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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

*Who can turn the world on with her smile?
Who can take a nothing day,
and suddenly make it all seem worthwhile?
Well it's you girl, and you should know it
With each glance and every little
movement you show it*

*Love is all around, no need to waste it
You can have a town, why don't you take it
You're gonna make it after all
You're gonna make it after all*



Every Saturday night, I eagerly awaited each new *Mary Tyler Moore* TV show. Mary Tyler Moore played a character, Mary Richards, that shined a light on possibilities and positivity for this little girl (I was 8 when the show premiered in 1970). As I was putting the finishing touches on this issue, I heard that she had died. Her passing strikes a chord with me because she showed me what I could be like when I grew up: a successful, single woman in the working world with my own apartment! I could make it on my own! So many other Americans were touched by this iconic character. When the *Mary Tyler Moore* show aired, our country was going through some tumultuous times (from the Vietnam War protests, Watergate, to Nixon's resignation) and for 30 minutes every Saturday, many Americans sat down to be charmed, to laugh, and with a cleverly-written script, consider some social issues. Mary Tyler Moore's death reminds us how we are in search of that ordinary, but very special, "Mary" and that "toss your hat in the air" feeling!

For the past 23 years, the EAST COBBER magazine has shined a light on those ordinary and special people, like Mary Richards, who create possibilities and are a positive force not just locally, but in Metro Atlanta, and beyond. From Kristy Flowers, featured on the front cover, to Jennifer Fink creating a fundraiser for breast cancer research (see page 10), I am pleased to share these stories (and more!) about East Cobbers taking action and making our community a little bit better. Just like in the *Mary Tyler Moore* show, my hat is off to them! And just like in the '70s, we Americans are now going through another era of protests and turmoil. So, like the *Mary Tyler Moore* show, I hope the EAST COBBER magazine provides some respite and reminds you that we're gonna make it after all!

Happy Valentine's Day!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia".

Cynthia M. Rozzo
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P.S. Come see me get out of my comfort zone and dance in the third annual Cobb Dancing With The Stars on February 25. Details are on page 8.

On the Cover

Pictured on our front cover this month is Kristy Flowers standing in front of Wheeler High School. As president of the Eastern Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs, Kristy leads 35 PTAs to improve the lives of East Cobb children.

As Kristy explains, "PTA presidents from East Cobb schools come together in our council to carry out the mission of National PTA: the advocacy of all children and for a quality education."

She believes it her role to energize the community for PTA causes. For Kristy, the best part about being president has been "the opportunity to help the kids and meeting so many interesting people."

A graduate of Wheeler High School (Class of '86), Kristy lives in the Fox Hills subdivision with her husband, Jim, and their two children: Vann, a sixth-grader at East Cobb Middle School; and Luke, a third grader at Sope Creek Elementary School.

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CURING KIDS CANCER PROVIDES \$1 MILLION FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH IN 2016

Curing Kids Cancer, a nonprofit based in East Cobb, announced the 2016 recipients of \$1 million in grants that will fund innovative therapies at 17 hospitals across the United States and Canada.

Three Women, Three Major Grants

Three doctors will receive \$150,000 grants for each of their outstanding research projects. These projects focus on cancer immunotherapy, high-grade brain tumors and the development of targeted therapies using genetics. The recipients are Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's own Dr. Yael P. Mosse, Dr. Cynthia Hawkins from Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto and Baylor College of Medicine's Dr. Meenakshi G. Hegde.

"I am thrilled that the medical knowledge, the technology and the genetics are all coming together. We are beginning to fund the development of true cures in our lifetime," said Curing Kids Cancer Founder and President, Grainne Owen. "It is a real blessing and privilege for me to see the money that has been donated funding research that is actually saving children's lives!"

Curing Kids Cancer continues to fund elite childhood cancer research and treatments across the country. Here are the spectacular childhood cancer research projects we are funding:

Continued Projects

- University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas received a grant to continue Dr. Jim Amatruda's research on Ewing sarcoma using zebrafish to identify mutations that cause specific types of cancer.
- Dana Farber Cancer Center located in Boston received a grant to continue Dr. Kimberly Stegmaier's work on Epigenetics in Ewing sarcoma. This work helped her receive a 2015 grant of \$200,000 from Curing Kids Cancer.
- Dr. Jason Fangusaro and Dr. Wainwright at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago are again receiving a CKC grant for their groundbreaking research on brain tumors and new ways to treat them.
- Dr. Kelly Maloney from Children's Hospital Colorado received funding to continue working on targeted therapies in relapsed Leukemia.




L-R: Dr. Ron Neuberger, Director, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders; Samuel Tenenbaum, President, Palmetto Health Foundation; Grainne Owen, Founder and President of Curing Kids Cancer; Clay Owen, Co-Founder of Curing Kids Cancer.

- Seattle Children's Hospital received a grant for Dr. Todd Cooper's research on developing a trial for relapsed Acute Myeloid Leukemia using a drug called Crenolanib.
- Dr. Meryam Fouladi at Cincinnati Children's Hospital will continue to work on brain tumor tissue samples to develop treatments for fatal tumors (DIPG) and other high-grade brain tumors with her Curing Kids Cancer grant. She will also lead a new international research consortium.
- Curing Kids Cancer will continue its close and long standing relationships with Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. CKC will announce the details of these partnerships very soon.

New Project-Curing Kids Cancer is funding the development of the Cellular Therapy Lab, which is being developed by Dr. Douglas Graham at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. When the funding is complete it will be named the Killian Owen Curing Kids Cancer Cellular Therapy Lab.

First-Time Recipients-John Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Mercy Children's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. and Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, Ky. are all first time recipients of Curing Kids Cancer grants.

Endowment-Curing Kids Cancer is working to complete its \$1.2 million endowment at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital in Columbia, S.C. When completed, the clinic will be named the Gamecocks Curing Kids Cancer Clinic.

East Cobb's Grainne and Clay Owen founded Curing Kids Cancer, a 501(c) devoted to funding cutting edge pediatric cancer therapies, after they lost their son, Killian, to leukemia in 2003 when he was nine years old. Since it was founded in 2005, Curing Kids Cancer has raised more than \$8 million to fund new childhood cancer treatments and pediatric cancer research. For more information on how to help, please contact Curing Kids Cancer at 1-866-933-CURE (2873) or visit www.curingkidscancer.org to learn more. 


BIG CHICKEN BARBERSHOP CHORUS OFFERS SINGING VALENTINES

It's that time of year again! Do something unique and very memorable for that special someone in your life! The Big Chicken Chorus will be delivering Singing Valentines Saturday, February 11: 1 pm to 7 pm; Sunday, February 12: 4 pm to 7 pm; and, Tuesday, February 14: 9 am to 9 pm. Deliveries are primarily in the Northwest Metro Atlanta area, with coverage of Cherokee, Cobb and Fulton Counties. Singing Valentines can also be delivered by phone anywhere in the continental U.S.

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The telephone deliveries are \$25. Prices begin at \$50 for a live delivery within a three-hour time window, but arrangements can be made for delivery with a shorter time window at an additional charge.

Orders are already being scheduled and we do have a limited availability of quartets. Deliveries are arranged on a first come, first served basis, so make your plans early and place an order by visiting www.ordersingingvalentine.com/BigChickenChorus.GA or by phone to our Singing Valentines hotline at 470-349-0550. Inquiries or requests for additional information can also be made by Email to SingingValentines@BigChickenChorus.org.

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Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre (GMDT) announced our fabulous dancers for our biggest fundraiser of the year, GMDT's Dancing with the Stars of Marietta. This fundraiser event will be held on February 25 at 7pm at the Earl Smith Strand Theatre on the Historic Marietta Square to benefit GMDT. "This super fun event completely sold out two years in a row, and was the talk of the town for several weeks. We are very excited and hope people will join us again, and help us take our third annual fundraiser event to a whole new level," says Jill Hanke, chair of this year's Dancing With The Stars.

Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre is a non-profit, student-based company housed in the studios of Georgia Dance Conservatory on the Marietta Square. Formally known as the Ruth Mitchell Dance Theatre, Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre's passion for the performing arts remains the same as it strives to provide Georgia audiences with dance performances that entertain, educate and delight audiences of all ages. Under the artistic direction of Ashleigh Whitworth, GMDT has become a name in dance synonymous with high quality dance performances where students and professionals dance together on stage, and where the arts are celebrated through a range of diverse dance programs and community involvement.

Dancing with the Stars of Marietta is an exciting fundraiser event to benefit GMDT, where twelve local celebrities have been paired with each other and each will perform their dance number. On the night of the event, our celebrity dancers will show off their best dance moves and compete for the People's Choice and the Judge's Choice mirror ball trophies. You can help your favorite celebrity couple win the People's Choice mirror ball trophy by voting early at www.gmdtdwts.com as well as voting using your mobile device, during the actual event. The judges will select the Judge's Choice award.

Dancing with the Stars of Marietta 2017 judges are: Meg Gillentine, dancer, singer, actor; Chari Guzman,

Miss Cobb County 2017; and, McCree O'Kelley, dance faculty at Kennesaw State University, dance faculty at Cincinnati Ballet SDP.

As a patron and supporter, you can support the arts locally, and help GMDT continue to provide quality dance performances, such as The Nutcracker and The Wolf, The Swan and The Princess community throughout the year by attending GMDT's Dancing with the Stars of Marietta on February 25, and by voting for your favorite celebrity dancer by visiting their event website www.gmdtdwts.com. Dancing with the Stars of Marietta 2017 celebrity dancers are:

Couple 1:

Mamie Doyle

Owner of Miss Mamie's Cupcakes

Andy Gaines

Facilities and Events Director at Earl Smith Strand Theatre

Couple 2:

Cynthia Rozzo

Founder and President of EAST COBBER

Carlos Viela

Staff Attorney for Cobb County State Court Judge,
Jane Manning

Couple 3:

Katie Arjona

Theatre Faculty at The Walker School

Michael Arjona

Head of Upper School at The Walker School

Couple 4:

Brittney Gray

Director of Visitor Information Centers at Georgia
Department of Economic Development

Vaughn Williams

Athletic Director, Kennesaw State University

Couple 5:

Connie Carlson

CEO and Broker at Live Love Atlanta

Dan Olah

Principal Designer, Owner of Olah Design Group

Couple 6:

Tracey Atwater


Owner of Bridges Atwater Solutions

Stephen Vault

Vice President of Business Development
at WellStar Health System

Complete bios of each dancer can be found on the event website at www.gmdtdwts.com. To learn more about Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre (GMDT) please visit our website at www.georgiametrodance.org

To vote for your favorite dancer in the form of a donation to GMDT, please visit our event website at www.gmdtdwts.com

To purchase tickets to Dancing with the Stars of Marietta fundraiser event, visit www.earlsmithstrand.org. 

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EAST COBB MOM RAISES FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER

When Jennifer Fink moved back to Atlanta five years ago and chose the East Cobb area for her home, she brought with her a passion for supporting breast cancer research. Fink had been an active member of a nonprofit group, A Cure in Our Lifetime, in Chappaqua, New York. Fink's mother is a breast cancer survivor, as well as several of her friends, and her participation in the nonprofit has been her way to honor them. In 2015, Fink started an Atlanta chapter of A Cure In Our Lifetime.

A Cure in Our Lifetime was founded 19 years ago in Chappaqua in memory of a community friend who passed away at 38, leaving two young children and a husband. Over the years, the homegrown group has raised nearly \$3 million for innovative breast cancer research.

Since her move to Georgia, Fink has participated in It's The Journey 2-day walk for breast cancer. However, she wanted to pursue her true passion of fundraising for breast cancer research. So, in 2015, Fink and Atlanta native Jody Goldstein, a friend and breast cancer survivor, organized an Atlanta chapter of A Cure in Our Lifetime and created a special event to raise money for the group.

A Cure in Our Lifetime raises funds for innovative breast cancer research, provides resources for those who have breast cancer, and promotes breast health through education and outreach. While all funds raised directly support breast cancer research around the world, at least half are strictly dedicated to research projects in Georgia.

\$70,000 dollars was raised at their first annual spring breakfast. The money raised went to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and Dr. Rau at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Thanks to the efforts of a 29-member, all-volunteer committee, plans are now underway for the second annual event. A Cure In Our Lifetime Spring Breakfast will be held at 9am on Wednesday, March 15, at the



Jennifer Fink and Jody Goldstein, Co-Chairs, A Cure In Our Lifetime Spring Breakfast

Cherokee Town and Country Club at 155 West Paces Ferry Road in Atlanta. Tickets are \$125 and include a breakfast buffet. Annie Parker, the keynote speaker, is a three-time cancer survivor and the author of Decoded. She is one of the first women in North America to be tested for the BRCA1 gene mutation. Now an advocate for cancer care and genetic testing, Annie will share her story of hope, courage and grace that will touch your heart.

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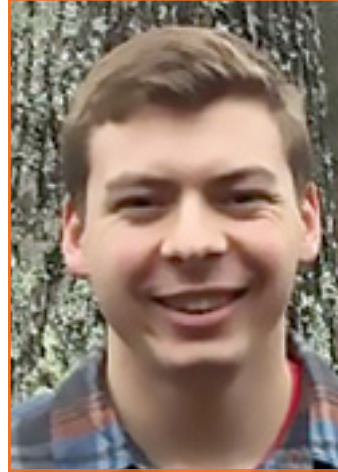
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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Student of the Year campaign is a six-week initiative in which nominated high school students, participate in a fundraising competition to raise funds for LLS and win the title Student of the Year. Candidates raise funds in honor of blood cancer patients and survivors. The candidate who raises the most money at the end of the six weeks is named "Student of the Year" and wins a scholarship to the school or university of their choice.

The program is a fantastic opportunity for local area high school students enrolled in public or private schools who are enthusiastic about volunteerism, philanthropy, community outreach, and developing leadership skills to participate in the fight against blood cancers. There are 20 teams/30 students in total from the Atlanta area competing in the campaign "Student of the Year" campaign – 3 teams/4 students are from East Cobb County.

Here are the East Cobb students raising funds:

- **Team Hope**

Anna McDougall, Junior, Walton High School
Running in honor of her mother, a Leukemia survivor
Fundraising link: events.lls.org/pages/ga/AtlantaSOY2017/Anna


- **Team One Step Closer to Change**

Amanda Howard & Zack Lacasella, Seniors, Pope High School
Wants to make a positive change within their community
Fundraising link: events.lls.org/pages/ga/AtlantaSOY2017/AmandaZack

- **Team Never Surrender**

Paige Talarico, Junior, Pope High School
Running in honor of her childhood friend who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 3
Fundraising link: events.lls.org/pages/ga/AtlantaSOY2017/Paige

This year's program is the inaugural campaign for the Georgia Chapter, kicked off on January 13, 2017. For six weeks, the candidate teams are focused on raising as much money as possible for LLS and the mission. The campaign culminates in a Grand Finale Gala on February 25, which will include a reception, silent auction and awards presentation at the Fernbank Museum of National History. For more information on the Student of the Year campaign, visit: www.lls.org/ga or contact Chantal Coxhead, Special Events Campaign Manager, at: Chantal.Coxhead@lls.org or 404-720-7849.

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ED–SPLOST V: VOTE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 21

At the Cobb County School Board Meeting on October 27, 2016, the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax V (Ed-SPLOST V) Resolution was approved calling for a Special Election on March 21, 2017. SPLOST stands for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. It is a one-cent tax on all consumer goods that must be approved by voters in a referendum. Education SPLOST (Ed-SPLOST) receipts can be used only for school-related capital improvements. The current Ed-SPLOST expires Dec. 31, 2018. The Ed-SPLOST V Notebook outlines the proposed receipts and expenditures associated with the approved Resolution as well as listing approved projects for each school. You can access the Notebook at www.cobbk12.org/splost/SPLOSTVNotebook_Complete.pdf. A referendum will be held Tuesday, March 21 to extend the tax another five years. The following is pulled from the Cobb County School District's website and provides an outline of how the Ed-SPLOST V revenues would be spent:

REVENUE

Projected Total Ed-SPLOST Revenue – 5 years

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| Cobb County Schools | \$797,022,000 |
| City of Marietta Schools | \$ 62,846,000 |
| TOTAL | \$859,508,000 |

COBB COUNTY EXPENDITURES

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|--|----------------------|
| New/Replacement Facilities | \$165,000,000 |
| Additions/Modifications | \$206,000,000 |
| Infrastructure/Individual School Needs | \$103,000,000 |
| Safety, Security, and Support | \$150,022,000 |
| Academic/Technology | \$173,000,000 |

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New and Replacement Facilities

- Ed-SPLOST V calls for replacement facilities for Eastvalley, Harmony Leland, and King Springs Elementary Schools, and a new Smyrna Area Middle School.
- Constructing approximately 210 new classrooms.

Additions/Modifications

- Adding to existing facilities approximately 137 classrooms (26 at middle school level and 111 at high school level).

- Constructing major additions/modifications/renovations at the following locations: Campbell, Hillgrove, Lassiter, North Cobb, Osborne, Pebblebrook, South Cobb, Sprayberry, Walton and Wheeler high schools, and Dickerson, Dodgen, and Lovinggood middle schools.

Maintenance/Renovation

- Maintenance projects including new canopies, roofing, toilet room renovations, playground equipment, flooring, painting, lighting upgrades, energy management systems, HVAC, plumbing, and various electrical upgrades.
- Artificial turf replacement
- Renovations to food service facilities and replacement of large kitchen equipment

Safety, Security, and Support

- Continue to improve school safety by adding access controls, surveillance cameras, security fencing, signage, traffic controls and replacing the outdated radio communications system.
- Provide support functions, including school buses, maintenance vehicles and equipment, school-level equipment for growth and replacement, student information systems enhancement and replacement of the human resources, payroll, and financial applications and equipment.
- Renovations and equipment purchases to serve students with disabilities and comply with accessibility provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Academic/Technology

- Continue to maintain the existing technology infrastructure, as well as upgrading servers, network access control, data center equipment, and phone systems.
- Replace obsolete computing devices, printers, and copiers for classrooms and schools, updating interactive classroom devices, band instruments, instruments and equipment for general/choral instruction.
- Purchase of instructional materials and digital resources.
- Renovations to support innovative learning spaces such as STEM labs, Learning Commons, and Robotics labs. 📖



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ED-SPLOST V

At the Cobb County School District Board Meeting on October 27, 2016, the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax V (Ed-SPLOST V) Resolution was approved calling for a Special Election on March 21, 2017. Here are some questions frequently asked about Ed-SPLOST V.

Why do we still need SPLOST?

Because Cobb's learning environments and infrastructure require ongoing maintenance and to continue providing the most effective instructional resources for Cobb students. Ed-SPLOST I (1999-2003) and Ed-SPLOST II (2004-2008) were responsive to years of rapid population growth, providing for construction of 21 new schools, 1,982 new classrooms and funding a myriad of capital improvements.

When enrollment trends flattened after 2008, the District's needs shifted toward revitalization of outdated facilities. Many Cobb schools are more than 40 years old and have inadequate space and resources to best serve students. Ed-SPLOST III (2009-2013) and Ed-SPLOST IV (2014-2018) focused on giving new life to existing facilities, replacing some of the oldest and least efficient school buildings and refreshing the District's technology resources and infrastructure.

Ed-SPLOST V (2019-2023) will concentrate on construction of new classrooms with the goal of housing approximately 2000 new students projected to enter the District within the next five years. Ed-SPLOST V will also continue to focus on modernizing the District's older schools and facilities.


Don't my property taxes pay for these school improvements?

About 90 percent of the district's operating budget, which is augmented by state funding and local property taxes, goes directly to support the classroom with payment of salaries for teachers, administrators, bus drivers, food service employees, custodians, and other staff. The other 10 percent pays for items such as textbooks and supplies, as well as utilities such as fuel, gas, electricity and water. State funding and local property taxes do not provide for regular building maintenance or for technology enhancements. Prior to Ed-SPLOST, the district issued bonds that had to be paid back over many years with interest and resulted in a property tax increase.

Who provides oversight of the SPLOST program?

The District's executive director for Ed-SPLOST monitors bidding for projects to ensure that design and construction stay within projected costs, and that projects are completed on time. In addition, the Board of Education has appointed a panel of local business-people, the Facilities & Technology Citizens Oversight Committee, that meets monthly to review all bids and verify that the Ed-SPLOST program is operating efficiently and maximizing taxpayer dollars. Finally, an outside firm conducts an annual performance audit of the Ed-SPLOST program. The performance audits are available on the District web site.

What is planned for my school?

Every one of Cobb's 114 schools will see improvements through Ed-SPLOST V (2019-2023). Check with your school principal or visit www.cobbk12.org/splost/SPLOSTVNotebook_Complete.pdf for a list of planned projects. 

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ED-SPLOST V: HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTS

The following high schools are located in East Cobb: Kell High School, Lassiter High School, Pope High School, Sprayberry High School, Walton High School, and Wheeler High School. The EAST COBBER editorial staff researched the Ed-SPLOST V Notebook available on the Cobb County School District website, www.cobbk12.org. To help East Cobbers to get a sense on how their Ed-SPLOST V dollars will be spent, the EAST COBBER staff has listed below approved projects for each high school in East Cobb. Items listed are in no particular order.

**Kell High School, Lassiter High School,
Pope High School, Sprayberry High School,
Walton High School, and Wheeler High School**
FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

1>Centralized Video System-Enhance the district's coaxial network

2>District Network Enhancement/Maintenance-Maintain the district network

3>District Phone System Enhancement/Replacement-Replace and maintain the district's telephony and network equipment

4>District Servers Replacement-Replace school servers

5>Electrical-Lighting-Interior-High Bay-Replace existing gymnasium light fixtures with high bay LED fixtures

6>Growth, Replacement, & Maintenance of Fine Arts Instruments and Equipment-Musical instruments, digital music technologies, kilns, and visual arts equipment

7>Learning Management System-Common digital platform for students, teachers, school leaders, and parents to access learning resources, content, & learning supports

8>Learning Resources-Publisher produced and locally developed content to align with the instructional and learning needs of teachers and students as it aligns with the Cobb Teaching and Learning standards.

9>Network Access Control-Provide network security

10>Obsolete Audio Visual Equipment Enhancement/Replacement-Classrooms-Replace and maintain audio visual equipment for classrooms

11>Obsolete Computing Device Replacement-Teachers & Staff-Replacement of computing devices for teachers.

12>Obsolete Interactive Classroom Devices Enhancement/Replacement-Replace and maintain interactive devices in classroom

13>Obsolete Print/Copy/Duplicate Solution-Replacement/Maintenance-Replace and maintain duplication equipment

14>School Security Improvements-Exterior-CCSD facilities need to be accessible to many people during and after normal hours. Increased security needs require that staff members be confident that the doors, windows, and locks can completely control access to each facility. This program will provide controlled access to only authorized personnel, identify any person or groups in the building when they enter as well as numerous other features.

15>School Security Improvements-Interior-Provide security modifications and upgrades for schools by improving interior accessibility as well as strengthened infrastructure where appropriate. Such improvements will provide a greater level of safety and enhance the security within the school facilities.

16>Sitework - Athletic & Recreational Surfacing-Artificial Turf-Replace artificial turf on football field

Lassiter High School
FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

>Finishes-Flooring-VET & Carpeting-Replace flooring

>Mechanical-HVAC-Replace HVAC in building 5020

>Renovation-HS-Renovate existing theater

Pope High School
FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

>Addition-Concession/Toilets Demolish-Existing toilet rooms and concession building at football stadium and build new.

Sprayberry High School
FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

>Addition-HIGH SCHOOL Gymnasium-Addition of new gymnasium

>Addition-Site Elements Relocation-Relocation of existing underground utilities

Walton High School
FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

>Addition-Concession/Toilets-Construct softball field house & toilet/concession/scorekeep building

>Sitework-Athletic Fields-Site development for and construction of new softball field and tennis courts, & athletic amenities, including parking.

Wheeler High School
FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

>Addition-HS-(Less than 20,000 GSF) Construct softball toilet/concession/scorekeeper building equipment

>Renovation-HS-Renovate existing classrooms to include STEM classrooms; Renovate existing magnet building for standard classrooms

>Sitework-Softball Field-Relocate softball field; includes concessions/toilet/scorekeepers building. Ⓡ

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ED-SPLOST V: MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS

The following middle schools are located in East Cobb: Daniell Middle School, Dickerson Middle School, Dodgen Middle School, East Cobb Middle School, Hightower Middle School, Mabry Middle School, McCleskey Middle School, and Simpson Middle School. The EAST COBBER editorial staff researched the Ed-SPLOST V Notebook available on the Cobb County School District website, www.cobbk12.org. To help East Cobbers to get a sense on how their Ed-SPLOST V dollars will be spent, the staff has listed below approved projects for each middle school in East Cobb. Items listed are in no particular order.

[Daniell Middle School, Dickerson Middle School, Dodgen Middle School, East Cobb Middle School, Hightower Middle School, Mabry Middle School, McCleskey Middle School, and Simpson Middle School.](#)

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- 1>Centralized Video System**-Enhance the district's coaxial network
- 2>District Network Enhancement/Maintenance**-Maintain the district network
- 3>District Phone System Enhancement/Replacement**-Replace and maintain the district's telephony and network equipment
- 4>District Servers Replacement**-Replace school servers
- 5>Growth, Replacement, & Maintenance of Fine Arts Instruments and Equipment**-Musical instruments, digital music technologies, kilns, and visual arts equipment
- 6>Learning Management System**-Common digital platform for students, teachers, school leaders, and parents to access learning resources, content, & learning supports
- 7>Learning Resources**-Publisher produced and locally developed content to align with the instructional and learning needs of teachers and students as it aligns with the Cobb Teaching and Learning standards.
- 8>Network Access Control**-Provide network security
- 9>Obsolete Audio Visual Equipment Enhancement/Replacement - Classrooms**-Replace and maintain audio visual equipment for classrooms
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- 11>Obsolete Interactive Classroom Devices Enhancement/Replacement**-Replace and maintain interactive devices in classroom
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- 13>School Security Improvements - Exterior**-CCSD facilities need to be accessible to many people during and after normal hours. Increased security needs require that staff members be confident that the doors, windows, and locks can completely control access to each facility. This program will provide controlled access to only authorized personnel, identify any person or groups in the building when they enter as well as numerous other features.
- 14>School Security Improvements - Interior**-All budgetary costs are planning estimates, and changes in circumstances or innovations may require modification. Provide security modifications and upgrades for schools by improving

interior accessibility as well as strengthened infrastructure where appropriate. Such improvements will provide a greater level of safety and enhance the security within the school facilities.

Daniell Middle School

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- >Mechanical – HVAC**-Replace HVAC & Controls

Dickerson Middle School

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- >Addition-MS (Less than 20,000 GSF)**-Additional classrooms to accommodate increase in student population.
- >Addition-Site Elements Relocation**-Relocation of existing underground utilities.
- >Renovation-MS**-Renovate existing Media Center/Learning Commons into classrooms and supporting spaces.

Dodgen Middle School

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- >Addition-MS (Less than 20,000 GSF)**-Additional classrooms to accommodate increase in student population.
- >Addition-Site Elements Relocation**-Relocation of existing underground utilities.
- >Renovation-MS**-Renovate existing Media Center/Learning Commons for 6 classrooms and supporting spaces. Net increase of 61Us.

High Tower Middle School

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- >Electrical-Emergency Generator**-MS-Replace emergency generator.

Mabry Middle School

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- >Specialties**-Prefabricated Canopies.

McCleskey Middle School

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- >Mechanical-Plumbing**-Water Cooler-Replace existing electric water coolers and add water coolers to new science wings.

Simpson Middle School

FACILITY SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- >Renovation**-Toilet Room Renovation-Renovate existing toilet rooms. ©

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ED-SPLOST V: FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

By Kathleen Corrao, Legislative Chair, East Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs

On March 21, 2017, Cobb County residents will be able to show their support for public education by voting in favor of the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax V (Ed-SPLOST V). Simply put, SPLOST is a one percent sales tax on all consumer goods. Cobb County's current Ed-SPLOST IV expires in 2018. By law, Ed-SPLOST monies can only be used on capital projects for educational purposes or to make payments on bonds.

Passing Ed-SPLOST V remains critical in order to provide for capital investments in our schools. Briefly explained, 90% of State funding pays for salaries, while 10% of State funding goes toward the purchase of textbooks, supplies, and utilities. Therefore, capital improvement projects are left without support. Remarkably, school enrollment in Cobb County has exploded from 60,000 students in 1998 to a population projection of over 114,000 students in the 2019-2020 school year. Without capital projects, concern exists over providing quality education to our expanding student population, especially when 32% of Cobb County's schools are more than 40 years old.

Aside from funding educational capital projects, one of the biggest benefits of Ed-SPLOST is the fact that

it collects revenue from everyone who spends money in the county; thus, dispersing the tax burden. Visitors and residents pay for SPLOST based on purchases, as opposed to incurring a property tax increase. It is estimated that 30% of Ed-SPLOST is paid by those who enter the county for work, play, or travel. Again, spreading the tax beyond homeowners and unto consumers.

Your vote for Ed-SPLOST V is important. Ed-SPLOST IV was decided with only a 10% turnout, the equivalent of 40,565 voters! Cobb County voters must meet the needs and growth of our student population. In addition, strong schools promote vibrant communities and higher property values. Voting yes for Ed-SPLOST V, will affirm Cobb County's reputation for supporting education.











Mark your calendars and support Ed-SPLOST V on March 21st! 🗳️




Kathleen Corrao has lived in East Cobb nearly seven years. She resides in Hampton Woods Subdivision with her husband, Brian, and her children, Maria and Christopher. Kathleen currently serves on the East Cobb County Council of PTAs as their legislative chair.

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VOTE NO ON THE NEW EDUCATION SPLOST

By Lance Lamberton, Chairman, Cobb Taxpayers Association

On March 21, 2017 Cobb voters will be asked once again to approve another Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, or Ed-SPLOST, which would re-impose a one percent sales tax on all consumer goods purchased in Cobb County starting on January 1, 2019 and ending five years later. Originally the amount this Ed-SPLOST was supposed to raise was \$818.6 million, a figure arrived at after consultants and school district staff spent months carefully considering the needs and future growth of the district. Yet a mere two weeks before the School Board voted on October 27, 2016 to put this E-SPLOST on the ballot, the Board, at the behest of School Board member David Banks, voted to throw in an additional \$40 million, raising the ante to \$859.5 million. (\$797,022,000 will go to Cobb County schools and \$62,486,000 will go to City of Marietta Schools.)

This additional \$40 million has not been vetted, and was imposed out of the fear that the district may raise the \$818 million before the five years are up for this new Ed-SPLOST. In defending this new increase, James Wilson, one of the education consultants that drew up the original list of projects, claimed that the additional money would " ... give us an opportunity down the road if we needed something and more money came in." That's not a good reason.


On the contrary, the first principle in establishing a budget, in both the public and private sector, is to first establish the spending needs and then propose a budget sufficient to pay for them. You don't, or at least should not, figure out how much money you can raise and then just fill in the blanks. The lack of specificity and failure to fully integrate the additional funds into the Ed-SPLOST already proposed by staff should concern all Cobb County taxpayers. The justification by the district's above-referenced consultant that the additional \$40 million would be used "if we needed something and more money came in" is not an acceptable criteria for raising our taxes. We deserve better than that.

And to spring this on the taxpayer with only 15 days advance notice reminds me of the way the Braves deal was imposed on taxpayers within a similar time frame. The voters, in no uncertain terms, rendered their judgment that this kind of action is unacceptable when they elected a new chairman of the Board of Commissioners by a nearly two to one margin.

What the voters were saying is that we demand more accountability and transparency when it comes to spending our hard earned tax dollars, and that we take strong exception when political elites and insiders paternalistically take the taxpayer for granted because they know what's best for us.

Without specifying exactly how and why the Ed-SPLOST should be increased by \$40 million, this almost guarantees that the money will be used a slush fund to enrich the politically well connected. Haven't we seen enough of this in Cobb County?

Isn't it time we demand the same degree of accountability for the district that we have now demanded from our County Government?

If you agree, than vote NO on this Ed-SPLOST and insist that the School Board submit another Ed-SPLOST next year without the \$40 million slush fund. Since this E-SPLOST will not go into effect until the beginning of 2019, there is still plenty of time to make that happen. Voting NO does not mean doing away with the E-SPLOST altogether. A NO vote simply forces the Board to do what they should have done in the first place, which is to accept the recommendation of staff and consultants, without the \$40 million add on. 

Lance Lamberton is the Chairman of the Cobb Taxpayers Association, (CTA) which was established in 2005 to serve as a watchdog to protect the interests of Cobb taxpayers. For more information on CTA, go to www.cobbtaxpayer.com.

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Roswell Roots Exhibit at the Smith Plantation. The Smith Plantation was built by slave labor in 1845. New exhibits will be discussing slave's lives on the Smith Plantation. Free. 10am-4pm. Smith Plantation, 935 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell. More info: 770-641-3978.

THROUGH MARCH 18

Backstage Pass: Baron Wolman and the Early Years of Rolling Stone. The magazine celebrates its 50th anniversary and Marietta Museum of History is the first location in Georgia to host this exhibit. Monday-Saturday: 10am-4pm. Admission: \$7/Adult; \$5/Seniors, Students. Museum Members and Children 5 and under are free. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street #200, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or MariettaHistory.org.

THROUGH MARCH 25

The Great American WEST: Featured works from Booth Western Art Museum. Features works on loan from the Booth Western Art Museum that survey the Western landscape, culture and history through the fine art of painting and sculpture. Tuesday-Friday: 11am – 5pm; Saturday: 11am-4pm; Sunday: 1-4pm. Adults: \$8; Students (6-18 or with ID): \$5; Seniors (65+): \$5; Members: Free, Children (Under 6): Free Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444 or mariettacobbartmuseum.org.

FEBRUARY 3-4 & 10-11

David Bintley's Carmina Burana presented by the Atlanta Ballet. Bold, sensual, and a bit cheeky, this production is perfect for a pre-Valentine's date night. Friday-Saturday: 8pm. Saturday & Sunday matinee at 2pm. Tickets: \$20-\$128. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/tickets: ticketmaster.com or atlantaballet.com.

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FEBRUARY 5

Aerospace Festival. Elementary-aged students from all schools are invited to enjoy multiple hands-on aerospace-related activities that students will explore at their own pace, listen to a guest speaker and have the optional opportunity of pre-building their own aerospace-related model and entering it into the "Build Project Competition" to win a prize. \$5. 2-5pm. Sedalia Park Elementary School, 2230 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: aerospacefestova.com.

FEBRUARY 6

Cobb Chamber First Monday Lunch. Candice Saunders, President & CEO of WellStar, discusses not only the state of health care on a national level, but the advances and growth happening within Cobb's own WellStar Health System. Candice will also speak to WellStar's ongoing efforts to improve the health of the community. Networking: 11am. Program: 11:30am-1pm. Member: \$30; General Admission: \$60. Cobb Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or info@cobbchamber.org.

FEBRUARY 9-12 & 16-19

The Last Roundup of the Guacamole Queens presented by Theatre in the Square. Hijinks ensue in this southern-fried comedy. Thursday-Saturday: 7:30pm; Sunday: 2:30pm. Tickets: \$20-\$25. Theatre on the Square, 11 Whitlock Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: 770-426-4800 or theatreinthesquare.net.

FEBRUARY 10

Cobb County Master Gardeners Lunch and Learn: Planting a Cutting Garden presented by David Brown, educator, floral designer and horticulturist. Learn how to grow your own flowers and pick them too. Bring your lunch. 12-1pm. Cobb Water Lab, 660 S. Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-528-4070 or cobbmastergardeners.com.

Cobb Executive Women Luncheon. Featured Speaker: Xernona Clayton, Founder and CEO of the Trumpet Awards. Program: "Living Legend: Social Activism to Executive Philanthropy. The program features the accomplishments of African Americans in a variety of fields. Registration/General networking: 11am. Program: 11:15am-1pm. Members: \$25 at door. Guests: \$35 at door. The Georgian Club, 100 Galleria Parkway, 17th Floor, Atlanta. More info: contact Maddie Nachtmann at mnachtmann@cobbchamber.org or cobbchamber.org.

FEBRUARY 10

Scout Shabbat hosted by Congregation Ner Tamid. Boy and girl scouts from surrounding areas will be celebrated and all who attend will receive a special patch. 7pm. Congregation Ner Tamid, 1349 Old Highway 41, Suite 220, Marietta. More info/RSVP: 678-264-8575 or myertamid.org.

FEBRUARY 10-12 & 16-18

Coming Apart presented by Centerstage North. A funny, refreshing and delightful romantic comedy which opens with the Kittridges saying simultaneously, "I want a divorce." Tickets: \$15. February 10, 11, 16, 17, 18: 8pm. February 12: 2pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance. \$17 at the door. The Art Place Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-331-0079 or centerstagenorth.org.

FEBRUARY 10-26

Million Dollar Quartet produced by Georgia Ensemble Theatre and the Atlanta Lyric Theatre. This Tony Award-winning musical inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. Features a score of rock hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "That's All Right," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line, and more. Thursday-Friday: 8pm. Saturday, February 25: 2pm. Sunday: 2pm. Tickets: \$33-\$58. The Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: 404-377-9948 or atlantalyrictheatre.com.

FEBRUARY 11

8th Annual Marietta Mardi Gras 5K/1K Run. All proceeds benefit the Junior League of Cobb-Marietta and its community partners. Certified as a Peachtree Road Race qualifier. Start Time: 5K: 8am; 1K: 9am; Tot Trot: 9:15 am. Fees: 5K: \$35; 1K: \$25; Tot Trot: \$15; Phantom: \$25 (T-Shirt Only). Packet Pick-Up: February 9 from 3-8pm at the Big Peach Running Company, 1625 Ridenour Boulevard, Kennesaw. Race Start & Finish: Marietta Square, 1 Cherokee Street, Marietta. More info: Skip Breeser, 770-518-8002, mariettamardigrasrun@gmail.com or marietta5krun.com.



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FEBRUARY 11

8th Annual Heart of Georgia Open Swap Meet presented by the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA). This swap meet and car corral features parts for sale from all manufacturers and welcomes all makes of cars and trucks for sale in the car corral. Swap meet space or car corral spot \$25. 8am-3pm. Admission is \$5. Under 12: free. Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: 770-992-4542 or vcca.org.

26th Annual Little Miss Cobb County Pageant sponsored by Miss Cobb County Pageant. Beauty titles will be awarded for Tiny Miss Cobb to Teen Miss Cobb plus a separate talent search for Talented Preteen and Talented Teen. 9:30am. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta. More info: Gene Phillips, 770-435-6378 or misscobb.com.

Casablanca. Oscar-winning, most romantic movie of all time. 8pm. Tickets: \$7-\$8. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080 or earlsmithstrand.org.

Rocky Horror Picture Show an experience, a legend, and a cult tradition that has been passed down through generations. Midnight. Tickets: \$10. The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080 or earlsmithstrand.org.

FEBRUARY 11

Waldo's Coffee House presents Jonathan Brown, fingerstyle guitarist and composer from Nashville. 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. Entrance donation: \$10. Snacks and drinks will be provided for an additional donation. Emerson Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4010 Canton Road, Marietta 30066. More info: uuwaldoscoffeehouse@gmail.com or 404-936-4950.

Walton Raider Chase. This 5K will be a celebration of both running and Raider Pride. Olympic style track finish, complete with live music, awards, and raffle prizes. All proceeds benefit Walton Track and Field Cross Country programs. 5K: 8am. \$20-\$30. Walton High School, 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062. More info: waltontrfc.com/raiderchase.

Young Artists' Concerto Competition. One of the largest competitions in the South. Features the top competition winners in solo performance with an orchestra. 7pm. \$30/Prime; \$25/Adult; \$15/Senior; \$10/Students. Lassiter Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road NE, Marietta. More info: tickets@georgiaphilharmonic.org or georgiaphilharmonic.org.

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FEBRUARY 11 & 12

Senior Softball Tryouts. The Cherokee Senior Softball Association will be holding sign-ups and evaluations for the spring 2017 season. Registration is open to men 50 years or older of all ability levels. 2pm. Hobgood Park, 6688 Bells Ferry Road, Woodstock 30189. More info: 404-663-6520 or teampages.com/organizations/2042.

FEBRUARY 12

Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra Midseason Concert.

Featuring elementary, middle, and high school aged musicians that make up four orchestras including a jazz ensemble and a percussion ensemble, the midseason concert includes students from around the state as they pursue excellence on an individual and collective artistic level and continue developing their love and appreciation for their art. 3pm and 7:30pm. \$8. Bailey Performance Center, Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. More info: 770-429-7016 or georgiasymphony.org.

Greater Atlanta Coin Show. The show offers many dealers in one place where you can browse, buy, sell or trade coins, currency, bullion, and other collectibles. The experienced coin dealers also provide free verbal appraisals for coins, currency and precious metals. Admission: Free. Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street Marietta. More info: 770-772-4359 or www.atlcoin.com

FEBRUARY 16

Family Bingo. Families with children of ages are invited to play a special version of bingo where they learn about influential African Americans and historical events. Children 9 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. 3:30-4:30pm. Free. East Cobb Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2730.

FEBRUARY 16-18

60th Anniversary Celebration of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women (GFRW). The GFRW Winter Board of Directors Meeting, Red Coat Day at the Capitol. Save the date. 9am-2:30pm. Crowne Plaza Ravinia, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta. More info: 404-276-0808 or gfrw.org.

The Military Family Support Center On-site Sale. The sale is available to retired veterans and active duty personnel and their families who have been granted commissary privileges. This sale features grocery goods sold at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, and features a stock assortment of about 1,000 items including fresh meat, fresh produce, chilled and frozen items. Thurs-Fri: 9am-5pm; Sat.: 9am-4pm. Military Family Support Center, 1901 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta (intersection of U.S. Highway 41 and Terrell Mill Road). More info: Susan Edmonds susan.edmonds2@deca.mil or 478-222-7618.

FEBRUARY 18

West African Rhythms a day devoted to the music of West Africa. Founders of DrumRise demonstrate the drumming techniques they learned from Guinean master drummer Mamady Keita. After a brief lesson, stay and join in the drum circle. Free. 11am-1:30pm. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. More info: 770-640-3855 or barrington-hall.org.

FEBRUARY 16-MARCH 5

Having Our Say, The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years presented by Georgia Ensemble Theatre. Having Our Say celebrates women and men, African Americans, our country, and the indomitable human spirit. Fun for the whole family. Wednesday: 7:30pm. Thursday-Saturday: 8pm. Saturday matinee: 4pm. Sunday: 2:30pm. \$30-\$40/adults. Discounts available for seniors and students. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell. More info/tickets: 770-641-1260 or get.org.



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FEBRUARY 18

Duo "2": Chamber Music for Flute & Piano: European and American Masters presented as part of the St. Catherine's concert series. 7:30pm. Free. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 571 Holt Road, Marietta 30068. More info: 770-971-2839 or stcatherines.org.

FEBRUARY 19

Docent Orientation at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. This introductory class will explore the various areas of education volunteering, including leading guided hikes, interpreting exhibits around the grounds, and leading animal presentations. 12:30-5pm. Ages 10-adult. Register by February 9 (Children 16 and under must have an adult). Free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055, ext. 238, or chattnaturecenter.org.

FEBRUARY 20

Town Hall Meeting with State Representative John Carson and State Senator Judson Hill. 7-8pm. Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 404-656-0287, john.carson@house.ga.gov or judson.hill@senate.ga.gov.

FEBRUARY 20-23

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. Monday-Thursdays and Saturday only offerings. 8am-4pm. \$385. Dodgen Middle School, 1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta. More info: 770-429-3170 or mariettacobbdriverseducation.com.

FEBRUARY 20-24

Cobb County School District Winter Break. All Cobb County schools will be closed.

FEBRUARY 25

Designer Model Grand Opening at Edenton. Explore this active adult new community, tour the designer model. 11am-4pm. Edward Andrews Homes, 3535 Shallowford Road, Marietta. More info: Vanessa Hunter, 404-491-4877 or v.hunter@eahomes.com.

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FEBRUARY 25

Designer Model Grand Opening at Havenridge. Tour the stunning model. New townhomes start from the high \$400s and offer 3+ bedrooms, a community clubhouse, and walkability to nearby amenities. 11am-4pm. Edward Andrews Homes, 4450 Shallowford Road, Roswell. More info: Vanessa Hunter, 404-491-4877 or v.hunter@edahomes.com.

It's Elementary-Be Cyber Safe. An interactive session designed to raise awareness about the importance of cyber safety and encourage safe practices. Information security expert Linda Hutchinson will share some kid-sized secrets for staying safe on the internet and social media. This 60-minute program is for children in grades K-5. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their child. Bring a mobile device or laptop if you wish. Free. 2-3pm. Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/Register: 770-509-4964 or visit the Children's Reference Desk.

FEBRUARY 28

The Circle of Health: Heart & Lungs 101. Kicking off WellStar's Speaking about Wellness for Health Aging series for 2017. The heart and lungs are connected. Over a healthy dinner and dessert, learn how reducing the risk of disease in one organ has a positive effect on the others. 6-8 p.m. \$10. Community & Education Room, East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta/East Cobb. Call 770-956-STAR (7827) to register.

FEBRUARY 28

Genealogy Society of Cobb County Georgia Meeting. Speaker: Annette Beasley McEachin, will share information about research strategies to find information about immigration and naturalization. 7-8pm. First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060. More info: ccs@cobbgagensoc.org or cobbgagensoc.org

MARCH 1

Travel Well, Travel Tips. Become more confident and knowledgeable about choosing the right trip. With the assistance of expert travel agent, Jennifer Hennequant, and travel blogger Dr. Elsa Nystrom you will be prepared to go on river cruises, visit national and international destinations. Free. 7-8pm. Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-509-2725 or cobbcat.org

MARCH 3-4

Mt. Bethel Spring/Summer Consignment and Baked Goods Sale. East Cobb's best deals on toys; books; children's furniture; sporting goods; spring and summer clothing; shoes; and gear for babies, kids, juniors, and expecting mothers. Proceeds made from the sale to support various missions. Friday 9am-7pm (no strollers allowed until 12pm). Saturday: 9am-12pm (all items 30% off). Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: mtbethelccs.com.



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WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES & CAMPS

The Cobb County School District has created a Winter Break for students. Camps run February 20 – 24 unless otherwise noted. Want to keep the kids busy during Mid-Winter Break? If you don't want them sitting in front of the television, get them learning and playing at one of these fun activities and camps

FEBRUARY 20

D-Bat President's Day Camp. Presidents Day Camp will cover all aspects of baseball, and cover a wide-range of skills. Ages 5-12. 9am-2pm (with an Extended Sports Camp option from 8am-6pm). \$75; extended option: add \$39. D-BAT Baseball & Softball Academy, 1666 Roswell Road, Bldg 300, Marietta 30062. More info: 678-403-2632 or www.DBAtlanta.com.

FEBRUARY 21

Nature's Neighbors. Join Cobb County's P.A.R.K.S. Department instructors to discover how animal and plant habitats are impacted by humans and what can be done to protect "Nature's Neighborhoods." Families are asked to bring one recycled toilet paper roll per participant to make the craft project to follow. Ages 5 – 12 Years with Adult Caretaker. 2:30-3:30pm. Free. East Marietta Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068. More info: 770 509-2711 or www.cobbcat.org

FEBRUARY 23

Digital Learning Day. Students and their adult caretakers to learn the basics of computer coding language with a hands-on Lego activity — no computers needed. Ages: 6-12 years. 2:30-4pm. Free. Space is limited so registration is recommended by calling. East Marietta Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068. More info: 770 509-2711 or www.cobbcat.org

FEBRUARY 20-24

D-Bat Winter Break Week Long Camp. The camp will cover all aspects of baseball, and cover a wide-range of skills. Ages 5-12. 9am-2pm (with an Extended Sports Camp option from 8am-6pm). \$249; extended option: add \$99/week. D-BAT Baseball & Softball Academy, 1666 Roswell Road, Bldg. 300, Marietta 30062. More info: 678-403-2632 or www.DBAtlanta.com.

Ninja Warrior Basketball Skills Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-14. 5 Days: \$150 when registered by February 10th. Tuition will rise to \$175 February 11. Winter Break Basketball Skills Camp 3 Days: February 20-22 or 22-24, \$110. camp will focus on the fundamental skills of ball handling, shooting, defense and passing, with intense drills. This camp offers an opportunity for all athletes regardless of age or ability level. Ninja Quest, 1465 Canton Road, Suite 200 Marietta. More info: 770-670-0279 or ninjaquest.frontdeskha.com

FEBRUARY 20-24

Pro Martial Arts Shaping Minds Winter Camp. Activities: martial arts, dance, sports, yoga, arts & crafts, basketball, big screen movies, soccer, game room, hockey and much more. Ages: 5-12. Weekly price: \$129. Early Drop off & Late Pickup is available (7:30am-6pm). \$39 registration fee to save a spot. Pro Martial Arts, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 610 Marietta, 30068. More info: 404-474-2350 or www.eastcobbsummercamps.com

Titans Fast Pitch Winter Camps. Learn the basic fundamentals of fielding, pitching, catching, outfield play and hitting the first half of the day. The second half of the day will be comprised of games, dodge ball, movies and more!. Ages 6U -12U. \$179 for Half Days (9am-12:30pm) and \$275 for Full Days (9am-5pm). Ages 6U -12U. Members get 40% DiscountTitans Sports Academy, 1235 Kennestone Circle Ste. A, Marietta 30066. More info: James Connell, 404-441-1400 or adam@titansnation.net to register.

Windy Hill Athletic Club Winter Break Camp. Sports camp, team and self confidence building, boost motor skills, and much more. 9am-4pm. Pre and post care for no additional cost. \$200/week (members); \$300/week (non-members). More info: 770-953-1100 or www.midtown.com/atlanta

YMCA Day Camp. Qualified counselors will lead activities that will help build your child's self confidence, strengthen their social skills, deepen their respect for others and build lasting relationships. 9am-4pm with free before and early care; 7:30-9am & 4-6pm. Ages: 5-12. \$40/day (members); \$60/day (non-members). McCleskey YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062. More info: 770-977-5991

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East Cobb Child Care & Preschool Guide

The following pages provide a comprehensive listing of all child care centers, Mother's Morning Out (MMO) programs, and preschools available to children up to the age of 5 in East Cobb County. This information offers a quick review of the child care and educational programs located right here in our East Cobb community. We have not attempted to "rank" or "rate" any centers. Readers are encouraged to thoroughly evaluate any potential caregiver. The Child Care Licensing Section of the Georgia Department of Human Resources regulates the industry and can be very helpful. In the Pre-K column, an * after the check mark indicates that the preschool offers the Georgia Pre-K program.

| Name & Address (# of Children Enrolled) | Director/Telephone | Infant Care (0-1 Year) | Toddler Care (1-2 Years) | Preschool (3 Year-Olds) | Preschool/Pre-K (4 Year-Olds) | Kindergarten (5 Year-Olds) | After School Care | Mother's Morning Out | Summer Session | Evening Care | Drop-In Day Care | Special Needs |
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| A CHILD'S NIGHT OUT 1360 Powers Ferry Road., Suite B-255, Marietta 30067 | Jackie & Kris Griffith 770-952-9824 | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
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| ANGEL ACADEMY DAYCARE (55) 4041 Canton Highway, Marietta 30066 | Jesselyn Elliott 770-592-4933 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| BRIGHT HORIZONS AT WILDWOOD (120) 3175 Windy Hill Road, Atlanta 30339 | Beverly Petty 770-933-0530 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN'S PRESCHOOL (140) 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta 30062 | Nancy Wohlfrom 770-552-6400 ext. 6030 | | 16 mos + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| CHILDCARE NETWORK (174) 2090 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 | Jacklyn Woods 678-374-3940 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| CORRIGAN CARE, INC. SPECIAL NEEDS DAY CARE (5) 9205 Coleman Road, Roswell 30075 | Amy Corrigan 678-509-3669 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (50) 2881 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 | Lanie Norton 770-422-5130 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| CRESCO MONTESSORI SCHOOL (82) 3001 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 | Michelle Knapp 770-992-8031 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| CRÈME DE LA CRÈME (220) 726 Woodlawn Drive, Marietta 30068 | Betsy Green 770-971-2205 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |

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| DOODLE BUGGS DAYCARE & LEARNING CENTER (50) 2561 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 | Hellena Hammand 770-422-0284 | 6 mos + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| EAST COBB CHURCH OF CHRIST THE FIRM FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL 5240 Roswell Road, Marietta 30062 | Rhonda Hawkins 770-587-5999 x.220 | | 15 mos + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| EAST COBB PREP (175) 3875 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30062 | Erin Fleishman 770-649-0415 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | |
| EASTMINSTER CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL (110) 3125 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta 30062 | Dawn Milazzo 770-977-2976 ext. 11 | | 16 mos + | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | |
| EASTSIDE BAPTIST PRESCHOOL (130) 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 | Karen Walker 770-971-4766 | 6 wks + | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | |
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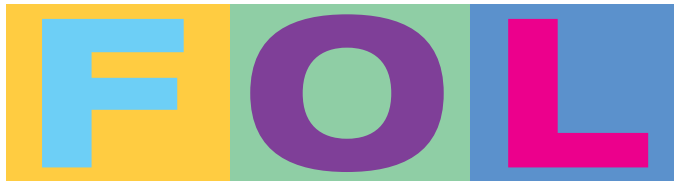


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Grading scale: A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, U=69 or less. A grade of New is for new restaurants or in case of a change of ownership.

| RESTAURANT | INSPECTION DATE | GRADE |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| 120 Tavern & Music Hall 1440 Roswell Road Marietta 30062 | 1/17/17 | 91 A |
| 3 Colors Asian Kitchen 2060 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 160 Marietta 30068 | 10/18/16 | 96 A |
| Bradley's Bar & Grill 4961 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 117 Marietta 30068 | 3/25/16 | 87 B |
| Drift Fish House 4475 Roswell Road, Suite 1410 Marietta 30062 | 11/3/16 | 93 A |
| Fresh To Order 1333 Johnson Ferry Road Marietta 30068 | 12/20/16 | 97 A |
| G 'Angelos Pizza & Pasta 3205 Canton Road, Suite 108 Marietta 30066 | 6/21/16 | 100 A |
| Gyro Village 4751 Sandy Plains Road Roswell 30075 | 2/5/16 | 87 B |
| Jet's Pizza 4401 Shallowford Road, Suite 102 Roswell 30075 | 3/8/16 | 91 A |
| Judy's Country Kitchen 2745 Sandy Plains Road Suite 106 Marietta 30066 | 12/8/16 | 96 A |
| Kouzina Christos 1453 Terrell Mill Road SE, Suite 125 Marietta 30067 | 4/6/16 | 86 B |
| Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant 2145 Roswell Road, Suite 190 Marietta 30062 | 11/15/16 | 92 A |
| O'Charley's 3550 Sandy Plains Road Marietta 30066 | 10/26/16 | 99 A |
| Suburban Tap 1318 Johnson Ferry Road Marietta 30068 | 9/26/16 | 98 A |
| Tijuana Joe's Cantina 690 Johnson Ferry Road Marietta 30068 | 11/1/16 | 97 A |
| Vespucci's Pizza & Pasta Tavern 4805 Canton Road, Suite 100 Marietta 30066 | 5/9/16 | 100 A |
| Waffle House 2720 Sandy Plains Road Marietta 30066 | 11/21/16 | 95 A |
| Williamson Brothers Bar-B-Q 1425 Roswell Road Marietta 30062 | 2/1/16 | 96 A |
| Xengo Restaurant 3162 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 420 Marietta 30062 | 3/8/16 | 97 A |
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**Joe and Robin Cleveland,
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Georgia gets its first Teriyaki Madness in East Cobb. Teriyaki Madness, TMAD, is a rapidly growing fresh Asian grill that serves bowls of bold, flavorful food made to order with fresh, natural ingredients. Guests can choose a TMAD bowl or plate, then load it with teriyaki chicken, beef or tofu, and add their

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"The first time I tried Teriyaki Madness I was amazed by the flavor and portions," Robin Cleveland, co-owner of the new Teriyaki Madness in East Cobb said. "A guest can mix up our menu and for two months or more not eat the same thing twice."

The TMAD Sandy Plains franchise is owned and operated by husband and wife team, Joe and Robin Cleveland. After enjoying successful careers in sales and marketing, they were able to fulfill their desire to join an up and coming new food concept. "With a neighborhood feel and fresh, quality ingredients, our food is a welcomed change," said Joe, co-owner. "That's what drew us to TMAD. It isn't oversaturated and offers families a health-conscience dining option."

Robin added, "I have worked in the hospitality industry for over 15 years. TMAD is an extension of where my true passion lies. We are eager to provide a healthy and unique dining option for local families and to create an environment that supports the community."

Founded in 2003, TMAD is fully engrained in the ethnic, fast casual sector of the restaurant industry that is constantly growing. Asian-inspired cuisine has been on the rise since 2011. A recent study found that nearly 45 percent of people in United States households consume food with teriyaki at least once a month.

The restaurant is located in the Sandy Plains Centre at 2960 Shallowford Road, in Marietta/East Cobb. Teriyaki Madness is open from 11am until 9pm Monday through Saturday, and 11am until 8pm on Sunday. To learn more about Teriyaki Madness, visit teriyakimadness.com or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/tmad052.



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Most commonly we think of food as the culprit of bad breath. Certainly, eating garlic or drinking coffee can create an unpleasant oral odor, noticed especially as we exhale. Also, food particles not removed from around and in between the teeth will begin to decay, increasing the amount of bacteria in the mouth.

Chronic bad breath is one of the signs of gum disease. The bacteria associated with periodontal disease has a certain odor and may create a bad taste in the mouth. Smoking and tobacco use is not only bad for the lungs and your overall health, but also can cause bad breath. Tobacco users are also more likely to develop gum disease.

Certain medical conditions like post-nasal drip, acid reflux, and some metabolic conditions can create unpleasant odors in the mouth. Having a dry mouth, as is sometimes caused by certain medications or mouth breathing, means that food debris is not washed away by saliva and remains in the mouth to become rancid. Be sure to drink plenty of water and ask your dentist if he or she recommends using

any prescription saliva substitutes or sucking on sugarless candies to stimulate saliva production.

The first step in trying to improve a halitosis problem is to have good oral hygiene. Most dentists recommend brushing twice a day for two minutes using a fluoride toothpaste, flossing and/or using interdental picks or brushes between the teeth once a day, and brushing the tongue to remove bacteria trapped on the surface. Also, have your teeth professionally cleaned by your hygienist at least twice a year. If you wear a denture or partial, be sure to remove it at bedtime and clean it thoroughly.

It is important to see your dentist regularly for examinations as he or she may detect signs of gum disease, dry mouth, or other medical problems that could be causing your bad breath. If you are constantly using mouthwashes and mints to cover up a bad odor, call your dentist.



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Have you been diagnosed with breast cancer? If you feel the need to connect with others and share how you're coping with your breast cancer diagnosis and treatments, an East Cobb mom (who was just recently diagnosed with breast cancer) is starting a "Cobb Pink Ribbon Club" to provide support, understanding, humor, tips, comfort and practical advice in a way that only others sharing a similar experiences can. Here is more info on the "Cobb Pink Ribbon Club":

Who: Local women recently diagnosed with breast cancer who are facing or recovering from surgery, currently undergoing treatment, or have finished in the past year are encouraged to participate. *Currently this group is not affiliated with any official organizations or institutions, but who knows . . .

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February 10 | 10am-12pm

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- ♦ Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Cobb Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road in Marietta.
- ♦ Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta.
- ♦ Fridays, except for April 14, from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Switzer Library, 266 Roswell St. in Marietta.
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Newly opened Kasha's Hair Salon is located at 10000 Roswell Road in the Center Stage High School. Beautiful and cute."

"Creating a brand isn't," says Kasha. "It's about getting their hair done of the experience of a styler. I also wanted to stay a styler. Here, the styler cuts, colors and a better understanding of a better understanding."

Along with Kasha's Hair Salon, she joined her in this new way of combined professions enabling them to cross their loyal customers, Kasha's Hair Salon is a friendly voice when.

According to Kasha, the salon's sign is front of her customers when a friendly voice when.

Some of her customers from East Cobb, she is decent and lovely for nine years, says, "I such a nothing more."

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PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE EXPERIENCE



For many high school students in the East Cobb area, post graduation plans will include attending college. Once the hurdle of getting accepted has been met, there are certain skill sets that need to be present in order to be a success in college. If a student could begin college with ALL the necessary skills intact, the chances of success will greatly increase. Some students need professional help to improve these skills before starting college. This is why college advisor Cheryl Rosenfeld and the business services.

Cheryl, a former East Cobb resident, offers advising services to help students develop to increase the likelihood of success in secondary education. These college success skills include: setting, time management, decision making and more and life goals. "My target demographic is high school seniors, first and second year college students. It has been so successful as they wanted to be college students. The goal is for me to help the student out of their college experience," said Cheryl.

Cheryl works with students who are provided with an action plan. "The student will be asked a series of questions which will allow me to get to know him or her and her goals are. From there, the individualized plan is created on specific needs," she explained. For high school seniors, Cheryl typically meets with a student 2-3 times during college with a follow up session once he or she has graduated.

Cheryl's education and professional background has helped her in this college success advising service. Cheryl holds a degree in Communications and a Master's in Business, a Graduate Certificate in Academic Advising, and an Academic Adviser at Chattahoochee College and as an Academic Adviser at Georgia College. While at Georgia Perimeter, she worked with students as well as those who needed to take pre-college (learning support students).

EAST COBBER readers, Cheryl is offering \$10 off the first session. For more information on her services, call 770-2407 or email her at crossnfeld19@gmail.com.

E. SMITH AIRS OUT HVAC QUESTIONS



Our homes are comfortable primarily because of two basic reasons – that we don't feel hot in the summer and that we don't feel cold in the winter. Unless one stops working properly, we usually don't think too much about our home's heating and cooling. Could our comfort levels be even better than they are now? How can we do technology work effectively with our HVAC system? Debbie Abernathy, vice president of E. Smith Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., addresses these questions. Abernathy emphasizes the importance of a professional licensed HVAC company to handle your heating and cooling needs.

Depending on the particular scenario, Abernathy says that your heating and cooling comfort can improve by adding either a zoning system or a mini-split unit to your current HVAC system.

"Even with a properly sized and efficient air conditioner and furnace, hot and cold spots can occur," she explains. "A consistent temperature depends on getting the right amount of airflow to each room. You can spend your days opening and closing individual registers, but in reality, who is going to do that?"

She goes on to say that a zoning system helps solve the hot and cold spots by adjusting the air that goes to each room. A thermostat in the zone automatically opens and closes a damper in the duct work. Different zones can be set to different temperatures.

A mini-split unit can help with comfort levels if you add a living space, such as a basement office. Abernathy says temperatures issues arise because your central system may not be sized to handle the extra load. Quiet and efficient, a mini-split unit consists of a separate outdoor unit and an indoor blower unit that mounts on a wall to distribute the heated or cooled air.

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Abernathy gives a warning about installing wi-fi thermostats: "All homeowners should think twice if your alarm monitoring company offers to give you a free wi-fi thermostat. Alarm companies usually don't employ HVAC technicians, and some air conditioning systems require specific manufacturer thermostats. The last thing you want is for your cooling to stop, only to find out your free wi-fi thermostat is not compatible with your cooling system."

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CLUB CALENDAR

AARP Chapter 2830. First Thursday of each month. 1:30pm. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Joan Farentino, 770-579-5191.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Cobb County. Second Tuesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: cobbcounty-ga,aaauw.net.

American Needlepoint Guild. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:45pm. Tiny Stitches, 2520 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-394-0065.

Anne Hathaway Garden Club. Third Wednesday of the month (except July and August). Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: Nancy Martin, 770-428-7056.

Atlanta Illini Club. Professional and social networking for University of Illinois alumni, families and friends in the Atlanta area. Game watches at the Rose & Crown, 1931 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: www.atlantailini.com or club@atlantailini.com.



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• **Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy League.** Second Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Navy Recruiting District HQ, 2400 Lake Park Drive, Suite 410, Smyrna. Membership open to all civilian and retired military with an interest in supporting our men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and associated youth programs. More info: 678-234-2310 or campbellfc@comcast.net.

• **Big Chicken Chorus.** Every Monday evening. 7:00pm. Marietta High School, Chorus Room, 1171 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. Male a cappella harmony chorus. More info: Frank, 770-587-1264, fchrach@aol.com, or www.bigchickenchorus.org.

• **Bridge Club.** Four free lessons; \$7 thereafter. Wednesday 10am, and Thursdays 7:30pm. Singles are welcome. 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7717.

• **Business Network International (BNI).** The World's largest referral organization. Multiple chapters in the area, please refer to the website: bnisoutheast.com for listings. More Info: Anita York, 678-888-0200

• **Cobb County Democratic Committee.** Monthly breakfast 2nd Saturday each month. 9am. Marietta Fire Museum, 112 Haynes Street, Marietta. More info: www.cobbdemocrats.org.

• **Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society.** Second Tuesday of the month. 7:30 pm at their Clubhouse, 516 West Atlanta Street, Marietta 30060. More info: www.cobbcountymineral.org.

• **Cobb County Genealogical Society.** Fourth Tuesday of the month. 7pm. First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.cobbgagensoc.org or ccgs@cobbgagensoc.org.

• **Cobb County Republican Women.** Fourth Friday of the month. 11:30am. Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: 770-785-2522 or www.ccrwc.org.

• **Cobb Marietta Retired Educators Association.** Second Thursday of every month. 11:30am. Luncheon reservations required. First United Methodist Church of Marietta, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: www.cmrea.org

• **Cobb Photographic Society.** Photographers of all skill and ability levels are welcome. First and 3rd Monday of each month. 7-9pm. American Business Center, Bldg. 700, Suite 702, 1395 South Marietta Pkwy, Marietta. More info: www.cobbphotosociety.com or info@cobbphotosociety.com.

• **Colored Pencil Society of America.** Atlanta District Chapter 107. First Monday of the month. 7pm. North DeKalb Cultural Center, 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Room 2 (second floor in the back), Dunwoody. More info: Nancy Guerine, 678-354-3590.

• **Dog Hikers of Georgia.** Every Sunday. 10am. Various locations. Non-dog owners welcome. More info: Dr. Dan Batchelor, 770-624-7660.

• **East Cobb Bass Club.** Visitors, boaters and non-boaters are welcome. First Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Free admission. Attendees pay for dinner. The Rib Ranch, 2063 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: 770-364-3036 or noeyf1@bellsouth.net.

• **East Cobb Business Association.** Luncheon and featured speaker. Third Tuesday each month. 11:30am-1pm. Indian Hills Country Club, 4100 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: Susan Hampton, 404-218-6216, susan.hampton@lionbank.com, or www.eastcobbba.com.

• **East Cobb Civic Association.** Last Wednesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.eastcobb.net.

• **East Cobb Civilians.** Second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon for lunch at The Olde Town Athletic Club, 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-578-9901 x201.

• **East Cobb Democratic Association.** Fourth Tuesday of the month. 6pm - Social. 7pm - Program. Whole Foods, 1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Tom Barksdale, 770-715-1218 or tbarksdl@aol.com.

• **East Cobb Kiwanis Club.** Every Wednesday evening. 7pm. Paradise South of the Border, 3605 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Johnny Johnson, 770-977-2026 or edwardjohnsjewelers@yahoo.com.

• **East Cobb Lions Club.** Second and 4th Tuesday of the month. 7pm. Powers Ferry UMC, 245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Don Garrow, 770-955-6914.

• **East Cobb New Horizons Band.** Monday mornings, 11:00am. If you are 50 or older, play a musical instrument and have been looking for a great place to make music, come join us! Great people and good music! To learn more go to our website, ecnhb.com or email webmaster@ecnhb.com.

• **East Cobb Newcomers Club.** Third Thursday each month. 10am-12pm. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: rdavenport723@sbccglobal.net.

• **East Cobb Rotary Club.** Every Wednesday. 7am. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: eastcobbrotary.com.

• **East Cobb Woodcarvers Club.** Every Thursday. 9-11am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-420-3820.

• **Georgia Nature Photographers Assoc.** Third Thursday of the month. 7pm. Nature photographers of all skill levels are welcome to our monthly meetings. The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: www.gnpa.org or info@gnpa.org

• **Georgia Perennial Plant Association.** Third Tuesday of the month. 7:30pm. Atlanta History Center, McElreath Hall, 130 West Paces Ferry Road NW, Atlanta. More info: www.georgiaperennial.org.

• **Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance.** Third Thursday of the month. Social hour: 6pm. Meeting: 7pm. American Legion Post, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Dave Hamrick 770-315-3942.

• **Georgia Tea Party.** Thursdays. 7pm. 900 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Jerry Kotyuk 404-374-0580 or jerryk623@att.net.

• **Golden "K" Kiwanis Club.** Every Thursday. 10am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Joe Vanhorn Jr., 770-424-6654.

• **Happy Tails Pet Therapy.** Orientation for prospective members 1st Thursday or Saturday of the month. 10:30-11:30am and 7-8pm. Blue Pearl Georgia Veterinary Specialists, 455 Abernathy Road NE, Atlanta. Check dates: 770-740-8211 or www.happytailspets.org.

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Libertarian Party of Cobb County. First Thursday of the month. 7:30pm. More info: www.cobbip.org or call 770-795-1331

Marietta Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday. 12pm. Hilton Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Pat Huey, pathuey@comcast.net or www.marietakiwanis.org.

Marietta Lions Club. Second Thursday of the month. 7pm. First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Ave SW, Marietta 30064. More info: mariettalions@aol.com or www.mariettalionsclub.org.

Marietta PFLAG. Fourth Sunday each month. 1-3pm. Newcomers are welcome. Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: www.pflagatl.org.

Marietta Rotary Club. Every Wednesday. 12noon. Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Adele Grubbs, 770-424-8212 or www.mariettarotary.org.

Marietta VFW Post 2681. Dinner with VFW Ladies Auxiliary. First Thursday of the month with separate meetings following dinner. 6:15pm. 140 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: www.vfwpost2681.org.

Martha Stewart Bulloch Society of Children of the American Revolution meets one Sunday per month from September through May, 2-4pm. Osage Terrace Room and Pavilion at Bulloch Hall 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. More info: Tamra 770-696-4806 or www.msbnsr.com.

Moms in Prayer for East Side Elementary parents. Fridays 11am. More info: Rachel Bloom 770-973-4705 or familybloom@gmail.com.

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NAARFE). Second Wednesday of each month. 11:30am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More Info: 770-971-1719.

Newcomers Club of Cobb County. Third Tuesday each month. 10am. Various social activities throughout the month for those new to Cobb County or just looking for new friends and activities. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: newcomersofcobbcounty@yahoo.com.

North Metro Mothers of Multiples Club. Third Monday of the month. 7pm. Chicago's, 4401 Shallowford Road, Roswell (corner of Johnson Ferry & Shallowford). More info: www.northmetromultiples.org.

Northeast Cobb Business Association. Luncheon meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month. 11:30am-1pm. \$15. Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-423-1330.

Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples A parent's club for families with or expecting twins, triplets, or quadruplets. Second Tuesday of each month. Date and time may change; check our website. More info: www.nowamom.org or 678-404-0034.

Order Sons of Italy in America Marietta Lodge #2607. General membership meeting 2nd Monday each month. Club provides sandwiches, members bring sides. 12pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-928-9314 or degrillmouse@comcast.net.

Peach State Depression Glass Collectors' Club. Second Tuesday of month except December. Guests welcome. 6:30pm social; 7pm meeting. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Marietta. More Info: psdgc.com.

Polk Street Speakers Toastmasters. First and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 6-7:30pm. St. James Episcopal Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.polkstreetspeakers.org.

Retired Old Men Eating Out (R.O.M.E.O.) Every Tuesday, 8-10am. Meet for friendship, conversation and to share their variety of antique cars, street rods and muscle cars. Marietta Diner, 306 Cobb Parkway South, Marietta.

Shakespeare Reading Group. First and 3rd Thursday of the month. September-May. 2-4 pm. Senior Wellness Center, 1150 Powder Springs Road, Marietta. More info: Lynne Johnson, 770-591-3474.

Song of Atlanta Show Chorus. Women's four-part harmony chorus. Every Tuesday. 7:30pm. Northbrook UMC, 11225 Crabapple Road, Roswell. Visitors welcome. More info: www.songofatlanta.com or 770-696-6502.

Sope Creek Garden Club. First Wednesday of the month (Sept-June). 10am. Locations vary. More info: Karin Guzy, 770-955-1303 or karinguzy@gmail.com.

The Foxtrotter's Dance Club. The 4th Friday of every month (no dance in May, Nov. & Dec. are the 3rd Friday). 7:30-10:30pm. If you enjoy ballroom dancing, come and dance. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-1160.

Y Business Network. Every other Friday. 7:30-8:45am. Local business networking and referrals. Northeast Cobb Y, 3010 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta. Guests always welcome. More info: ybusinessnetwork.webs.com, Michelle Hutchinson, 770-518-0010.

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

Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group Meeting. First Monday & Tuesday of each month. 10:30am. Open to family members who are assisting an aging loved one both inside and outside of the home. Free respite care is provided for your loved one while we meet. Aloha to Aging/Mt. Bethel Community Center, 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info or to RSVP: 678-439-1177.

Anxiety Anonymous for people who suffer from anxiety, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. 6:30-7:30pm. Cobb County Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-633-1023 or galinabannova@gmail.com

A.W.A.K.E. Program stands for "Alert, Well, And Keeping Energetic." A support group for adults who have sleep apnea, their family members and friends, and anyone interested in learning more about sleep apnea. First Thursday of the month. 5:30-7pm. WellStar East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-644-1755.

Babywearing Group. Koalamommas, 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, jenniferworrell@bellsouth.net or www.bwiofatlant.org.

Bereavement Support. Every 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.

Career Transition. Third Monday of the month. 6:30pm. Personal resume reviewing, interviewing, networking, and career assessment help. First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta. More info: Lee Pence, 770-428-9350, or Bob Sabin 770-795-9084, or visit www.fpcmarietta.org

Caregiver Support Group. First Monday of the month. 6-7pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or ACaudell@arborcompany.com.

Caregiver Support Group. Second Thursday of the month, 12-1pm. Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, 1795 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-7473 or eharres@peterandpaul.org

Child Sexual Abuse East Cobb support group for male and female victims of child sexual abuse & exploitation provided by VOICE Today. First and 3rd Monday of every month. 7pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Room 356, Marietta. More info: 678-578-4888 or info@voicetoday.org.

Compassionate Friends. First Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Assists bereaved families following the death of a child of any age and from any cause. First Baptist Church, 148 Church Street NE, Marietta. More info: Ria 770-973-4921 or www.tcfmarietta.org.

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.

Diabetes Support Group. A Diabetes Services Social Worker and/or Diabetes Educator facilitates each session. Participants are encouraged to discuss their concerns and share their successes regarding the self-management of their diabetes. Meets 4th Monday of each month except December. 6-7pm. WellStar Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-793-7828.

Divorce Care. 13-week course beginning the 3rd Wednesday of August, 6:30-8pm Open to all ages. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 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 of the month, 7-8:30pm. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.visionsanew.org.

Divorce Support Group/Divorce Care for Kids. 13-week program beginning September 7, 6:15-8pm. Mt. Bethel UMC (Church Room 8106), 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info/ to register: Judith Reichenbach, Licensed Counselor, 770-597-9882.

Diabetes Support Group offered by WellStar Health System. Fourth Monday of the month. 6-7pm except December. East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. No registration required. More info: 770-793-7828.

Domestic Violence Support Groups. Sessions in English and Spanish. Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45pm. Childcare available for children 6 weeks-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. 6:30-8pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church (Room 8109) on Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Cappie 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@gpaparkinsons.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 Third Thursday. 7pm of the month. Unity North, 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Kathy Kelcourse for info at kathzkel@yahoo.com.

Grief Share 13-week program beginning the 3rd Monday of August from 7-9pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

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. 770-956-0318 or 678-357-3661.

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, Building A, Roswell. More info: Robin Cleveland, 678-819-3915.

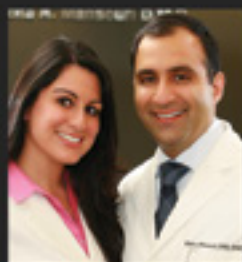
Spousal Support Group. Third Thursday of the month. 12-1pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or ACaudell@arborcompany.com.

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: St. 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 roetucker1@yahoo.com

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