Vibes – Banana Coconut Bread Pudding; Best Decorated Booth: Huey Luey's Acworth. Pictured with Malinda and Deborah, Representatives of Keegan's Irish Pub.

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
BY PRESIDENT KIM WIGINGTON



This November I want to stop and give thanks for the business community in Acworth. Everyone is so eager to support each other and our community. The Acworth Business Association offers an entrance point for everyone. In our busy lives, there is no way we can do everything, so we have to mindfully choose the things that have the most value to us. Do you value a large gathering where you lunch and learn from a speaker? Then the monthly luncheon is for you. On November 6 at 11:30 at the Acworth Community Center, we will honor our veterans and hear from Dr. Brian Moore, an army infantry veteran and professor at KSU. Do you value telling about your business and hearing about others? If so, you can share your “elevator pitch” with 50 others at the Morning Jolt on November 11 at 8:00 a.m. at The Cowan.

Do you value getting to know other business professionals personally? Then Alive After 5 is for you. November 13 at 5:30 we will meet at the American Legion. Do you value meeting and networking with other professional women? Then the Women's Lunch is for you. November 20 at 11:30, we will meet at Main Street Events by 1885

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS UPCOMING EVENTS
ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

THUR NOV 6 ACWORTH ABA LUNCHEON - 11:30-1:00 ACWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER. Featuring a Veteran's Panel: Sean Searles & Cameron West, Moderated by Benji Morrell. Please visit acworthbusiness association for more information and to RSVP acworthbusiness.org

THUR NOV 13 ACWORTH ALIVE AFTER 5 Join the ABA for after hours food, fun and networking at the American Legion Post 304, 4220 S, Main St., 5:30-7:30 pm. This event is free for ABA Members, \$5 for Guests RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org.

THUR NOV 20 WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - 11:30-1:00 at Main Street Events. Please RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org. Member is \$20.00.

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

TUES NOV 11 KBA LUNCHEON - 11:00-1:00 GOVERNOR'S GUN CLUB, 1005 Cobb Place Blvd, Kennesaw Guest Speaker: Guest Speaker: Brent Rittersdorf, “The Point is in the Purpose” If you choose not to register in advance, you will pay an additional \$10 at the door.

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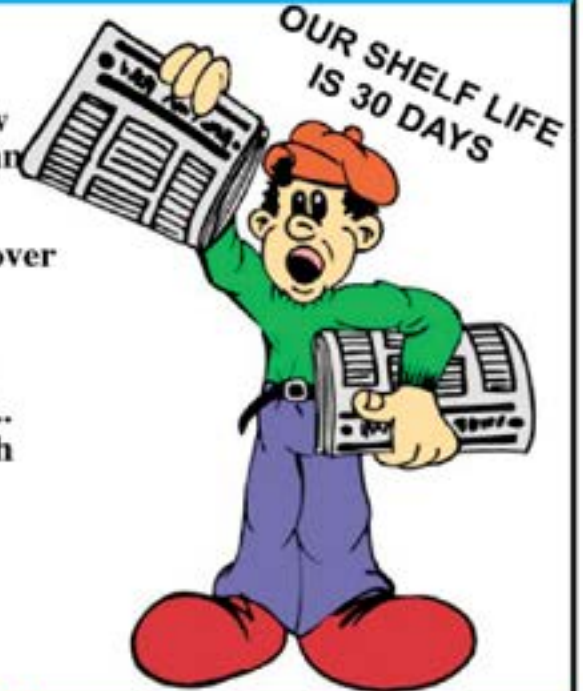
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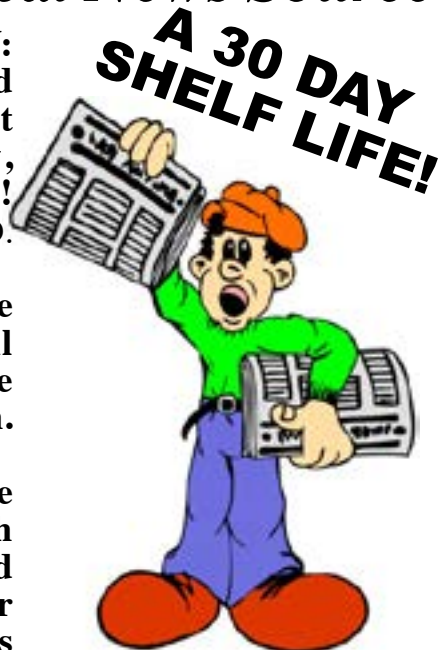
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