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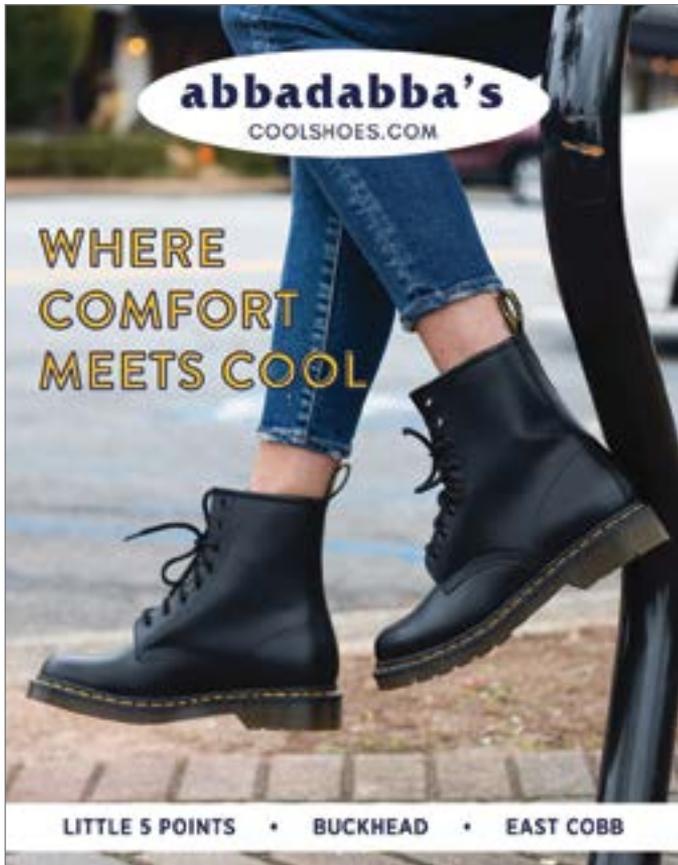


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Publisher Cynthia Rozzo

When I was young, my Christmas excitement was wrapped up in what presents I was going to get from Santa. Now, whenever I think about what meant the most to me in past Christmases I don't think of the gifts received, but the experiences and emotions shared. An outstanding memory for me is the tradition my parents created for the families from a Head Start summer program. My parents, both elementary school teachers, were hired for a few summers to coordinate the then new government program called "Head Start". It was an academic and free lunch program for underprivileged

families during the summer break. For years, my parents would open up our home and put on a Christmas party for those Head Start families. In advance of the party, they would ask for donations from local businesses so the visiting Santa could pass out gifts to those attending. My parents did not do this as part of a civic club or for their church, they were just ordinary folks finding a way to help those less fortunate. Their selfless acts of kindness showed me the true spirit of Christmas. Like Santa Claus, they dispensed not just Christmas presents but gifts of good works—never expecting repayment in "thank-you's" or financial reimbursement.

That Christmas memory inspires me to this day. I created the EAST COBBER magazine 26 years ago so I could spotlight people like my parents: those ordinary people doing their little bit to make the holidays a little bit brighter for their neighbors. This issue continues that editorial tradition: from the story about Rabbi Slomovitz's J-Star project (see page 10) to the local businesses that open up their storefronts to be a drop off point for Toys for Tots (page 29) to all the people producing the holiday events listed in our Holiday Happenings (pages 12-25). As modeled by my parents, I truly believe that helping others and giving of oneself is the greatest thing we can do with our lives. And around Christmas time it feels even better!

The spirit of giving is woven right into Christmas and Hanukkah, and our annual Gift Guide (see pages 26-29) provides gift ideas from local businesses.

People do extraordinary things at this time of the year that they wouldn't normally and they do it because Christmas feels like a time to share and love. Whatever you celebrate—Christmas or Hanukkah, take the time to give of yourself and to reflect on the joy that you see going on around you.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!



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On the Cover

Joyeux Noël! Joyeux Hanukkah! Bonne Année!
The EAST COBBER kicks off the holiday season by featuring the brightly lit storefront of East Cobb's newest boutique--The French Table--on the front cover !

The French Table's warm and inviting boutique is the result of East Cobber Tracy Kreiner Barnes lifelong passion for French inspired furniture and brocante. Tracy, the shop's co-owner, says she wants her customers to experience the unexpected when they enter, describing The French Table as "elegant whimsy, but most of all -- peaceful." The shop offers French-inspired and custom furnishings, along with interior design services, seasonal décor, table settings, jewelry, and much more.

Come find your next favorite piece at The French Table located at 4665 Lower Roswell Road (corner of Woodlawn Drive and Lower Roswell Road) in Marietta/ East Cobb.

For your holiday shopping, visit The French Table with extended seasonal hours of Tuesday-Saturday, 10am - 7pm and Sunday, 12:00-6:00 p.m. Online shopping is also available at www.thefrenchtable.com. For more information about The French Table, turn to page 6.



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PLAN TO LINGER AT THE FRENCH TABLE



Bienvenue! Welcome to The French Table, a shop that could very well be on the Champs-Élysées in Paris, but is actually located on Lower Roswell Road in East Cobb. Tracy Kreiner Barnes, the shop's co-owner, says she wants her customers to experience the unexpected when they enter, describing The French Table as "elegant whimsy, but most of all -- peaceful." The shop offers French-inspired and custom furnishings, along with interior design services, seasonal décor, table settings, jewelry, and much more.

Although The French Table is new to East Cobb, Tracy has been a member of the community for many years. Her background in local real estate sales led her to this new endeavor. "While I was selling real estate, I began to stage my listings," says Tracy. "After success in this area, I then started staging houses for other realtors. That became my 'happy place' – that place where I really loved what I was doing. Fast forward to the present, The French Table takes it to the next level."

Tracy's love of everything French is rooted in her mother's choice of décor. She grew up in a home filled with French-inspired furnishings and embraced that style as she decorated her own home.

During the past year, Tracy has made her long-time vision come to fruition as The French Table opened its doors in September. She describes the journey as a collaboration of several friends, attributing many thanks to Carol Bachman Dlin, business partner; Amalie Swan, creative director for special events; and Beth Warshaw and Catherine Wright, shop managers. "I had the vision of The French Table for many years," says Tracy. "So when we

found the perfect location, it was easy to create."

The French Table has also become a family affair with her son, Cameron, and her daughter, Carly, lending their business expertise. Cameron is involved with the design of The French Table's custom furniture line, Bebe n Me Home, as well as the technical elements of the shop. Carly assists with the inventory, serving as Tracy's right-hand person when it comes to choosing just the right pieces for display.

You can find The French Table at 4665 Lower Roswell Road, flanked by Ming's Asian Kitchen and Cherry on Top Delights Bakery, at the intersection of Lower Roswell and Woodlawn Roads. The honey bee logo, long a symbol of French royalty, welcomes shoppers.

Once you enter, Tracy says her goal is to appeal to the senses. Beautiful furnishings and décor for the eyes, French signature fragrances for the nose, music for the ears, and comfortable furniture and fabric for the touch can all be found. She adds that she is still working on the sense of taste and will incorporate that soon.

Although The French Table's peaceful ambience invites shoppers to linger and look, the prices are reasonable so customers can take home their favorite items to enjoy. "As I search for quality in all the merchandise, I also keep a price point in mind for my customers," says Tracy.

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THE GUITAR MAN OF EAST COBB



Stephen Carrington

Stephen Carrington's life path has taken him full circle. His passion for music education began in middle school under the tutelage of his East Cobb band teacher, Al Hager. Stephen is now the owner and sole instructor of Stephen's Guitar Lessons, which is located not far from his former school. He brings 30 years of playing experience, with 10 of those dedicated to teaching guitar

lessons. Stephen welcomes beginners who have never picked up a guitar to seasoned guitar players who want to hone their skills.

"I have always been fascinated with and drawn to music of all kinds, as well as the things that go into recorded music," says Stephen. After graduating from Wheeler High School, Stephen studied music education at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. He has played bass, lead, and rhythm guitar in many bands and musical projects during his career. Stephen also has experience in audio mastering and as a recording/mix engineer.

Although rock and blues are his specialties as a performer, Stephen teaches all kinds of music including jazz, country, metal, and pop. He teaches both acoustic and electric guitar, as well as newly added ukulele lessons. No contracts or sign-up costs are required. The lessons are 30, 45, or 60 minutes, with costs of \$30, \$40, and \$50, respectively. Packages are available with discounts of up to 25 percent. Each student receives a free introductory lesson so he or she can make sure that the instruction is what that person is seeking. All ages are welcome (as long as the child can physically hold a guitar), and parents can attend lessons with their child. All lessons are audio and video recorded and always available for review.

"Each lesson is individualized for the specific student," says Stephen. "I review the previous lesson before the student arrives and decide what he or she should focus on next. I always make each lesson personal, and I get to know each student—what they like to play, and what they want to accomplish—and plan their lessons accordingly."

You can find Stephen Carrington with guitar in hand and ready to teach at his home studio right here in East Cobb. For more information or to check out reviews, visit www.stephenguitarlessons.com. Better yet, for a free introductory lesson, email stephen@stephenguitarlessons.com or call 770-971-6093. Stephen offers lessons Monday-Thursday from 3:30-9:30pm, Friday from 3:30-8:30pm, and Saturday from 12-5:30pm.

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

By Carmen Melendez, committee chair for Diversity and Inclusion, East Cobb County Council of PTAs

Over the past few years, East Cobb has experienced a large influx of people from all over the world. Those families have chosen East Cobb as a place to live and raise their families due to its proximity to global-based businesses and its reputation for outstanding schools. As a result, a variety of diversity programs have been implemented in our public schools. East Cobb is known for strong involvement in our community and in our schools. The East Cobb County Council of PTA's (ECCC), is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of all students, has historically cared about and devotes time to issues related to diversity and inclusion. PTA understands and embraces the uniqueness of all individuals, and recognizes that each student possesses unique points of view, based on his/her culture, traditions, and values. The Diversity & Inclusion committee of ECCC celebrates diversity and promotes inclusion by following the 5 National Standards:

Standard 1- Welcoming all families with an understanding that cultural norms may differ across the diverse population.

Standard 2- Communicating effectively with the aid of interpreters (if needed) for student success to be achieved.

Standard 3- Supporting student success by giving opportunities to strengthen our knowledge of our diverse culture of families.

Standard 4- Speaking up for every child with the goal of empowering families to be advocates for their children.

Standard 5- Collaborating with the community to connect students, families, and staff to expand learning opportunities.

In recent years, ECCC launched the Facebook MultiCobb Diversity Awareness Group. This group aims to share and promote diversity-based programs happening at different times and locations in the Cobb County schools. The group gives a voice to the diversity of families in the area and it is a supportive place to find resources, connect with people of diverse backgrounds, and find civic-minded events within the county. 



Carmen Melendez has been an East Cobb resident since 2003. She has two children, an eighth grader at Dodgen MS and a junior at Walton HS. She graduated in Law from UAM in Madrid, and later obtained a PhD in Spanish Linguistics in 2009. Currently she is the committee chair for Diversity and Inclusion in the East Cobb County Council of PTA's. Along with her extensive volunteering in PTA, she enjoys writing academic research papers, photography and traveling.

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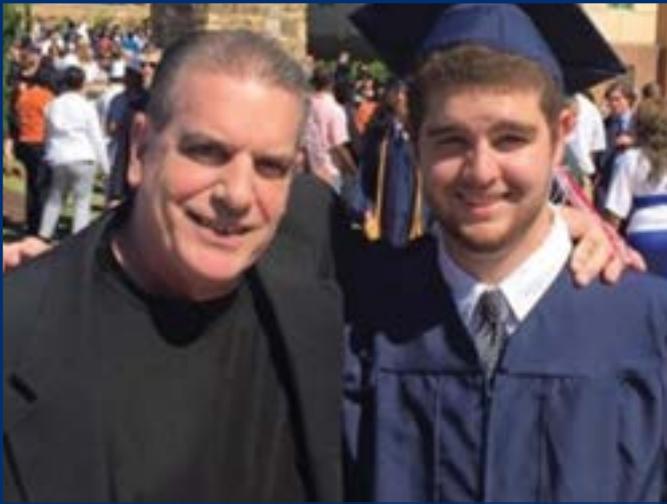
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FUNDRAISER FOR MY FATHER

By Dominick Francois



Michael Francois with his son, Dominick

Maybe you know my dad, Michael Francois. He was a coach for East Marietta baseball for many years or you may have bumped into him at a Walton High School football game. About about a year ago my father was diagnosed with a rare disease called Charcot Foot, a condition caused by nerve damage. It is a very rare complication that affects only 1 percent of people with diabetes, both Type 1 and Type 2. It is a worse case scenario of neuropathy – the immune system attacks the bones in one’s feet, making them as breakable as glass during an “active” episode of the condition. These episodes can hit at any time without warning. Currently, there is no cure and many patients end up needing an amputation. During this time, my family, friends, and I have watched my dad’s condition deteriorate to a point where he has developed sepsis and is now facing a double leg amputation from the knee down--a surgery which will take place this month.

He has reached a point where he is no longer capable of working and unable to afford basic living necessities. He hates being a burden to my family because he can no longer support us. While we are very grateful for Medicaid, it doesn’t cover all of his medical expenses. I’m asking as humbly as possible, for donations to help my dad with the costs he is facing post-surgery: like physical therapy and prosthetics. Donations will also help fund his stay in an assisted living facility that will in turn help my dad get his life back on track.

Thank you to all of those who have helped to support my family through these difficult times.

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2. Wrap Gifts ^{someone in a hug}
3. Send Cards ^{Love}
4. ^{Donate} Shop For Food
5. Make Cookies ^{Peace}
6. ^{BE} See the Lights

Happy Holidays from EAST COBBER!

EAST COBB RABBI STARTS J STAR PROJECT



Rabbi Albert I. Slomovitz

This holiday season brings about the meeting of two religious traditions. In 2019 Christmas Day, a traditionally Christian holiday, falls in the middle of the eight-day Jewish celebration of Hanukkah. This overlap, according to Rabbi Albert I. Slomovitz, Ph.D., provides for a creative and memorable way in which to acknowledge

the similarities between the two faiths. Rabbi Slomovitz is the founder of the Jewish-Christian Discovery Center, a nonprofit committed to educating both Jews and Christians about the countless faith-based connections they share. Ultimately, the nonprofit aims to increase respectful, open-minded interfaith communications while also decreasing anti-Semitism. Rabbi Slomovitz' innovative approach to fostering understanding and kindness was noted by philanthropist Bernie Marcus, who through the Marcus Foundation, invested in the organization with a \$100,000 grant.

One of the key similarities between the Christian gospel story of Jesus of Nazareth and Jewish tradition is found in the very observance of Hanukkah. Jesus was Jewish by birth and raised in all of the teachings and traditions of the Jewish faith, and he observed Hanukkah every year. Notable as well is the link between the menorah, where one candle is lit every day of Hanukkah, and the advent wreath used in the Christian church to symbolize the anticipation of the birth of the Savior. Both holidays celebrate the miracle of the Almighty changing the course of history. These are just a few of many connections between the faiths elucidated by Rabbi Slomovitz in his book, *A New Look at Rabbi Jesus: Jews and Christians Finally Reconnected*. The Rabbi also hosts a podcast, *Rabbi Jesus My Brother*, where he discusses various interfaith topics and questions from his unique perspective.

In the spirit of solidarity and our shared human experience, Rabbi Slomovitz is proposing a new holi-

day tradition: The J Star Project. Simply put, he is asking both Christian and Jewish families alike to actively acknowledge the connections between Christmas and Hanukkah, Christianity and Judaism, by taking part in a simple and effective act of symbolism. Christians are being called to place a Star of David on their Christmas trees this year, and Jews are being asked to light the menorah candle on the eighth day of Hanukkah in honor of a righteous Gentile who historically has been an ally of the Jewish people. The purpose here is for our young children, our adolescents, and all of us to learn more about people who follow different traditions but who are ultimately our "spiritual siblings" at heart.

In the wake of the Oct. 27, 2018 terrorist attack on the Tree of Life – Or L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh and other acts of domestic terrorism perpetrated against vulnerable populations, Rabbi Slomovitz notes that most of our efforts to decrease violence are reactive. In other words, we highlight the importance of anti-hate messaging and the teachings of acceptance and pacifism only after life-altering damage has already been done. The J Star Project is a unique and powerful movement in its obviously proactive, preemptive, and preventative approach against anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination and hate.

The Rabbi is motivated in this inaugural year of the J Star Project to partner with Christian churches, both Catholic and Protestant, and Jewish synagogues throughout the greater Atlanta area to raise awareness and promote interfaith conversations through the use of this simple but effective visual medium. Already he has fostered meaningful relationships with clergy and parishioners at the Catholic Church of St. Ann in Marietta along with several other churches that bring curiosity, open minds, and the promotion of peace to this movement. Rabbi Slomovitz and his Christian brothers invite Eastcobbers to take this, small, visual step of hanging a Jewish Star on your Christmas tree or light the Menorah on the 8th day of Hanukkah and encourage others to take this viral to open the doors for vital discussions with our children about peoples who are different (but not so different) from our own. To learn more visit www.therab-bijesus.com. 

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GIVE THE GIFT OF ORAL HEALTH

The holidays are here, and 'tis the season for giving. As we shop for gifts for our friends and family, we all have those hard-to-buy-for people on our list. This year, why not give them the gift of oral health? Here are some great gift ideas to keep your friends and family members smiling!

An Electric Toothbrush.

While both a manual and an electric toothbrush can effectively and thoroughly clean your teeth, dentists often recommend electric toothbrushes because of their precise brushing capabilities and gentleness on gums. And they are fun to use! Electric toothbrushes are great for anyone but are a particularly great gift for those who have difficulty brushing or who have limited manual dexterity. *Dr. Chandler's pick: Oral B Genius.*

A Water Flosser.

Water flossers are handheld devices that spray streams of water in steady pulses. The water, like traditional floss, can remove food and plaque from between and around the teeth. Water flossers help reduce gingivitis, the early form of gum disease, and are wonderful gifts for people who have trouble flossing by hand or who have dental work that makes flossing difficult – such as braces or a bridge. *Dr. Chandler's pick: Waterpik Aquarius Water Flosser.*

Teeth Whitening.

Who wouldn't want a whiter, more confident smile? Whitening is a great gift that will surely make your loved ones smile! Products available over-the-counter, such as whitening toothpastes or whitening strips, may make teeth look a little brighter

but often contain different or lower concentration bleaching agents than what your dentist offers, and some are actually just surface stain removers. Before purchasing an over-the-counter bleaching kit, ask your dentist if they offer professional strength non-custom bleaching kits. These kits are less expensive than in-office or custom tray bleaching processes. Opalescence Go is one such kit that requires no impressions or custom trays and is ready to use right out of the package. *Dr. Chandler's pick: Opalescence Go.*

Additional stocking stuffer ideas that promote oral health: Xylitol gum, sugar free candies, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, tongue scrapers, and interdental brushes or picks.

While I hope you have enjoyed our favorite oral

health gift ideas, it is important to remember that oral health begins with good oral hygiene. We recommend brushing twice a day for 2 minutes with a fluoride toothpaste, flossing or using interdental cleaning tools once a day, and scheduling regular dental hygiene visits and examinations to keep your smile, and yourself, healthy. Happy Holidays!



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Holiday Happenings

Metro Atlantans celebrate the holiday season by continuing old traditions, decorating public spaces and putting on plays. The EAST COBBER is happy to provide a sampling of those special events to help you get in the holiday spirit.

CHRISTMAS PARADES

DECEMBER 7

Children's Christmas Parade. All are welcome to attend the Atlanta tradition of the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Christmas Parade. The parade begins at Peachtree and 16th Street and ends at Peachtree and 5th Street. Watch as Midtown is transformed into Santa Claus Lane with the sights and sounds of the season. With floats, giant helium-filled balloons and marching bands, the Christmas Parade is the largest holiday parade in the Southeast. Parade begins at 10:20am. Free.

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DECEMBER 7

Reindog Parade. Families and their favorite pooches are welcome to join in the annual parade at the Botanical Gardens. Dress your dog in holiday attire to compete for prizes with celebrity judges or just to show off. Enjoy photos with Botanical Saint Nick and connect with local canine enthusiasts and businesses in the Doggie Expo. 11am-1pm. \$15/dog in advanced, \$18/dog at the door. General Admission applies to humans. Registration Required. Atlanta Botanical Garden, 1345 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta 404-876-5859 | atlantabg.org

DECEMBER 7

Christmas Jubilee Parade of Lights. Join the City of Woodstock for an evening of fun. Before the parade, enjoy food from vendors and a sneak peek of the Elm Street Theater's upcoming show, *A Christmas Carol*. Enjoy the parade at 5:30pm, and after stay for the Christmas tree lighting, a visit from Santa, and many more activities! 3:30pm. Parade begins at 5:30pm.

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DECEMBER 7

Kennesaw's A Day with Santa. Santa's arrival begins at 2pm with a Main Street parade featuring marching bands, decorated floats, vintage cars, and colorfully-costumed characters. There will be a holiday host of activities including free snow tubing, inflatables and amusements, kids' crafts, visits with Santa, and much more! There will be a tree lighting in the evening. Food vendors will be on site.

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DECEMBER 5, 10, 12, & 17

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DECEMBER 6

Candy Cane Lane. St. Andrew UMC would like to invite you and your friends and family to join them for some family fun. There will be festive activities, arts and crafts, keepsakes, and pictures with Santa. Dinner served from Chick-Fil-A. Reservations required. 5-8pm. \$12/pictures; \$6/dinner.

St. Andrew UMC, 3455 Canton Road, Marietta
770-926-3488 | www.thepumpkinchurch.org/
candycanelane

Spend Quality Time together this season at the Episcopal Church of **St. Peter & St. Paul**
peterandpaul.org
SPSPEpiscopal

- **Food Truck and "Elf" Movie Night: Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 PM - Bring your friends, families, blankets and chairs to enjoy the free movie and festive fellowship.**
- **Service of Advent Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM - Special worship service that marks the quiet season of Advent. Prelude music begins at 3:30 PM.**
- **Service of Remembrance: Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 PM - To honor the loved ones you miss.**
- **Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion: Tues., Dec. 24 at 3:00 PM - Family Service; 5:00 PM, 9:00 PM, - Traditional Services; 11:00 PM - Mild incense. Nursery available for 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM only.**
- **Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion: Monday, December 25 at 10:30 AM**
- **Epiphany Eve Service with Holy Communion: Sunday, January 5 at 5:00 PM**

1795 Johnson Ferry Rd.
Marietta, GA 30062
770-977-7473

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Holiday Happenings

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

THROUGH DECEMBER 7

Christmas at Callanwolde. You'll be transported into a magical world in the twinkling of an eye as you enter the magnificent Gothic-Tudor mansion. Transformed by Atlanta's top interior and floral designers, the historic Callanwolde estate captures the spirit and charm of the holidays. With special events such as Breakfast with Santa, a trip to this estate is sure to bring joy to your holiday season. 12-8pm. \$10 online/at the door. Free/children 3 and under.

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center
980 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta
404-872-5338 | www.christmasatcallanwolde.org



DECEMBER 7

Holiday Celebration on the Square. This family event includes carolers from local high schools, lighting of Town Square, a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas by the Mayor, and a special visit from Santa Claus! Pictures with Santa are available. Holiday shuttle buses are available to Santa's Secret Gift Shop. 5pm. Free.

Roswell Town Square, 610 Atlanta Street, Roswell
770-594-6232 | www.roswellgov.com

DECEMBER 7

Gingerbread House Challenge. Teams compete to create the best gingerbread house! Houses, frosting, and candy supplied, but attendees are welcome to bring their own items to decorate with as well. Registration required. 10am-1pm. \$16-\$24.

Visual Arts Center, 10495 Woodstock Road, Roswell
770-594-6232 | www.roswellgov.com

DECEMBER 7 & 8

33rd Annual Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour of six private historic homes in a new location this year, all lovingly restored and decorated for the season. Saturday: 9am-7pm. Candlelight tour: 7-9:30pm. Sunday: 10am-6pm. All-inclusive ticket provides one visit to each home during daylight or candlelight hours. \$30/advance, \$35/at event. Marietta Welcome Center, No. 4 Depot Street, Marietta
770-429-1115 or 770-426-4982 | mariettapilgrimage.com

DECEMBER 8

Caroling on Canton. Residents and visitors are invited to stroll up and down Canton Street, listening to their favorite holiday tunes while sipping hot chocolate, warming up by the community bonfire, and enjoying the seasonal celebrations of local merchants. 5-7pm. Free.

Canton Street, Roswell
770-594-6232 | www.roswellgov.com

DECEMBER 8

Homes for the Holidays: A Family Christmas. Bundle up and bring the family when the Southern Trilogy Historic House Museums: Barrington Hall, Bulloch Hall and Smith Plantation open their doors after hours for twinkling lights, greenery of the season, and sounds of the 19th century drifting throughout the rooms. Each house has different offerings. 5-8pm. \$15/person 13 and over; under 12/Free; registration required.

Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell
Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell
Smith Plantation, 935 Alpharetta Street, Roswell
770-641-3978 | www.southerntrilogy.com

THROUGH JANUARY 5

Pink Pig. A holiday tradition for the whole family, ride with Priscilla along the train tracks under the Pink Pig Tent and experience storybook fantasy in real life. December Hours: Monday-Friday: 10am-8pm; Saturday: 10am-9pm; Sunday: 11am-7pm. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve: 10am-6pm. Closed Christmas Day. \$3/ride; \$5.50/2 rides; \$7.50/3 rides.

Macy's Department Store at Lenox Square Mall
3393 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta
www.simon.com/mall/lenox-square/stores/macys/stream/macys-pink-pig-6040810

WEEKENDS THROUGH JANUARY 12

The Botanical Express at Atlanta Botanical Garden. Climb aboard as the conductor takes you on a scenic holiday journey around the Garden. Train does not run in inclement weather. 10am-4pm. \$5/passenger; \$3/member plus admission to the gardens.

Atlanta Botanical Garden
1345 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta
404-876-5859 | atlantabg.org



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Holiday Happenings

DECEMBER 13-14

Christmas at Piedmont Church. This free 2-day event features over 40 unique handmade arts and crafts booths, children's play area, food, entertainment provided by local school choruses and dance groups, a live nativity, and free photos with Santa. Friday: 5-9pm. Saturday: 10am-5pm. Free.

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta
770-423-1330 | jrmmanagement.com/arts---crafts.html

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Winter Wonderland at The Marietta Square. Marietta's annual Winter Wonderland returns featuring a Festival of Trees and reindeer games. Santa will be at the Square throughout the month for photos in his own cozy house. Time and days vary. Booking required. Photo packages starting at \$25.

Marietta Square Glover Park
50 North Park Square, Marietta
www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com



DECEMBER 14, 15, 21, 22 & 23

Christmas Royal Tea and Grand Yuletide Ball. Holiday royals Princess Joy and Prince Goodtidings invite all children to join them for a very special Christmas tea party at The Strand! Royal guests will enjoy tea, juice, and snacks with the Prince and Princess before retiring to the Grand Hall for an excerpt of "The Nutcracker" performed by the sugarplum dancers and a story read by Sir Randall of Symphony of Toys. The event will conclude with a dance party and photos with the Prince and Princess at the Grand Yuletide Ball. Children (and their guests, too!) are encouraged to dress up for the special occasion. Tickets include a gift bag of goodies from Symphony of Toys for our young guests. The prince and princess will begin receiving guests fifteen minutes before the tea begins. Times vary. \$20. Limited space available.

The Earl & Rachel Smith Strand Theatre
117 N. Park Square, Marietta
770-293-0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

DECEMBER 21

Tacky Sweater Party. Break out those sweaters or vests from the back of your closets, blow off the age-old dust and sport those tacky nightmares over to Six Flags Over Georgia for the biggest tacky sweater party in Georgia! All guests who arrive at the park wearing a tacky Christmas sweater will be given a \$20 off General Admission ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia's Holiday in the Park celebration. 2-10pm. General Ticket Admission.

Six Flags Over Georgia, 275 Riverside Parkway SW, Austell
770-948-9290 | www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia/special-events/tacky-sweater-party

DECEMBER 23

It's a Wonderful Life Movie Marathon. The Strand continues its tradition of playing *It's a Wonderful Life* on the big screen all day on the Monday before Christmas. Fuzzy pajamas are encouraged and popcorn and drinks will be served. Get there 15 minutes before showtime for a holiday preshow and sing-along on the Mighty Allen Theatre Organ. Showtimes: 12pm, 2:45pm, 6pm, 9:15pm. Tickets: \$9/adults; \$8/seniors, students, and military.

The Earl & Rachel Smith Strand Theater
117 N Park Square, Marietta
770-293-0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTINGS

DECEMBER 5

Lighting of the Christmas Tree. Kick-off the holiday season with The City of Marietta's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in conjunction with the arrival of Santa Claus in Glover Park on the Marietta Square. The fun begins at 4pm with performances by local school choruses. Santa makes his grand entrance via a City of Marietta firetruck at 5:20pm followed by the lighting of the City's Christmas Tree at 6pm. Additionally, children can meet Santa until 8pm. 4-8pm. Free.

Glover Park 50 N. Park Square, Marietta
770-794-5601 | www.marietta.ga.gov

DECEMBER 7

Holiday Tree Lighting. Join in kicking off the holiday season with the Georgia Aquarium's annual tree lighting. This is a limited ticket event, giving you access to the aquarium's galleries one hour prior to the general public. Guests attending the tree lighting will be treated to hot chocolate, holiday treats, holiday carols, the tree lighting, and a penguin waddle. 8am-9pm. Members: Free. Non-members: \$33.95/children, \$35.95/seniors, \$39.95/adults.

Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker Street, Atlanta
404-581-4000 | www.georgiaaquarium.org

DECEMBER 7

Jungle Bells. Bring the whole family to be part of the annual lighting of the Zoo Atlanta holiday tree. There will be many different activities including free crafts, photo-ops, delicious snacks, as well as many performances. Tree lighting at 6pm. \$17.99/children (11 & under), \$21.99/seniors, \$25.99/adults (12+). Military and children under 2, Free.

Zoo Atlanta, 800 Cherokee Avenue, Atlanta
404-624-9453 | www.zooatlanta.org



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Holiday Happenings

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTINGS

DECEMBER 8

Holiday Lights Celebration. Friends for the East Cobb Park will be hosting a tree lighting, featuring musical performances on the park stage. Santa will be on-hand after the musical performances to hear each child's wishes. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. 5-7pm. Free. East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb eastcobbpark.org

CONCERTS

DECEMBER 6

'Tis the Season to Be Merry. Join former and original Celtic Woman, Chloë Agnew and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra Ensemble in a festive, uplifting holiday event! Fan Favorites and holiday tunes will fill you with the spirit of Christmas, Celtic style! 8pm. \$30-\$35. 770-594-6232 | www.roswellgov.com

DECEMBER 6

Kennesaw State University: School of Music Holiday Concert
Kick off your holidays with the School of Music as they celebrate the season and present a festive and exciting program full of holiday favorites performed by the KSU Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and choirs. 8pm. \$15-\$20.
Bailey Performance Center, KSU
1000 Chastain Road, Building 30, Kennesaw
arts.kennesaw.edu/music/concerts-and-events/performances.php

DECEMBER 6 & 8

Carols for Christmas: the Glorious Mystery. Join the Mt. Bethel UMC Chancel Choir and Orchestra for an evening of joy and reflection, as you ponder the mystery of Christmas and tell the story of God's love together with the children and student choirs, along with dance, drama, and a light-show that will illuminate the darkness. Friday: 7:30pm; Sunday: 6pm. Free (tickets required). Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church
4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta
770-971-2880 | Tickets: www.mtbethel.org

DECEMBER 6 & 13

Marietta Pops Orchestra Holiday Concerts. Join the Marietta Pops Orchestra as they take a musical trip down Christmas memory lane. 7:30pm. \$20/adults; \$10/children (grades K-12).
December 6:
First Baptist Church Marietta, 148 Church Street, Marietta
December 13:
Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta
mariettoppsorchestra.org

DECEMBER 7

Holiday POPS! 'Tis the season for fun-filled music! Georgia Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops is the favorite way for friends and family to enjoy time together in a festive concert experience. With Santa, a sing-a-long, and so much more! 3pm & 8pm. \$10-\$32.
Marietta Performing Arts Center
1171 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta
770-429-2390 | georgiasymphony.org

DECEMBER 8

Atlanta Concert Band: Holiday Pops. Come enjoy the band with a holiday sing-a-long, guest singers and lots of great music. 4pm. Free.
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
471 Mt. Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs
atlantaconcertband.org

DECEMBER 8

The Sounds of Christmastime. The Atlanta Vocal Project, an a-cappella group specializing in the barbershop style, presents The Sounds of Christmastime, with special guests, Song of Atlanta. 3-5pm. \$15-\$25.
Roswell Cultural Arts Center
950 Forrest Street, Roswell
770-594-6232 | www.RoswellCAC.com



1255 Johnson Ferry Rd.
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Marietta, GA 30068
678-398-9667

December Hours
Mon-Wed: 10-6
Thurs: 10-8
Fri-Sat: 10-6
Sun: 11-7



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Holiday Happenings

DECEMBER 8

Holiday Benefit Performance. Coordinated by faculty in the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies at Kennesaw State University, this performance is a celebratory compilation of beloved holiday songs, music, and stories. All proceeds benefit Theatre and Performance Studies majors pursuing a study abroad program. \$10. 7pm. Stillwell Theater at KSU, 471 Bartow Avenue, Kennesaw 470-578-6650 | arts.kennesaw.edu/theatre

DECEMBER 8

Cobb New Horizons Symphonic Band Christmas Concert. Come celebrate the holidays with the Cobb New Horizons Band. Directed by Dr. Charles Jackson. 3pm. Free. Kennesaw State University Morgan Concert Hall, 488 Prillaman Way, Kennesaw www.cobbnewhorizonsband.com



DECEMBER 13

A Carbon Copy Christmas. Join the Atlanta Lyric Theatre for an intimate evening of your holiday favorites with harmonies reminiscent of a day gone by. These sisters will take you back to a simpler time with songs like "I'll Be Home for Christmas" as well as bring out the child in us all with a "Marshmallow World." It's an evening you don't want to miss. 8pm. Tickets: \$25-\$125. Lyric Studio Theatre, 12 Powder Springs Street, Marietta 404-377-9948 | atlantalyrictheatre.com

DECEMBER 13-15 & 20-22

A Christmas Tradition. This song and dance revue is guaranteed to make the entire family dance, clap, and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. Times vary. \$25-\$30. The Earl & Rachel Smith Strand Theatre 117 N. Park Square, Marietta 770-293-0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

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Holiday Happenings

CONCERTS

DECEMBER 13 & 15

Christmas Festival Concert. Experience the spirit of the Christmas season as the 120-voice RUMC Sanctuary Choir, RUMC Youth Choir (OutLoud), and 60-member Georgia Philharmonic; WOW Singers and Celebration Ringers; and organist Tom Alderman present a concert filled with favorite holiday music. December 13: 7:30pm. December 15: 3pm. Free, but tickets required to ensure seating.

Roswell United Methodist Church
814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell
770-594-0512 | www.rumc.com



DECEMBER 14

A Happy Holiday with the Atlanta Wind Symphony. Ring in the holidays in festive style. Enjoy favorites such as Tchaikovsky's *Waltz of the Flowers* and J.S. Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, plus unique settings of traditional carols and popular holiday music, including Madden's *Fantasy on a Bell Carol*, and Wasson's *In the Christmas Mood*. 7:30pm. Bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

Centennial High School, 9310 Scott Road, Roswell
www.atlantawindsymphony.org

DECEMBER 14

Cobb Wind Symphony Holiday Concert. Conductor Alfred Watkins and Assistant Conductor Bob Cowles present holiday classics. 8pm. Free. (Donations accepted.) Lassiter Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta
www.cobbwindsymphony.org

DECEMBER 14 & 15

Big Chicken Chorus Christmas Show: Have Yourself A Merry-etta Christmas. The show is complete with a cast of characters that you'll recognize -- or maybe not -- from favorite Christmas season movies and TV specials. The tour will begin in Santa's workshop as Rudy and Hermie the Elf decide to leave for "greener pastures" and eventually arrive at Marietta's own Glover Park. What a trip this will be! 3pm. Tickets: \$20-\$25/adults; \$16-\$20/Seniors; \$8-\$10/students; Free/Children under 6 (ticket required).

Marietta Performing Arts Center
1171 Whitlock Avenue NW, Marietta
470-349-0550 | www.bigchickenchorus.org

DECEMBER 14 & 15

Christmas Festival. Time to come together, celebrate and remember the hope that came into the world through a baby born in a manger. Celebrate and worship with the JF Choir & Orchestra at the Johnson Ferry Christmas Festival. 4 & 7pm. Registration required for childcare. Free.

Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb
Jeana Smith, 770-795-3232 | jfbc.org

DECEMBER 15

Christmas at East Cobb Concert. The 2019 Christmas at East Cobb Concert will feature a holiday choir, instrumentalists, and a fun audience sing-along. There will be a Bethlehem-inspired petting zoo prior to the concert, and s'mores and a bonfire to follow. Petting zoo: 4pm. Concert: 5pm. Free.

East Cobb United Methodist Church
2325 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb
770-971-3643 | eastcobbumc.org



DECEMBER 19

The Strand Ole Opry's Country Christmas. A down-home bluegrass concert of holiday music performed on the banjo, fiddle, guitar, bass, and washboard! A band of merry singers and traditional southern storytellers invite patrons onto The Strand's metaphorical 'back porch' to bring a little twang to the tinsel season. Patrons are invited to keep the good times going with a post-show hootenanny in the Lumiere Lounge, where they can join performers for a toast, a drink, and sing-alongs after the show. 8pm. Tickets: \$18/advance; \$20/at the door.

Earl & Rachel Smith Strand Theatre
117 North Park Square, Marietta
770-293-0080 | www.earlsmithstrand.org

DECEMBER 22

Messiah Sing-Along. Hundreds of singers from throughout the metro-area will be joined by vocal soloists and chamber orchestra in a joyous performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*, concluding with the famous "Hallelujah" chorus. 3pm. Tickets: \$10.

Roswell United Methodist Church
814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell
770-261-1773 | www.rumc.com

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HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 8

Family Legos Menorah Workshop. In this class you will go far beyond the Legos you know, scattered all over the floor and falling far too often under your bare feet. Create a Lego Menorah that you can take home with you at the end of the day. 3pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta
5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody
678-812-4000 | atlantajcc.org

DECEMBER 15

Chanukah Palooza. Don't miss the annual fundraiser for the Mitzner Family Religious School. The afternoon will begin with a Chanukah sing-a-long in the sanctuary. There will also be lunch, a raffle, silent auction, games, vendors, and crafts. Don't miss this afternoon of fun! Kids under 3 eat free. 12pm. \$5. Temple Kehillat Chaim, 1145 Green Street, Roswell
770-641-8639 | kehillatchaim.org

DECEMBER 18

East Cobb Community Chanukah Party. Come and Celebrate Chanukah with friends and neighbors from area synagogues from East Cobb and Roswell. Chanukah music, PJ Library, DJ, crafts, jelly doughnuts and much more. 6:30-8pm. Free. Register on Temple Kol Emeth's website. Temple Kol Emeth, 1415 Old Canton Road, Marietta
770-973-3533 | www.kolemeth.net

DECEMBER 28

Menorah Lighting on Marietta Square. Congregation Ner Tamid of Marietta will have a Menorah Lighting on the Glover Park Stage. The event will be led by Rabbi Joseph Prass, featuring Hanukkah music and dancing by the Smyrna Team Dancers, books from PJ Library, free hot chocolate and gift card raffle. The rain date will be Dec. 29. 6:30-7:30pm. Free. Marietta Square, 50 Park Square, Marietta
678-264-8575 | www.mynertamid.org

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 5

Holiday Gift Books and Crafts. Join the East Cobb library for a holiday program sure to be a blast. Participants will share their favorite holiday books and complete a holiday-based craft. 11am-12:30pm. Free. East Cobb Library
4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb.
770-509-2730 | www.cobbcat.org

DECEMBER 11

DIY Body Products. What is a better gift than one made with your hands? How about one you can put on your hands? Participants will create DIY products such as lip balm, body butter, sugar scrub, and body mist. 4:30-5:30pm. Free. Mountain View Regional Library
3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta
770-509-2725 | www.cobbcat.org

DECEMBER 11

Family Fun Time: Holiday Theme. Family Fun Time is for families with children of all ages. It lasts 40-50 minutes and can include books, activities, a short film, parachute play, music, and a craft. This program encourages a love of reading and learning as well as the use of fine and large motor skills. 3:30-4:15pm. Free. East Cobb Library
4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb
770-509-2730 | www.cobbcat.org

DECEMBER 13-14

Nativity Display. Sponsored by St. Andrew UMC Faithful Followers Senior Group. Donations will be welcome for Cobb Senior Services. Nativities of all shapes and sizes celebrating the birth of Jesus will be on display. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Keheley Center
3455 Canton Road, Marietta
770-926-3488 | www.thepumpkinchurch.org

DECEMBER 14

Open-Hearth Gingerbread Christmas. Learn how to prepare and decorate gingerbread cookies for baking over the open hearth in the historic 1863 cook-house. Children will also have the opportunity to make a holiday craft ornament. 10am-3pm. \$5 per child. Reservations required. Smith Plantation Home, 935 Alpharetta Street, Roswell
770-641-3978 | southerntriology.com

DECEMBER 14

Christmas for Kids. Kids will make a seasonal craft, participate in the Candy Cane hunt and Christmastime sing-along. A light snack and stories will be enjoyed and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Tour of the house will be included. 10am. \$15. Reservations required. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell
770-992-1731 | www.southerntriology.com

Holiday Happenings

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

THROUGH FEBRUARY 23

License to Chill Snow Island. Get your adrenaline fix at Snow Island tubing on the 575 feet long, 8-story high Parrot Mountain slide, one of the fastest snow rides in North America! Take a spin around the ice rink, bounce in the inflatables at LandShark Landing, or play in the snow. New this year is a fun scavenger hunt to find Santa and get a photo with him. Free/Children under 2. Online discounts for adults. \$29.99-\$39.99. Family 4-pack: \$129.99. Check website for hours of operation.

Margaritaville at Lanier Islands
7650 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford
470-323-3440 | lanierislands.com/Margaritaville/attractions/snow-island



DECEMBER 15

Enchanted Woodland Wonders Family Fun Day. Come celebrate the magic of the holiday season with reindeer and fairies. Visitors will enjoy a host of holiday-themed programs including reindeer games, story time, winter crafts, hot cocoa, and more! Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy at one of the many picnic tables and meadows on site, or they can purchase food from local food trucks. 2-6pm. \$10/adults; \$7/students/seniors; \$6/children; ages 2 and under free. Free for CNC members.

Chattahoochee Nature Center
9135 Willeo Road, Roswell
770-992-2055 ext. 238 | www.chattnaturecenter.org

DECEMBER 17

Scandinavian Christmas Dinner Cooking Class. Menu includes: Mulled Wine, Swedish Christmas Ham, Braised Swedish Red Cabbage, and Rice Pudding. After preparing the meal, participants will dine on their creations in the home's spacious modern kitchen. Complimentary wine is served with dinner, and a personal tour of Barrington Hall is included. 6:30-9:30pm. \$65 per person. Reservations required.

Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell
770-640-3855 | www.southerntrilogy.com

DECEMBER 20

Cocoa and Concert. Grab a warm cup of cocoa and toppings from the cocoa station, get some social media-worthy photos at winter-themed photo stations, have the kids do a quick craft, then cuddle up with a blanket and enjoy live holiday music performances. 6-8pm. Free.

Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center
2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb
770-509-4988 | www.cobbcat.org

DECEMBER 21 & 23

Cookies with Mrs. Claus. Children are welcome to write letters to Santa while Mrs. Claus shares holiday stories, and after they are invited to help Mrs. Claus decorate cookies with seasonal icings and sugars. A very special postman will finish the event to deliver the letters to Mr. Claus. 10am and 2pm. \$10 per child. Reservations required.

Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell
770-640-3855 | www.southerntrilogy.com



THROUGH DECEMBER 30

Southern Artists and Authors. This year's theme for Bulloch Hall's Christmas decorations is "Southern Artists and Authors." Come and see this beautifully decorated historic house with rooms featuring well-known southern talents, such as Margaret Mitchell and the visual artist "Cornbread." Monday-Saturday: 10am-4pm; Sunday: 1-4pm. Closed Christmas Day. \$8/adults; \$7/seniors; \$6/children; Free/members.

Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell
www.southerntrilogy.com

DECEMBER 31

Noon Year's Eve. Families are invited to join in the countdown to noon in this kid-friendly celebration of New Year's. Attendees will make party hats, enjoy fun crafts, and dance the morning away before the noon countdown. 11am-12pm. Free.

Mountain View Regional Library
3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta
770-509-4964 | www.cobbcat.org

HOLIDAY MARKETS

DECEMBER 5-7

Roswell United Methodist Christmas Gift & Craft Show. 70 unique vendors for exclusive shopping all in one place! Featuring custom jewelry, ladies & children's clothing, toys, gourmet foods, home accessories, Christmas decor, sports memorabilia, men's accessories, leather goods, one-of-a-kind art, bake sale, Christmas tree and poinsettia sale. Lunch offered through the café. Thursday: 6-8pm; Friday: 9:30am-6pm; Saturday: 9:30am-4pm. Free.

Roswell United Methodist Church, The Dodson Center
95 Pratt Street, Roswell
www.rumc.com/christmasgcs



Holiday Happenings

DECEMBER 6 & 7

39th Annual Apple Annie Crafts and Arts Show. Over 120 of the Southeast's finest artisans and crafters. One of the largest non-profit shows with a high quality and large assortment of crafts and arts in a festive setting. Proceeds support local charities. No strollers. Friday: 9am-6pm; Saturday: 9am-2pm. \$3; Under 12 Free.

Catholic Church of St. Ann, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta
st-ann.org or www.facebook.com/appleanniecrafftshow

DECEMBER 7

Back to Nature Holiday Market and Festival. Meet over 40 fine arts artisans. The market contains local vendors selling their handmade, eco-friendly goods for your holiday gift giving. 10am-5pm. Free.

Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell
770-992-2055 | chattnaturecenter.org

DECEMBER 13-14

Christmas at Piedmont/Artist Craft Show. Lots of unique arts and crafts exhibitors from all over the southeast that have crafted, arranged, painted, or built all the products themselves. There will be delicious festival food and local entertainment.

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta
770-423-1330 | www.piedmonthchurch.tv

LIGHT DISPLAYS

THROUGH DECEMBER 25

Holiday Light Show. Celebrate the season at The Battery Atlanta with their new Holiday Light Show. Guests will experience an immersive sound and light display throughout the plaza each evening on the hour from 6-9pm. Free.

The Battery Atlanta, 800 Battery Avenue, Atlanta
batteryatl.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Holiday Lights at Veterans Park. A two-mile drive-thru light show that features amazing animated Christmas displays, and over 1 million lights! Nightly at 6pm. \$20/car.

Cherokee Veterans Park, 7345 Cumming Highway, Canton
770-924-7768 | holidaylightsatveteranspark.com



THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Lights of Life. Millions of holiday lights throughout the campus. Santa Claus will be visiting on weekends for photographs. Sunday-Thursday: Dark-9pm. Friday & Saturday: Dark-10pm. December 2-5 & December 9-12: \$5/car or truck; Weekends and December 13-31: \$10/car or truck; \$20/bus. There will also be pony rides, train rides, a petting zoo, and a concession stand offering seasonal drinks and snacks for purchase.

Life University, 1269 Barclay Circle, Marietta.
678-331-4342 | www.life.edu

THROUGH JANUARY 4

Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens. Enjoy the scenic five-mile drive, featuring over eight million lights with holiday tunes. Check for times and purchase tickets in advance for best rates. Christmas Village opens at 4pm. \$21-\$30/Adults; \$10.50-\$15/Children 6-12; Ages 3 and under: free but require a "free child" ticket. Prices vary with prime and value days. Check for times and purchase tickets in advance for best rates.

Callaway Gardens
4500 Southern Pine Drive, Pine Mountain
844-512-3826 | www.callawaygardens.com

THROUGH JANUARY 5

Magical Nights of Lights at Lake Lanier Islands. Take a driving tour through more than 7 miles of giant illuminated characters and millions of twinkling lights. Daily (including holidays). 5-10pm most nights. 5-11pm peak nights, check calendar for hours. \$43-53/car; \$90-\$100/van (11-20 people); in advance. Additional charge applies at the gate. Lake Lanier Islands, 7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford
770-945-8787 | www.lakelanierislands.com

THROUGH JANUARY 5

Holiday in the Park. More than one million LED lights and dozens of Christmas trees, festive shows, tasty culinary treats and, of course, the Big Man: Santa Claus in all his glory. Select days. Ticket prices vary with discounts, check website for pricing on your day.

Six Flags Over Georgia, 275 Riverside Parkway, SW, Austell
770-948-9290 | www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia/special-events/holiday-in-the-park

THROUGH JANUARY 5

Stone Mountain Christmas. More than two million lights and an abundance of performances and activities. Prices and times vary by day.

Stone Mountain Park
U.S. Highway 78, East Stone Mountain
770-498-5690 | www.stonemountainpark.com/Events/Stone-Mountain-Christmas

Holiday Happenings

LIGHT DISPLAYS

THROUGH JANUARY 11

Garden Lights, Holiday Nights at The Atlanta Botanical Garden. All-new music and motion for Atlanta's favorite holiday spectacle, Nature's Wonders, the largest curtain of synchronized light and sound in the world. Experience the Skylights Lounge in the Skyline Garden and several larger-than-life plant giants from Imaginary Worlds: Alice's Wonderland awash in holiday glow. Roast a s'more and sip warm beverages while touring favorites like the Ice Goddess, Tunnel of Light, Orchestral Orbs and so much more. 6-11pm. Select days ticket prices vary with discounts, check website for pricing on your day.

Atlanta Botanical Garden
1345 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta
404-876-5859 | atlantabg.org



LIVE NATIVITY

DECEMBER 6-8

Drive through Nativity. Experience the story of Christmas from the comfort of your car. Legacy Church's drive through nativity is a live nativity experience with actors and animals acting out the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. The experience takes 10-12 minutes and afterwards you are invited for refreshments. 6:30-8:30pm. Free. Legacy Church, 1040 Blackwell Road, Marietta
LegacyChurchGA.com

DECEMBER 7-9

Bethlehem Walk. You can walk through the streets of Bethlehem and haggle with the shopkeepers, sign the census and pay your taxes to Caesar Augustus's tax collector. You can also sample the fine dried fruits, enjoy a tasty cup of hot apple cider, and try out the freshly made samples of bread at the bakery. There will be a live nativity scene in the stable at the edge of town. 7-9pm. Free.

Mountain View United Methodist Church
2300 Jamerson Road, Marietta
770-928-0050 | www.mvumc.org

DECEMBER 11

Live Nativity and Bethlehem Walk. Experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of a Bethlehem village with Live Nativity showings. Crafts, weaving, and storytelling, troll through the biblical booths and music. 5-7:30pm. Free. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church
4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb
678-560-7447 | www.mtbethel.org/ministries/children

DECEMBER 11

Live Nativity. Mt. Zion's children present the annual Live Nativity. Walk through the Christmas Story and imagine what the first Christmas looked like. Live animals will be on hand for feeding and petting. Don't be late because it is over quickly. 6:15pm. Free. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb
770-971-1465 | www.mtzionumc.org

DECEMBER 14

An Evening in Bethlehem. Journey through an indoor and interactive first-century marketplace before witnessing the birth of the new King, Jesus. The marketplace will be open 4-5:30pm in the Chapel building (the first building off of Mimosa Boulevard). Families are encouraged to visit the marketplace before the Nativity Presentation. The Presentation of the Nativity will be at 4:30pm and 5:30pm in the fellowship hall in the Chapel building. 4-6:30pm. Free (donations welcome). Reservation required for seating of the Nativity. Roswell UMC, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell
770-993-6218 | www.rumc.com/rkevents

SANTA SIGHTINGS

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Atlantic Station/Santa's Cottage
Monday-Saturday: 11am-8pm; Sunday: 12pm-5pm.
1380 Atlantic Drive NW, Atlanta
404-410-4010 | www.atlanticstation.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Avalon
Sundays: 12-7pm; Mondays: 12-6pm with storytime at 6pm; Tuesday-Thursday: 12-7pm; Friday & Saturday: 10am-8pm; Christmas Eve: 9am-6pm.
400 Avalon Boulevard, Alpharetta
770-765-2000 | www.experienceavalon.com

DECEMBER 6 & 20

The Avenue at East Cobb
3-7pm
4475 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb
770-971-9945 | www.avenueeastcobb.com

DECEMBER 12 & 19

The Battery
Check website for hours. Noche con Santa: 4-7:30pm
800 Battery Avenue SE, Atlanta
batteryatl.com



Holiday Happenings

SATURDAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 21

Botanical Saint Nick

Meet Botanical Saint Nick, clad in his dark green robe and botanical head wreath. Bring a camera to take your own photos with Saint Nick and participate in fun holiday-themed activities. Free with Garden Admission. 10am-2pm.

Atlanta Botanical Garden
1345 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta
404-876-5859 | atlantabg.org



DECEMBER 7

Cookies with Santa

Be there when Santa makes his first stop – Zoo Atlanta! Bring the little ones for a personal visit with Santa and a professional photo. Warm up with hot chocolate and cookies, and participate in festive crafts, animal encounters, and more. Of course, you'll go home with a bag of reindeer chow for when Santa and his helpers make their visit to your home. 8:30am. \$17.99/children (11 & under), \$21.99/seniors, \$25.99/adults (12+). Military and children under 2, free.

Zoo Atlanta, 800 Cherokee Avenue, Atlanta
404-624-9453 | www.zooatlanta.org

DECEMBER 8

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa

2-4pm. Free. There will be photos with Santa, shopping for kids at the Gingerbread Store and lots of Christmas crafts. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb.
770-971-1465 | www.mtzionumc.org.

DECEMBER 8

Cookies with Santa

All ages are invited to come for a relaxing, fun-filled afternoon of holiday activities. Kids will be able to talk to Santa in a casual environment. Enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, cocoa and tea. 2-4pm. \$5/child under 13. Parents are free but must accompany children to this event. Register online or in-person at the Y.

McClesky-East Cobb Family YMCA
1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta
770-977-5991 | www.ymcaatlanta.org

DECEMBER 12

Cookies with Santa

Families are welcome to hang out with Santa while decorating cookies and making holiday arts and crafts. 4-6pm. The Avenue East Cobb, 4475 Roswell Road
Marietta/East Cobb
770-971-9945 | www.avenueeastcobb.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Cumberland Mall

Monday-Friday: 12-8pm; Saturdays: 11am-8pm;
Sundays: 12pm-6pm. Special hours:
December 14-21: 9am-9pm; December 22: 10am-8pm
December 23: 9am-9pm; Christmas Eve: 8am-6pm.
1000 Cumberland Mall SE, Atlanta
770-435-2206 | www.cumberlandmall.com

DECEMBER 7, 14, & 21

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THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Lenox Square Mall

Check website for hours.
3393 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta
404-233-6767 | www.simon.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 23

Phipps Plaza

Pre-registration required. Check website for hours.
3500 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta
404-262-2270 | www.santaatphipp.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

North Point Mall

Monday-Saturday: 11am-8pm; Sunday: 12-6pm.
Special hours:
12/14-12/21: 9am-9pm; 12/15: 11am-7pm
12/22-12/23: 9am-9pm; Christmas Eve: 9am-6pm.
1000 North Point Circle, Alpharetta
770-740-9273 | www.northpointmall.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Perimeter Mall

Monday-Saturday: 11am-8pm; Sundays: 11am-6pm.
Special Hours:
December 14-21: 9am-9pm; December 22: 10am-8pm
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4400 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta
770-394-4270 | www.perimetermall.com

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Holiday Happenings

SANTA SIGHTINGS

DECEMBER 7

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Roswell Fire Station No. 4, 1400 Old Alabama Road, Roswell
770-594-6232 | www.roswellgov.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Santa on the Marietta Square

Reserve your time with Santa in advance. See website for available dates/times.

Marietta Square - Glover Park
50 North Park Square, Marietta
santaonthesquare@gmail.com
www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com



THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Town Center Mall

Check website for hours.

400 Ernest W. Barrett Parkway, Kennesaw
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THEATER & DANCE

DECEMBER 5-7

The North Pole Fa-La-La-La Follies. This sparkling holiday production includes a zany and colorful cast of puppet characters who perform in the North Pole's annual talent show. Get ready for hilarious holiday high-jinx from a wisecracking fruitcake, tumbling teddy bears, and the "not-so-abominable" snowman. 10am and 1:30pm. \$5. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell
770-594-6232 | roswellpuppets.com

DECEMBER 6 & 7

The Nightmare Before Christmas. When the king of Halloween Town, Jack Skellington gets bored of the same routine, he discovers Christmas Town and is inspired to take control of Christmas season for a change. 8pm. \$12.50. Center for Puppetry Arts, 1404 Spring Street NW, Atlanta
404-873-3391 | www.puppet.org



DECEMBER 6-8

The Nutcracker. The Georgia Ballet's Nutcracker is a magical, enchanting ballet that is perfect for the whole family! Start a new tradition this holiday season. Showtimes vary. \$11-\$42.

Jennie T. Anderson Theatre
548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta
770-528-8490 | andersontheatre.org

DECEMBER 6-23

Kudzu Playhouse's A Christmas Carol. Bulloch Hall and Kudzu Playhouse present the Christmas tradition, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Reservations required. \$20. Check the website for various performance times and to purchase tickets.

Bulloch Hall, Ossage Terrace Room
180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell
770-992-1731 | www.bullochhall.org

DECEMBER 6-21

Santa After Hours. Presented by Out of Box Theater. The usual gang of idiots return to Out of Box this holiday season for the adult-only show to make you more uncomfortable than ever. 9pm. \$21.20.

Out of Box Theatre, 585 Cobb Parkway South, Marietta
678-653-4605 | www.outofboxtheatre.com

DECEMBER 7-24

Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker with the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra. The beloved Christmas production returns to surprise and delight all audiences. See website for dates and times. Tickets start at \$35.

Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta
404-881-2100 | www.atlantaballet.com/performances/nutcracker

DECEMBER 13-15

The Nutcracker. Check the website for various performance times and ticket prices.

Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell
404-438-3028 | www.atlantadancetheatre.org

DECEMBER 13-22

Holiday Inn. Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* tells the story of Jim, who leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle down on his farmhouse in Connecticut, but life just isn't the same without a bit of song and dance. Based on the classic film, this joyous musical features thrilling dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy, and a parody of Irving Berlin songs. \$30-\$65. Showtime varies by day.

Byers Theatre, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs
770-206-2022 | citysprings.com

Holiday Happenings

DECEMBER 13-24

A Christmas Carol. A musical based on Charles Dickens' 1843 novella of the same time, *A Christmas Carol* takes you through Ebenezer Scrooge's Christmas Eve night with visits from the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Celebrate the holidays with this beloved Dickens classic reimagined once again. Showtimes vary. \$15-\$18. City Center Auditorium, 8534 Main Street, Woodstock 678-494-4251 | elmstreetarts.org

DECEMBER 19-21

The Adventures of the Gingerbread Man. "Run! Run! Run as fast you can!" sings the Gingerbread Man in this runaway hit production created by puppeteer David Stephens of All Hands Productions. Follow everyone's favorite Christmas cookie on all his adventures in this hilarious retelling of the classic story. 10am and 1:30pm. \$5. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell 770-594-6232 | roswellpuppets.com

DECEMBER 20-22

Home for the Holidays. This annual holiday extravaganza fills the stage with talented stars from Pebblebrook High School and local professional artists. Tickets: \$20. Friday & Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 3pm. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta 770-528-8490 | andersontheatre.org



DECEMBER 21

Nutcracker Swings. At a swinging party on Christmas Eve in the 1940's, dancers jump, jive and twist as they welcome home their local hero, a soldier who has been overseas fighting in World War II. Mary receives a Nutcracker as a gift from the mysterious Madam Duvall, the war hero's mother. When Mary falls asleep that night, she dreams that her Nutcracker soldier magically comes to life and tells her all about his worldly travels with dancers from China, France, Russia and more! Presented by the British Academy of Performing Arts. 2pm and 7pm. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Marietta Performing Arts Center 1171 Whitlock Avenue NW, Marietta 770-578-8272 | www.tututix.com/client/bapa

DECEMBER 21

Trouble in Toyland. Oh no! It's Christmas Eve – but the toys aren't finished, the elves are on strike, Santa has lost his laugh, and Rudolph has a runny nose! Will we have to cancel Christmas? Of course not! Hilarious holiday hijinx and fun for the whole family. 10am & 11:30am. \$7. Aurora Children's Playhouse, 128 E Pike Street, Lawrenceville 678-226-6222 | auroratheatre.com

THROUGH DECEMBER 24

A Christmas Carol. Join the Alliance Theatre for one of Atlanta's most treasured holiday traditions. Watch as Ebenezer Scrooge encounters the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future in this holiday classic story. Showtimes vary. \$17.50-\$85 plus applicable fees. Coca-Cola Stage, 1280 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta 404-733-4650 | alliancetheatre.org

THROUGH DECEMBER 29

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Based on the classic television special. Ticket includes the live performance, Create-A-Puppet Workshop, and admission to the Worlds of Puppetry Museum. Show times vary by date. Tickets start at \$15. Center for Puppetry Arts, 1404 Spring Street NW, Atlanta. 404-873-3391 | www.puppet.org

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EVERY SATURDAY

Marietta Square Farmers Market features products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, cheese and other items. 9am-12 noon. Rain or shine. Glover Park-Marietta Square. More info: 770-499-9393 or mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net.

DECEMBER 5-8, 13-15, 19-24, 27-29

Frosty! A Very Merry Musical! It's December 23rd and Paddy Moran, a homeless man living in Central Park, befriends an orphan named Billy who has come to New York in order to keep a promise made to his mother: to build the best snowman ever. Billy builds a snowman and places a magical hat on its head, christening his new friend "Frosty." Magically, Frosty comes to life and leads Billy on an adventure through the streets of New York. Shows at 2:30pm & 7:30pm. \$22.50-\$35. Marietta's Theatre on the Square, 11 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info/Tickets: www.theatreinthesquare.net.

DECEMBER 6

Candy Cane Fun Run. All runners, walkers, and even skippers are invited for a jolly good time! Come dressed in your ugly holiday sweater, or other festive attire. The fun run is a 2.4k course that is not timed. After the run, enjoy a hayride through the park and roasting marshmallows. Bring your camera to get your picture taken with Santa at the end of the run. 6pm. \$22. Registration required. Roswell Area Park, 10495 Woodstock Road, Roswell. More info: 770-594-6232 or www.roswellgov.com.



DECEMBER 6-18

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DECEMBER 7

Art Place gets Frozen partnering with From the Top Theatrics to offer the coldest event of the season. There will be 2 sessions. Each session will begin with a 15-minute live version of *Frozen: The Musical*. After the show, families will have 6 different crafts they can make, have an opportunity for photographs with their characters from the show, and explore the Artist Market for holiday gifts. 11am-1pm and 2-4pm. \$15. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: Artplacemarietta.org.

Roswell Holly Jolly Family Fishing Derby. Holiday cheer is in the air and the fish are biting, too! A grand prize will be awarded for the largest fish and there will be various other prize categories by age. This is a great way to get the whole family out for a fun day around the lake with a special visit from Santa! Come out and enjoy hot cocoa and snacks while you fish at the Roswell Area Park pond. \$12-\$18. 10am-12pm. Roswell Area Park, 10495 Woodstock Road, Roswell. More info: 770-594-6232 or www.roswellgov.com.

DECEMBER 7, 14 & JANUARY 4

Auditions for "A Tribute to the Life and Works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Show auditions held for dance, spoken word, vocal & musical performances. Event date is January 20. 10am-12pm. Jennie T Anderson Theatre, Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info/audition slots: 770-425-5757.

DECEMBER 8

Star 94 Deck the Halls Ball Starring Rob Thomas. Star 94 presents the 'Deck the Hall Ball' Starring Rob Thomas with special guest Dean Lewis. Come celebrate over 30 years of hits with the Star 94 family. 7:30pm. \$39.50-\$99.50. Coca-Cola Roxy, 800 Battery Avenue, Atlanta. More info: 470-351-3866 or www.cocacolaroxy.com



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 8

Pints For Purrs 2. Purr Nation has teamed up with Dry County Brewing Company to bring you Pints for Purrs the Purr Nation fundraiser. The event will feature beer, a food truck, silent auction, local vendors and incredible musicians jamming for your listening pleasure. 2-9pm. Free admission. Dry County Brewing Company, 1500 Lockhart Drive, Kennesaw. More info: www.facebook.com/events/2110284085935286.

DECEMBER 10

Polish Christmas Eve Dinner Cooking Class. Menu includes: Roast Lamb, Kielbasa, Split Peas and Cabbage, and Polish Cream Cake. After preparing the meal, participants will dine on their creations in the home's spacious modern kitchen. Complimentary wine is served with dinner, and a personal mini-tour of Barrington Hall is included. 6:30-9:30pm. \$65 per person. Reservations required. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. More info: 770-640-3855 or www.southerntrilogy.com.

DECEMBER 10

Cobb Young Professionals Holiday Social. Join Cobb Young Professionals on the fourth floor of The Strand Theatre, guests will enjoy the only rooftop view of the Marietta Square and Glover Park. Festivities will include food, drinks, music, and the ever-popular (optional) HolidayCon* Contest (*sweaters, suits, Santa costumes, etc.). Items will be collected for MUST Ministries Toy Shop. 5:30-7:30pm. \$5/members; \$15/non-members. At the door: \$10/members; \$20/non-members. More info/Tickets: www.cobbchamber.org or Rebecca Chadwick 770-859-2368.

DECEMBER 11

December Storytime STEAM. It's winter, and that means snow. Join in the fun for a wintry Storytime STEAM with a special engineering challenge. Bring your thinking caps! Free. 5-6pm. Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-509-4988 or www.cobbcat.org.

DECEMBER 12

Snow Day Crafts. Games and hands-on crafts like building an indoor snowman and bowling. Intended for ages 5-20 and their participating adult. 3:30-4:30pm. Free. Gritters Library, 880 Shaw Park Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: www.cobbcat.org.

DECEMBER 13-14

Alice in Wonderland. Alice finds herself in a strange land where everyone is raving mad. With the help of a Cheshire Cat, an astute Caterpillar, a righteous Humpty Dumpty and an unexpected twist, Alice must find her way home and discover who she truly is. Presented by Pope High School Theater. Friday: 7pm; Saturday: 2pm and 7pm. \$5-\$10. Pope High School Theater, 3001 Hembree Road NE, Marietta. More info/Tickets: www.popetheater.org.

DECEMBER 14

Bonsai Study Group. Rodney Clemons, Bonsai Curator, visits Smith-Gilbert Gardens to oversee, evaluate, care for, and prune the Gardens' bonsai collection. Along with a small group of well-trained and very experienced volunteers, Rodney provides expert care in all aspects of maintaining the collection. Visitors are welcome to ask questions and talk with Rodney and the volunteers to learn more about this ancient art. 9am-4pm. \$10/general admission; \$8/seniors (65+); \$5/military, students, children (ages 3-17 with family); Free/children 2 and under. Smith-Gilbert Gardens, 2382 Pine Mountain Road, Kennesaw. More info: smithgilbertgardens.com.

Hyde Farm Tour. A wonderful way to spend your Saturday morning, walking and learning the history of life on the farm in Cobb County with a 45-minute tour. Treat yourself to the 135 acres that make up the farm, including natural features such as the Chattahoochee River and forested areas, as well as terraced agricultural fields and our resident chickens that always welcome the public. 10am & 11am. Free, but registration required. 726 Hyde Park Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/Registration: www.cobbcounty.org/parks/events/hyde-farm-tour.



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DECEMBER 14

Sleighbells on the Square 5K, 1K and Tot Trot. Bring the family and help raise funds for Cobb Children's Emergency Fund. The Fund provides emergency grants to Cobb County households facing financial emergencies or crises. Race day activities include appearances by costumed characters, face-painting for the kids and jingle bells for runners' shoes. The Strand Theatre will open its doors for a quick warm-up, coffee, hot chocolate and a free movie for the kids. Festive holiday attire is encouraged, and a prize will be awarded for most festive attire. Peachtree qualifier race. Packet pick-up: Friday, 11am-7pm at Academy Sports, 1580 Crater Lake Drive, Kennesaw. Race day Registration: 8am. 5K Race: 9am; Tot Trot: 9:45am; 1K: 10am. \$30/5K & 1K; \$10/tot trot through December 12. Marietta Square, 50 E Park Square, Marietta. More info/registration: www.cobbcountybar.org.

DECEMBER 15

Annual Empty Bowl Brunch. Includes a bowl made by a local artist (you choose and keep) filled with soup or chili. Advance tickets on sale now. 11am-1:30pm. \$15-\$35. Proceeds will benefit YMCA's lunch program. The Art Place - Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More Info: 770-509-2700 or artplacemarietta.org.

DECEMBER 19

Miss Black America Atlanta Pageant. Come laugh, dance, and celebrate Black music, history, culture, and beauty. Hosted by actress Jasmine Burke with performances by ATL Drumline Academy, BLAQUE, God's Squad 2910 and more. 8:30pm. \$25-\$300. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/Tickets: www.cobbenergycentre.com.

Mittie Bulloch and Theodore Roosevelt Sr.'s 1853 Wedding Reenactment. Step back in time as a guest at this important wedding which ultimately produced our 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt. Tickets: \$18. 6pm, 6:30pm, 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm & 8:30pm. Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. More info/Tickets: 770-992-1731 or bullochhall.org.

DECEMBER 20-21

Frozen Jr. Disney's worldwide phenomenon is taking Roswell by (snow)storm! *Frozen Jr.* is based on the 2018 Broadway musical and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life onstage. 3pm and 7pm. \$10. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell. More info: 770-594-6232 or www.roswellgov.com.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 21

Dashing Through the Square 5K & 1K sponsored by the PEARL Foundation and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Rho Zeta Omega Chapter. Bring the entire family as the race includes a 1K Rudolph Race for the kids. Funds raised will be used to support scholarship funds and community service programs. Peachtree qualifier race. Race: 8am. \$10/1K; \$35-\$40/5K. Marietta Square, 99 S Park Square, Marietta. More info/registration: www.active.com.

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3

Cobb County schools closed for winter break.

DECEMBER 26

Duplo Free Play. Enjoy an interactive play time. Bring family and friends and create new things together! This event is a great way to meet new friends and spend quality time playing together. Intended for ages 1-12; 9 or younger be accompanied by an adult. 3-5pm. Free. East Cobb Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/registration: 770-509-2730.

Jimmy Buffett Boxing Day Birthday Party. Christmas may be over, but don't let the holiday blues get you down! It's Boxing Day, and Jimmy Buffett's birthday, so come celebrate! Come by for music, trivia, silly Boxing Day hats and riddles, and light refreshments. 2-4pm. Free. Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-509-4988 or www.cobbcat.org.

DECEMBER 31

Countdown to Noon New Year's. Come countdown to noon in this kid-friendly celebration of New Year's! Make party hats, enjoy some fun crafts, and dance the morning away all before we countdown to noon! 11:15am-12 noon. Free. Gritters Library, 880 Shaw Park Road, Marietta. More info: www.cobbcat.org.

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra New Year's Eve Celebration. Enjoy ringing in the new year with The Atlanta Symphony. VIP ticket includes dinner. Decadent Dessert package also available during intermission or after the performance. 8pm. \$60-\$75/reserved tickets; \$150/VIP ticket; \$20.20/Decadent Dessert package. City Springs, Byers Theatre, 1 Gambos Way, Sandy Springs. More info/Tickets: www.citysprings.com.

The NYE Royalty Show: A Tribute to Led Zeppelin & Queen.

The Georgia Players Guild will ring in the new year with a tribute concert honoring the musical legacy of rock supergroups Led Zeppelin and Queen. 9pm. Tickets: \$35/advance; \$40/starting December 29; \$60/advance VIP; \$65/week-of VIP. Earl & Rachel Smith Strand Theater, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080 or www.earlsmithstrand.org.

JANUARY 2

Winter Break Craft at the Chattahoochee Nature Center.

Walk the Enchanted Woodland Trail and get inspiration for your own tiny home: a decorative bird house made from recycled toilet paper rolls. 11am-12pm noon. \$10/adults; \$7/seniors (age 65+) & students (ages 13-18); \$6/children (ages 3-12); Free/ages 2 and under & members. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: www.chattnaturecenter.org.

JANUARY 2-5, 8-12, 15-19

Tara Vaughan's SHE ROCKS: The Women of Rock Concert presented by Georgia Ensemble Theatre. Multi-talented musician Tara Vaughan takes us on a rockin' ride through the 60s, 70s, and 80s with the hits of the world's greatest female rockers. Backed by an all-star band. Wednesday: 7:30pm; Thursday & Friday: 8pm; Saturday: 4pm & 8pm; Sunday: 2:30pm. \$28-\$36. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell. More info/Tickets: www.get.org.

JANUARY 4, 11-12, 18

Schoolhouse Rock Live presented by the Georgia Ensemble Theatre. The pop culture phenomenon of the 1970s moves from your TV screen to the stage in brilliant color, with all the catchy musical numbers you remember! A nervous teacher learns how to capture students' imaginations with songs about history, civics, science, math, and grammar. Saturday: 11am; Sunday: 7pm. \$10. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell. More info/Tickets: www.get.org.

JANUARY 5

The Georgia Bridal Show. Meet face to face with wedding professionals and find everything you need to create the wedding of your dreams. 12-5pm. \$10/advance; \$15/at the door. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/tickets: eliteevents.com.

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HOLIDAY BREAK CAMPS

Cobb County School District has scheduled the holiday break from December 23 until January 3. To fend off winter break cabin fever, it's time to make plans to keep your kids busy for that long stretch off of school. To ensure a jolly season for all, here are some holiday camps in and around East Cobb.

Camp Kingfisher's Winter Break Camp

Campers will enjoy live animal encounters, outdoor games, hikes, hot chocolate, and StarLab, CNC's inflatable planetarium.

Where: Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell

When: December 23-24, January 2-3; 9am-4pm (Camp closes at 2pm on Dec 24)

Who: Grades K-7

Price: Prices vary per session

More information: www.chattnaturecenter.org or 770-992-2055

Dynamite Days Off Camp

During the school holidays, join the McCleskey YMCA for activities including swimming, crafts, sports and group games.

Where: McCleskey YMCA, 1055 E Piedmont Rd, Marietta

When: December 23-January 3; 9am-3:30pm (extended care from 7:30am-6pm)

Who: Ages 5-12

Price: Members \$40/day Non-Members \$60/day

More information: 770-977-5991

School's Out Camp

This program offers the chance to enjoy a wide variety of fun-filled activities. Camps focus on swimming, sports, art, drama and more.

Where: Marcus Jewish Community Center, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody

When: December 23, 26-27, 30, Jan 2-3; 8am-4pm

Who: Children preschool-8th grade

Price: \$60/member, \$80/non-member per day

Registration: atlantajcc.org/interior-pages/camps-school-s-out-camp

More information: 678-812-4000

Young Chefs Academy Winter Camps

Prepare some awesome recipes your family will love. Great for game nights and movie nights. How about some gourmet camp fire recipes?! You'll be excited to bring your recipes home to prepare some awesomely delicious and fun foods for your family!

Where: Young Chefs Academy, 230 Hammond Drive NE, Suite 368, Sandy Springs

When: December 23, 26, 27; 9am-12pm or 12:15pm-3:15pm

Who: Ages 3-18

Price: \$65/day

More information: sandysspringsga.youngchefsacademy.com/camps or 404-255-9263

The Food Studio Winter Break Camp

These are individual day camps with different menus each day. Kids will create various drinks, snacks and foods that are nutritious and cozy for the colder temperatures. Register for one, two or all four days.

Where: The Food Studio, 1175 Mt. Bethel Drive, Marietta

When: December 23, 27, 30, January 2; 8:30am-3pm

Who: Grades 1st-7th

Price: \$95/day, 5% discount for two or more days

More information: leafandloaf.com

Open Play Camp

Run, play, jump and tumble in one of the two gyms and enjoy a day of free play. Call to reserve at least 48 hours in advance, walk-ins will not be accepted due to child to teacher ratio.

Where: Champion Kids, 1465 Canton Road, Marietta

When: December 23-January 2; 9am-1pm, additional Art Camp from 1-3pm

Who: 2.5 years and older, must be potty trained

Price: \$40/1 day, \$110/3 days, \$150/5 days, Art Camp is additional \$15/day, 10% sibling discount

More information: championkids.net/camps



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SIMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER INVENTS GAME



Simpson Middle School P.E. Teacher, Randy Watts, stands next to the game he invented called, "Target Duel."

Since he was a kid, Randy Watts, a physical education teacher at Simpson Middle School, has always made up all types of games. Randy would have never guessed that he would be earning money for one of his games.

One day at school, he was cleaning out the equipment room and found a portable disc catcher that is normally used for disc golf. Randy said, "I have childhood memories of making up a game where I had to throw several flying discs into a cardboard box from several locations." This memory gave him the inspiration to create the original version of the game called, "Aerodisc." The game was an instant hit with his P.E. students at Simpson Middle School. It was so popular, in fact, that Randy was asked to demonstrate the game in front of all the Cobb County middle school P.E. teachers. "The

teachers were so excited about the game that they literally started to crowd me and ask for the rules and lesson plans," Randy explained.

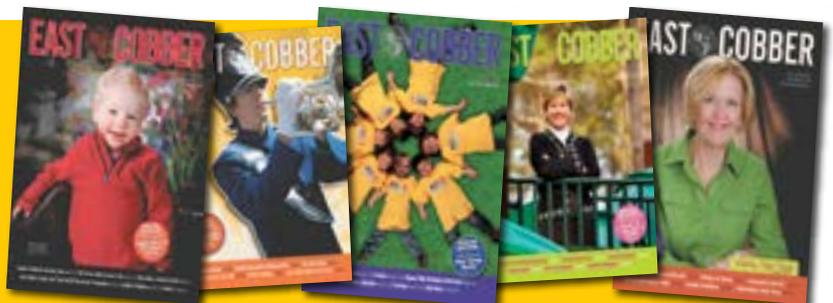
Randy received so much positive feedback about the game that he was inspired to make several phone calls to see if any game company was interested in the game concept. A company called Gopher Sports was very interested. Gopher Sports made an offer for the rights to Randy's game, patented the game and trademarked his game's new name, "Target Duel."

This is just one of several games that Randy personally created in his 26 years of teaching at Simpson Middle School. Many of the games are still being played by his students today. Randy is an award-winning teacher, just a few of his accolades include: Teacher of the Year at Simpson (2015); Cobb County P.E. Teacher of the Year (2001) and (2007); and Georgia P.E. Program of the Year (2000). "Having the honor of creating and inventing a game is the biggest legacy of them all," says Randy. Target Duel will be played by students all over the United States for years even after Randy has retired from teaching. "Now that is exciting thought, to know that my legacy will live on in P.E well after I have moved on!", stated Randy.

Randy lives in Suwanee but has been teaching at Simpson Middle School for 26 years. Randy has taught parents of his current students. Having taught in East Cobb for so long he feels like he is an East Cobber.

When Randy is not busy teaching or creating new games, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Lisa, the Assistant Principal at Grayson Elementary School, and their daughters, Madison, a Senior at the University of North Georgia; and, McKenna, a Senior at North Gwinnett High School. 📷

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PET OF THE MONTH: SNOWY

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Animal/Breed: Not sure, since he was a rescue, but we are guessing he's a Ragdoll breed of cat.

Age/Gender: 4 years old/male

Favorite Food: Whatever we put out.

Favorite Person: His human mom.

Best Trick: He likes to chase the dust that floats in the air in the afternoon light.

Turn Ons: He loves food and his cat siblings.

Turn Offs: He hates loud noises.

Favorite Toy: His littermate cat, Violet. They play together all the time.

Last Seen: You can "see" Snowy on his Instagram account: @whitecatstories

What makes your pet so special: Snowy was adopted at 8 weeks old as a companion for our older cat Grayson. Somehow, he's known his job is to be a good friend. Snowy is amazingly empathetic and will come and cuddle with anyone having a hard time — either cat or human — he can just sense it. When we take the cats to the vet, Snowy will lay his head near the other cats as they have their exams or shots. He is a wonderful addition to our home and makes us smile every day!

Should Your Pet Be Our Pet of the Month?

Fill out the information on your pet and send it to:
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Pet's Name: _____

Animal/Breed: _____

Age & Gender: _____

Favorite Food: _____

Favorite Person: _____

Best Trick: _____

Turn Ons: _____

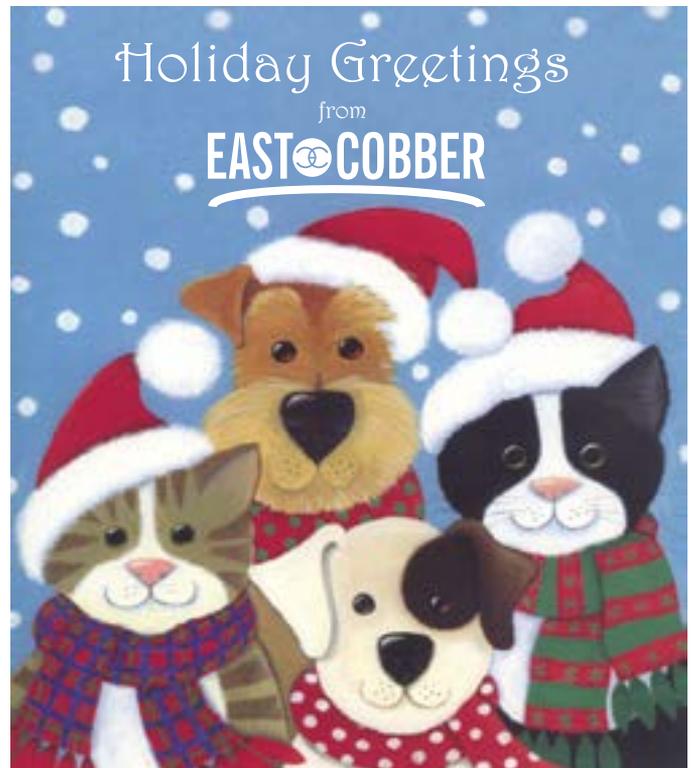
Turn Offs: _____

Favorite Toy: _____

Last Seen: _____

What makes your pet so special: _____

Owner's Name: _____



TOYS FOR TOTS SEEKS DONATIONS

As the holidays are upon us and planning for Christmas arrives, it's also time to think about doing something special for children in need. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is underway giving local residents an opportunity to purchase a toy for a boy and girl outside their family.

Toys for Tots started more than 60 years ago when Maj. Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and a group of Marine reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed more than 5,000 toys to needy children. Hendricks' idea caught on and was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots the following year and expanded it into a nationwide program. In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Today, Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps' premier community action program and one of the nation's flagship Christmas charitable causes. Toys for Tots is the only charitable endeavor within the Department of Defense which reaches outside the military establishment to give something back to the communities. Toys for Tots has enjoyed over a half century of success because of the support of millions of caring Americans, local communities, and corporate America plus the dedication and hard work of thousands of U.S. Marines. Toys for Tots is a program which brings all elements of a community together in a common cause for three months each year. The shiny new toy at Christmas lets these youngsters know that someone cares.

Area Toys for Tots coordinator Kelly Wilson is in charge of finding enough money and toys to fulfill toy requests for children in the 18 counties throughout Metro Atlanta. Kelly can be reached at 678-887-5179.

Toys for Tots collects only new toys. Organizers ask that toys brought to drop-off points be unwrapped so they can be sorted and given to the right child. Toys are to be appropriate for children from birth to 12 years.

For a complete list of drop-off points, visit www.northatlanta.toysfortots.org.

Toys For Tots Drop-off Points

All locations are collecting toys until December 20, unless otherwise noted.

- **Bel Fiore Bridal**
Tues-Sat: 10am-6pm
Sunday: Noon-4pm
1205 Johnson Ferry Road
Suite 138, Marietta 30068
- **East Cobb Middle School**
Collecting until December 18.
Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm
825 Terrell Mill Road
Marietta 30067
- **Jennifer's Jewelry LLC**
Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm
Saturday: 11am-4pm
2790 Sandy Plains Road
Suite 302, Marietta 30066
- **Kids R Kids of North Cobb**
Mon-Fri: 6am-6:30pm
3900 Canton Road
Marietta 30066
- **LA Fitness**
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
1453 Terrell Mill Road
Suite 145, Marietta 30067
- **LA Fitness**
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
4400 Roswell Road
Suite 126, Marietta 30062
- **LA Fitness**
Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm
2550 Sandy Plains Road
Marietta 30066
- **Learning Express Toys of East Cobb**
Mon-Fri: 9:30am-6pm
Sunday: Noon-5pm
1401 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta 30062
- **Midtown Tire-Johnson Ferry**
Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm
Saturday: 8am-5pm
2950 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta 30062
- **Pope High School**
Mon-Fri: 8am-4pm
3001 Hembree Road
Marietta 30062
- **Stein Mart**
Collecting until December 15
Mon-Sun: 10am-7pm
1309 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta 30068
- All **QuikTrip** and **Publix Supermarkets** are collecting toys until December 21.



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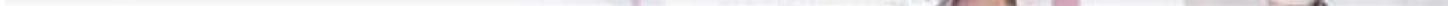
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GA DEPT. OF HEALTH CONFIRMS MEASLES IN COBB COUNTY

Cobb County School District officials reported that a Cobb County middle schooler was diagnosed with measles. The Mabry Middle School student was present at the school October 31 and November 1 and could have exposed others to the virus, according to Cobb and Douglas Public Health. Mabry Middle School is located at 2700 Jims Road in Marietta/East Cobb.

Last month, the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed three cases of measles in Cobb County residents, and testing is underway on another possible case. At least two of the individuals with measles are unvaccinated, and the vaccination history of the third is unclear. These individuals may have exposed other people to measles between Oct. 30 – Nov. 13.

It's highly likely these cases are all related, but the investigation into any linkage is ongoing at this time. So far this year, there are 11 confirmed cases of measles in Georgia – more cases than in the previous decade combined.

"These additional cases of measles should be highly concerning for anyone who is not vaccinated with MMR. Measles is a serious disease, one which can lead to dangerous complications, even death," said Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H. "The MMR vaccine is safe and about 97% effective in preventing measles. Vaccination is strongly advised for individuals not only to protect themselves but to protect vulnerable populations - such as infants who are too young to be vaccinated and those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons."

Measles spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Droplets from the nose or mouth become

airborne or land on surfaces where they can live for two hours. Measles is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 90% of the people around him or her will also become infected if they are not vaccinated.

Measles starts with a high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes. Then a rash of tiny, red spots breaks out. It starts at the head and spreads to the rest of the body.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends children receive their first dose of MMR vaccine between 12-15 months of age and a second dose between 4-6 years old. More than 95% of the people who receive a single dose of MMR will develop immunity to all three viruses. A second dose boosts immunity, typically enhancing protection to 98%.

Adults who are not sure about their measles immunity should speak to their health care provider. There is no harm in getting another dose of MMR vaccine if you may already be immune to measles (or mumps or rubella).

People with symptoms of measles should contact their health care provider immediately. DO NOT go to the doctor's office, the hospital, or a public health clinic without FIRST calling to let them know about your symptoms. Health care providers who suspect measles in a patient should notify public health immediately.

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Keep Cobb Beautiful is inviting everyone to "Bring One for the Chipper," and recycle your Christmas tree after the holidays. As part of a statewide effort to reuse Christmas trees, Keep Cobb Beautiful is hosting convenient sites where area residents can drop off their trees. No other items will be allowed to be dropped off at sites. Various locations in Cobb

County will accept trees from December 25, 2019 until January 4, 2020. To volunteer at a site location, look on the website at www.keepcobbbeautiful.org and go to the volunteer section for more information.

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