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When you read this issue, the azalea bushes and cherry trees should be bursting with color against the beautiful blue Georgia sky serenaded by the sounds of chirping birds and whirring lawnmowers—signs that spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. Ahhh, summer . . . as one of five children and the daughter of teachers, my exciting summer excursions were pretty basic: trips to the beach (we lived one

mile from Lake Erie) to swim and skip stones, camp, and barbeques in our big backyard. I suppose the reason my warmest memories are from the warm-weather months is simple: we knew how to savor summer's precious offering, with its endless opportunities to play, to be outside in the sun and to experience the freedom of a break from school. So, to help you create summer memories for your children, this EAST COBBER edition includes our annual special section (see pages 16-30) on local day camps (and a few overnight camps) for kids to enjoy the summer season. Once again, East Cobb businesses and non-profit groups offer a plethora of opportunities to enrich your child's summer.

The articles in this issue spotlight local efforts of going "green". From Harlika Watzman's article on environmental education (page 8) to Murdock Elementary School's students sharing recycling tips (page 54) and East Cobb author Diane Shore's latest book, *This Is The Earth* (on page 55), East Cobbers—young and old—remind us to appreciate and take care of our Mother Earth—right here in our own backyards—literally!

It is my hope that after reading the special stories about the local people and programs featured in this issue, you'll be inspired to celebrate spring, summer and living in East Cobb all year 'round. Enjoy!

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EAST COBBER

On the Cover

This month's front cover features Dr. John Iaculli, owner of East Cobb Orthodontics, and his staff. The practice, led by experienced orthodontist Dr. John Iaculli, delivers high quality orthodontics to both children and adults in a comfortable environment. In order to ensure that their patients receive the most effective care possible, East Cobb Orthodontics uses the latest technology and techniques available. East Cobb Orthodontics is the place to go for braces in East Cobb. "We understand the importance of a straighter smile, not only can we enhance the appearance of your smile, but our orthodontic services can also improve its function as well," says Dr. Iaculli.

East Cobb Orthodontics is located at 2810 Lassiter Road, off of Johnson Ferry Road (near Pike's Nursery) in East Cobb. For more information, you can read their story on page 6 or visit eastcobortho.com.

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Bonnie, Patti, Angela, Ashley, Dr. Iaculli, LeeAnn, Cindi, Kathleen, and Cindy



Dr. Iaculli, his wife, Hannah, and his son, Smith

An amazing smile makes a huge difference in your appearance and confidence. If you are thinking about improving the look of your smile, East Cobb Orthodontics should be your first call.

East Cobb Orthodontics is led by experienced orthodontist, Dr. John Iaculli. Since 2013, partners Dr. Iaculli and Dr. Jerry Capps have worked closely together to provide excellent care for their patients in East Cobb. Now that Dr. Capps is retiring, Dr. Iaculli is continuing his legacy of quality orthodontics with personal service at newly-named East Cobb Orthodontics.

Born in upstate New York, Dr. Iaculli started his career in chemical engineering. For several years he worked for General Motors developing hydrogen fuel cells. Realizing that he wanted more personal gratification in his professional life, he turned to dentistry. After graduation from the University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and the exceptional orthodontic program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Dr. Iaculli wanted to move to a community of growing families. Atlanta and East Cobb seemed the perfect place.

In fact, Dr. Iaculli wants East Cobb Orthodontics to remain family-focused and welcomes children, teenagers and adults. After an initial consultation, Dr. Iaculli will develop a comprehensive, long-term treatment plan that the entire family agrees upon. Although the recommended age for initial consultation is 7 years old, he says he doesn't rush braces for young patients unless it is absolutely necessary.

Dr. Iaculli uses state of the art technology and techniques to ensure optimal results, maximum comfort and the shortest treatment time possible. He uses a high-precision intraoral scanner for digital impressions instead of traditional "goopy" impression material that can be uncomfortable for patients. Dr. Iaculli is a Damon System Specialist and Preferred Invisalign Provider. With a wide array of conventional and esthetic orthodontic treatment options, it has never been a more exciting time to achieve the perfect smile at East Cobb Orthodontics.

With more than 140 combined years of experience, the East Cobb Orthodontics team works together to make service a priority. Positive reviews and testimonials from happy families show how much they value their patients.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: FROM TRASH TO TREASURE

By Harlika Watzman, Environmental Education Co-Chair, East Cobb County Council of PTAs

Have you ever heard the saying that one man's trash is another man's treasure? Usually we think of knick-knacks sold at garage sales when we hear this, but the saying holds true even for our every day household trash. The average American throws away roughly four pounds of garbage each day. One-third of landfill waste is made up of materials we could be composting: fruit and vegetable peels, paper towels, stale bread, apple cores, half-eaten bagels, old papers, etc. Often referred to as "black gold," compost is decayed organic material that can be used as plant fertilizer or soil amendment. It is a treasure for your garden.

In honor of Earth Day, try starting a simple compost pile. First, designate a compost site in your backyard. This can be as small as a 3 foot by 3-foot area. Purchase a compost tumbler to speed up decomposition or build your own bin. There are many online videos to help you do this with old 30-gallon garbage bins, wooden pallets or wire fencing like chicken wire. Be creative -- composting is a learn-as-you-go project. You only need water, air and heat to get your pile going.

Next, save fruit and vegetable kitchen scraps in a small bin or plastic produce bag that you keep in the freezer. Freezing helps break down the plant material so it decomposes faster. Avoid composting any animal products such as bones, oils and fats. After one week, begin building your pile or filling your tumbler with scraps, leaves and shredded paper. A good rule of thumb is to use 1/3 green materials to 2/3 brown materials. Green materials such as vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and grass are nitrogen rich. Brown materials such as paper, cardboard and leaves are carbon rich. The 1/3 to 2/3 ratio allows for a well-balanced pile. Add topsoil and a little water to your heap. This will inoculate the compost

with the necessary microorganisms (bacteria, fungi) that aid in breaking down and recycling the nutrients found in your scraps.

Your compost should be moist but not soggy or slimy. If you notice an offensive smell add brown materials like leaves or paper to dry out the pile a bit. In the beginning, turn your pile with a pitchfork or rotate it in the tumbler at least once a week. This helps to aerate the center and encourage the right microorganisms to flourish. When you see the pile shrink and later darken, you will know that nature is at work decomposing. This could take weeks or months, depending on the size of your pile and how often you tend to it. Remember, compost is teeming with millions of bacteria and fungi that need the right working environment. A well-working pile will heat up to 140-160 degrees. If your pile does not feel warm to the touch check to see if it is too dry or too wet.

Next time you are in the kitchen think of your food waste as compost treasure not trash. The end result will be rich, organic fertilizer for your garden and less garbage to take to the curb.

Unable to commit to a backyard science project? Consider contacting Compostwheels, a local company that picks up food scraps weekly and returns the finished compost to you or a local farm. 🌱



Harlika Watzman lives in Wigley Preserve with her husband, Larry Watzman, and her two boys, who attend Davis Elementary. Harlika is an environmental education committee co-chair for the ECCC PTA and a volunteer for the Davis Elementary School PTA.



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By Elaine and Gordon Rondeau, Founders, The Renee Olubunmi Rondeau Peace Foundation

As we approach the beginning of National Crime Victims' Rights Week: April 10-17, we need for citizens of Cobb County to be aware of the toll that crime is taking in our nation, the need for enforceable, Constitutional Victims' Rights and the need to support legislation for this when it comes before the State of Georgia legislature next year.

As survivors of a victim of homicide, our daughter, Renee Olubunmi Rondeau, we appreciate and understand clearly how the community at large can assist all victims of crime. By meeting victims where they are, by reaching out to them, and by listening to and understanding their specific needs, we can help restore victims' hope for healing and recovery. We have had our friends, our neighbors, our family and numerous county and state agencies reach out to us to help us to understand the criminal justice system and our rights as survivors of a victim of crime.

For the past 21 years since the murder of our daughter, Renee Olubunmi Rondeau, on Halloween night, October 31, 1994, you have helped us to obtain some semblance of healing after this brutal act of man's inhumanity to man!

One of the important issues that we would like to address, and that involves each of us here in the state of Georgia, is the issue of an enforceable, Constitutional Victims' Rights Bill. 33 States in the nation have Victims' Rights enshrined in their State Constitution but Georgia does not. As a matter of fact, Georgia is one of 17 states that does NOT have enforceable Constitutional Rights for victims of crime.

We have been working on this issue, with other victims and survivors of crime, working with a committee to introduce state legislation for enforceable, Constitutional Victims' Rights since 2008. This committee worked for two years on this victims' rights bill. In 2010, this bill was introduced to the Georgia State Legislature by our State Representative Don Parsons of East Cobb. The bill was passed and Governor Sonny Perdue signed it into law in May of 2010. An existing Victims Rights' Bill of 1995 that Governor Zell Miller had signed into law was improved, however, still no enforcement and it still has not been put into the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

We victims continue our efforts for enforceability. For the past month, we have been involved with a committee at the state level to introduce legislation for enforceable, Constitutional Victims' Rights. Unfortunately, there

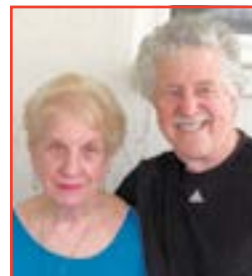
was much opposition to enforceability for seemingly very weak reasons. Therefore the non-civil committee at the Georgia State legislature "tabled" the House Resolution until next year, 2017.

So, we victims wait and some of us suffer because of discrepancies in what those who are handling the criminal cases seem to choose to do or not to do. So the crux of the situation is this: there are victims of crime all over Georgia who need enforceable Constitutional Rights enshrined in the State Constitution — especially with more than 36,000 crimes committed in Georgia each year!

Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status. We know, we have experienced the horror. Crime does not discriminate. Crime transcends all boundaries. . . a wall cannot be built between county lines or state lines. We must all work together for solutions!

You can help victims of crime by calling your State Representative to ask about the Victims' Rights Resolution that has been tabled by the Georgia State Legislature until next year. National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime are offered accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime, enforced in the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The rights of victims including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilding their trust in the criminal justice system. We believe serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities.

The fact is that crime is here. In the meantime, each one of us can reach out to our friends, to our neighbors, to those agencies that are assisting victims of crime, offering your support for their efforts in assisting victims of crime. 🙏



Elaine and Gordon Rondeau are East Cobb County residents. They founded the nonprofit, The Renee Olubunmi Rondeau Peace Foundation, after their daughter, Renee Olubunmi Rondeau, was murdered in 1994. For more information on their nonprofit, visit www.rorpf.org.

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N. Emil Thomas, producing artistic director of Marietta's New Theatre in the Square

To N. Emil Thomas, theater isn't just entertainment, as important as that is; theater is art that provokes thought, love, and emotion. This 22-year-old producing artistic director of Marietta's New Theatre in the Square is actually living out what he thought

would only be a dream for a young aspiring director. With the 2016 Premiere Season just underway on March 31, Marietta's New Theatre in the Square has quite an array of live stage productions to offer East Cobb residents. According to Emil, "In just a short drive, East Cobbers can come to the square for a night out and find free parking, quality restaurants, and outstanding theater."

Living in the Marietta area since he was young, Emil has always loved the stage and has been active in theater since his middle school days, with a dream to have his own theater company one day. Emil graduated from the Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts in Mableton and went on to Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where he majored in directing.

Emil was originally headed to Seattle to pursue his career after college graduation. While back home in Cobb County, his father, Raul E. Thomas, decided to open the doors of the Theatre in the Square in downtown Marietta that had been closed since 2012.

"Building a new theater company from the ground up was a dream come true," says Emil. He embraced this opportunity and has not looked back.

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The 2016 season offers five shows, including Next to Normal, a rock musical, that runs from March 31-April 10; Big River: The Musical in June/July; Hamlet in September/October; The Gift of the Magi in November/December; and The 1940's Radio Hour in December. For tickets, call 770-426-7800 or visit www.theatreinthesquare.net.

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LEC (Loisirs Culturels à l'étranger), the Paris-based sponsor, provides these students with comprehensive medical insurance and gives host families compensation for room and board. All come with ample spending money for expenses outside of the home and each has had three to six years of English depending on age. An excursion bus will take the French teens on sightseeing trips once per week while they are here. No French language skills are needed!

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Summer day camps are fun and education all rolled into one. EAST COBBER has collected information on the wide range of wonderful day camps to fit all ages and interests, including sports camps, adventure camps, Christian camps, art camps, science camps, dance camps and more. Many day camps listed throughout these pages are held right here in East Cobb and some are just a short drive away. Please note, as extensive as this day camp chart is, it is still just a sampling of all the day camps available. We recommend you visit the websites noted on each listing for even more offerings.

Camp Name	Age Group	Camp Fee	Times	May 31-June 3	June 6-10	June 13-17	June 20-24	June 27-July 1	July 4-8	July 11-15	July 18-22	July 25-29
Art & Music Camp - SMART Club! Addison Elementary School 3055 Ebenezer Road, Marietta 30066 404-313-2999 • www.smart-clubs.com	PreK-9th Grade	\$149-\$239	8am-5:30pm*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
The Art Place - Mountain View ART CAMPS 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-509-2700 • www.theartplace.us	4-18	See website	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Atlanta Swim Academy Camp H2O 732 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-3120 • www.atlantaswimacademy.com	Potty trained 4-12	\$315	8:30am-5pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camp Acworth 4425 Beach Street, Acworth 30101 770-917-1234 • www.cityofacworth.org	6-14	\$105-\$125	7:30am-6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Camp Horizon (Special Needs) Windy Hill Community Center 1855 Roswell Street, Smyrna 30080 770-528-2570 • cobbcounty.org	7-21	\$110	7:30am-5:30pm		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Camp Invention* Eastside Christian School 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 1-800-968-4332 • www.campinvention.org	1st-6th Grade	\$220	8am-3:30pm		✓							
Camp Invention* Sedalia Park Elementary School 2230 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 1-800-968-4332 • www.campinvention.org	1st-6th Grade	\$220	8am-3:30pm			✓						
Camp SciKidz Summer Camps East Cobb Presbyterian Church 4616 Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 678-398-7683 • www.clubscikidz.com	4-15	\$245	9am-4pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chabad of Cobb CAMP GAN ISRAEL CAMPS 4450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-565-4412 • www.cgicobb.org	2-1/2 - Rising 5th Grade	Call for rates	9am-3:30pm					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chattahoochee Nature Center CAMP KINGFISHER 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell 30075 770-992-2055 • www.chattnaturecenter.org	4-17	\$334/week	9am-4pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Cheer Revolution REV UP 2016 CAMPS & CLINICS 2060 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 260, Marietta 30068 404-804-1238 • www.cheerrevolutionallstars.com	7+	\$85-\$125	See website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Circus Camp Various Locations 404-370-0004 • www.circuscamp.org	5-Teen	See website	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Congregation Etz Chaim CAMP RUACHI! 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta 30068 770-977-3384 • www.etzchaim.net	14 mos- PreK	\$100-\$250	8am-4pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CourtCamp – Mock Trial Day Camp St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 571 Holt Road, Marietta 30068 678-637-7029 • www.CourtCamp.com	Rising 6th-12th Grade	\$195	1-4pm					✓				
D-BAT Marietta D-BAT MARIETTA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CAMPS 1666 Roswell Road, Building 300, Marietta 30062 678-403-2632 • www.DBATMarietta.com	5-12	\$75-\$249	9am-2pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EC Sports TABLE TENNIS & FENCING CAMP 2550 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 678-903-4479 • www.facebook.com/ectabletennis	6-15	\$250	9:30am-4:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Faith Lutheran School CAMP FAITH 2111 Lower Roswell Road 770-973-8921 • www.school.faithmarietta.org	18 mos-8th Grade	\$170-\$185	7am-6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fellowship Christian School FCS FUTURE STARS BASKETBALL CAMP 10965 Woodstock Road, Roswell 30075 404-408-5997 • www.fellowshipchristianschool.org	Rising 1st-5th Grade Boys	\$150	9am-2pm							✓		
Fellowship Christian School FENCING CAMP 10965 Woodstock Road, Roswell 30075 770-765-7667 • www.fellowshipchristianschool.org	Rising 9th-12th Grade	\$200	1-5pm									✓

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Fellowship Christian School FUNDAMENTALS OF SOFTBALL 10965 Woodstock Road, Roswell 30075 770-641-6820 • www.fellowshipchristianschool.org	1st-5th Grade	\$75	10am-2pm	✓ June 4								
Fullers Park FULLERS KIDS SUMMER CAMP 3499 Robinson Road, Marietta 30068 770-509-2737 prca.cobbcountyga.gov/fullersrecreationcenter.htm	6-11 12-15	\$100	7am-5pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Georgia Ensemble Theatre Summer Conservatory GET SUMMER CAMPS 950 Forrest Street, Roswell 30075 770-641-1260 • www.get.org	K-12th Grade	\$325- \$475	9am-4pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Harrison Tennis Center Summer 2013 Jr. Camps 2653 Shallowford Road NE, Marietta 30066 770-591-3151 • www.prca.cobbcountyga.gov	4-5 6-8 9-17	\$50 \$90 \$180	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
High Touch High Tech SCIENCE/STEAM CAMP Various Locations 770-667-9443 • www.sciencemadefunatl.net	Rising 1st-7th Grade	\$260	See website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hyde Farm NATURE CAMP FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 721 Hyde Road, Marietta 30068 770-528-8829 • www.cobbcounty.org/PARKS	Rising 3rd-5th Grade	\$65					✓					
Hyde Farm NATURE CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 721 Hyde Road, Marietta 30068 770-528-8829 • www.cobbcounty.org/PARKS	Rising 6th-8th Grade	\$65	9am-1pm							✓		
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 678-784-5317 www.johnsonferry.org/SportsFitness/camps	See website	See website	See website	✓ Basket-ball	✓ Win-Shape	✓ Impact Cheer					✓ Day Camp	✓ British Soccer
Kell High School FOOTBALL CAMP 4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta 30066 www.kidsandpros.com	7-13	Free	6-9pm								✓ July 18-20	



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Kell High School NIKE BASKETBALL CAMP 4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta 30066 1-800-645-3225 • www.elitehoopsbasketball.com	9-15	\$275	Mon-Thur 9am-3pm Fri: 9am-12pm			✓					✓	
Kennesaw State University-Continuing Ed SUMMER UNIVERSITY 2016 3333 Busbee Drive NW, Kennesaw 30144 470-578-6765 • www.summeru.com	6-18	See website	9am-3pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lassiter High School LADIES YOUTH LACROSSE 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066 678-488-3954 • lassiterladieslacrosse.org	Rising K-8th Grade	\$120	9am-12pm			✓ June 14-17						
Lassiter High School LASSITER TROJAN VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066 404-309-1142 • www.lassitervolleyball.net	Rising 3rd-5th 6th-8th Grade	\$85 \$115	9am-12pm 1-4pm								✓ July 18-20	
Life University LIFE UNIVERSITY GIRLS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP 1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta 30060 770-426-2616 • www.liferunningeagles.com	7-13	\$125	8:30am-3:30pm		✓							
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Life University LIFE U ALL SKILLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP BOYS & GIRLS 1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta 30060 570-688-3508 • www.liferunningeagles.com	6-17	\$250	9am-4pm									✓
Marietta Cobb Art Museum* SUMMER ART CAMPS 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta 30060 770-528-1444 • www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org	5-7 8-12	\$170- \$260	See website				✓	✓		✓	✓	
Marietta Community School SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMPS 2016 Marietta Sixth Grade Academy 340 Aviation Road, Marietta 30064 770-429-3170 • www.mariettacommunityschool.com	K-8th Grade	\$169- \$199	9am-2pm		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Marietta's New Theatre in the Square BROADWAY SUPERSTARS 11 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta 30064 770-426-4800 • www.theatreinthesquare.net	Rising 6th-8th Grade	\$200	1-4pm		✓	✓	✓					
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Mt. Bethel UMC* CHEERLEADING CAMP 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-5280 • www.mtbethel.org	2-6	\$60-\$75	9am-12:30pm					✓				
Mt. Bethel UMC* SPORTS CAMPS 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-5280 • www.mtbethel.org	Rising 2nd-5th Grade	\$265-\$290	9am-4pm				✓	✓				
Mt. Bethel UMC* VOLLEYBALL 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-5280 • www.mtbethel.org	Rising 4th-5th Grade	\$95-\$115	9am-12:30pm								✓	✓
Mt. Bethel UMC* VOLLEYBALL 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-5280 • www.mtbethel.org	Rising 6th-8th Grade	\$95-\$115	1:30-4:30pm								✓	✓
Olde Towne Athletic Club GINEPRI SUMMER TENNIS CAMP 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta 30068 770-578-9901 • www.GPTTennis.net	7-18	\$335	9am-2pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Our Pal's Place CAMP O. P. P. 4508 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 678-361-7623 • www.ourpalsplace.org	Rising 4th-9th Grade	\$225-\$235	9am-4pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pope High School POPE CHEER MINI-CAMPS 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062 www.popecheer.wix.com/pope	K-5th Grade	\$75	9am-12pm	✓ May 31- June 2								✓ July 25-27

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Pope High School FAST PITCH SUMMER CAMP 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062 770-578-7900 • Chris.Turco@cobb12.org	6-12	\$115	9am-12pm				✓ June 20-23					
Pope High School FENCING CAMP 4435 Post Oak Trill Road, Marietta 30062 678-524-6810 • www.popefencing.org	Rising 6th-12th Grade	\$200	9am-3pm							✓ July 11-14		
Primrose School of Lassiter CAMP PRIMROSE 2821 Lassiter Road, Marietta 30062 770-641-8535 • www.primroasselassiter.com	5-12	\$220	6:30am-6:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prodigy Performing Arts FAIRYTALE BALLET CAMP: MAGIC BLUE TUTU 4005 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 678-697-9230 • www.prodigyperformingarts.com	3-6	\$125	9:30am-12:30pm		✓							
Prodigy Performing Arts FAIRYTALE BALLET CAMP: TWELVE DANCING PRINCESSES 4005 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 678-697-9230 • www.prodigyperformingarts.com	3-6	\$125	9:30am-12:30pm								✓	
Prodigy Performing Arts HIP HOP DANCE CAMP 4005 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 678-697-9230 • www.prodigyperformingarts.com	6-16	\$135	1-5pm		✓							
Prodigy Performing Arts POWER UP DANCE INTENSIVES 4005 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 678-697-9230 • www.prodigyperformingarts.com	8-16	\$135	1-5pm								✓	
Roswell Dance Theatre SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVES 10400 D Alpharetta Street, Roswell 30075 770-998-0259 • www.tysod.com	Company Level	\$350	9am-4pm		✓		✓				✓	
School of Rock BEGINNER PERFORMANCE CAMP 2649 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	7-17	\$425	9am-3pm		✓						✓	

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School of Rock BUILD YOUR OWN GUITAR (OR BASS) CAMP 2649 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	11-17	\$495	9am-3pm									✓
School of Rock LED ZEPPELIN ADVANCED CAMP 2649 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	8-17	\$425	9am-3pm							✓		
School of Rock ROOKIES HALF DAY CAMP 2649 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	4-7	\$295	9am-12:30pm				✓					
School of Rock SONGWRITING CAMP 2649 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	7-17	\$475	9am-3pm			✓						
Shaping Minds LLC SHAPING MINDS SUMMER CAMP 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 610, Marietta 30068 404-474-2350 • www.mariettasummerncamp.com	5-12	\$999	7:30am-6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Spanish Academy SPANISH CAMP! 2663 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-751-3646 www.thespanishacademy.com/summercamp/eastcobb	2-10	\$195	9am-1pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
STREM HQ TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING CAMPS 519 Johnson Ferry Road, Building B, Marietta 30068 508-507-8736 • www.stremhq.com	7-14	\$175+	9am-4pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Terrell Mill Tennis Center JUNIOR SUMMER TENNIS CAMP 480 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta 30067 770-644-2771 • www.prca.cobbcountygga.gov	4-16	See website	9am-12pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upbeat String Camp Dodgen Middle School 1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062 770-642-8111 • www.upbeatstringcamp.com	Rising 6th-12th Grade	\$255	8:30am-4pm							✓ July 11-14		
The Walker School Summer Programs 700 Cobb Parkway, Marietta 30062 770-427-2689 • www.thewalkerschool.org	5-18	\$125-\$395	9am-4pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walton High School WALTON CHEER CAMP 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062 770-856-1254 • www.waltoncheer.org	6th-8th & K-5th Grade	\$80	9am-12pm & 1-4pm	✓ June 1-3								
Walton High School FUN CAMP 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062 Michael.Davidson@cobbk12.org	5-12	\$100	8:30am-12pm			✓ June 13-15						
Walton High School ROBOTICS CAMP 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062 waltonroboticscamp@gmail.com • waltonrobotics.org	Rising 6th-9th Grade	\$200-\$300	See Website			✓						
Wheeler High School CAMP G.A.M.E.S.-SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CAMP FOR GIRLS 375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068 770-578-3286 • stacy.regitsky@cobbk12.org	Rising 4th-6th Grade Girls	\$250	9am-3pm					✓				
Wheeler High School SCIENCE SPECTRUM 375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068 770-578-3286 • stacy.regitsky@cobbk12.org	Rising 7th-9th Grade	\$300	9am-3pm		✓							
Wheeler High School STEM EXPLORERS 375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068 770-578-3286 • stacy.regitsky@cobbk12.org	Rising 4th-6th Grade Boys	\$250	9am-3pm					✓				
Windy Hill Athletic Club CAMP MIDTOWN 135 Interstate N Parkway, Atlanta 30339 770-657-1791 • www.midtown.com	3-14	Starts at \$140	9am-4pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
YMCA McClesky-East Cobb Summer Camps 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062 770-977-5991 • www.ymcapass.com/mcy.shtml	5-12	See website	7am-6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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Athens Y Camp for Boys 1000 Y Camp Road, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573 706-754-6912 • www.athenscamps.org	7-14	\$715	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Camp Chattooga for Girls 1000 Y Camp Road, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573 706-754-3329 • www.athenscamps.org	7-14	\$715	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Camp Horizon Sleep Away Camp 5825 Glenridge Drive, Bldg 3, Atlanta GA 30328 770-462-4908 • www.camphorizon.net	8-11	Free for Atlanta's foster youth	See website						✓ July 2-8			
Camp Juliette Low 321 Camp Juliette Low Road, Cloudland, GA 30731 770-428-1062 • www.CJL.org	7 years - Rising 10th Grade	\$840 1 week \$1,650 2 weeks	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Deer Run Camp & Retreats 3845 Perkins Road, Thompson's Station, TN 37179 888-794-2918 • www.camps.deerruntreat.org	8-18	\$729 1 week \$1,569 2 weeks	Sun 4:30pm to Sat 10:30am		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sports Broadcasting Camp @ Emory University • 201 Dowman Drive, Atlanta 30322 800-319-0884 • www.playbyplaycamps.com	10-18	\$615- \$1,250	See website								✓	
U.S. Space & Rocket Center - Space Camp One Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805 1-800-637-7223 • www.spacecamp.com	9-18	See website	See website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
YMCA - Camp Ocoee 111 YMCA Drive, Ocoee TN 37361 423-338-5588 • www.campocoee.com	7 years - Rising 10th Grade	\$531- \$590	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓



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EVERY SATURDAY

Free Arts and Crafts at Lakeshore Learning Store. It's spring! Make a Hand Me a Pencil Pal, Barnyard Buddy Puppets, How Does it Grow Greenhouse, April Showers Pop-up Card, and a Thanks a Bunch Bouquet. 11am-3pm. Ages 3 and up. Lakeshore Learning Store, 4287 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3100 or www.lakeshorelearning.com.

Marietta Square Farmers Market featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. 9am-12pm. Historic Marietta Square, 65 Church Street, Marietta. More info: 770-499-9393 or www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net.

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APRIL 1-2 & 8-9

Spring Native Plant Sale at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Greenhouse. Horticulturists and Master Gardeners will be on-site to answer questions. 10am-5pm. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 x264 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

APRIL 4-APRIL 8

Cobb County Schools Spring Break.

APRIL 8

Cobb County Master Gardeners Lunch and Learn: Sow Now, Reap Later: Spring Garden Planning. Amy Whitney, UGA Extension – Cobb County & Cobb Master Gardener will help you plan your spring vegetable garden. Bring your lunch. 12-1pm. Free. Cobb County Water Lab, 662 S. Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-528-4070 or cobbmastergardeners.com.

APRIL 8-24

The Atlanta Lyric Theatre presents *Dreamgirls*. The story of an up-and-coming 1960s girl group and the triumphs and tribulations that come with fame and fortune. Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays: 8pm. An additional matinee performance on Saturday, April 23 and Sundays: 2pm. \$38-58. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta. More info: www.atlantalyrictheatre.com.

APRIL 9

Georgia Street Rod Association Swap Meet and Flea Market. Swap meet and car corral includes all auto and truck parts for sale or trade. 8am-4pm. \$5/adults; Admission is free for spouses and children under 12. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: 770-517-6701 or www.gsra.com.

Pop-Ups and Petrol presented by MarketPlace 120. Eclectic Pop-Up Market and Classic Car Cruise-In, featuring artists, vintage dealers and more in the vendor area. Expect everything from the wild to traditional in the market. 11am-6pm. MarketPlace 120, 562 Wylie Road SE, Suite 24, Marietta. More info: 678-540-7511, email: info@marketplace120.com or marketplace120.com.

Trail Work Day. Volunteers needed to assist the National Park Service by maintaining the 20+ miles of trails in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 8:30am-1pm. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw. More info: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

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APRIL 9 & 23

Marietta Square Artists Market. The Artists Market is an open-air fine arts market showcasing the best of local, handmade art and fine craft. From jewelry to sculpture, paintings and more, there is something for everyone. 9am-2pm on Mill Street between Church Street and the railroad tracks. More info: www.ArtistsMarketMarietta.com.

APRIL 11 & 25

Cobb Connections. This networking event provides the opportunity to build relationships and grow business-to-business and business-to-consumer connections. 3-4:30pm. Cobb Chamber members: Free. General Admission: \$25. Registration required. Cobb Chamber of Commerce, 240 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta. More info: www.cobbchamber.org.

APRIL 12

Keeping our County TREES – Beautiful! Representatives from the Marietta Tree Keepers will be talking about the Arbor Day Foundation, the history of Marietta Tree Keepers, and tying the two together with the history of Arbor Day. Participants will also be informed in the selection and planting of trees on their properties. 7-8pm. Reservations are required. East Cobb Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. Call 770-509-2730 to secure a seat.

APRIL 14

Cobb Chamber Business After Hours. Business After Hours provides a great opportunity for networking in a casual environment. 5:30-7:30pm. General admission: \$25 online. Cobb Chamber Members: Free online. Hotel Indigo Atlanta-Vinings, 2857 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta. More info: Contact Mary Beth Moore at 770-859-2359, mmoore@cobbchamber.org or www.cobbchamber.org.

APRIL 15-17

Atlanta Ballet presents *The Princess & the Goblin*. Take your family on an incredible adventure into the kingdom of the goblins where a young heroine must call upon friends, family, and her own courage to perform a daring rescue! Friday: 8pm. Saturday: 2pm & 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. Tickets: starting at \$25. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/tickets: 800-745-3000 or www.cobbenergycentre.com, or www.ticketmaster.com.

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APRIL 16

Coca-Cola Archives Collection Opening Reception. 6-8pm. Reception attendance is free for exhibiting artists and museum members. Guests are welcome at \$10 per person. Memberships can be purchased at the event. A cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres will be available. Exhibition is on display until June 26. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta Street SE, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444 or www.MariettaCobbArtMuseum.org.

APRIL 16

Georgia Native Plant Society's Annual Spring Native Plant Sale. Select from thousands of sun-and shade-loving native plants: trees, shrubs, perennials and ferns for all growing conditions and to help attract wildlife. Bring wagons or carts to carry plants. 10am-2pm. McFarlane Nature Park, 276 Farm Road SE, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: www.GNPS.org.

APRIL 16

Roberto Devereux Live. The Metropolitan Opera broadcast live on the big screen. The opera's story is inspired by a historical incident-the execution for treason of Robert Devereux, the favorite of Queen Elizabeth I. 12:55 pm. \$22/adults. \$20/seniors. \$18/students and groups of 25 or more. \$15/children. Merchants Walk Stadium Cinemas, 1301 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 678-560-1111 or www.georgiatheatrecompany.com/gtc-promotions.asp.

WellStar Foundation Starlight Grand Gala. Raise funds to support research and vital services for some of the communities' most pressing needs. Includes a buffet dinner, open bar, silent auction and raffle. 6:30pm. Individual gala tickets are \$250. Cobb Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/tickets: Contact Kati Hyland at 470-956-6673, kati.hyland@wellstar.org or www.wellstar.org/gala.

APRIL 16

Yard Sale supporting the youth missions of St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Find household items, furniture, clothes and other treasures at great bargain prices. 8am-2pm. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3455 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: 770-926-3488.


APRIL 16-17

40th Annual Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival combines the rich heritage of Kennesaw and the Civil War era with fun-filled activities with arts and crafts, food and live entertainment. The festival kicks off with a parade on Saturday at 9:30am, starting at Adams Park and continuing down Main Street through downtown Kennesaw. Saturday: 10am-6pm. Sunday: 12-5pm. Free admission. Downtown Kennesaw, 2829 Cherokee Street, Kennesaw. More info: 770-423-1330 or www.kennesaw.com/big-shanty-festival.

APRIL 18-MAY 18, APRIL 19-MAY 19, & APRIL 23-MAY 14

Drivers Education presented by Marietta/Cobb Driver's Education. 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of individual training behind the wheel. This program meets the requirements for Joshua's Law and qualifies for the Teen Driver's Education insurance discount. April 18-May 18, Mondays/Wednesdays: 6-9pm at Kell High School. April 19-May 19, Tuesdays/Thursdays: 6pm-9pm at Dodgen Middle School and Pope High School. April 23-May 14, Saturdays: 8-4pm at Dodgen Middle School and Kell High School. \$385. Dodgen Middle School, 1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta. Kell High School, 4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta. Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta. More info: 770-429-3170 or www.mariettacommunityschool.com.

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APRIL 20

Drug Awareness. The Cobb Neighborhood Safety Commission Community Awareness Committee invites you to attend this panel discussion on drug awareness. 7pm. Cobb County Government Building, 100 Cherokee Street, BOC Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Marietta. More info: 770-528-3800 or NSC@cobbcounty.org.

APRIL 21-23

9 to 5 the Musical presented by Lassiter High School's drama department. Thursday-Friday: 7pm; Sat: 2pm. Tickets: \$10. Lassiter High School, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066. More info/Tickets: lhsguinn@yahoo.com or www.lassitertheatretroupe.com.

APRIL 22

Earth Day Canoeing: Shooting Stars on the River. Join Chattahoochee Nature Center canoe guides as they paddle down the Chattahoochee River. After the paddle, join the guides around the campfire to watch for shooting stars during the peak of the Lyrid Meteor Shower. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner. 5pm. \$40 General Public, \$30 CNC Members, Ages 21+. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. For registration/scheduling: 770-992-2055x237 or scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org.

APRIL 22 & 23

Atlanta Antique Gun and International Military Show. Friday: 12-5pm. Saturday: 9am-4pm. Daily admission \$7; \$1/ages 7-12; \$10 for 2 day pass. Union Hall, 1032 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: 704-282-1339 or Richard@thecarolinatrader.com.

Plant Sale and Garden Fair presented by the Cobb County Master Gardeners. Come and browse the plants, visit the educational exhibits, and get a head start on spring planting. 10am-4pm each day. Free admission. Equestrian Center, Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road SW, Marietta. More info: 770-528-4070 or cobbmastergardeners.com.



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8th Annual Women's Brunch presented by 10 Women of Hope. Entertainment by the Harrison High School Chorus with *The Spoken Word* by Jennifer Wilson and Donovan Shipley on Violin. All net proceeds benefit 10 Women of Hope's mission to help single moms who are experiencing a financial emergency. 10am-12pm. Tickets: \$25. Tickets available at the door or through the 10 Women of Hope. You can also mail your donation to: 10 Women of Hope, P.O. Box 235, Marietta, Georgia 30061. Zion Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 165 Lemon Street, Marietta. More info: www.10womenofhope.org.

Ivy Lane Fashion Show benefiting Lutzie 43 and Helping Hand Foundation. Fashion show will include guest speaker Mike Lutzenkirchen, raffles, live music, refreshments and giveaways. Two shows; 12pm and 2pm. Tickets: \$30. To purchase tickets online go to ivylanemarietta.com. Sponsorships available. Ivy Lane, 3605 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-0506.

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Song of Atlanta Show and Silent Auction. Song of Atlanta Show Chorus, Greater Atlanta's only chapter of Sweet Adelines International, presents their annual signature fundraising event, show and silent auction. 4pm. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, students and senior \$20 anytime. Children under 6 free. Milton Center Theater, 86 School Drive, Alpharetta. More info: 770-696-6502 or www.songofatlanta.com.

APRIL 23

Spring Into Health Fair. A health fair for all ages with health screenings, a variety of health information, prizes, give-aways, and pet adoptions. 10am-2pm. Free. St. Ann Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-552-6400 or st-ann.org.

APRIL 24

Marietta Big Chicken Chorus Spring Show presents "The Wonderful World of American Love Songs". From Hank Williams to the Beatles. Performance will also include the quartets of the Marietta, Georgia Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the 2015 International Semi-Finalist Quartet – Signature. 3pm. Tickets: \$15/Adult, \$12/Seniors (55+), \$6/Students (7-25). Marietta Performing Arts Center, Marietta High School, 1172 Whitlock Ave SW, Marietta. More info: www.BigChickenChorus.org.

Taste of Marietta. Cobb County's largest food festival with 60+ restaurants, live entertainment and kids' activities. 11am-7pm. Free. Historic Marietta Square, Marietta. More info: www.tasteofmarietta.com.

APRIL 25

25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament hosted by East Cobb Lions Club. Proceeds to benefit local schools and vision and diabetes charities. 8am: Registration, continental breakfast and range balls. 9am: Shotgun start. Four-person team, Ft. Lauderdale format. Lunch and awards follow golf. \$125/player. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info/to register: Contact Don Garrow at 770-955-6914, email dgarrow@bellsouth.net or www.eclions.org.

APRIL 26 & 28

Walton High School Spring Orchestra Concert. Spring concert on April 26 at 6:30pm. The Dickerson Middle School Orchestra will join them for their spring concert on April 28 at 7pm. Walton High School Theatre, 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3225 or www.waltonorchestra.org.

APRIL 29

Glover Concert Series: Still Swinging. The Glover Park Concert Series kicks off the 2016 season with big band music on the Marietta Square. A limited number of tables can be reserved, however personal tables, tarps and plastic ground coverings are prohibited inside of Glover Park and will be removed. Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park. 8pm (rain or shine) Free. Glover Park on the Historic Marietta Square, 50 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5601 or www.mariettaga.gov/concerts.

APRIL 30

A Garden Faire. Each year the North Fulton Master Gardeners present a one-stop shop for everything you need to make your gardening dreams a reality. Pass-a-long plants, flea/tique, garden demonstrations, garden art and pottery, specialty vendors and more. 9am-3pm (Rain or shine) Free. Historic Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. For more info: 678-639-7500 or www.bullochhall.org.

Beethoven's Ninth presented by Georgia Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. 8pm. Tickets: \$10-\$20. Marietta Performing Arts Center 1171 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta 30064. More info/Tickets: Susan Stensland at 770-429-2390 or www.georgiasymphony.org.



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APRIL 30

River Rendezvous. Visit three sites to monitor along Rottenwood Creek where it joins the Chattahoochee River. Collect water samples, photo document the site, pick up litter, and conduct a habitat assessment. 8:30am-2pm. RSVP required. Cobb County Water System Water Quality Laboratory Training Center, 662 South Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info: www.watershed.cobbcountyga.gov

White Out Child Sexual Abuse Day and Voices United Concert. April is child abuse awareness month. Voice Today, a non-profit organization, has a mission to break the silence and cycle of child sexual abuse through awareness, prevention, and healing programs. On April 30th, Voice Today wants you to take their online Pledge to Protect and further show your support by wearing white on April 30th for the innocence of our children. A free concert featuring rising Christian artists will be from 7-10pm at the Salvation Army Temple Corps, 2090 North Druid Hills Road, Atlanta. More info: 678-578-4888 or www.voicetoday.org.

MAY 1

Tara Winds Scholarship Concert Celebrating Bourgeois, featuring the Works of Colonel John R. Bourgeois, United States Marine Band, Conductor Emeritus. 4pm. Free. Lassiter Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta. More info: www.tarawinds.org.

MAY 1

Project 82 Kenya Second Annual Golf Tournament. All proceeds will support their infant rescue ministry in Kenya. Silent auction begins at 7:30am followed by a shotgun start at 9am. \$150 per golfer, \$600 per foursome. Following the tournament, there will be awards and a raffle. Pinetree Country Club, 3400 McCollum Parkway NW, Kennesaw. Pre-registration required. More info: 770-977-7114, gaylehaden@project82kenya.com or www.project82kenya.com.

MAY 7

Free Comic Book Day. Each year, participating comic book shops across North America and around the world give away comic books for absolutely free to anyone who comes into their stores. This year's list of free comics includes: Archie #1, Avengers, Suicide Squad, DC Superhero Girls, Grumpy Cat and more! Dr. No's Comics & Games Superstore, 3372 Canton Road, Suite 104, Marietta and Great Escape Comics & Games, 1050 East Piedmont Road, Suite 106, Marietta. More info: 770-422-4642 and 770-973-2253 or www.freecomicbookday.com.

Relay for Life of Cobb County Survivor and Caregiver Reception and Wellness Fair. Free information, services, samples, and giveaways. 2-11pm. Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road SW, Marietta. More info: www.RelayForLife.org/CobbGA.



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Tax-deductible donations of non-clothing items are being accepted at the market site running through Saturday, May 7. All proceeds go toward the care of the cats and kittens of Good Mews.

Details are available at www.goodmews.org, including the types of donations accepted, shopping hours and directions.

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Wyatt Pope is like a lot of seven year-old boys; he loves to play sports, especially baseball and wrestling. In fact, his baseball team, the Eastside Thunder, won the 6U World Series this past summer, where Wyatt played an integral role as third baseman. Although Wyatt and his family, which includes mom Carrie, dad Chuck and older brothers Gavin, Kaden and twin brother Colton live in Roswell, half their time is spent playing sports out of East Cobb parks.

Last month, things took a dramatic turn when Wyatt was diagnosed with DSRCT (Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumor), an extremely rare cancer. "He was complaining of stomach pain, and his stomach was distended. We took him to the doctor, who initially thought it was constipation. However, after the third day and no improvement, the doctor suggested he get some images done, and that's when they discovered a huge mass in his abdomen," recalled Chuck.

Wyatt immediately began chemotherapy, and if the chemo is successful, he eventually will need surgery. There are only two facilities in the U.S. that specialize in Wyatt's type of cancer, MD Anderson in Houston and

Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York. Wyatt attends Mountain Park Elementary School in Roswell, but currently is being home schooled while going through chemo.

Following Wyatt's diagnosis, the prayers and support from the Roswell and East Cobb communities have been tremendous. The cost of current and future treatments is astronomical, which led a family friend to create www.wywystrong.com. Supporters can learn about Wyatt as well as ways to help fund treatments, including an upcoming 5K run on May 21.

Wyatt is a strong competitor and likes to win. With this spirit in mind, his brother's travel baseball team took a picture with all the members depicting a "W" with their fingers. From there, the idea was born to try and get some of Wyatt's favorite team players to be photographed doing the "W." The idea went viral, and today, a facebook page (search wywy strong) showcases friends and well-known sports figures all showing their support.

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Dr. Prinsell is the Founding President of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, Past President of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, and Past Chair of the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons' educational OSA division. He has published and lectured extensively, nationally and internationally, on the surgical treatment of OSA, a common potentially life-threatening medical disorder.

Jeff and his wife Kim reside in East Cobb and have two sons, Jeffrey and Eric (Walton high school graduates), and two grandchildren. 📞

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On Monday, April 18, Michael Rosser will lace up his running shoes to compete in the 120th Boston Marathon and raise money to help find a cure for cancer. In his first two years of running the Boston Marathon and fundraising for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, he has already raised \$25,500. This year, he has pledged to raise an additional \$14,500 to be used to support critical cancer research and unparalleled pediatric and adult patient care at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. With just days until the marathon he is asking his fellow East Cobb neighbors for their support.

Michael Rosser says he has many reasons for raising money for cancer research:

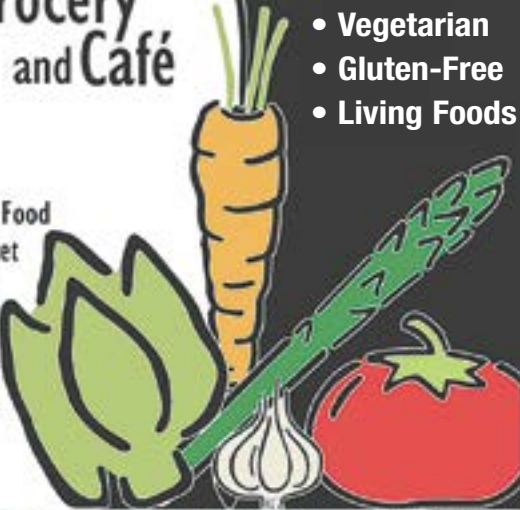
- My wife, Jane, is a 25 year cancer survivor.
- My father-in-law passed away from pancreatic cancer.
- Dr Richard Grey, Jane's oncologist, died last year from bladder cancer. He is responsible for saving Jane's life.
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"This will be my third year raising money for Dana-Farber. In 2011 and 2014, I raised a total of \$25,500, and to date for 2016 I have raised over \$10,500. This year's goal is \$14,500. I have lived in East Cobb for over twenty years and my wife is a Cobb County teacher. My wife is the main reason why I run to raise money. She is a twenty-five year cancer survivor and the love of my life," says Michael.

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute has been the top ranked cancer hospital in New England for 15 consecutive years, and is the only cancer center in the country ranked in the top 4 for both adult and pediatric cancer programs.

Please join him in the fight against cancer by considering making a contribution today. It is easy to have an impact on this important and universal cause. You can:

- > Make a gift online: Visit the fundraising page to make a gift online, go to www.rundfmc.org/2016/michaelr
- > Send in a check: Write a check payable to "Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge" and send it directly to Michael at: 3905 Remington Way, Marietta, GA 30066.
- > Matching Gifts: You can also check with your employer's Human Resources department to find out if the organization will match your gift and double the impact!

Cancer touches all of our lives. Michael feels he is doing his part to help conquer this disease and with your help, we all can move closer to the ultimate finish line: a world without cancer.

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LOVE YOUR HEALTH

By Jennifer Saboura, East Cobb County Council of PTAs, Health & Wellness Chair

When thinking of Health and Wellness, we often consider diet and nutrition or the benefits of exercise. But, how about art? With our latest art contest, "Love Your Health," we asked students in East Cobb to draw or paint about mental, emotional, or physical health. The goal was to see how students interpret what the importance of health means to them. All primary grade entries were on display in February – in recognition of Valentine's Day -- in the children's area at the Mountain View Regional Library, and the upper grades were on display in March. The thoughtful interpretations of the theme and creativity were remarkable!

In addition to sponsoring the Love Your Health art contest, the ECCC PTA encourages families, teachers, and coaches in the community to get involved with students' health and wellness at home, in the classroom, and on the court or field. Here are a few ideas:

- 1. Encourage your kids to put down their electronic devices and go outdoors to play.** Go to the park, visit an apple orchard, walk on a nature trail, or play in the backyard. Studies show that playing outside provides Vitamin D, promotes problem-solving skills, and stimulates the imagination, all while increasing physical activity. Unstructured play in nature is important to our youth.
- 2. Join your school PTA to make a difference in healthier prizes and fundraisers school wide.** Classroom teachers, PTA committees, and After-School Clubs are always looking for incentives for students, so why not help provide resources that include exercise, healthy treats, or non-edible rewards? How about tickets to a game, front row seats at a school assembly, or free admission to the school Fall Festival or Spring Fling? Many fundraisers sell non-edible items like home fragrance or bath and body products, or they focus on physical activity, such as walking, running, or jumping. Ask for healthier fundraisers, vending options, and concessions. It is helpful to send a consistent message that a healthy lifestyle is important at your school.
- 3. Ask to join in on the next Wellness Council meeting with your school PE staff, cafeteria manager, school nurse, and principal.** The

majority of our East Cobb schools have a Wellness Council, and if not, you can help start one at your school. Together you can increase the opportunities students have for proper nutrition, physical activity, and better health. Your cafeteria manager may be willing to help with a healthy taste test during lunch. Your PE staff may need volunteers to organize a walking club before school. You might collaborate in starting or improving your school garden.

4. Offer non-edible rewards instead of candy.

Students are given sugary snacks as treats and rewards throughout the day, quickly increasing their sugar intake beyond acceptable levels. Encourage your school community to use non-edible rewards instead. Teachers and administrators can offer alternatives such as stickers, extra recess, certificates, badges of honor, VIP status, and special outings that promote exercise. Classroom prize buckets can be filled with school supplies like fun erasers, notebooks, mechanical pencils, colorful pens, flash drives, and bookmarks.

- 5. Participate in school events that promote physical activity, like the school dance, Jump Rope for Heart, school 5K's, and Walk or Bike to School Day.** These events are fun and healthy. Volunteer to help and encourage your children and their friends to attend.

Healthy habits start now. Let's be leaders in guiding our children to loving their health. In the words of Aristotle, "Good habits formed at youth make all the difference."

For more information visit, www.ecccpta.org/health.



Jennifer Saboura is the Health & Wellness Chair for the East Cobb County Council of PTAs. Jennifer is also the Health & Wellness Co-Chair for the Mountain View Elementary PTA. She and her husband reside in East Cobb along with their three sons, students at Mountain View Elementary School.



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office and usually volunteer their brothers or sisters to go first.

The tooth fairy cannot be fooled by a piece of white chalk placed under a pillow.

When explaining brushing and flossing techniques to a child it is best to verify their understanding or else they may be adamant with their parents that the dentist told them that BACON and SODA works just as good as toothpaste.

Some perfectly good teeth do hurt when chewing if they are chewing broccoli, liver, or tofu.

The insights of children so often amaze and humor me and my staff. I have had many a listening adult patient in an adjacent room ask if he could wear the bubblegum nose and breathe the funny gas before he gets a silver star in his tooth. I think kids keep us in check making us stop and take a different look at the world. I am thankful to be blessed with three little comedians of my own and to be part of a dental team that enjoys treating patients of all ages.



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14 WAYS TO SAVE THE EARTH

Ms. Jennie Dang and Mrs. Brittney Meehan, third grade teachers at Murdock Elementary School, submitted their students' suggestions on how we can be better stewards of our environment. So, in honor of Earth Day, April 22, EAST COBBER selected 14 "acts of green" to save the earth.

"When you're brushing your teeth don't turn on the water every second. Do you want to know why? It is because it wastes 5 gallons of water every second!"

~ Sarah Fleming



"You can't recycle tissue because it has already been recycled before and it's too thin."

~ Ethan Hall

"Help us to protect the earth by recycling everyday and teach others how to recycle."

~ Alejandra Alvarez-Diaz



"I love to recycle it helps you it helps me. It helps the world."

~ Jonathan Vincenty

"Get this, you can actually recycle electronics. It's called electronic recycling. For instance, you can recycle your old broken down computer."

~ Lilla Golden



"There are so many things you can recycle, like grocery bags, Pringle cans, and waxy cartons."

~ Marina Flegel



"If you want to help you have to start small so you can get used to it. First, you have to place a small bin in some rooms in your house or school. The bins could be anywhere from an old cardboard box to a professional bin."

~ Elsa Shilling

"It's very important that the environment is protected. If you do your part in recycling and conserving, then you would be helping the environment. And remember, recycle, conserve and pick up litter!"

~ Isabella Sanchez



"You can conserve electricity by picking your snack before opening the fridge. That way you are not standing there with the door open letting the cold out."

~ Emma Smith



"You can recycle shoes and you can go online to soles for soles.com and give away your old shoes."

~ Cooper Hecklinski

"If everybody recycled, conserved water, and followed the 3R's, then that would make a big change in the U.S. If that happens that would be amazing."

~ Adrian Thaiss



"You can save energy by leaving the lights off when you don't need them!"

~ Addie Aldridge

"Did you know you can reuse water! You just have to take dirty water from your bathtub and water your plants."

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What's in Your Warning?

April 5 | 10:30 - 11:30am

Free. Registration required

Spring storm season is here. Find out and learn how to build an effective safety plan. This free, informative and fun seminar will be conducted by former CBS 46 Chief Meteorologist Gene Norman, now with WeatherCall.

Traveling Trunk

April 8 | 10 - 11:30am

Free. Registration required

What was the lifestyle of the American Colonist of the 18th Century? Their personal hygiene? The games they played? The essential types of clothing? The Traveling Trunk contains examples of items used by the pioneer colonists. See how these items were used colonial ancestors and the influence they had upon the Revolution. Presented by Bob Sapp.

Top 7 Questions People Ask about River Cruising (and the 3 They Should!)

April 12 | 10:30 - 11:30am

Free. Registration required

This overview will help you navigate the many choices available for this fun, upscale, inclusive form of travel, and showcase the incredible value river cruising offers. Light refreshments provided.

Nutrition with Richard Dumont

April 14 | 10 - 11:30am

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Dine-a-Round: Chicken and the Egg

April 26 | 11:30am

Separate checks; Registration required. Everyone meets at the restaurant. Chicken and the Egg, 800 Whitlock Ave NW #124, Marietta.

Blaze a Trail at Kennesaw Mountain

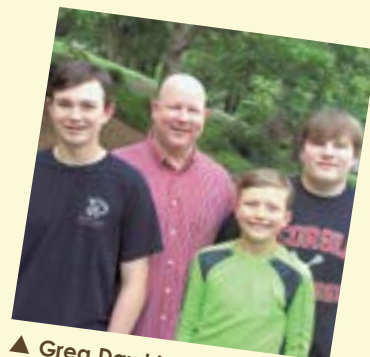
April 29 | 10am - 12pm

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A discussion of the historic and natural treasures at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Father of the Year 2016

All EAST COBBER readers are encouraged to nominate a father who either lives or works in East Cobb County to be this year's EAST COBBER Father Of The Year. In 200 words or less explain why this man should receive this honor.



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Visiting gardens at their prime in spring is always a joy. Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County hope you will join them on Saturday, May 7, 10am to 5pm.

These gardens will delight the senses and give inspiration and encouragement to gardeners and would-be gardeners alike. Master Gardeners will be on site providing interpretation and educational opportunities for tour guests. Plant lists and printed educational materials will also be available at each garden.

The Garden Tour admission is \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event at any of the gardens on the tour for \$20. Children 10 and under are free. All entries to the gardens must have a ticket. Tickets can also be purchased at each garden the day of the Garden Tour. Only cash or checks will be accepted. The gardens are not wheelchair or stroller accessible. Only service animals are allowed. Tour will be held rain or shine.

Here are the gardens featured on this year's Garden Tour:

The Gambon Garden

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The Burson Garden

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Butterflies flock to the many perennials in the Burson garden that has been a work in progress for over 25 years. Garden beds in the front, back and side yards are adorned with hostas, heucheras, clematis, salvia, hydrangeas, Japanese maples, azaleas, camellias, tropical plants, and roses. The garden includes many pass-along plants, along with colorful pots and garden art. In the very back of this lot is a sunny spot for blueberries and raised beds for herbs and vegetables. This primarily sunny yard, with a few shady areas, supports a diversity of plants for year-round bloom.

The Stockton Garden

778 Chelsea Park Lane, Marietta 30068

Making the most of its Southern woodland setting, the Stockton garden makes good use of shrubs, perennials, bulbs and annuals for partly shaded areas. It is a certified wildlife protection area, making a home for many species of birds, including a family of Marsh Hawks. The sloping backyard, gently cleared to make room for hydrangeas, camellias and boxwoods, allows rainwater to flow undisturbed through the back of the property and supports local wildlife. Many plantings have caused the owner to call it a "wonder" garden; "I wonder why we planted in that spot." The perennial border along the house and unusual small trees tucked in along the stone pathway will surprise you, and the garden barnyard animal art additions will make you smile.

The Strawn Garden

1037 Muirfield Drive, Marietta 30068

Located in Indian Hills Country Club, this landscape maximizes a cul-de-sac lot with a design that promotes year-round interest. An English Cottage garden path utilizes

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a variety of perennials, annuals, and bulbs that work in the South. The garden attracts bluebirds, hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators. Various roses, including a climbing rose that was propagated from the owner's 103 year old Grandmother's rose, line the terrace and are strategically placed throughout the garden. Members of the MGVOCC Rose Warriors will be available to answer your rose-related questions at this location. Still in the planning stage is phase two, which are areas dealing with deep shade and sloping terrain. Landscape Designs for phase two will be available to view.

Fair Oaks Elementary School

407 Barber Road, Marietta 30060

Teaching children about gardening is a hot topic! The Fair Oaks Garden was created in the fall of 2008 and features an herb garden, vegetable garden, and a berry patch. Rain barrels were installed around the shed to collect rain water for the vegetables and flowers. Led by teacher master gardeners, the school hosts a garden club for the children that meets after school every week.

Crossroads Community Garden at Chestnut Ridge Christian Church


2663 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062

Parking and main entrance are on Post Oak Tritt Road. Families grow produce and learn organic methods in this community garden that is home to 59 leased beds. Twelve beds are focused solely on growing food for the Feed the Hungry Food Pantry, and five additional plots support other produce such as asparagus, herbs and additional vegetables. Being a part of a community garden is a great family activity filled with exercise and fresh air!

Jean and Elwood Wright Environmental Education Center

2663 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta 30062

Parking and main entrance are on Post Oak Tritt Road. This property belonged to the Wright family since the mid 1940's. Mrs. Wright was very deliberate in adding plants to the property that would attract pollinators as well as birds and wildlife. Environmental education classes are taught by our Cobb County P.A.R.K.S. and Recreation Department to schools, scouts and other groups. The trail system meanders through the entire 19-acre property passing through old growth and new growth. Many plants native to Georgia thrive in the park. This property is not open for general public access so take advantage of this opportunity to see this oasis in the middle of East Cobb County.

The mission of the Master Gardeners of Cobb County is to advance the horticultural education of its members and to promote the knowledge, interest, appreciation, and enjoyment of gardening and to extend this knowledge and enjoyment to the members and the public. To learn more about Master Gardeners, their projects, read their garden articles, and find out how to become a Master Gardener, please visit their website: www.cobbmastergardeners.org. 

EAST COBBER AUTHORS *THIS IS THE EARTH*




▲ Author, Diane Z. Shore

In 2003, after nine and a half years, 385 rejections, and a forest of sloppy copies, East Cobb resident Diane Z. Shore published her first children's book, *Bus-A-Saurus Bop*, a rollicking, rhyming read-aloud and winner of the 2004 Children's Choice Award.

Last month Shore published her ninth book, *This Is the Earth*. Co-written with Jessica

Alexander with paintings by award winning artist Wendell Minor, *Earth* explores hundreds of years of changing landscapes and the positive and negative impacts humans have had on the environment. "Even the smallest actions can help save the world, and this lyrical, rhyming read-aloud text shows how smart and simple everyday habits can protect the planet." – *Goodreads*

Besides writing books, Diane is also a contributor to various children's magazines including *Highlights for Children*, a magazine she received as a child. "I love history, humor and poetry, but my favorite thing about being a children's author is traveling across the U.S. and inspiring kids to read." When she is not away at author visits, Shore substitute teaches at Cobb County Schools and volunteers as a tutor with the Cobb Literacy Council. She and her husband John have two children, both graduates of Walton High School, and have lived in Indian Hills since 1990. For more information, visit her website at www.dianezshore.com. 

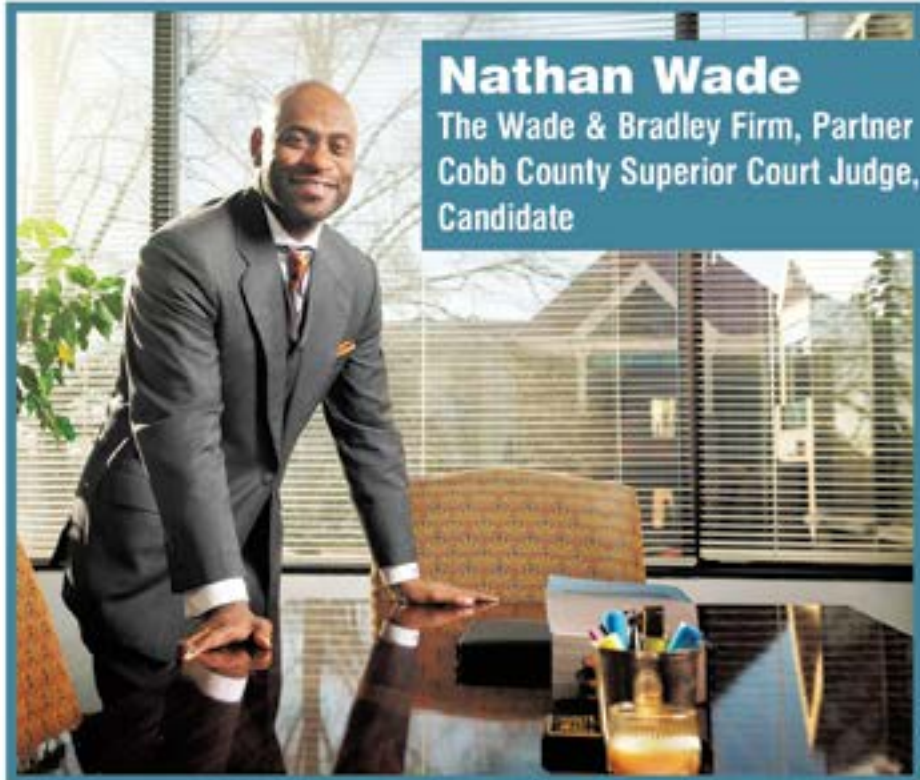


THE STORY: I am the son of a Vietnam War veteran. I am blessed to have a father who is not only a great man and father, but a good friend. My father shaped my future through his teachings and good deeds. He instilled in me a strong work ethic from my youth. While participating in church activities as a young boy, I discovered an interest in public speaking and communicating my thoughts on topics. I pursued other opportunities in the academic environment to debate topics. My interest in the U.S. Constitution, public speaking and a strong sense of fairness and passion to see justice for all culminated in a career choice of law.

WHY COBB COUNTY? I began serving the citizens of Cobb County as an Assistant Solicitor General. Although I thoroughly enjoyed prosecuting criminal cases and learning to appreciate all dynamics in the courtroom, I later decided to enter the world of private practice. As a private practitioner, I continued to serve as a prosecutor for several municipalities in Cobb, as well as a civil litigator. This formed an inseparable bond between me and the Cobb community, as Cobb quickly became my home. Cobb has poured so much into me. I was given the opportunity to serve as a Pro Hac State Court judge for several years and now an Associate Municipal Court judge in the City of Marietta. I have enjoyed the practice of law and serving in both judicial capacities in Cobb. I am blessed to have chosen Cobb as the place I now call home.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB? I love serving the citizens of Cobb as a judge. Serving as an Associate Municipal Court judge allows me the opportunity to put all of my years of experience in the law in service for the people of Cobb. After having served as a prosecutor, criminal and civil litigator, domestic relations attorney — in short, all areas of the law appearing before the Cobb County Superior Court — I love serving as a judge. Being a judge affords me the opportunity to ensure that justice is administered fairly to all.

LEISURE TIME: I spend time being the No. 1 fan of my children. My son is a travel Development Academy soccer player, while my daughter is a high level competitive gymnast.



Nathan Wade
The Wade & Bradley Firm, Partner
Cobb County Superior Court Judge,
Candidate

Photo by Todd Hall

BEST ADVICE: Get to know thyself so that you can pursue a purpose driven life. No one can be better at being you than you. I believe it's important to be whole and healthy in our spirit mind and body. Develop an intimate relationship with your creator — for me He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God my father introduced me to as a young boy. Pursuing our purpose in life leads to a path of wholeness and fulfillment. Carpe diem. Make each day a great one. Live out your purpose.

WHAT'S NEXT? I am seeking to serve the citizens of Cobb as a full-time judge (Associate Municipal Court is a part-time position). I will be on the May 24 ballot as a candidate for Cobb County Superior Court judge. **I stand for fairness, equality/ impartiality, high ethical standards, and justice for all.**

The citizens and voters of Cobb County deserve a judge who follows the law and respects the Constitution. The majority of the cases heard in Superior Court are domestic relations. I have prosecuted, served as a civil and criminal litigator and litigated many domestic relations cases. I believe that Cobb citizens will benefit from the extensive, well-rounded and balanced legal experiences that I bring to the bench. I will be ready to begin work on Day 1.

Please visit votenathanwade.com to join Team Wade. Together, we can ensure that Cobb is a place where justice for all is the order of the day.



EAST COBBER extends its mission of building a sense of community by establishing a hometown tradition of a community parade and festival. As the producers of the first parade and festival in East Cobb County, the EAST COBBER aims to establish a strong network between schools, businesses, government and clubs to create a showcase event and annual tradition for East Cobb County. The EAST COBBER Parade has become the largest parade in all of Cobb County and is the only community-wide event for East Cobb.

The EAST COBBER Parade and Festival aims to build a sense of community and reinforce East Cobb's status as one of the best places to live in the Atlanta area by giving thanks and special tribute to those who contribute to the quality of life in East Cobb: such as, principals, schools, clubs, elected officials, and civic leaders.

Overall, the objectives of this special event are as follows:

- SPOTLIGHT the people who contribute to the quality of life in East Cobb County.
- NETWORKING opportunities for various groups of the community to interact.
- BOOST the image of East Cobb to external audiences as well as to help East Cobb residents feel good about living in East Cobb.
- CELEBRATE the arts by providing a showcase for local fine arts performers and groups at the Festival.
- PROMOTE economic development by providing local businesses with an event that demonstrates their community support and allows company personnel to interact with prospects and customers.

Because the EAST COBBER Parade & Festival is privately funded, contributions from local businesses are vital to keeping this tradition alive in East Cobb County. **For sponsorship information, to register your group for the parade, or to request a booth at the festival, visit www.eastcobber.com/parade.**

2016 EAST COBBER Parade & Festival Details:

Date:

Saturday, September 17

Parade:

Start Time: 10am

Festival:

Start Time: 11am

Application Deadline:

Friday, August 5



SUPPORT GROUPS

A.A./Al-Anon/Al-Anon Beginners/Alateen. Every Monday 8pm. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2881 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-5347 or jpm105@comcast.net.

Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Support Group. First and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Room 334, Johnson Ferry Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. Men and women welcome. More info: 678-578-4888 or info@voicetoday.org.

Al-Anon. For family and friends of alcoholics. Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Room 345, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-0483.

Al-Anon Family Group. 7pm. Teens 13 and older welcome. Temple Kol Emeth, 1415 Old Canton Road, Marietta. More info: Paulette L., 678-551-2433.

Babywearing Group. Koalamommias, North Atlanta's resource for help, support, and information about baby carriers of all kinds. Meets monthly. Meeting dates/time vary. More info: Jennifer Worrell, 770-516-4192 or jenniferworrell@bellsouth.net.

Bereavement Support. First and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 5pm. Counseling Room in Parish Office, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-552-6400, ext. 6020.

Breastfeeding Mommy & Me Group. A lactation consultant is available to facilitate supportive discussions over a variety of topics. Mondays 9:30-11am. WellStar East Cobb Health Park, Marietta Room 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-793-8088.

Cancer Support Group. Second and 4th Monday of the month. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

Depression/Bipolar Support Group. First and 3rd Thursday of the month. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Room 339, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

Divorced/Separated Support Group. First and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7:30pm. St. Ann's Catholic Church, Mary's Chapel, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-552-6400, ext. 6018.

Divorce Support Group by Visions Anew for women who are contemplating or going through the divorce process. First Thursday & 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7-9pm. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.visionsanew.org.

Divorce Support Group. Every Thursday through May 31. 6:30pm. Mt. Bethel UMC (Church Room B106), 4385 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta. More info/to register: Judith Reichenbach, Licensed Counselor, 770-597-9882.

Diabetes Support Group offered by WellStar Health System. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:30-8pm. McLaren Mill Office Park, 531 Rose Lane Street, Suite 100, Marietta. No registration required. More info: 770-793-7818.

Domestic Violence Support Groups. Sessions in English and Spanish. Wednesdays. 6:45-8:15pm. Childcare available for children 6 weeks to 12 years. Children over 12 may attend and learn childcare skills. More info: 770-427-3390.

East Cobb Satellite of CHADD (Children & Adults w/Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)

Parental Support Group. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:30-8:00 pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church (Room B109) on Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Capple Suttle, 404-368-9394, east-cobb@chadd.net, or www.chadd.net/300.

Emotions Anonymous, a fellowship of people who come together to work toward recovery from emotional difficulties and discover a new way of life. Tuesdays & Fridays. 7pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 614 Mimosa Boulevard, Counseling Building, Roswell. More info: 770-330-1991.

Families Anonymous (FA) for families who have loved ones struggling with addiction. Every Tuesday. 7:30-9pm. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Youth Center, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465.

Families of Children Under Stress (FOCUS). To listen, inform and educate, and offer programs for the families and the child with special needs. Last Thursday of the month during school year. 10am. Chick-Fil-A, 1201 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info/to confirm meeting date: Angie, 770-234-9111, angie@focus-ga.org, or www.focus-ga.org.

Fractured Families for Parents Estranged from their Children. Second and 4th Sunday. 6:30pm. Call for location. More info: Sandy 404-446-6093.

Georgia Parkinson's Association. Parkinson's Support Group Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month 1pm. Northside Hospital Cherokee Education Building, 130-B Oakside Court, Canton. More info: James Trussell 706-413-3264 or james@gaparkinsons.org

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group. Second Tuesday each month. 7:15pm. Special guest speaker. Transfiguration Church, Room 102, 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta. More info: Jeannie, 770-919-9275.

Grief Support Group Every Wednesday. 6:30-8:30pm from mid-Fall to mid-Spring. An educational grief support group facilitated by two nationally recognized grief experts, a licensed clinical psychologist and an ordained pastor. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.mtbethel.org/support.

Grief Support Group for those who have had a family member, friend or other loved one pass away. Third Thursday of each month. 7-9pm. Unity North Atlanta Church, New Beginnings Room, 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: kathzkel@yahoo.com.

JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent and Significant Others). For Jewish members of 12 Step groups. 7-8pm, first and third Tuesdays of every month except on Jewish holidays. Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, in the library. More info: 770-928-2523 or teshuva@aol.com.

Loneliness Bereavement Support Group. Every Wednesday except holidays. 11am. Heritage Hospice, 3315 Hilltop Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-423-5959.

Marietta Moms. For all kinds of moms - new to the area, looking for new friends, or just needing support. Daily events for babies, toddlers and older kids. More info: 770-956-0318 or 678-357-3661 or www.mariettamoms.com

Mothers Circle Group. Are you a mother raising Jewish children but you are not Jewish? Free education and support through a 16-week course. Groups are held in Marietta, Intown and North Fulton. More info: Suzette Cohen, suzette@themotherscircle.org or www.themotherscircle.org.

Mothers of PreSchoolers (MOPS). Wednesdays. 6:15-7:15pm. A place where moms can come to build friendships and receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Childcare provided. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465 or mtzionmops@gmail.com.

Overeaters Anonymous. A support group for those who suffer from the need to compulsively overeat. Monday-Wednesday-Friday. 10am. St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Betsy, 404-226-4931.

Parents of Prodigals. For parents of struggling teens and young adults. Second and 4th Thursday. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Fair Brocard, 770-612-1197 or www.prodigalchildministries.org.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For persons with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. Second Sunday each month. 4pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Bldg. A, Roswell. More info: Robin Cleveland, 678-819-3915.

Spousal Support Group. Third Thursday of the month. 12-1pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or ACaudell@arborcompany.com.

Veteran's Information Referral Office (VIRO). Free help and information for all veterans with VA Disability, VA Healthcare, Employment and Counseling. Second and 4th Wednesday each month. First and 4th Saturday each month, 11am-2pm. American Legion, Post 29, 921 Gresham Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-427-5900.

Widowed Helping Others (WHO). Dinner Social. First and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 6pm. St. Ann's Catholic Church, Nolan Hall, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Ann's Pastoral Care, 770-552-6400, ext. 6018.

Women's Weight Loss Support Group. Join a growing group of local women on the path to weight loss in a non-judgmental environment providing accountability (weekly weigh-in), healthy eating/fitness ideas and activities, and emotional support. Meetings held Tuesdays 6:45-7:45pm. Kroger, 3595 Canton Rd, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Marietta, (New Chastain Corners Shopping Center). More info: Rae Tucker raetucker1@yahoo.com



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