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Dermatology Consultants Lays Out Welcome Mat for Myles Jerdan, M.D.

Step into Dermatology Consultants' new location in the Northside East Cobb Medical Center, and you will know why Dr. Myles Jerdan chose this practice to re-establish his presence as an East Cobb dermatologist. With an aesthetically inviting office and the best dermatological care around, Dermatology Consultants proves to be just the right move for this seasoned doctor.

After practicing dermatology in the area since 1988, Dr. Jerdan is happy to be joining Dermatology Consultants to trade places with his friend, Dr. Richard Detlefs, who was a long-time dermatologist at Dermatology Consultants. "I missed seeing patients after a brief hiatus, and he was ready to retire," says Dr. Jerdan. "It worked well for both of us. I am pleased to provide his patients and others with experienced dermatology care at the wonderful new East Cobb office."

Dr. Jerdan brings with him quite a résumé. He is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist. As a dermatologist he has extensive training and knowledge of skin, hair, and nail disease and treats conditions that affect those areas. His further training as a dermatopathologist provides him with unique experience in managing skin cancer and cutaneous tumors including all types of pigmented lesions, such as melanoma and abnormal moles. Beyond skin cancer, he treats a wide range of inflammatory skin conditions including psoriasis, eczema, other types of dermatitis, and acne. Dr. Jerdan treats all family members from young to old. He is a former director/owner of an independent dermatopathology laboratory. He graduated from the



Dr. Myles Jerdan, M.D.

University of Illinois College of Medicine and did extensive post-graduate training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

"Because I was trained to do both dermatology and dermatopathology, I am uniquely trained to correlate clinical and pathologic findings in the management and treatment of more complex skin disorders," explains Dr. Jerdan. "While I was at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, I was fortunate to work with some of the foremost world experts on melanoma and its precursors, as well as cutaneous cancers and a wide variety of inflammatory conditions."

On a personal side, Dr. Jerdan lives in East Cobb and is married to Carolyn, school counselor and teacher at Johnson Ferry Christian Academy. They have three grown children who live in the Atlanta area. As a former Big Ten basketball player at Northwestern University, Dr. Jerdan has invested in the community through his sports knowledge and coaching skills. He has coached at Eastside Baseball and East Cobb Baseball as well as managed programs and coached girls' and boys' teams in the East Marietta Basketball league. He has also been a basketball coach in the East Cobb Middle School's basketball program.

If you have dermatology concerns, consider a visit to Dr. Jerdan, who is now seeing patients at the East Cobb office of Dermatology Consultants. The new office is located at the Northside East Cobb Medical Center, 4800 Olde Towne Parkway, Suite #250, Marietta. For appointments, call 770-971-3376. For more information, go to www.dermatologyconsultants.org.

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There are many inspiring examples of powerful females, killing it at the tops of their fields and in the trenches, helping to make the world a better place for everyone. Political candidates, hard-hitting journalists, female CEOs, and sports superstars. Who are the most inspiring female role models in your world? I hold the hope that the most important, effective role models for girls is still their moms. Hobbies and habits, courtesy and consideration, ethics (right and wrong), morality (more right and wrong), what

to eat, when to exercise, how to behave around others, the cultural rules and regs - in fact, how to be a human being - are learned from moms.

I am lucky to have my mom as one of my biggest role models. As clichéd and corny as it may sound, its true! She was a working mom (a school teacher, so her scheduled was in sync with her kids) with five children (one with special needs) striving to not only give us the material things: clothes, food, a safe place to live. She also gave us enough love that each night when my brother and sisters and I went to bed, we were secure in the knowledge that we were loved. With my father's support, she managed to finish her college degree (which had been interrupted by the birth of 5 children.) One of my earliest memories of my mother is attending her graduation seeing her dressed in the classic cap and gown holding the diploma. That snapshot still speaks volumes on the values imparted to me: the importance of education, independence, and determination.

That's why I am happy to sponsor the EAST COBBER Mother of the Year essay contest. By honoring a mother in our East Cobb community, I hope to honor the millions of mothers whose lives are compelling examples of unwavering, unyielding, uninterrupted commitment to their children and families. And for those moms who have daughters (like me!) know that your actions today will be building blocks for creating women unafraid of showing and sharing their substance and intelligence.

Happy Mother's Day!

Cynthia M. Rozzo
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On the Cover

Featured on our May cover is Wendy Cooper, this year's EAST COBBER Mother of the Year, with her four children: Jordan, 18, a senior at Pope High School; Logan, 17, a junior at Pope High School; Kylie, 14, an eighth-grader at Dodgen Middle School; and, Lindsay, 5. "It means so much to find out that my daughter, Kylie, nominated me," says Wendy.

A single, working mom of four busy kids (her youngest child has a genetic disorder), Wendy's day-to-day life can be overwhelming from teaching preschool to researching therapies for her daughter, doctors' appointments, and keeping up with all of her kids' activities. Says Wendy, "I don't know how I do it every day, but I do it for my kids. . . I love spending time with my kids and watching them turn into amazing people!"

When asked to name her favorite part about living in East Cobb, Wendy says she is grateful for her close-knit neighborhood, the great schools and "everything we need is close by."

See page 6 for the winning "Mother of the Year" essay and a list of gifts for the Mother of the Year donated by local merchants.

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Wendy Cooper: East Cobb Mother of the Year 2018



Logan, EAST COBBER Mother of the Year Wendy Cooper, Lindsay, Jordan and Kylie.

Here is the winning essay written by 17-year-old Kylie Cooper, nominating her mom, Wendy Cooper.

"A daughter's love for her mother is always extraordinary. However, in this situation my love for my mom is unconditional. No one could beat out the love I have for my amazing, brave mother. My mom, Wendy Cooper, not only has four kids, but she has also not had another adult to help around the house for about five years. Most moms would say it's easy, but my little sister was diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder. She requires 24-hour care and my mom also has to take care of three other kids, her mom, and work just to pay the rent. Also, my grandpa, my mom's dad, passed away just this month and she has had to take care of her mother ever since. The next and last thing I am going to say about my mom is that she is the bravest person I have ever met and I truly mean that. God has given her a full plate and she has handled it so well. My mom absolutely deserves to be the mom of the year. Heck, she should be the mom of the century!" 🙏

Congratulations, Mom!

EAST COBBER'S Mother of the Year 2018 is invited to participate in this year's EAST COBBER Parade. Wendy Cooper also receives the following gifts donated by local businesses:

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Every accredited high school in Georgia is eligible to participate in the STAR program. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on the test date on the SAT taken through the November test date of their senior year and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. Each high school STAR Student is asked to name his/her STAR Teacher. High school STAR Students compete for system titles; and system STAR Students in turn compete for region honors in the 12 STAR Regions. Region winners and their STAR teachers are invited to Atlanta to compete for the state STAR scholarships and awards.

Locally, STAR Students and STAR Teachers are honored by their schools and receive special recognition in their communities from the more than 165 civic organizations and businesses that serve as local sponsors of the STAR program. The State PAGE STAR Banquet, held in Atlanta last month, recognized local STAR students from all over Georgia.

The following is a list of the 2018 East Cobb high school students and teachers. STAR Students were honored at the annual State PAGE Student and Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) banquet on April 23.

KELL HIGH SCHOOL

STAR Student: Mitchell Quinn Willmschen Gacuzana

STAR Teacher: Douglas LaVigne

LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL

STAR Student: Neal M. Ostrowski

STAR Teacher: Keelan Seabolt

POPE HIGH SCHOOL

STAR Student: Loren Tsang

STAR Teacher: Jessica Kelly

SPRAYBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

STAR Student: Juan Andres Rodriguez Soto

STAR Teacher: Natasha Beemon

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL - Region Winners

STAR Student: Grace K. Zhou

STAR Teacher: Laura Speer

STAR Student: Daniel C. Hudadoff

STAR Teacher: Laura Speer

STAR Student: Robert A. Morgan

STAR Teacher: Alan Farnsworth

*These students all tied for STAR Student

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL -Region Winner

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STAR Teacher: Sharon Hunt

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For many of us, the beautiful flowers and greenery that come with spring are far outweighed by allergens in the air. Let's face it – you can't enjoy the scenery while

sneezing, coughing, and viewing the landscape through watery eyes. To make matters worse, those allergens follow us into our homes.

Debbie Abernathy, E. Smith vice president, has a few suggestions to help navigate the season. "Most people don't know that indoor air is one of the top threats to public health for Americans according to the Environmental Protection Agency," she says. "There are steps we can take to freshen the air in our homes. Also, installing an air purification system can help us breathe easier."

Abernathy points out that monitoring pollen can help maintain air quality. While opening doors and windows offers fresh air and a cool breeze, it's wise to keep them closed when pollen counts are highest, which is during windy conditions and in the early morning. Pollen also sticks to clothing. So changing clothes when you enter your home and cleaning outer clothing often contributes to allergen reduction.

"Planting wisely is also a good idea," says Abernathy. Landscape outside your home affects what comes into your home. Allergenic trees, such as maple and birch, increase the likeliness of having those allergens trickle into your home. Instead, consider planting trees such as dogwoods and magnolias.

Although we love them dearly, our pets not only bring outside allergens into the home, but also naturally produce dander. Abernathy says the best way to reduce outside allergens brought in through pets as well as combat dander is to vacuum frequently, bathe pets weekly, and keep them off the furniture.

If you need a more clear-cut approach to improve your home's air quality, an air purification system may be the answer. "Installing an air purifier can help reduce allergic reactions and maintain clean air," explains Abernathy. "These systems have a complex filtration system to ensure the smallest particles are eliminated."

Benefits of an air purification system include: healthier air that can reduce allergies and asthma by stopping dust and particle circulation; cleaner lungs, allowing you to breathe easier and gain more energy; and protected home décor and furniture, as dust and other allergens can discolor and devalue objects.

To find out more about air purification systems or for an appointment to schedule your spring tune-up as well as any other HVAC service, call 770-422-1900 or visit www.esmith.com.

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GENERATION ME AND YOU

By Haylie Krame, Communications Chair, East Cobb County Council of PTAs

From within a world that revolves around the up and coming iGen'ers or members of Generation Z and the prominent Generation X populace, a.k.a. the millennials (meeee-llenials), it is easy to put labels on people like "self-absorbed" or "self-centered" or "self-serving." While these words are often used to describe today's youth, these very words were first used in the 17th and 18th centuries. Thus, the "me" concept is not a new one.

But as the "kids" from the Generation X era have now established themselves and started or will soon start families of their own, it may turn out that the self-centered attitude that gave them such a bad rep was merely a result of their age. However, having the access to a worldly audience via social media, the "self" was made more apparent in visual and documented form for that generation.

What you may find interesting are the excerpts below taken from literature of various periods that shows how generations past were being portrayed at the time they were coming of age.

"They think they know everything and are always quite sure about it." Rhetoric, Aristotle, 4th Century BC

"The beardless youth... does not foresee what is useful, squandering his money." Horace, 1st Century BC

"Probably there is no period in history in which young people have given such emphatic utterance to a tendency to reject that which is old and to wish for that which is new." Young People Drinking More, Portsmouth Evening News, 1936

"Parents themselves were often the cause of many difficulties. They frequently failed in their obvious duty to teach self-control and discipline to their own children." Problems of Young People, Leeds Mercury, 1938

"What really distinguishes this generation from those before it is that it's the first generation in American history to live so well and complain so bitterly about it." The Boring Twenties, Washington Post, 1993

"They have trouble making decisions. They would rather hike in the Himalayas than climb a corporate ladder. They have few heroes, no anthems, no style to call their own. They crave entertainment,

but their attention span is as short as one zap of a TV dial." Proceeding with Caution, Time, 2001

What is actually the case can be summed up by Aristotle:

"[Young people] are high-minded because they have not yet been humbled by life, nor have they experienced the force of circumstances."

A study, "Personality Stability From Age 14 to Age 77 Years," suggests that our 77-year-old selves would have a hard time identifying with the 14-year-old versions of ourselves. In other words, we change as we grow.

The youth are not only defined by the numbers that tell their age, but by the limited time they have been alive. They are innocent, inexperienced and oblivious, thanks in part to their wonderful parents who do such a great job at protecting, guiding and defending them from the harsh realities of the world. How many times have you heard a mother say, "I wish they would stay this little forever." I am willing to bet that mothers didn't just start experiencing these types of sentiments. The truth is the kids will grow; they will experience; they will learn. They will become informed, seasoned and strong. So, it's not the parents; it's not the video games or the music. It's the love that blooms into a flower that shelters a child from the moment it is known from as many hurtful experiences, as many tears as possible and as many heartaches as can be avoided. These things are inevitable, but if our children only know their own world, and it is a beautiful place to them that they want to share with others, even if it is "me" centered, that's okay. My world is my children, so it makes sense that they live in that same world.

Thank you to all the mothers who themselves were once self-absorbed who honorably become selfless for their children. Happy Mother's Day! 🌻



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BAD BREATH: CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

Have you ever been on date or chatted with friends and felt that your (or someone else's) breath was not so fresh? If so, you are not alone. Studies show that 50 percent of adults state that they have experienced bad breath. While many causes of bad breath are harmless and can be resolved with simple changes to your dental care routine, bad breath that lasts for an extended period of time, known as halitosis, can be a sign of something more serious.

Bad breath occurs when certain types of bacteria in our natural oral flora feed on food left behind after we eat. When these bacteria feed, they leave behind a foul-smelling waste product that causes bad breath. Saliva works to clean our mouths and remove this waste product, but if someone has dry mouth as a result of medications they take, salivary gland problems, or mouth breathing, their saliva is not functioning as well as it should, and they may experience bad breath. Cavities and gum disease can also contrib-

ute to bad breath as these conditions provide bacteria with extra places to hide in our mouths that are harder for saliva or our toothbrush and floss to access and clean. Other causes of bad breath and halitosis include: smoking and tobacco use and medical conditions such as sinus infections, gastric reflux, diabetes, liver disease or kidney disease. It is also important to note that foods we eat such as garlic, onions and coffee can affect the air we exhale causing bad breath.

If you notice your breath is less than fresh, following a healthy dental care routine can help. It is important to brush twice a day, floss daily, and use a tongue scraper to remove the bacteria that cause bad breath. Over-the-counter mouth rinses like Listerine can help fight bad breath by killing or neutralizing the bad breath-causing bacteria in your mouth. Drinking plenty of water, chewing sugar-free gum or sucking on sugar-free candies can help boost your saliva flow and

freshen your breath. And xylitol, a newer sugar-free sweetener, has been actually proven to kill bacteria.

If you notice your bad breath persists, make an appointment to see your dentist. With a proper exam and hygiene visit, your dentist can detect any oral health problems that may exist such as cavities or gum disease and advise you on treatment options or dental products to use to address these issues. If your dentist determines your mouth is healthy, you may be referred to your primary care doctor to rule out other medical conditions that contribute to bad breath.



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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS HELD LOCALLY

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Saturday, May 26 ★ 10 am

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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Monday, May 28 ★ 12 pm

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield

900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw ★ 770-427-4686 x 231

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. The military veterans on the artillery crew will perform a small flag raising ceremony in honor of Memorial Day.

MARIETTA NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 28 ★ 12 pm

Marietta National Cemetery

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The largest Memorial Day Ceremony in Georgia, this is a non-political ceremony honoring veterans and the sacrifices they made to protect our freedom, includes a 21-gun salute. Live music and BBQ available after the ceremony.

SMYRNA MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 28 ★ 9:30 am

20th Century Veterans Memorial

(between City Hall and the Library)

2800 King Street, Smyrna ★ 770-431-2842

This ceremony honors and appreciates the strength and sacrifice of our veterans.

WOODSTOCK MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 28 ★ 10 am

The Park at City Center

101 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock ★ 770-592-6000 x1952

The City of Woodstock, along with the American Legion Post 316, Marine Corps League Detachment 1311, Warriors' Watch Riders, and other local veteran's groups, honor those who fought and died to keep us free.



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Sprayberry High School • May 23 • 3:30pm

Kennesaw State University Convocation Center, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw 30144



Walton High School • May 22 • 7pm

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Wheeler High School • May 23 • 6:30pm

Wheeler High School Gymnasium, 375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068



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Terry Smith, owner of Mobile Meat and Seafood

You don't need to go to an expensive restaurant to enjoy premium steaks, seafood and other entrees. Since 1989, Mobile Meat and Seafood has been offering local customers steakhouse quality meats, smart sourced seafood and natural chicken at a fraction of the price.

An East Cobb resident and graduate from the first four-year class at Walton, Terry Smith began his sales career going door-to-door selling steaks. After a short time, he realized that he could branch out own his own and offer a better quality product, so he started the Rolling Gourmet, now called Mobile Meat and Seafood.

For Mobile Meat and Seafood, Terry uses the same distributors as top Atlanta restaurants, and he provides personal service to each of his clients. He delivers individual, vacuum-sealed, portion-controlled products. Customer favorites include verified Angus beef, Chilean Sea Bass and Norwegian Salmon. His extensive menu also includes burgers, ribeye steak, shrimp, scallops, butterflied chicken breasts, pork chops and lamb chops, just to name a few.

To save preparation time, he also offers delicious, ready-to-cook entrees that take minutes to cook, like lemon

chicken and pecan encrusted fish. The ease of preparation and convenience is a must for today's fast pace.

Terry and his wife give back to the local community through foster care and dog rescue. Terry has also coached East Marietta Basketball for more than 25 years. He loves that his customers become his friends, and he takes pride in providing a valuable service.

"I have had a passion for cooking my entire life, and I enjoy making people's lives easier," says Terry. "You can't buy this quality of meat in the grocery store. The only way to get it is to go to

a high-end restaurant, and my options are less expensive than fine dining."

Hosting a holiday party or family gathering? Mobile Meat and Seafood also offers an assortment of appetizers, including mini chicken quesadillas and mini beef wellingtons.

His customer testimonials speak highly of Mobile Meat and Seafood. One customer shared, "My family has been buying steaks and chicken and other meats from Terry for years. It is always the best quality. The vacuum sealed individual servings make easy dinner preparation. My favorite go to meal for company is the beef filets."

Most customers place an order by the box, and he offers same day local delivery at no additional cost. There are no contracts or minimum purchase requirements, and he guarantees all products. He also ships gifts throughout the continental United States.

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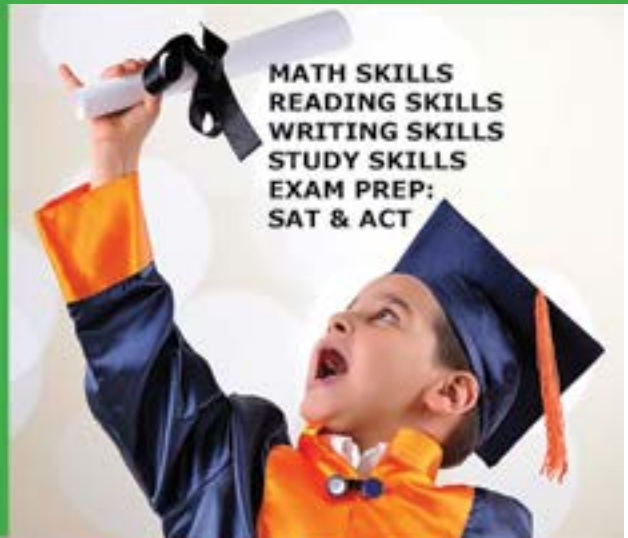


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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUMMER

Do you want your child to spend their entire summer playing video games or would you rather they be engaged and learning? The summer slide is a real thing. A research study by John Hopkins University has proven that without educational activity during the summer, all students experience learning loss, especially in math.

East Cobb's Huntington Learning Center (Huntington) offers a summer tutoring series that not only eliminates the summer slide but also helps children move to the next academic level. The summer is also a great time for teens to prepare for the ACT and SAT because they have more free time.

For the past three years, local Huntington franchise owners, Frank and Montse Fabregas have been offering tutoring and test preparation to students from kindergarten through high school. They have seen the benefits of summer learning firsthand with their students.



"Summer is the perfect time for kids to learn. They

don't have to worry about homework or grades, so they are free to explore and learn at a faster pace," says Frank Fabregas.

Frank and Montse Fabregas are from Barcelona, Spain, but met in New York while in a program in Columbia University 25 years ago. They raised their children in Barcelona and then chose to move back to the United States for the educational experience. They have one son at the University of Barcelona and another at Lassiter High School. They chose to make East Cobb their home because of our high ranking schools and how parents make education a priority here.

Both Frank and Montse have extensive teaching experience, and they wanted to bring those skills to help as many kids as possible. The center focuses on the areas of reading comprehension, math, writing, study skills and ACT/SAT test prep.

"My granddaughter was reluctant to go to Huntington at first, but she struggled in school, and I didn't want to see her getting further behind during the summer. Her Huntington teachers taught her how to use her time wisely and how to

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organize her homework. I was extremely impressed with her progress, especially with reading and study skills. Her reading comprehension increased so much that reading became a joy for her. She heads into high school next year with more confidence and a love of learning,” shares Carolyn, a local grandmother.

For elementary, middle and high school students, the certified educators at Huntington give each child a personalized academic assessment in all subject areas, so that they can identify strengths and weaknesses and start the child in the right place. The educators then design a curriculum specifically for that student. Parents may be concerned about math grades, but the assessment might show that the child needs support with reading comprehension as well.

Marci, an East Cobb mom, shares that one of her children was struggling in math, so at the recommendation of a friend, she signed her daughter up for math tutoring at Huntington. “I couldn’t believe the turnaround in such a short time. She went from being anxious about her homework to truly loving math. Now in the fourth grade, she is confident in math, and homework is so much less stressful,” says Marci.

She also noticed improvement in her older daughter’s standardized test scores in reading comprehension. “I would recommend Huntington to any parent who has a child struggling with reading or math – or even if they just want to set them on the right path.”

Huntington works with the youngest learners from kindergarten to second grade, many struggling with phonics and reading. It also works with older children who may lack math, reading, writing or study skills. They will work with the students intensively to improve their skills, track grades and assignments from school and help them with weekly study plans based on what’s a priority.

“Struggling in school can impact a child’s self-esteem, and we nurture and support each child, in addition to teaching them

the subject matter,” says Frank. “I truly enjoy sitting down with a worried parent to go over the test results at the end of their child’s program. It’s amazing and rewarding when we see how much their child has improved.”

For high school students, Huntington provides also math, reading and study skills and other tutoring, but it also provides measurable improvement with standardized tests like the ACT and SAT. East Cobb mom Brooke shares how the experience helped her daughter. “My daughter, now a freshman at the University of Georgia, wanted to raise her ACT scores to open more college opportunities for her. After studying and preparing at the Huntington Learning Center, she was able to meet her scores goal,” says Brooke.

Frank recommends that students take the ACT or SAT early in their junior year so they should prepare for these tests in their sophomore year and the summer prior to being a junior. By taking the test early, they can focus on their junior year studies. They can also take the test again if they want to improve their scores.

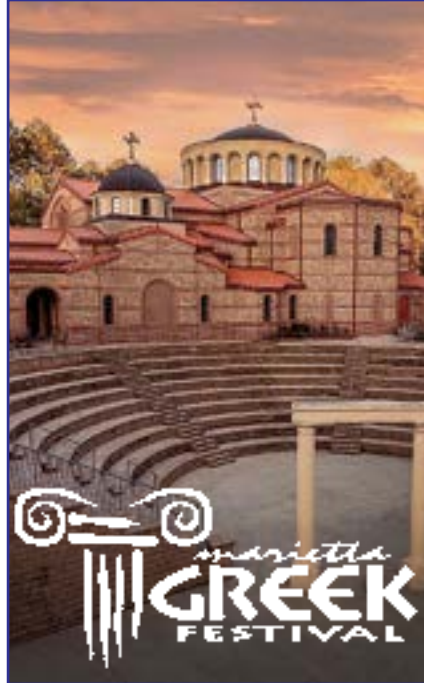
Their East Cobb location has designated rooms for each program. The main room hosts separate work spaces for the Huntington Math Program, Huntington Reading or Study Skills Programs. They have private rooms for ACT / SAT / SSAT exam prep and subject tutoring of any kind, and provide a large room with curriculum for the little ones. The center also has a break area and an office available for parents to work if needed.

Frank and Montse take pride in creating a family atmosphere at the center. “Our vision is to be the educational choice for local families who want support and results for their kids.”

Huntington Learning Center is conveniently located in the East Cobb Crossing shopping center, 4381 Roswell Road, Suite 240 in Marietta. Visit huntingtonhelps.com/center/east-cobb for more information or call 770-977-3112 for an appointment.



GET A TASTE OF GREECE IN EAST COBB



Want to experience Greece, but don't have time for the flight? Come to the Marietta Greek Festival on May 18th, 19th & 20th, and leave your suitcases behind!

Held at the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, its parishioners hope locals will join thousands of their neighbors at the 28th annual celebration of all things Greek at one of the oldest annual festivals in East Cobb County. \$5 admission (kids under 12 are free!) will get access to: homemade Greek food, dancers in traditional costume, live Greek music, kids' activities, raffles and tours of the church.

Still, nothing says "Marietta Greek Festival" like its food. Want dolmathes? Craving spanakopita? How about a lamb shank or pastitsio with Greek-style green beans for dinner? Thinking about finikia, or galaktoboureko for dessert? They'll all be there, as will other items, and the parishioners won't only sell them with smiles, they'll tell you what's in them and how to pronounce their names properly.

Our church members have been cooking since January," says parishioner Maria Alberts, "The kitchen at our church has been going like crazy; the moms, and aunts (men, too!) have been in the kitchen cooking up a storm, even making Greek custard pie and galaktoboureko. We will prepare more than 600 lamb shanks."

The largest cultural event in Northwest Georgia attracts a diverse crowd and will delight all of your senses! You'll pick up the scent of delicious Greek dishes as your palate

is tempted by heavenly Greek pastries. Your ears will perk up at the live music, while your eyes gaze upon the authentically costumed dancers as they perform in the South's only Greek amphitheater! Inside the Agora (marketplace), you'll have a unique shopping experience courtesy of a multitude of merchants. Outside, children can participate in various games, activities and crafts in the Kid's Area. Niko's Pub offers adults the opportunity to quench their thirst with Greek wine, beer, and liqueur, and the new Greek Street Food tent offers delightful portable food options. Be sure to take a guided tour of the Byzantine style sanctuary to see the beautiful iconography and learn more about the Orthodox faith!

The festival donates a portion of its proceeds to the local community through two wonderful organizations: Habitat for Humanity, and the Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor) Society.

The Marietta Greek Festival is held on the church grounds located at 3431 Trickum Road in Marietta/East Cobb. It will be open from 3-11pm on Friday, 10am-11pm on Saturday, and 10am-6pm on Sunday, with FREE parking and continuous FREE shuttle service.

Visit www.MariettaGreekFestival.com or call the Church Office at 770-924-8080 for more information.

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ANDRETTI RACE CAMP

1255 Roswell Road, Marietta 30062
678-496-9530 • andrettikarting.com
June 11-15; July 9-13. 9am-4pm. Age: 8-14. Cost: \$375. Each camper will be given the opportunity to learn Kart and Track safety, engine maintenance and proper steering and braking techniques.

ATLANTA JUNIOR ROWING CLUB

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770-835-5769 • ajracrew.com
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Atlanta Swim Academy
732 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068
770-973-3120 • atlantaswimacademy.com
May 29-July 27. 8:30-5pm. Ages 4-12. Cost: \$260-325. Enjoy a safe, organized learning environment that also offers the benefits of physical activity!

CAMP INVENTION

Sedalia Park Elementary School
2230 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068
1-800-968-4332 • campinvention.org
June 4-7. 8am-4pm. Grades: Rising K-6th Grade. Cost: \$240. Camp Invention inspires girls and boys to think BIG and imagine how they can change the world for the better one day! This one-of-a-kind weeklong experience connects science, technology, engineering, and math through fun hands-on activities.

CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER – CAMP KINGFISHER

9135 Willeo Road, Roswell 30075
770-992-2055 • chattnaturecenter.org
May 29-Aug 3. 9am-4pm. Ages: 4yrs - 9th grade. Session prices depend on your camper's session and age group. In addition to traditional outdoor activities, Camp Kingfisher sessions are packed full of FUN, hands-on learning experiences.

COBB SOCCER ACADEMY

>Mt. Bethel Elementary School
1210 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068
217-714-4308 • cobbssocceracademy.com
May 29-June 1. 9am-12pm. Rising 1st-6th grade. Cost: \$110.
>Tritt Elementary School
4435 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta 30068
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COURTCAMP – MOCK TRIAL DAY CAMP

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church
571 Holt Road, Marietta 30068
678-637-7029 • CourtCamp.com
June 18-22. 1-4pm. Age: Rising 6th - 12th grade. \$195. Critical thinking, Logical reasoning, Public speaking, Professional polish. CourtCamp provides hands-on skill building to middle-schoolers and high-schoolers during summer vacation and school breaks.

CREATIVE WRITING CAMP: *BECOME A MOVIE CRITIC*

The Movie Tavern, 4651 Woodstock Road, Roswell 30075
770-648-4101 • FunCreativeWriting.com
June 11-15; June 18- 22; Jul 16- 20. 9 am– 3:30pm Age: 8-12
Cost \$60 – \$250. Campers will view a kid-friendly movie, then practice the skills needed to become great movie critics (lunch included).

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL - CAMP FAITH!

2111 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068
770-973-8921 • school.faithmarietta.org
May 29-July 27. 9am-4pm. Age: 15 mos-8th Grade. Cost: \$125-\$230. A summer camp designed to fill your child's day with fun, discovery, excitement, and friendship, while providing a safe, Christian, nurturing environment for them.

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

10965 Woodstock Road, Roswell 30075
404-408-5997 • fellowshipchristianschool.org
June 4-29; July 9-20. Call/visit website for details on prices and times. An array of workshops, classes, and camps to be offered, including economics, study skills, drivers ed, misc. sports camps, and more!

FULLERS RECREATION CENTER

3499 Robinson Road, Marietta 30068
770-509-2737 • cobbcounty.org/parks
9 one-week sessions starting on May 29, and ending on July 27. 9am-4pm. Cost: \$125/week.

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770-765-2362 • thegardenmarietta.org
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GPT SUMMER TENNIS 2018 CAMP

Olde Town Athletic Club
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June 4-Aug 3; 3-week sessions. 9:15am-4pm. Cost \$1230. Program goals focusing on gaining confidence in a variety of camp skills and activities, satisfaction from self-improvement rather than competition, a healthy understanding of environmental principals and more. Each week focuses on a different value.

HIGH MEADOWS DAY ANTS CAMP

1055 Willeo Road, Roswell 30075

770-993-7975 • highmeadowscamp.org

June 4-Aug 3; 3-week sessions. 9:45am-1:45pm. Cost \$960. Program goals focusing on gaining confidence in a variety of camp skills and activities, satisfaction from self-improvement rather than competition, a healthy understanding of environmental principals and more. Each week focuses on a different value.

HIGH TOUCH-HIGH TECH SCIENCE CAMP

Various locations, visit website for details.

770-667-9443 • sciencemadefunatl.net

June 4-July 27. Times: 9am-3pm. Grades: Rising 1st-7th Grade. Cost \$260. The hands-on science experience made fun. All summer programs are taught by degreed professionals.

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Hyde Farm, 721 Hyde Road, Marietta, 30068

770-528-8829 • cobbcounty.org/parks

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678-784-5317 • johnsonferry.org/youthsports

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301-377-9750 • www.prolacrossecamps.com.

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470-578-6765 • ccpe.kennesaw.edu/youth/summeru

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LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL LADIES YOUTH LACROSSE

2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066

770-592-7926 • lassiterladieslacrosse.org

June 18-22. Grades: K-8th. 9:30am-12pm. Cost: \$125. The camp is designed to help all players become more confident and skilled athletes as well as bolster an enthusiasm for the great game of lacrosse.

LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL TROJAN VOLLEYBALL CAMP

2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066
404-309-1142 • lassitervolleyball.net
July 17-19. Grades: Rising 3rd-5th & Rising 6th-8th. Times: 9am-12pm (3rd-5th); 1pm-4pm (6th-8th). Cost: \$85 (3rd-5th); \$115 (6th-8th). Players will gain knowledge and skill in the sport while they have fun.

LIFE UNIVERSITY WOMENS SOCCER CAMP

1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta 30060
816-225-2020 • Samantha.clark@live.edu
June 11-15. 9am-3pm. Grades: Rising 9th-12th. Cost: \$305. Soccer Camp offers high quality soccer skills instruction.

MOUNT BETHEL UMC HOOPS CAMP

4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068
770-971-5280 • mtbethel.org
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MOUNT BETHEL UMC SOCCER CAMP

4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068
770-971-5280 • mtbethel.org
May 29-June 1. 9am-12:30pm. Ages: 6-12. Cost: \$115-\$140. Focuses on teaching correct execution of skills.

MOUNT BETHEL UMC SPORTS CAMP

4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068
770-971-5280 • mtbethel.org
June 18-29. 9am-4:30pm. Grades: Rising 2nd-5th. Cost \$265-290. Campers are exposed to wide variety of sports including soccer, basketball, baseball and more.

MOUNT BETHEL UMC VOLLEYBALL CAMP

4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068
770-971-5280 • mtbethel.org
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MJCCA SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Locations: Dunwoody, East Cobb, Emory, and North Fulton
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May 29-August 3. 7:30am-6pm. Ages: PreK-Rising 10th Grade. Weekly traditional, sports, specialty, teen, and preschool camps. Cost: Visit website for day camp options and costs.

MT. PARAN NORTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

1700 Allgood Road, Marietta 30062
678-285-3248 • mountparansports.website.splay.com
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770-321-0155
info.neurosportphysicaltherapy.com/pages/services/
register-for-2018-summer-camps/?ts=1522936837564
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beginner camp is an intro to the basics of functional training
for athletes and non-athletes. It will cover the proper
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June 11-15 and July 16-20. 12-2pm. Ages 14+. Cost: \$99. The
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OUR PAL'S PLACE – CAMP O.P.P.

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678-361-7623 • ourpalsplace.net
June 4-29; July 9-27. Rising 4th-9th Grade. 9am-4pm. Cost:
\$235-\$245. Give your kids the opportunity to learn about
and interact with dogs, cats and horses. Visit website for
programs/schedules.

PIEDMONT ACADEMY & EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta 30066
770-723-9578 • piedmontacademy.tv
June 4-29; July 9-20. 8am-3pm. Ages: 3yrs-5th grade. Cost:
\$150+ \$50 Registration Fee. Register now for School's out
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POPE HIGH SCHOOL CHEER MINI CAMPS

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
Popecheer.wixsite.com/pope/mini-camp
May 29-31; July 30-31. Age: Rising K-5th Grade. 9am-12pm.
Cost: \$75. Cheerleading and games run by the members of
the 2018 Cheerleading Program.

POPE HIGH SCHOOL FASTPITCH CAMP

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
770-578-7900 • popefastpitch.net
June 11-14. 9am-12pm; 9am-3pm. Ages: 6-13. Cost: \$120-
\$150. The camp mission is to relish in the fun of softball and
increase personal skills and ability while also teaching the
importance of teamwork, togetherness, and ethical play.

POPE HIGH SCHOOL – FENCING CAMP

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
678-524-6810 • popefencing.org
July 9-12. 9am-3pm. Grades: Rising 6th-12th grade. Cost:
\$240. Through fun and games learn basic fencing skills.

PRIMROSE SCHOOL OF LASSITER

2821 Lassiter Road, Marietta 30062
770-641-8535 • primroselassiter.com
May 29-July 27. Age: 5-12. 6:30am-6:30pm. Cost \$249 + \$100
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PRODIGY PERFORMING ARTS

4005 Canton Road, Marietta 30066
678-697-9320 • prodigyperformingarts.com
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9375 Willeo Road, Roswell 30075
770-641-8257 • saintfrancisschools.com
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July 9-20 2-week camp. 12:30-3:30pm Grades 5th-8th. Cost \$300. Investigate hands-on learning while developing their desire to explore and investigate the understanding of scientific STEM concepts.

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2469 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062
770-579-0400 • eastcobb.schoolofrock.com
Call/visit website for details on dates and times. Ages 5-17. Cost: \$425-\$475. Music is about way more than solo acts. School of Rock East Cobb is as focused on community, teamwork, and friendships as it is on inspiring awesome music.

SERIOUSLY ADDICTIVE MATH- SPARK THE TANK: UNPLUG YOUR INNERPRENEUR

1000 Johnson Ferry Road, Ste B-130, Marietta 30068
678-388-9495 • sparkthetank.com
June 25-29; July 9-20. 9am-3pm. Grades: Rising 3rd-6th. Cost: \$250. Campers get first-hand experience in starting a business. Discover the fundamentals of entrepreneurship.

SMART CLUB SUMMER ART CAMPS

Addison Elementary School
3055 Ebenezer Road, Marietta 30066
404-313-2999 • smart-clubs.com
June-July dates. Half and full days. PreK-9th Grade. Cost: \$159-\$239. High quality fine art supplies included! Full carpeted indoor gym with all equipment & ropes! 3 outdoor playgrounds! Art & music show with ice cream bar for families!

SPORTS BROADCASTING CAMP

@ Emory University, 201 Dowman Drive, Atlanta 30322
800-319-0884 • playbyplaycamps.com
July 16-20. Ages 10-18. Cost: \$650/day camp, \$1,295/overnight. Make sports anchor/reporting tape, PTI and play-by-play tapes. Tour pro sports facilities, meet celebrities in the industry, participate in trivia contests, and much more.

SPRAYBERRY HIGH SCHOOL LITTLE JACKET CHEER CAMP

2525 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066
678-591-3585 • sprayberrycheerleading.com
June 18-22. 9am-1pm. Ages: 5-12. Cost: \$100. Cheerleading and games run by the members of the 2018 Cheerleading Program.

STREM HQ-TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMPS

519 Johnson Ferry Road, Building B, Marietta 30068
508-507-8736 • stremhq.com
June 4-29; July 9-27. 9am- 4pm. Ages: 6-17. Cost: \$199/week. Teaching kids how to think and create with technology.

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480 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta 30067
770-644-2771 • prca.cobbcountyga.gov
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June 18-22. 9am-12:30pm. Age: 6-11. Cost: \$185 by 5/15.

VANGUARD ELITE SPORTS

3910 Canton Road, Marietta 30066
678-521-4100 • vanguaridelitesports.com
June 4-July 31. 6-10pm. Ages: 5+. Cost: \$400/month.
MonStarLab Development Program. Hosted by Mark Edwards.

THE WALKER SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

700 Cobb Parkway, Marietta 30062
770-427-2689 • thewalkerschool.org
May 29 - July 27. Age: 3-18. 9am-12pm or 1-4pm with
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1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062
610-585-0027 • waltoncheer.org
May 30-June 1. 9am-12pm. Grades: Rising K-5. Cost: \$85. May
30-June 1. 1-4pm. Grades: 6th-8th. Cost: \$85. Learn cheers,
chants, dances, jumps and have lots of fun.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – RAIDER DAY CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062
raiderssummerdaycamp@gmail.com
June 25-28. 9am-1pm. Age: K-8th (boys and girls). Cost: \$195.
Camp consists of a variety of sports and other fun activities in
the gym and on the field.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – ROBOTICS CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062
waltonroboticscamp@gmail.com • waltonrobotics.org
June 11-14. Time: see website. Grades: Rising 6th-9th (varies
per camp). Cost: \$200-\$300/week. Walton Robotics Team
is hosting four camps targeting different areas and levels of
engineering, Lego EV3, VEX Advanced, Programming and
Drone Camp.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL- SUMMER CAMP FOR PUZZLES & LOGIC

Dickerson Middle School
855 Woodlawn Drive, Marietta 30068
Laura.speer@cobbk12.org • www.waltonmathteam.com
June 4-7. 9am-3pm. Rising 4th-8th grade. Cost: \$250.
Students will learn to solve a variety of puzzles and logic
problems. Work to develop strategies for solving and the
ability to preserve.

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL – CAMP G.A.M.E.S. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CAMP FOR GIRLS

375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068
770-578-3286 • wheelermagnet.com
June 25-29. 9am-3pm. Rising 4th-6th grade girls. \$250. This
camp will offer students the opportunity to explore an
array of science and engineering fields including forensics,
chemistry, engineering, and genetics.

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL- SCIENCE SPECTRUM – SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CAMP

375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068
770-578-3286 • www.wheelermagnet.com
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WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL - STEM EXPLORERS

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WINSHAPE CAMP

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy North Campus
2509 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta 30062
770-977-5991 • winshapecamps.org/cobb
June 4-July 13. 7:30am-5pm Mon-Thurs; 7:30am-11:30pm Friday. Grades: K-8th. Cost \$249. There is something for everyone, sports, recreation, arts, Bible study and worship.

YMCA CAMPS

>McClesky-East Cobb YMCA
1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062
770-977-5991 • ymcaatlanta.org
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678-569-9622 • ymcaatlanta.org
May 29-July 27. 9am-12pm & 9am-4pm. Ages 3-17. Weekly half- and full-day pre-school, sports, specialty and teen camps. Visit website for details. YMCAs offer well-supervised, engaging activities for children ages 3 to 17. Camp counselors facilitate safe outdoor learning experiences that help children build confidence, character and lasting friendships.



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EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Brew with a View sponsored by Red Hare Brewery. Come out for live music, drinks and a crystal clear view of the square and Kennesaw Mountain from the Cobb Terrace. No cover charge. Age 21+. 7-11pm. Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080 or earlsmithstrand.org.

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Marietta Square Farmers Market featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. Free. Saturday: 9am-12pm; Sunday: 12-3pm. Historic Marietta Square, 65 Church Street, Marietta. More info: 770-499-9393 or www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com.

WEEKENDS THROUGH MAY 13

Good Mews Spring Flea Market. Find great bargains on a variety of items. All proceeds benefit Good Mews Animal Foundation, a local non-profit organization which operates a volunteer-based no-kill shelter for homeless, abused, and abandoned cats. Saturdays: 10am-5pm. Sundays: 12-5pm. 562 Wylie Road Marietta (behind the U-Haul on Highway 120). More info: 770-499-2287 or goodmews.org.

THROUGH MAY 31

Eco-Tinker: Interactive Exhibits. Head outdoors this spring for our nature-inspired tech and tinker stations – 5 stations where you can experiment and explore. The exhibit stations focus on the science of water – how it moves, how it is used. There's plenty to play with while you learn at the STEM stations. Expand your creative mind and your vocabulary when you visit Eco-Tinker! Members Free. \$10/Adult, \$6/Child, Children 2 & under are free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or chattnaturecenter.org.

MAY 4

Art Walk on the Marietta Square. A walking tour that celebrates the vitality of Marietta's diverse cultural arts scene, showcasing local artists and performers along sidewalks throughout historic downtown Marietta. Performance, dance, and visual art permeate every corner of the charming historic Marietta Square. Free. 5-9pm. Marietta Square, North Park Square, Marietta. More info: www.mariettacalendar.com.

Sope Creek Garden Club Plant Sale. Native plants and shrubs from members' gardens: Ferns, ground covers, hydrangeas, irises, day lilies, elephant ears, flowering perennials, and many more. Decorative garden items, containers, plant stands, and bird houses. 10am-6pm. Eastside Baptist Church, 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-955-1303 or frogsncats.com/html/sopecreek-gc/scgc.htm.

Marietta Spring Pops Concert presented by Symphony on the Square. Join the Symphony for selections from Billy Joel, Michael Jackson, Barry Manilow, Star Wars, Wizard of Oz and more. 8pm. \$20. Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: www.marietta.gov.

MAY 5

Free Comic Book Day. Each year, participating comic book shops across North America and around the world give away comic books for absolutely free to anyone who comes into their stores. Dr. No's Comics & Games Superstore, 3372 Canton Road, Suite 104, Marietta/East Cobb and Great Escape Comics & Games, 1050 East Piedmont Road, Suite 106, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-422-4642 and 770-973-2253 or freecomikbookday.com.

Golf Tournament hosted by Georgia Federation of Republican Women, a portion of the proceeds benefits STAG Vets Organization. Registration includes biscuits & coffee, Grab & Go lunch, refreshments, and Hot hor d'oeuvres at Awards Ceremony. 8am-6:30pm. \$30-\$5,000. Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club, 2459 US 280, Cordele 31015. More info/Participation: cebecnel@gmail.com.

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MAY 5

Project82 Kenya 5K Run. All race proceeds will benefit our children's education and healthcare programs in Kenya. \$20-\$40. Sign in begins at 6am. Race: 7:30am. Fun run: 8:30am. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More Info: project82kenya.com.

Taste of East Cobb. Enjoy food from local restaurants, live entertainment and kids' activities. Fundraiser for the Walton High School band. 11am-5pm. Festival admission: Free. Food tastes: \$2-\$5. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, South Parking Lot, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: tasteofeastcobb.com.

MAY 5-6

Marietta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival. 41st annual arts and crafts festival. Featuring local artists exhibiting all handmade work, including: pottery, paintings, woodwork, metal, glass, fabric, soap, candles, and more. Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday: 11am-5pm. Glover Park in the Marietta Square, 50 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: mariettatga.gov.

MAY 6

The French Connection. This year the Georgia Philharmonic joins forces with the Michael O'Neal Singers, a chorus of 150, to perform Poulenc's Gloria. 3pm. \$30/Prime, \$25/Adult, \$15/Senior, \$10/Student. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. More info: 404-500-9276 or georgiaphilharmonic.org.

Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic. Save an average of 50% off retail pricing for vaccines and supplies like flea, tick, and heartworm preventative. Each guest will also receive a gift card for a FREE pet exam at Town & Country Veterinary Clinic. (\$50 value) 100% of the fees from this clinic will be donated to the Homeless Pets Foundation. Making this a 100% donation and tax deduction for YOU! This clinic is open to the public and no appointment is required. 12-2pm. Janice Overbeck Real Estate, 2249 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 404-585-8881.

Celebrate National Lemonade Day at Springfree Trampoline East Cobb. Free lemonade, desserts, jumping and live music from Jason's Music Party! Springfree will be collecting donations for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Free. 2-4pm. Springfree Trampoline East Cobb, 4475 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: www.facebook.com/events/157433614935416/.



MAY 7

Wheeler Wildcats Golf Classic benefitting the Wheeler High School Football Booster Club. Entry includes breakfast, green fees, golf cart, range balls, lunch and on-site raffles. Prizes awarded and scholarship opportunity available. Individual: \$140; Team: \$500. Registration begins at 8am. Shotgun Start at 9am. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: wheelerfootball.info@gmail.com. Registration: www.wheelerfootball.com.

MAY 8

Johnson Ferry-Shallowford Community Development Meeting. Get information and provide feedback to "JOSH", a small-area plan focused on the Johnson Ferry-Shallowford Road area. It will be administered and facilitated by a team consisting of staff from the Planning Division of Cobb County Community Development, the Cobb County Department of Transportation, Cobb P.A.R.K.S, and the Stormwater Division of the Cobb County Water System. The purpose of JOSH is to provide guidance to the Board of Commissioners regarding policy and decisions pertaining to land use, design guidelines, parks and greenspace facilities, and infrastructure. The JOSH plan will supplement the Cobb 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and is in response to current and anticipated development/redevelopment trends in the area. Free. 7-9pm. Chestnut Ridge Christian Church, 2660 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: comdev@cobbcounty.org.

MAY 9

23rd Annual Marietta Golden K/Lost Mountain Golf Tournament proceeds benefit children's charities. Cost covers breakfast, lunch, golf and prizes. Silent Action items to bid on. 8am. \$100. Sponsorships start at \$125. Towne Lake Hills Golf Course, 1003 Towne Lake Hills East, Woodstock. More info: 678-493-0523.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 9

Museum Mice Tour: Murray & Etta Count Collections.

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MAY 10-11

Showstoppers: A Broadway Revue. Enjoy a night of show stopping show tunes in this all student run and directed show. Proceeds benefit Walton Drama. 7pm. Tickets: Reserved \$15; Adults \$10; Students \$5. Walton High School, 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: www.waltondrama.com.

MAY 10-13, 17-20 & 24-27

The Brothers Size. In the Louisiana bayou, big brother is hardworking and steady. Younger brother is just out of prison and aimless. A tough and tender drama of what it means to brother and be brothered. Thursday-Saturday: 7:30pm; Sunday: 2:30pm. \$15- \$25. Marietta's New Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-426-4800 or theatreinthesquare.net.

MAY 11

Relay for Life of Cobb County presented by The American Cancer Society. This fundraising event includes a survivor and caregiver reception for registered survivors and a wellness fair with free information, services, samples and giveaways. 6pm. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: www.RelayForLife.org/CobbGA.

MAY 11

Remembering Grace. A fundraiser held in honor of Grace Bunke, hosted by the Walton Swim and Dive Team, benefitting Grace's Swim Across America team which directly benefits the AFLAC Cancer & Blood Disorders Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Grill Day food, children's activities, games, music, dunk tank and lots of fun. Free admission and food. Donations accepted for participation in games. 6-9pm. Walton High School Memorial Garden, 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: Jack Lockett, 404-791-1533.

MAY 11-13

50th Annual Mother's Day Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show presented by the Georgia Mineral Society. Educational exhibits, club displays, mineral and fossil specimens. Friday-Saturday: 10am-6pm. Sunday: 12-5pm. Auction held Saturday at 1pm. Free. Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta. More info: www.gamineral.org.

Bach to Broadway presented by the Atlanta Ballet. A rousing fusion of dance, theater and live music that creates one unforgettable experience. Friday: 8pm. Saturday: 2pm & 8pm. Sunday: 8pm. Tickets start at \$20. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-916-2800, www.cobbenergycentre.com, or www.ticketmaster.com.





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MAY 11-13 & 17-19

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MAY 12

AARP Smart Driver Class. 6 Hour Class Certification. Check with insurance for discount. 9am. AARP members: \$15; Non-Members: \$20. Chestnut Ridge Christian Church, 2660 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info and registration: Moya Hambridge 770-395-6110.

Brass-A-Plenty. Presented by the Atlanta Wind Symphony featuring the Georgia Brass Band. Marches from all over the world, many from the USA! Free. 3pm. Kennesaw State University Bailey Performing Arts Center, 1000 Chastain Road NW, Kennesaw. More info: atlantawindsymphony.org.

Mozart & Sibelius. Two masters combine in a concert full of melodic manipulation. The opening of Mozart's "Famous 40th" has appeared in commercials, films, and even ring tones. Sibelius' colorful orchestration in his second symphony contributes to it being one of his most often performed masterpieces. 8pm. Tickets: \$10-\$30. Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: 770-429-2390 or www.georgiasymphony.org.

MAY 12

Pet Adoption Day. Come adopt a pet. Event hosted by Janice Overbeck Real Estate Team. 9am-12pm. Janice Overbeck Real Estate, 2249 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 404-858-8881.



Through the Garden Gate Tour. Explore the private gardens and projects of Master Gardeners throughout East Cobb. This is a self-guided tour, but docents will be at each garden to answer questions. The garden tour map is available to download online. 10am-5pm. Tickets: \$15 online or \$20 on the day of the event. More info/tickets: 770-528-4070 or www.cobbmastergardeners.com.

MAY 12 & 26

Marietta Square Artisan Market. Enjoy a day filled with art of all shapes and sizes. Free. 9am-2pm. Marietta Square, Mill Street, Marietta. More info: www.mariettacalendar.com.

MAY 13

Mother's Day at the Southern Trilogy. Celebrate Mother's Day with self-guided tours at each historic home: Barrington Hall, Bulloch Hall and Smith Plantation Home. Bring a canned good for entry. Canned goods donated to the North Fulton community charities. Free/ Canned good. 1-4pm. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. Smith Plantation Home, 935 Alpharetta Street, Roswell. For more info: www.roswellgov.com/discover-us/southern-trilogy-historic-house-museums.

Museum Mice Tours

Tours for our tiniest visitors! Come join Murray & Etta as they explore the Marietta Museum of History! Tours are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am. Children ages 3-5 will experience history through shapes, colors, numbers and sounds.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 13

Sundays on the River Concert: Blair Crimmins and the Hookers. Spend the evening under the stars listening to live music to wrap up the weekend. Enjoy Ragtime and 1920s style Dixieland jazz. 6-9:30pm. Advanced Tickets: Table Seating: \$16; Lawn Seating: \$12; Children 2 and under free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info/tickets: www.chattnaturecenter.org.

Trail Work Day. Join the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, to help maintain the 20 plus miles of trails in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 8am-12pm. Meet in the new parking lot on Old Highway 41. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw. More info: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

MAY 17

Native Plants and Azalea Tour. Many kinds of azaleas will still be blooming; as well many native plants will be in bloom. Master Gardeners will discuss the care and cultivation of native plants, particularly native azaleas. Free/Donations accepted. 9am-12pm. Wright Environmental Education Center, 2661 Johnson Ferry Road. More info: Judybeard1@gmail.com.

MAY 17-20, 24-27 & MAY 31 – JUNE 3

Fences. Set in the 1950s, *Fences* explores the evolving African-American experience and examines race relations, among other themes. The play won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 1987 Tony Award for Best Play. Thursday-Saturday: 7:30pm; Sunday: 2:30pm. Tickets: \$25. Marietta's New Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-426-4800 or theatreinthesquare.net.

MAY 18-20 & 24-27

The Merry Wives of Windsor presented by Act3 Productions. Set in the 1950's this hilarious Shakespeare productions gives a nod to iconic sitcoms of the time. Thursday-Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 3pm. Tickets start at \$17.50. Act3 Productions, 6285-R Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. More info: act3productions.org.

MAY 19

FURever Fest hosted by Cobb County Animal Control. A fun family event, featuring vendors with animal related businesses, services, and organizations providing education, information and products to enhance the experience of responsible pet ownership. Meet participating authors of kid books about pets. Food and DJ will round out the event. Free. 10am-4pm. Cobb County Animal Control, 1060 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-590-5608 or www.cobbcounty.org/pets.

Gluten Free & Allergy Free Expo. The event will allow attendees to sample hundreds of gluten-free products, receive coupons and discounted products available for purchase, attend informative classes related to the gluten and allergen-free lifestyle, and meet their favorite food manufacturers, authors and bloggers. Adult 1-day pass: \$15; Weekend Pass: \$25; Children 1-day pass: \$5; Weekend pass \$7. 10am-3pm. Cobb Galleria Centre Exhibit Hall A, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: gfafexpo.com/expos/atlanta.

Mountain Biking 101. The Interscholastic Georgia Cycling League is offering a one day training course for those who have decided to become a coach. This will be a minimum 4-hour course to fulfill the level 2 & 3 coaching requirements in the pit zone. \$25. 10am-2pm. Allatoona Creek, 5690 Old Stilesboro Road NW, Acworth. More info: georgiamtb.org or Lisa Hayes, lisa@georgiamtb.org.



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Pop-In For Family Fun: Historic Preservation. Learn how museum professionals preserve their collections with hands-on activities and crafts. \$5/person; \$20/Family. 10:30am-3:30pm. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Marietta. More info: travelcobb.org/event/pop-family-fun-historic-preservation.

MAY 22

General Primary Voting Day. Polls open 7am-7pm.

MAY 23

Last Day of School for students that attend Cobb County public schools.

MAY 25

Glover Park Concert Series: Electric Avenue (The 80's MTV Experience). The Glover Park Concert Series is held in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month, April through September. Only blankets and lawn chairs are allowed inside of Glover Park. Tables, tarps and plastic ground coverings are prohibited. Free. 8pm. More info: 770-794-5601 or visit www.mariettaga.gov/concerts.

MAY 26

Community Fair hosted by Cobb Senior Services. Free screenings for blood pressure, glucose, hearing, vision, bone density, and skin cancer. Activities for kids, interactive demonstrations, bake sale and \$5 hot dog lunch. Check out the great programs, classes and events for all adults age 55+. Free. 10am-2pm. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-528-5355.

MAY 26

Veteran's Memorial 5k presented by American Legion Post 29. All proceeds support the charities of the American Legion to benefit Georgia military members, veterans and their families. Start times: 5K – 7:30am; 1K walk/run – 8:30am; Tot Trot (ages 5 and under) – 8:45am. 5K/1K: \$30. Phantom Runner: \$25. All events are rain or shine and will start and finish at the Marietta Square. 1 Cherokee Street, Marietta. Early packet pickup: May 24, 12-8pm, at American Legion Post 29, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: AmericanLegion5k.org.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 28

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MAY 30

Coffee with a Cop. Come have coffee and conversation with Precinct 4's Community Engagement Officer, Nathalie Jegg. Free. 8am. Chick-fil-A, 2530 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-499-3981 or Nathalie.jegg@cobbcounty.org.

JUNE 1

Art Walk on the Marietta Square. A walking tour that celebrates the vitality of Marietta's diverse cultural Arts scene, showcasing local artists and performers along sidewalks throughout Historic Downtown Marietta. Performance, dance, and visual art permeate every corner of the charming Historic Marietta Square. Free. 5-9pm. Marietta Square, North Park Square, Marietta. More info: www.mariettacalendar.com.

JUNE 1-3

Dixie Highway 90-Mile Yard Sale. The sale spans 90 miles from Marietta to Ringgold, with 13 participating communities in all. The route runs from Marietta to Ringgold, 90 miles across Northwest Georgia on U.S. Highway 41. More info: www.facebook.com/DixieHighway90MileYardSale.

The Blade Show presented by BLADE Magazine. The world's largest knife show will feature the most diverse array of knife manufacturers, custom knife makers, collections and products as well as unique educational seminars and competitions. Friday: 2-7pm. Saturday: 9am-6pm. Sunday: 9am-2pm. Advance tickets: \$18/1-day pass. \$40/3-day pass. Ages 12 & under free with paid adult admission. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 877-746-9757 or www.bladeshows.com.

JUNE 2

89th Annual Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, one of the longest running gatherings of radio amateurs for buying, selling, demonstrating, exhibiting, and swapping of equipment, with new and used equipment as well as parts. 8am-3pm. Tickets: \$8/adults. Free/ages 17 and under and Scouts in uniform. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: www.atlantahamfest.org.

JUNE 2-3

19th Annual Flying Colors Butterfly Festival. Live butterfly releases and butterfly encounter. The festival will also include plants available for sale in addition to arts and crafts, face painting, and vendors. Food trucks and cold treats available. Saturday: 10am-3pm. Sunday: 12-5pm. General Public: \$12; Members: \$8; Free/Ages 2 and under. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

JUNE 3

National Learn to Row Day. Atlanta Junior Rowing Association will hold an open house event with boathouse tours, rowing demonstrations on land machines, and short sessions in racing hulls. All ages welcome. Free. 9am-12pm. Atlanta Junior Rowing Association, 245 Azalea Drive, Roswell. More info: www.ajracrew.com.

JUNE 4-7

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. 8am-4pm. \$385. Offered in multiple locations including Dodgen Middle School (1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta), Kell High School (4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta) Pope High School (3001 Hembree Road, Marietta). More info: 770-429-3170 or www.mariettacommunityschool.com.

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We'll need: event name, date, description, ticket prices, times/hours, site address, phone number, email, and web address. The deadline for the Community Calendar is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. Email your info to: calendar@eastcobb.com. Be sure to include any related photos and/or posters.



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Come on out and support your shelter. Consider the Cobb County animal shelter first when thinking of a new pet. For those interested in adopting, there are special adoption rates available during the event, and each family that adopts will receive a pet goodie bag. And, as a special incentive, if you adopt during the event, you will be entered in a drawing for a special gift. You can also help make a difference for less fortunate dogs and cats in Cobb by bringing a dog or cat food donation (unopened and unexpired) that will help a local pet food pantry provide temporary food assistance to those in need in our county.

The FURever Fest is held in the spring and in the fall as part of CCAC's continuing efforts through public awareness and to work closely with the community to find more forever homes for the homeless and abandoned animals that come into the shelter. The shelter is located at 1060 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta, just a half-mile from Jim R. Miller Park. For more information about Cobb County Animal Control or this event, please visit www.cobbanimalcontrol.org. You can also follow the events on www.facebook.com/CobbAC and www.twitter.com/CobbAC. 



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Moore, of East Cobb, has been a source of service to the community. Moore volunteered to patients and families and cars. East Cobb recognized at the event.

gain this year, we hope to provide compassionate care to patients, families and friends for special projects. Lisa Angel, Auxiliary president, said, "I am humbled by the dedication of our members. It is a privilege to be part of this conscientious group."

presented Northside with a check for \$19, raised from all of the Auxiliary's fundraisers in 2012-2013 including sales in the Gift Shop, commissions on baby photo sales and several other events. The money was used for patient care and research.

ous areas of the hospital:

- Volunteers delivered 3,559 flower arrangements and 2,728 pieces of mail to patients, and reported 5,752 patients.

Community Health Education Center, 22 puppet shows to help children learn about health and safety.

happy) volunteers made meals and their families' needs. Surgical-Surgery units.

55 items, including blankets, hats and scarves, for the Nursery and patient care.

unteers visited with patients, breast and other cancer patients. 423 follow-up calls to cancer patients.

Auxiliary has always been a component to hospital care. Mattrocchi, president, said, "There are no limits to our volunteers' mission. Each and every day, we greatly appreciate all that they do."

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JOANN K. BIRRELL (R) incumbent

www.joanncan.com.

AGE: 64

CITY, STATE BORN: Goldsboro, North Carolina

EDUCATION: BA Political Science UNC-G

OCCUPATION: District 3 Commissioner

FAMILY: Husband, Dave, 2 stepchildren and 3 grandchildren, mother and sister

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: Cobb GOP, Cobb County Republican Women's Club, Skip Wells Foundation Board Member, NCBA, Marietta Business Association, Kennesaw Business Association, Cobb Chamber, Leadership Cobb Alumni

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? 22+ years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): Yes, District 3 Commissioner 2011-present

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. Everything I do in this position impacts the County from adopting codes, public safety, millage, zoning cases, taxes and budgets.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. Serving as your District Commissioner in my 8th year has given me the experience and training, knowledge and understanding of this position I have also received certification from ACCG for Commissioner Training and also served on the Finance and Revenue Committee with ACCG as Vice Chair and Chair.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? The budget for 2019 is the most important issue facing the BOC currently. Maintaining our quality of life with services we offer without tax increases and keeping public safety our number one priority is my goal to resolve this issue.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? I most admire our military and public safety officers that put their lives on the line every day to ensure our safety and protect our freedoms. We are blessed in Cobb to have the best law enforcement and employees.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Honest, Hardworking, Compassionate



TOM CHEEK (R)

tom4cobb.com

AGE: 57

CITY, STATE BORN: Mableton, GA

EDUCATION: Graduate - Pebblebrook HS 1978. Attended Kennesaw State University

OCCUPATION: Software Sales

FAMILY: 4 children – Phil 32, Allison 30, Amanda 20, Anthony (1995-2012)

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: Cobb County GOP

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? Born and raised in Cobb County

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): No

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? I believe the role of County Government is simple - to provide necessary and quality services at a reasonable cost to taxpayers. I believe the Board of Commissioners should provide services to taxpayers at a reasonable cost, not redistribute money to The Braves, Marta, or other special interest groups. I will work to stop the trend of over-development in District 3 and in Cobb County in general. I have fought for SPLOST reform and will continue to do this once elected. This reform, when combined with responsible spending will help alleviate the budget gap created by the current Board.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. After over 30 years spent in Restaurant Operations as a Manager, District Manager, Owner, and Consultant, I now enjoy working directly with restaurant owners providing software that help make their businesses more profitable. Like many who become involved in local government, I became involved after personal experience left me disappointed with the status quo. A family tragedy made me aware of the lack of oversight and mismanagement of the Cobb Medical Examiner's Office. "Someone should do something" evolved into "I will be that someone", and I have been busy ever since.

After a successful campaign to restructure and reform the ME Office, I did my homework and took action by initiating SPLOST reform, improving access to Open Records, and promoting direct discussions about the spending problems that have led to the current County Budget Crisis.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? This one is easy – My son and 2 daughters. They make me proud every day. Regardless of my skills as a candidate, I've been successful as a father, and am rewarded every day.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Honest, Passionate, Determined



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CAROLINE L. HOLKO (D)

caroline4cobb.com

AGE: 44

CITY, STATE BORN: New Orleans, LA

EDUCATION: BA Political Science, History

OCCUPATION: Homeschooler, Housewife, Activist

FAMILY: Drew, my husband of nearly 12 years is an IT professional. We have 2 children together: Trey, 10

and SarahJane, 8. While they are both homeschooled, Trey is planning to attend middle school next year.

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: Cobb Democratic Party, Moms Demand Action, National Alliance of Secular Homeschoolers, Girl Scouts, Navigators

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? 13 years.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): This is my first run for office.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. East Cobb is an entirely unincorporated area of Cobb County. As such, the Board of Commissioners touches nearly every aspect of our lives. Roads, Water, Zoning, Fire, Police, Waste Management, Transportation, Libraries, Senior Services, Taxes. The Board is responsible for collecting and spending the money in the General Fund - and ensuring that our citizens receive quality services in exchange for their hard earned money.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. My qualifications for County Commissioner (outside of those set forth by the Board of Elections) are rooted in activism. I hear the voices in the community asking for change - asking for support, asking for growth. My time as both a homeschool mom and a Girl Scout (first as a junior scout and now as a troop leader) have prepared me to be able to work with diverse groups with a spirit of cooperation towards a shared goal.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? In my opinion the biggest issue facing our county right now is the 30 Million dollar budget shortfall. The stop gap measure of charging senior citizens for memberships to the senior centers, and private citizens to pay per use for library community rooms and park pavillion registration not only does not come close to meeting the shortfall - but is negatively impacting the community it's meant to serve. I sincerely believe that a small increase in the general fund millage rate will enable us to maintain and perhaps even improve the level of services that make Cobb County one of the best places to live. For perspective - the average home in Cobb County would see a tax increase of \$100 - \$200 per year. Considering the level of services we've become accustomed to here, that's quite a steal.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? Franklin D. Roosevelt. His leadership is the foundation of many of the things we take for granted today - Social Security, the FDIC, the SEC, and the National Labor Relations Board He steered us out of the Great Depression with a visionary program of infrastructure improvements and a growth mindset.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Motivated, Compassionate, Progressive



JAMES (JIM) SMITH (D)

www.jimsmithforcobb.com

AGE: 68

CITY, STATE BORN: Clarksburg, WVA

EDUCATION: BS in Business

OCCUPATION: Retired

FAMILY: Married, 2 sons, daughter, 2 granddaughters, 1 grandson

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: 44-year member of the American Legion

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? 64 years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): No

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. The Board of Commissioner is responsible for the running of the County and the overall supervision of multiple departments and divisions of the local government including zoning/rezoning and variance approval or denial.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. Having worked for County Water System as a Project Manager, I know how the County is supposed to operate. I have worked budgets, schedules, audits, easement acquisition, contracts and contract mediation. I have worked with the Canton Road Neighbors Association for 7 years and understand the importance of making zoning decisions that are good for the community and the applicant; in other words a win-win.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? The most important issue going into this campaign is the budget deficit, we have to have a property tax increase whether it is popular or not to cover the shortfall and all unnecessary spending has to cease until the budget is stable.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? Harry S. Truman, the son of a mule trader, a WWI veteran. He was kept in the dark about the atomic bomb during his term as Vice-President but upon becoming President he had to make what I consider one of the largest and most important decisions in history. And that was to drop the atomic bombs which ultimately ended WWII.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Motivated, Experienced, Truthful



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Summertime is fast approaching, and along with a number of summer camps being offered, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a favorite summer activity for many local families. Vacation Bible School offers children a chance to immerse themselves in a week-long camp with a biblical theme. Crafts, games, songs, and fun are common threads in VBS programs. The following is a sampling of Vacation Bible Schools in (and close to) East Cobb.

Church, Address & Contact Info	Program Name	Age	Dates	Time	Cost
Catholic Church of St. Ann 4905 Roswell Road • Marietta 30062 770-552-6400 ext. 6041 • www.st-ann.org	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	Rising K-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 25-29	9:30am-12:30pm	\$25/child
Covenant Presbyterian Church 2881 Canton Road • Marietta 30066 770-422-5130 • www.covepres.com	"Rolling River Rampage"	3 yrs (potty trained) - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 11-15	9am-12pm	\$10/child
East Cobb Church of Christ 5240 Roswell Road • Marietta 30062 770-587-5999 • www.eastcobbccoc.org	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	All Ages	Sunday-Wednesday June 10-13	6-8pm	Free
Eastminster Presbyterian Church 3125 Sewell Mill Road • Marietta 30062 770-977-2976 • www.epres.org	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	4 yrs-4th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 18-22	9am-12:30pm	\$20/child
Eastside Baptist Church 2450 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2323 • www.ebcfamily.org	"Amped: Live Fully Alive!"	K-5th grade (completed)	Monday-Thursday June 11-14	9am-12:30pm	Free
Holy Family Catholic Church 3401 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-973-0038 • www.holyfamilycc.org	"Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity"	4-10 yrs	Monday-Friday June 17-21	10am - 12pm	\$50/child
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2922 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-4600 • www.holytrinitymarietta.org	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	3 yrs- 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 4-8	9am-12pm	Free
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church 955 Johnson Ferry Road • Marietta 30068 770-794-2990 • www.johnsonferry.org	"Tukio"	K-5th grade (completed)	Monday-Thursday June 18-21	8:45am-12:15pm	Free
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 4814 Paper Mill Road • Marietta 30067 770-953-3193 • www.lcmmarietta.org	"Rolling River Rampage"	3yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 25-29	9am-12pm	\$20 first child \$15 additional \$50/family
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church 4385 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	4 yrs (by Sep 1) - Rising 4th grade	Monday-Thursday June 4-7	12:30pm-3:30pm	Free/child if parent volunteers \$50/child
Mt. Paran North 1700 Allgood Road NE • Marietta 30062 770-578-9081 • www.mountparannorth.com	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	4yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 11-15	9am-12pm	Free \$10 for Sparkles on Friday
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-971-1465 • www.mtzionumc.org	"Christmas in June"	3 yrs (potty trained) - Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 18-21	9:30am-12:30pm	\$25/child; \$75 max/family
Noonday Baptist Church 4121 Canton Road • Marietta 30066 770-926-6138 • www.noondaychurch.org	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	K-6th grade	Monday-Thursday June 4-7	6-8:30pm	Free
Piedmont Church 570 Piedmont Road • Marietta 30066 770-422-2566 • www.piedmontchurch.tv	"Amped: Live Fully Alive!"	3 year old- 5th Grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 4-8	9am-12pm	Free
Pilgrimage United Church of Christ 3755 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-0007 • www.pilgrimageucc.org	"Living Water"	3 yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 11-15	9am-12pm	By May 14: \$25/child; \$50/family After May 14: \$30/child; \$75/family

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Powers Ferry United Methodist Church 245 Powers Ferry Road • Marietta 30062 770-973-5271 • www.powersferryumc.com	"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"	4 yrs-8th grade	Monday-Friday June 18-22	9:30am-12pm	Free
Roswell United Methodist Church 814 Mimosa Boulevard • Marietta 30075 770-993-6218 • www.rumc.com	"Divin' In: There's Something' in the Water"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 18-21	9am-12:30pm	\$15/child
Sandy Plains Baptist Church 2825 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-8525 • www.sandyplains.org	"Time Lab"	4 yrs - 5th grade	Monday-Friday July 9-13	9am-12pm	Free
St. Andrew United Methodist Church 3455 Canton Road • Marietta 30066 770-926-3488 • www.thepumpkinchurch.org	"Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God"	4yrs-5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 4-7	9:30am-12:30pm	\$25/child; \$45/2 children; \$65/3+ children
St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 571 Holt Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2839 • www.stcatherines.org	"Abundance Orchard"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday July 16-20	Monday Kickoff: 5:30pm. Tuesday-Friday: 9:30am-12pm	\$25/child
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church 4495 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-993-4919 • www.wesleychapelumc.com	"Rolling River Rampage"	3yrs (potty trained) - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 25-29	1-4pm	\$10/child \$30/family



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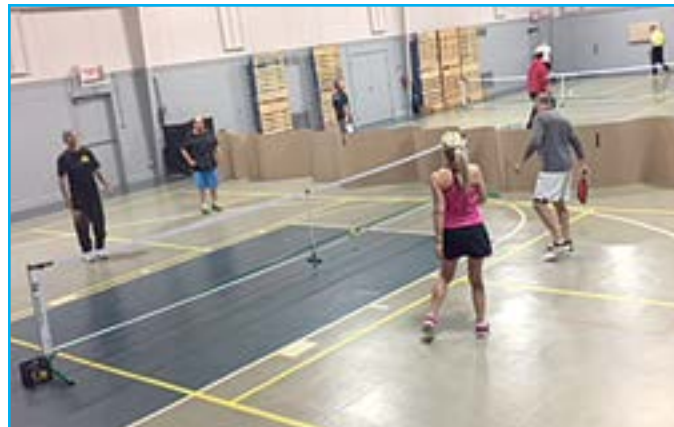
PICKLEBALL CRAZE COMES TO EAST COBB

Atlanta is a tennis city that is warming up to pickleball. Most folks who play pickleball in Georgia can be found in the Atlanta suburbs. So, it's official – the Pickleball craze has reached East Cobb. You're probably wondering, what is pickleball? Pickleball is a sport that's a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, all rolled up in one and designed to be played by all ages. Growing in popularity, the sport was invented in the backyard of Joel Pritchard, a congressman from the state of Washington. Even though today may be the first time you are hearing about this sport, it was actually invented in 1965. The game was played by Pritchard's entire family (young and old) and was named after their family dog, Pickles. Now, more than 40 years later, Pickleball has grown and developed from a backyard family activity to a sport with formalized rules and leagues. Pickleball is being played in thousands of school physical education programs, parks and recreation centers, camps, and retirement communities. Those that play say it's a great workout, very social and a friendly competitive game. It is also a great way to exercise while spending time with friends and family. Grandparents can play it with their grandchildren.

Cathy Anderson, a volunteer ambassador for Pickleball, says, "The bottom line is that pickleball is an enjoyable sport for almost anyone, anywhere. We just want to encourage people to get healthy and get moving, and it's so much fun. Beginners are always welcome. The equipment is here; just show up, and we'll teach you."

Come and play Pickleball in Cobb County!! East and West Cobb County has about 12 different venues with over 400 people playing this wonderful fast-growing sport in the country. All ages are playing and have found it to be a great source of exercise plus the benefits of a great social environment. It all started about 5 years ago in Cobb County with just a few and now has grown by leaps and bounds. If you go to www.usapa.org and click "Places2Play", enter your desired zip code and you will find a location that hosts pickleball games, the schedule, and contact person to get in touch with. Pickleball is fun for all ages, and levels. So why not pick up that paddle, have some fun, and give it a try today!!

For further information, contact the East Cobb ambassador, Cathy Anderson at: eastcobbpickleball@gmail.com. 



EAST COBB NATIVE BRINGS JAZZ TO CHINA



Valdosta State University and the Business College of Shanxi University in Taiyuan, China, were awarded a grant to establish an American Culture Center at Shanxi University. Focused on creating innovative cultural exchange and academic collaboration, the center is designed to introduce the Chinese people to the United States, including its culture, government, language, legal and economic systems, values, and more. As part of this cultural program, the seven-member Valdosta State University (VSU) Honors Jazz Combo introduced the unique sounds of the American art form of jazz when it traveled to China this past March. The VSU Honors Jazz Combo features the most talented jazz students at VSU and one of its members was Drew Gilliland of East Cobb, a physics major pursuing a Bachelor of Science who

plays alto saxophone. Drew Gilliland is a 2016 graduate of Walton High School and was a member of the Walton marching band, concert band, and jazz band.

While in China, the VSU Honors Jazz Combo performed a series of concerts and delivered a seminar on the importance of creativity and innovation in music. The VSU students also had an opportunity to collaborate with Chinese musicians in a performance.

Drew shared, "My favorite part of the trip was when the jazz combo was invited to play at a jazz club in the city. This is the only jazz club in the entire city of Taiyuan so I felt honored to be playing there. The performance was well received and we had the opportunity to play with the local jazz musicians." 🎷

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20s

Blood pressure check. Even if you don't have high blood pressure (hypertension), it's important to get your blood pressure checked during your yearly visit, if not more often.

Lipid panel. Around age twenty-five, ask your doctor about a lipid panel, which can be an effective way to monitor heart disease risk by checking cholesterol levels. A cholesterol test can help determine your risk for atherosclerosis, or plaque buildup in your arteries. High cholesterol levels don't always have symptoms attached, so this test is a resourceful tool.

Pap smear. By age twenty-one, or when you become sexually active, make an appointment for a Pap smear. Pap smears help detect cervical cancer, which can be cured if detected early. If you are over thirty and your Pap smear and HPV tests are negative, you may be considered in a low risk group and need a Pap smear only every three years.

30s

Visit an eye doctor. Getting your eyes checked can monitor changes in your vision and signs of glaucoma, age-related degeneration, cataracts, diabetes, and high blood pressure. To keep your eyes healthy, wear sunglasses (even when it's cloudy) that block UVA and UVB radiation.

Testicular exam. This test can help prevent testicular cancer, which occurs most often in men between twenty and thirty-nine, according to the National Cancer Institute. If you see a small lump or swelling, or feel pain or discomfort in a testicle or the scrotum, see a doctor before your next checkup.

40s

Mammogram. Women should start having a mammogram once a year beginning at age forty. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women, according to the National Cancer Institute. Between your annual screenings, conduct a monthly breast self-exam. A guide to breast self-exams is available through the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

50s


Colonoscopy. Colon cancer, a common cancer among adults, usually begins as a small polyp, about the size of a mushroom. Colonoscopies can prevent the complications of colon cancer by identifying and removing the polyps early. The American Cancer Society recommends a first colonoscopy for most people at age fifty. However, if you have a first-degree relative (parents, siblings) who had colon cancer, you should get screened ten years before your loved one was diagnosed.

60s

Bone-density test. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends a routine bone-density screening, also known as a DEXA scan, if you're female and sixty-five or older or if you're sixty and have an increased risk of osteoporosis. Bones weaken as you age, and bone density can plummet following menopause.

Tests to have done at every age

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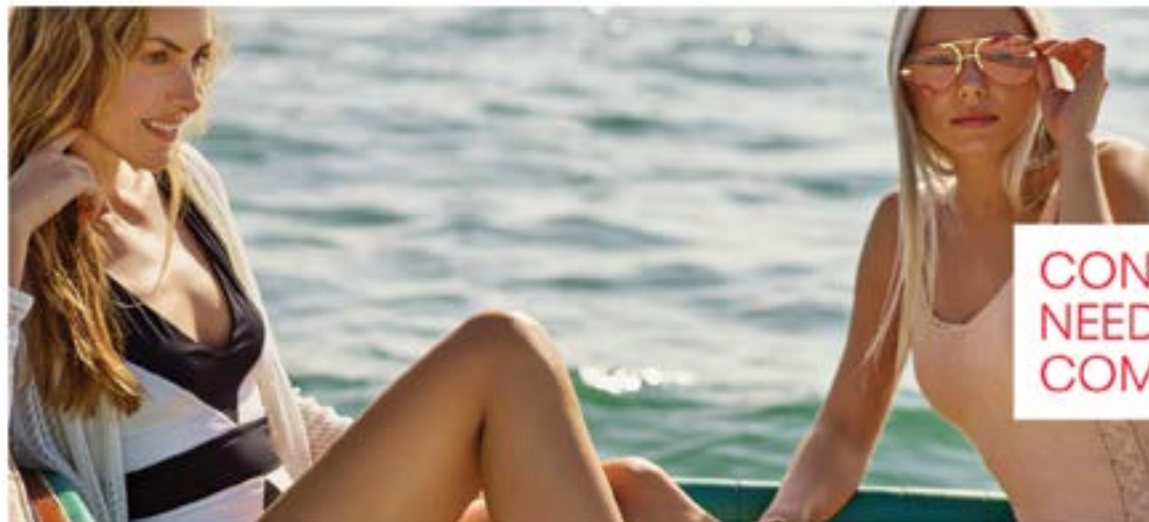
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The Cobb 2020 Walk Cobb program is a part of the Walk Georgia program sponsored by the University of Georgia (UGA) Cooperative Extension. Walk Georgia www.walkgeorgia.org is a free, online program that allows you to track your physical activity, while encouraging you to move more.

Walk Georgia is not just a walk-program. There are currently 80 different activities to choose from. Participants track their weekly physical activities online through the Walk Georgia website and the recorded activities are translated into "walked" miles. As miles are accumulated,



participants will be able to unlock fun facts and information about the counties as they navigate across the state's virtual map and "walk" Georgia. The site also provides recipes, fitness tips, resources and events.

Participants can join at any time and can register as an individual or be part of a team or organization. At least once a year, a Walk Cobb challenge has been organized aimed at engaging community members to be more active.

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EAST COBB SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR MAY

All Cobb residents age 55+ are invited to participate in activities at various senior centers throughout Cobb. The following is a list of activities scheduled at the East Cobb Senior Center located at 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066. Cobb seniors who wish to register for any of these activities or use one of the county's six senior centers will have to pay a \$60 annual membership fee. Call the East Cobb Senior Center at 770-509-4900 for reservations and/or more details.

Allergies 101 #3317

Wednesday, May 2 | 10-11am

Free; Registration required

Spring is the season everyone looks forward to.

Unfortunately, nature also grinds its gears for a new and productive season – and that means that people with allergies must also suffer one of spring's more annoying side effects. Presented by Visiting Angels.

Beginner iPhone Training #3321

Fridays, May 4 – May 25 | 1-4pm

Free; Registration required

Some iPhone users don't know the device can be more than a phone. With proper training from Andy Kastelik with ADP, learn to do all the following: alarm clock, flashlight, camera, photo album, weather, compass and much more. Bring your iPhone5 or later only please to class.

ASiST (Aging Simulation and Sensitivity Training) #3318

Wednesday, May 9 | 10-11:30am

Free; Registration required

A training from Aloha to Aging that promotes empathy when care giving for older adults and offers helpful solutions to those caring for someone with these age-related challenges. The highlighted health related challenges include: neuropathy, hearing loss, vision loss, language impairment and mobility and balance issues. You will be asked to complete everyday tasks which mimic the challenges and frustration a person feels trying to complete these tasks with an impairment.

Basic Android Phone Training #3320

Thursdays, May 10 - May 17 | 1-2:30pm

Free; Registration required

Brendon Hall with Humana will show the basics: initial setup, navigation, getting to know your apps, taking & viewing pictures, and connecting to the internet and more. Please bring your Android phone.

Dine-a-Round #3308

Wednesday, May 16 | 11:30am-1pm

Separate checks; Registration required.

Lunch at Zama Mexican Cuisine

2550 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, 30066.

Ask the Expert/Medicare Questions #3193

Thursday, September 14 | 10am-12pm

Free; Registration required

Whether you are turning 65, are already on Medicare, or helping someone with their coverage, plan to attend a meeting with the expert, Michael Fleming, with Senior Benefits of Georgia, to get your Medicare questions answered. Call the center to schedule your 10 minute appointment.

Medical Examiner #3319

Friday, May 18 | 10am-12pm

Free; Registration required

Michael Gerhard with the Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office will discuss how medical examiners and coroners work in Georgia. The seminar will also cover the autopsy process and reasons for examinations, as well as what happens to the body after death. The images may be disturbing.

AARP Smart Driver #2039

Thursday May 24 | 9am-4pm

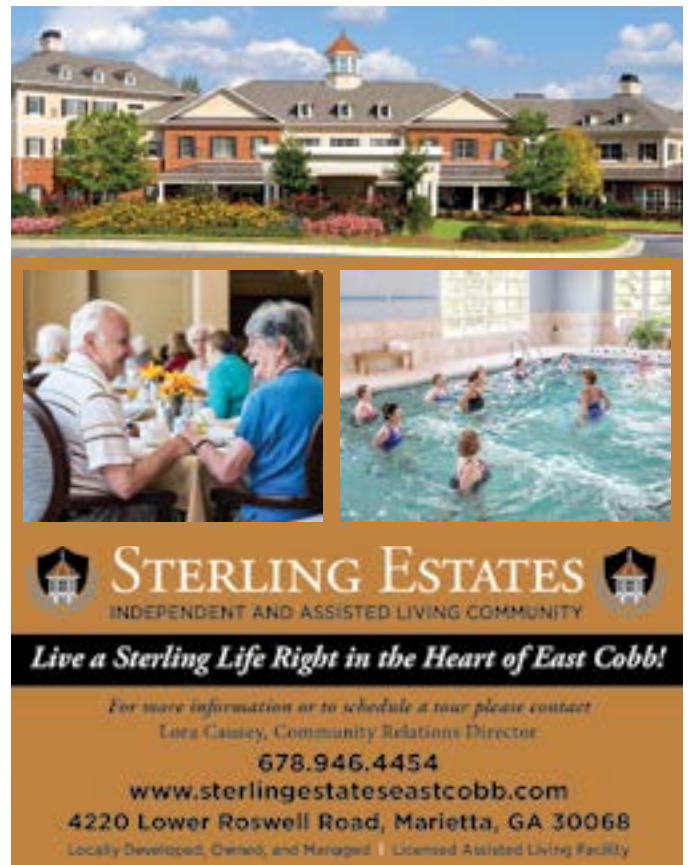
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MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Every May, the Administration on Aging, leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. The 2018 theme, Engage at Every Age, emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.

Participating in activities that promote mental and physical wellness, offering your wisdom and experience to the next generation, seeking the mentorship of someone with more life experience than you—those are just a few examples of what being engaged can mean. No matter where you are in your life, there is no better time than now to start. We hope you will join in and Engage at Every Age! 🎉



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD CARPENTER OPEN



Golfers line up at last year's Carpenter Open

Join fellow golfers on Monday, June 11, for a day of fun and fundraising. The golf scramble event dubbed the "Carpenter Open" holds its 21st annual event at Indian Hills Country Club in East Cobb. The Knights of Columbus Council 9792, based at Holy Family Catholic Church, aims to build on its lifetime \$210,000 contributed for local charities that brother Knights have raised since their "Carpenter Open" golf tournament's 1997 founding year.

The proceeds support local charities such as, Habitat for Humanity, MUST Ministries, Sheltering Grace Home for single mothers and their newborn babies, St. Vincent DePaul Society assisting the poor and homeless, the Tommy Nobis Workshop and other community assistance-based organizations.

The late Jim Gust, a member of the 9792 Knights of Columbus Council, organized and dedicated the first Carpenter Open event with the assistance of brother knights from Holy Family in 1997. The Open has become an annual sporting event that attracts a field of golfers seeking lively team play competition and, in the Open's scramble type best ball rules, the chance to win a handsome golf trophy. New leadership committed itself to continue the Knights' tradition of raising charity dollars to support the material

needs of an array of charity based agencies helping needy neighbors.

The \$150 registration fee per player includes greens fee, golf cart, continental breakfast, a buffet lunch, and cash bar. Trophy awards include winning team members (best low net and best gross scores.) Other gifts are awarded to closest to the pin, longest drive, etc. Silent auction bids garner additional gift awards offered by church parishioners or individual knight donations.

"The scramble type play makes the event fun for even the most rank amateur...and Indian Hills Country Club's beautiful grounds and amenities tests the mettle of the 80 golfers," comments Jeff Telford, this year's Carpenter Open director. "Win, lose or draw at golf, a positive outcome for our needy neighbors tops the Carpenter Open's reason for being," he adds.

To help raise money for these worthy charities, the Knights of Columbus encourage businesses to serve as sponsors or to contribute merchandise to their silent auction and sports memorabilia auction to be held at the event.

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CLUB CALENDAR

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Cobb County. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: cobbcounty-ga.aauw.net.

American Needlepoint Guild. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:45pm. Tiny Stitches, 2520 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-394-0065.

Anne Hathaway Garden Club. 3rd 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.

Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy League. 2nd Tuesday of the 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. 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, fehrach@aol.com, or www.bigchickenchorus.org.

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

• **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.** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm at their Clubhouse, 516 West Atlanta Street, Marietta 30060. More info: www.cobbcountymineral.org.

• **Cobb County Genealogical Society.** 4th 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.** 4th 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.** 2nd Thursday of the 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 levels are welcome. 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. 7-9pm. American Business Center, Bldg. 700, Suite 702, 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: www.cobbphotosociety.com or info@cobbphotosociety.com.

• **Colored Pencil Society of America.** Atlanta District Chapter 107, 1st 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. 1st Tuesday of the 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. 3rd Tuesday of the month. 11:30am-1pm. Olde Towne Athletic Club, 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, 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. Please check www.eastcobb.net for meeting location and speaker information.

• **East Cobb Civilians.** 2nd and 4th 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.** 4th 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 Jewish Networking Group.** Every Wednesday. 7:30am. Sugar Benders Bakery, 255 Village Parkway, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: Vic Anapolle 404-432-0626 or vicanapolle@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.** 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:30 PM. Come-N-Get It restaurant, 1409 Church Street extension, Marietta. More info: Susan Hampton@lionbank.com.

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

• **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.** 3rd 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.** 3rd 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.** 3rd Thursday of the month. Social hour: 6pm. Meeting: 7pm. American Legion Post, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Al Heflin, 404-317-5201.

• **Georgia Tea Party.** 2nd and 4th Thursdays. 7pm. New location: 799 Roswell Street. 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.

• **IMPS Bridge Club.** Various formats, dates and times available. For more information contact Roni Fink at 404-310-3448 or phinque999@AOL.com.

• **Libertarian Party of Cobb County.** First Thursday of the month. 1pm. Marietta Pizza Company, 3 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. 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.mariettakiwanis.org.



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Marietta Lions Club. 2nd Thursday of the month. 6:30pm. Come-N-Get-It Restaurant, 1409-E Church Street Extension, NW, Marietta 30060. More info: Steve Hughes, 770-378-0095.

Marietta PFLAG. 4th 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. 12 noon. 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 meeting 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: Tammra 770-696-4806 or www.msbnsr.com.

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NAARFE). 2nd Wednesday of the month. 11:30am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1719.

Newcomers Club of Cobb County meets the third Tuesday of each month from September through May at 10am. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: newcomersofcobbcounty.com.

North Metro Mothers of Multiples Club. 3rd 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 the month. 11:30am-1pm. \$15. Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-423-1330.

Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples A 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.

Peach State Depression Glass Collectors' Club. 2nd Tuesday of the 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 sharing a 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. 2-4pm. First Presbyterian Church, Room 050, 189 Church Street, 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.

Sons of the American Revolution. Captain John Collins Chapter, meets the third Tuesday of every month, 6 pm, at Cherokee Cattle Company, 2710 Canton Highway. More info: Earl Cagle 770-579-2748 or ecagle1@bellsouth.net.

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. 4th Friday of the month (no dance in May, Nov. & Dec., 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.

Toastmasters International. Rising Phoenix Club. Every Saturday at 9:45-11am. A great way to improve your speaking and leadership skills. Guests always welcome. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta. More info: www.risingphoenix.toastmastersclubs.org.

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

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.

Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group Meeting. First Monday 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: 770-722-7641.

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 gallinabannova@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.

Career Transition. 3rd 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. 2nd 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

Compassionate Friends. First Tuesday of the 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.

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 Groups Adults and M/HS Students. All or welcome. Every Wednesday through May 10, 6:20-8pm. Mt. Bethel UMC, Room B111, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. Closed CCSD Winter and Spring breaks. Free with free childcare. For more information, registering, or counseling: call Judith Reichenbach, Licensed Counselor at 770-597-9882 or email jmr.lpc@gmail.com.

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 B109) 4385 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.

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group. 2nd Tuesday of the 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. 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm. Unity North, 4255 Sandy Plains Road. More info: Kathy Kelcourse, 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 3rd Tuesdays of the month except on Jewish holidays. Congregation Etz Chaim, in the library, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta. 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, 2nd 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. 2nd Sunday each month, 4pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Building A, Roswell. More info: Robin Cleveland, 678-819-3915.

Spousal Support Group. 3rd 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. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. First and 4th Saturday of the month, 11am-2pm. American Legion, Post 29, 921 Gresham Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-427-5900.

Widowed Helping Others (WHO). Dinner social. 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. 2019.

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