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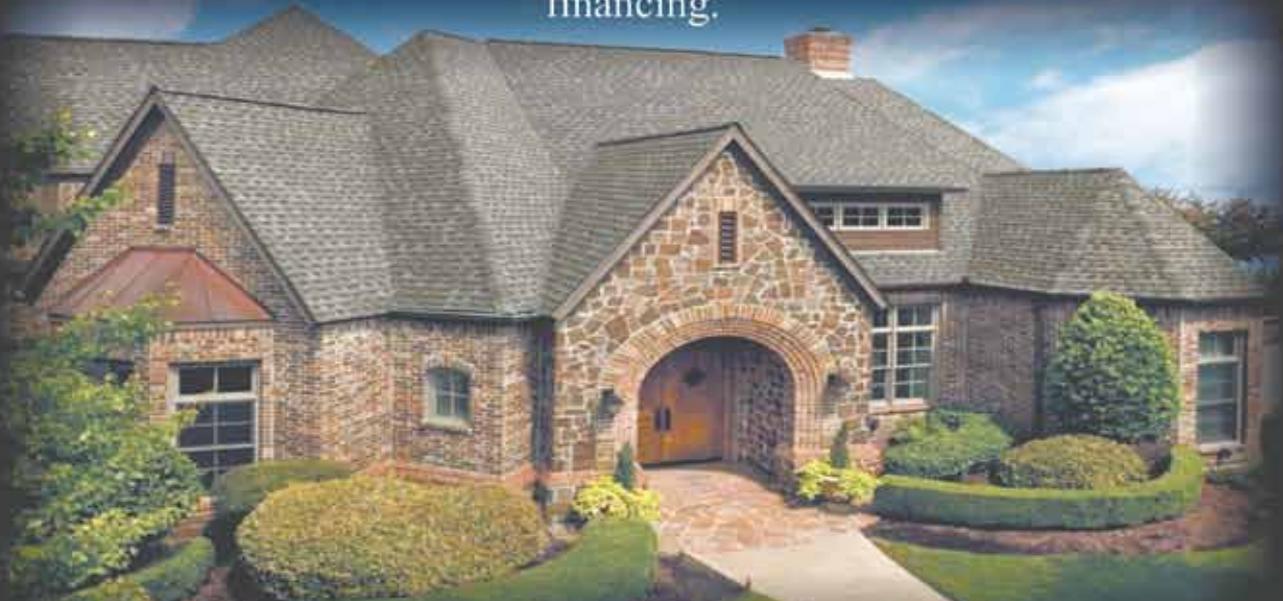
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Just as I was combing through the essays of the heartfelt "Mother of the Year" nominations, news of the Boston Marathon bombings derailed my happy mood. What happened in Boston is a reminder that no matter how protective we are in our homes, no matter how much love we give, the same cannot be said once we step foot outside our doors. The Aurora's, Newtown's and now Boston serve as a reminder that no one is truly safe. When we can't do simple, every day acts like go to school or the movies, or enjoy a special event like a marathon--what is sacred? Initially, as a mother of three, I feared for my children's uncertain, potentially volatile

future. Yet, as the days passed, my fears turned to pride when I heard the stories of ordinary citizens being selfless and brave when helping the victims of the Boston bombs. As demonstrated by the chants of "U-S-A!" from the Boston citizens who lost a day of their ordinary lives so the bad guy could be found, I was reminded when a violent act tries to take us down, it is also an opportunity to make us stronger, wiser, and more unified.

While it might be a senseless world at times, I believe it's an overall resilient, hopeful, positive place and our people are what make it so. When I started this magazine 20 years ago, a main purpose of mine was to reaffirm the good people that live right here in our great community by publishing their good works. This issue, like so many other past issues, recognizes those East Cobb residents who commit their talents and time to improve our world --from our Mother of the Year, Cicley Gay (page 6) to Pope's Lacrosse team collecting shoes for the poor (page 10) to the members of Good Mews caring for cats (page 37) to the congregants of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church who have created a festival that shares their food and culture with the community (page 48). In these increasingly uncertain times, we need to focus on the everyday heroes that live among us, and, as publisher of the EAST COBBER magazine, I am proud to remind readers that there is so much more good in this world and it's right here in East Cobb!

As the cool kids say, "Peace Out!"



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On the Cover

Featured on the cover this month is East Cobb resident Cicley Gay, EAST COBBER's Mother of the Year. She is pictured with her sons: Micah, 9; and Malik, 12 who attend Mt. Bethel Christian Academy. Her oldest son, Markelle, 18, is not pictured because he attends a performing arts boarding school in Massachusetts. "There are so many amazing moms in East Cobb . . . and to be honored among these moms is truly wonderful," says Cicley.

Cicley became a single mom when, in 2003, her husband died suddenly from a heart attack. Her son, Micah was only 6 months old. She supports the family by working at a nonprofit. The biggest challenge as a single mom is, "time and balance," shares Cicley, "Making sure I show each of my children how much I love them individually and encouraging each of their gifts and talents."

"Motherhood is God's way of using me to create 3 miracles . . . to help shape their lives and see them turn into men. My youngest was very young when I lost my husband, but I see a piece of my husband in Micah. They are my 3 gifts."

See Page 6 for the winning essay and Page 7 for a list of gifts for the Mother of the Year donated by local merchants.

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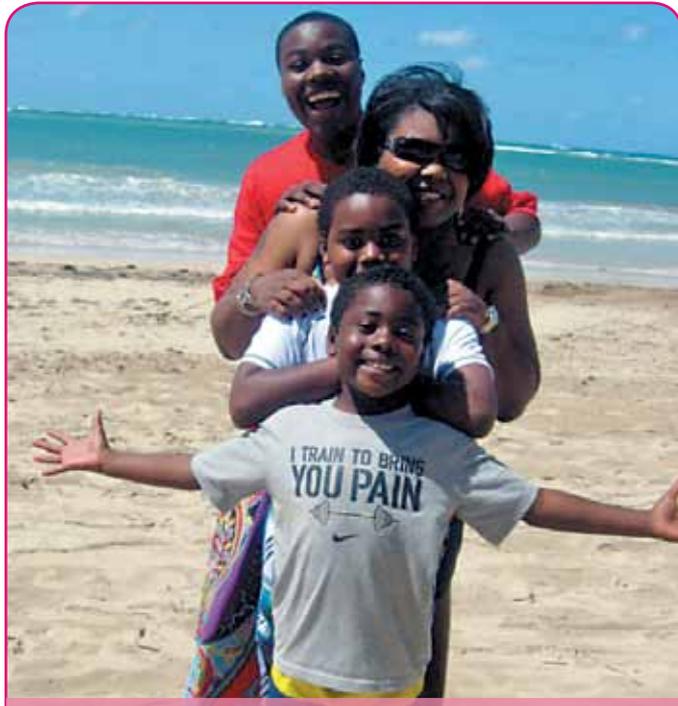
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Cicley Gay: East Cobber Mother of the Year 2013



Cicley is pictured with her boys: Markelle, 18; Malik, 12; and Micah, 9.

Here is the winning essay written by Markelle Gay, nominating his mom, Cicley Gay:

"Each time I see your Mother's Day edition, I think about why my mom, Cicley, should be recognized as the Mom of the Year. Now that I am 18 years old, I'm excited to tell you about her. There are many amazing moms in East Cobb, but mine has been doing it on her own for the last eight years since our father passed away from a heart attack. I have two brothers, Malik, age 12; and Micah age 9 and instead of giving up, she works harder to make sure our dreams come true. I fell in love with acting when I was only 10. Because of her, I have been able to perform in musical productions all across the country. Her support helped me earn a merit scholarship to a performing arts boarding school in Boston. It was hard for her to see me leave, but it was her love that allowed me to go. My brothers play lacrosse, basketball, baseball and football in East Cobb. They even started fencing last summer! My mom often drives 150+ miles each Saturday just to make it to all of their events. We jokingly say that you can hear her a mile away when she is cheering us on, and we wouldn't have it any other way. If that isn't enough, she is also on the Board of Directors at Mount Bethel Christian Academy, their school. Somehow, she still makes time to work full-time at a non-profit foundation, making sure that all us kids have the opportunity to be loved and mentored. I get tired just thinking about it! Thank you so much for reading my nomination, and for considering my mom for this honor. She really deserves it."

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The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation was selected in 1994 by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce to coordinate the state STAR program in association with the Chamber and the Georgia Department of Education. PAGE's 84,000+ members are privileged to continue the tradition of recognizing Georgia's future leaders and honoring the professional educators who have nurtured these scholars.

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

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

The following is a list of the East Cobb high school students and teachers honored by their local STAR sponsor this year:

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Margie Hatfield Scholarship Recipients Announced



▲ Pictured above are the Margie Hatfield Scholarship recipients: Sara Dada, Wheeler High School; Caroline Hutcherson, Lassiter High School; Anna Fenstermaker, Kell High School; Margie Hatfield; Beth Hanawalt, Sprayberry High School; Elizabeth Park, Walton High School; and Krystal Lo, Pope High School.

Six local high school seniors were named Margie Hatfield Scholarship recipients at the East Cobb County Council of PTA's (ECCC PTA) general membership meeting held last month. The scholarship was established in 1989 to honor the dedication and years of service by Mrs. Hatfield to the ECCC PTA. The scholarship recognizes and awards an outstanding senior from each of our council high schools who has demonstrated a commitment to service and citizenship in the most genuine spirit of PTA. The winners, each of whom receive a \$1,000 cash award to be used to further their education, were selected on the basis of their applications which included a personal essay and recommendations from school and community. Funded by the 35 local units of ECCC PTA and dona-

tions from community members, the scholarship program has awarded over \$100,000 to students over the years. Mrs. Hatfield was on hand for the presentations, held at Sprayberry High School. All of the winners have GPAs of over 4.0 and participate in a variety of school and community activities. Congratulations to these outstanding seniors!

"The Board of Directors of ECCC PTA is proud to continue our rich tradition of supporting and celebrating student success through the scholarship program. We wish all of our members a relaxing and safe summer holiday and we look forward to collaborating with you again in support of our children," says Irene Barton, Communications Chair for the ECCC PTA. ☺

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Congregations Form Family Promise to Help Homeless Families

“One Family” Musical Celebration to Raise Funds for Family Promise on May 17



DID YOU KNOW?

--Families with children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, representing about 40% of all homeless people.

--26 families with 53 children had to be turned away monthly by a local Cobb County shelter in 2012.

--Cobb County Schools Homeless Liaison reports there were 1,800 homeless children in Cobb County in 2011-2012. This does not include the many that go unreported.

--Homeless children are twice as likely to repeat a grade as other children, and more likely to score at the lowest levels of proficiency in math and reading.

--In 2009 the federal government reported that on average, less than 25% of homeless children will ever achieve a high school diploma.

Family Promise of Cobb County is committed to assisting local homeless families with children achieve adequate and consistent income, stable housing, and lasting independence by mobilizing the local interfaith community to provide temporary emergency meals, shelter, compassionate hospitality, and professional services.

Performers from several local congregations will help Family Promise of Cobb County (FPCC) kick off its effort to help the county's homeless families when they perform in the “One Family” musical celebration at Unity North Church, 4255 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta/East Cobb on Saturday, May 17.

“We invite everyone in Cobb County to join us as we celebrate the launch of Family Promise of Cobb County at this milestone event,” said FPCC President Fred Massey. “We hope this event will not only help us to raise funds for this initiative, but that it will also help to introduce us to the larger Cobb County community.”

“The theme of the event – One Family ... One Promise ... One Song – captures the essence of the message that FPCC hopes to convey through this event,” Massey added. “Unity North has graciously agreed to host this event, which will feature performers from many of the area congregations that are supporting our efforts.

Musical performers from Acworth United Methodist Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, St. Andrew United Methodist Church, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, and Unity North Atlanta Church have already agreed to participate in the One Family event. Musicians and vocalists from other congregations are also expected to join the lineup of performers in the weeks between now and the night of the show.

Advance tickets for the “One Family” musical celebration are \$7 each, and may be purchased from participating congregations or on the FPCC web site at www.familypromisecobbcounty.org. Family tickets may also be purchased in advance at a cost of \$20 for four tickets. Tickets purchased at the door on the night of the event will cost \$10 each. The cost for a family package of four tickets purchased at the door on the evening of the event will be \$25.

“We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in supporting the Family Promise of Cobb County initiative to our ‘One Family’ celebration on May 17,” Massey said.

Family Promise of Cobb County (FPCC) was formed in July 2012. FPCC is an independent affiliate of Family Promise, a national organization founded in 1988. This interfaith organization was founded with the mission of addressing the immediate needs of homeless families with children.

FPCC currently plans to open its doors in September 2013. Thirteen ‘host’ congregations will commit to assisting families by providing lodging, three meals a day, and caring hospitality for one week, four times each year on a rotating schedule. The number of guests at any one time will never exceed 14. Congregations that have already committed to host families as part of the Family Promise of Cobb County initiative are: Acworth UMC, Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew UMC, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Transfiguration Catholic Church, Mt. Zion UMC, Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, and Unity North Atlanta Church. To find out more about Family Promise of Cobb County and to donate to this cause, please visit www.familypromisecobbcounty.org. 



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East Cobb Teen Receives Girl Scout Gold Award



▲ Katie Bauman

East Cobb resident Katie Bauman recently received her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that Senior Girl Scouts may earn. Earning the Gold Award requires a suggested 80 hours of planning and implementing a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others, and has a lasting impact on its targeted community with an emphasis on sustainability. The Gold Award project is the culmination of all the work a girl puts into "going for the Gold." It is something that a girl can be passionate about—in thought, deed, and action. The project is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community (whether local or global), creates change, and hopefully, is something that becomes ongoing. The project is more than a good service project—it encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills.

Katie's Girl Scout Gold was earned by teaching art to elementary school-age children. Her free art classes required 100+ hours of planning, organizing as well as teaching. Katie also represented the Girl Scouts in the 100th Anniversary Chorus. She is a senior at Compass Prep Academy and is in the dual enrollment/ACCEL Program and Chattahoochee Tech. 📧

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Walton High School Seeks Families to Host Spanish Students

For the first time this summer, Walton High School will be hosting 43 students from Salamanca, Spain who will be here for the month of July learning English and experiencing life in the USA. For the last 16 years Dr. Hester Vasconcelos, a Spanish Teacher at Walton High School, has organized trips to Spain with the AP Spanish Language students, and now she says, "it is Walton's turn to host students from Salamanca." The students will arrive July 1 and will be housed with community families. The students will attend classes at Walton every day. In the mornings, they will study the four domains of language acquisition, reading, writing, speaking and listening. On many afternoons there are special activities at the school or field trips to local attractions. On other afternoons, the students will return to the host family home and experience family life, American style! There are 43 students from Salamanca ages 12 to 17—sons and daughters of professors at the Universidad—in need of host families. Individually or housed by pairs, the Spanish student guests will attend Immersion English Language & Culture Camp Monday through Friday in July from 9am to 1pm at Walton High School. They'll eat lunch at Walton and participate in activities or local excursions on most afternoons. Host families will need to provide breakfast and supper and transportation to and from Walton.

Share your family and your normal day-to-day life. In return, make a connection that can last a lifetime! When Walton goes to Spain, your student can meet the families in Salamanca and reconnect with a friend. Walton students can earn community service hours as student mentors, participate in afternoon activities (including art lessons and special projects, music, movies, and sports activities) practice Spanish and help teach English through shared family activities.

If you are interested in hosting or would like more information, call Marina Garcia at 404-862-6233 or e-mail at marina.garcia@cobbk12.org; or contact Dr. Hester Vasconcelos at 770-578-3225 ext. 276 hester.vasconcelos@cobbk12.org. 📧



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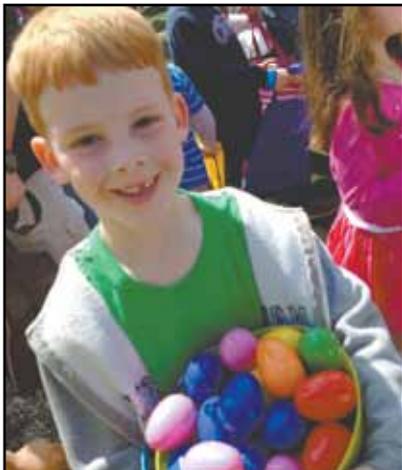
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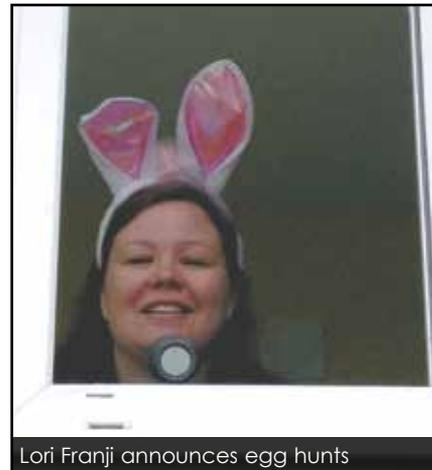
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Spectacular Easter Egg Hunt Held at Sprayberry High School

On Saturday, March 30, an estimated crowd of 10,000 people gathered for the annual Northeast Cobb Easter Egg Drop and Easter Egg Hunt. Held at Sprayberry High School, the highpoint of the event was when a helicopter flew over Sprayberry's Jim Frazier Stadium to drop thousands of eggs on the football field. In addition to collecting eggs, families and children enjoyed face painting, food and jumping on inflatables. This very special event was produced by Piedmont Church and the Northeast Cobb Business Association.



Volunteers from Piedmont Church



Lori Franji announces egg hunts

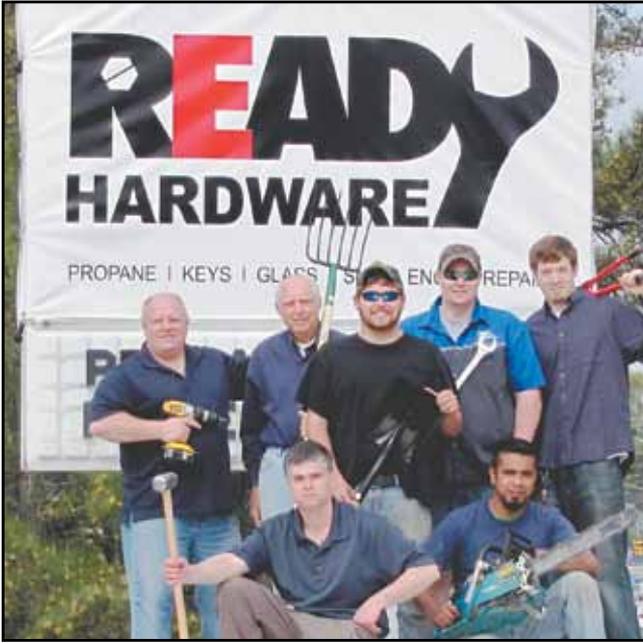


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Terry Morales works the Sprayberry concession stand

Ready When You Are



▲ Front row: Theo Mazza, Ricardo Contreras. Back row: Eric Borg, John Foote, Tim Holst, Scott Hall, Stephen Braswell

As the economy and customers' needs change, some small businesses find it easier to call it quits. Others retool their business strategies and chart a new path. Known to East Cobbers as Shallowford True Value Hardware since 1985, this hardware store is a small business that is not going away. With a new owner and direction, recently rebranded Ready Hardware & Home Services is just getting started.

Current owner Eric Borg's childhood home was the once rural Shallowford Road, and he remembers when Danny McCurdy first opened the business. The store served its customers well and was quite successful. "Business was strong," explains Borg. "Then Home Depot moved in a mile up the road in October 2003. McCurdy retained ownership, but worked outside the business traveling full-time. Business was never quite the same."

Borg has had successful business ventures over the years, with the most current in buying, selling, and renting real estate. "When the real estate meltdown hit, our holdings went from being over a million in the black to being about a million in the red," says Borg. "I was looking for options when I found out McCurdy wanted to sell. Buying a hardware store was not on my radar, but I called Danny not thinking it would go anywhere. Something about it stayed on the forefront of my mind. So we made a deal."

Although in the early stages of rebranding, Borg is expanding from the traditional neighborhood hardware store to a full-service handyman and home improvement shop. In a time when hardware stores are going out of business, Ready Hardware continues to be a convenient place to have a new key made, glass cut, or small engine repaired. On-location services include U-Haul rentals, propane tank refills, and, in the near future, emergency preparedness supplies. The Ready Hardware staff can assign the right person to handle most any job, including painting, repairs, improvements, lawns, tree removal, debris removal, decks and remodeling, to name a few.

According to Borg, one benefit of using Ready Hardware to contract services for is that the store provides a "sticks and bricks location with real people." Either an in-house team member or vetted local subcontractor performs the service. "We are here in person to serve and follow through," he says. "My people have been absolutely incredible and have truly hung in there as we work together to move ahead," says Borg. "We're committed and believe that we are heading in the right direction."

For hardware, home service, or home repair needs, visit Ready Hardware and Home Services at 2510 Shallowford Road, located near Lassiter High School or contact the business at 770/926-0700 or readyhardware@gmail.com.

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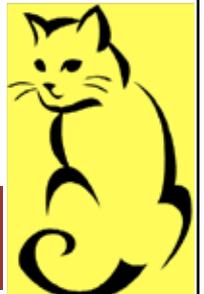


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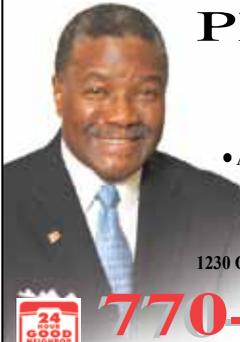


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Timber Ridge Girl Scouts Celebrate Earth Day with Tree Planting



▲ Arden Gergen, Julia Mahairas, Hannah Buxbaum, Parker Balog, Hannah Manley, Ellis Crawford, Phoebe Eddings, Anna Grace Ettel, and Juliette Futrell surround the tree they just planted.

On a beautiful spring day, nine Daisy girl scouts from Troop 13396 huddled around a mound of bare earth encircling a tiny grass-like pine seedling at Timber Ridge Elementary School in East Cobb. The tiny seedling, deceptive at first glance would grow to be one of the tallest, oldest and rarest southern pine trees, the prestigious longleaf pine, explained volunteer (and girl scout parent) Troy Ettel who led the planting ceremony. Troy serves as Director of Forest Conservation for the Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy and their partner, the Longleaf Alliance helped donate the planting materials for the Earth Day event, including providing a tree seedling for each Daisy girl scout to take home and plant in her own yard. The girls listened intently as Troy provided a mini natural history lesson on the ecology of this threatened tree, and then, one

by one, each Daisy girl scout took turns filling in the soil and securing the seedling in its new home, a grassy knoll flanking the school's garden, known as "Wolfie's Garden". Tristina McElreath, Timber Ridge Garden Committee Chair, looked on with approval and provided the following comments: "Thank you Girl Scout Troop 13396 for making a commitment to the land, to our community, and to the next five or six generations with the planting of this special Long Leaf Pine Tree. Planting this tree causes me to reflect appreciatively on the faculty, staff, donors, and other friends of Timber Ridge Elementary and those who believe in giving back. My grandchild's grandchild may one day draw inspiration from the canopy of this tree".

Timber Ridge Elementary Principal Dr. Tracie Doe and Vice Principal Mr. Adam Hill looked on at the event. "We are very excited that today, on Earth Day, Timber Ridge girl scouts are thinking about nature and protecting the Earth for future generations of students," explained Dr. Doe. Girl scout troop leader Magan Eddings agreed: "The girls are really taking ownership of this tree— not only are they earning a scout badge today for 'using resources wisely', but as they grow and mature as Timber Ridge students, the tree will be growing and maturing also."

Longleaf pine forests are native to the southern United States and stretch from Texas to Virginia. Longleaf once covered more than 90 million acres, but after 300 years of intensive timber harvest, agricultural expansion, fire suppression, and urban development, less than three percent remains. More than 140 plant species can be found in one square kilometer of longleaf pine forest, and with nearly 900 indigenous plant species, this forest is as biologically diverse as tropical rainforests. "It's about more than the tree, more than the understory. It's the entire ecosystem," explains Michael Prevost, former project director with The Nature Conservancy (TNC). By a conservative estimate, this region once hosted more than 420,000 acres of longleaf. Currently, only about 50,000 acres remain. 



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Pope High School • May 24 • 2:30pm

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Sprayberry High School • May 24 • 10am

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Cost: \$170

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678-977-3988 • courtney.harris@cobbk12.org
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770-579-1979 • rosegardenmontessori.com
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Weekly Camps: June 3-August 2. 9am-3:30pm. Ages: 8-17.
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770-541-1228 • waltoncheerleading.com
May 29-31. 9am-12pm (6th-8th grade). 1-4pm (K-5th grade).
Cost: \$65.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – SPORTS CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062
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June 3-6. 9am-12noon. Ages: 6-12. Cost: \$85. A variety of competitive games that emphasize the development of athletic skills and are designed to increase a child's understanding of the value of teamwork and cooperation.

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678-463-6592 • rocky.hidalgo@cobbk12.org
June 17-19. 9am-12noon. Ages 7-14. Cost: \$100. Instruction on the basics of football, teamwork and cooperation through competitive individual and group drills. Cost: \$100.

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHEER CAMP

375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068
770-955-6787 • wheelercheer.com
June 10-13. Grades: K-8th grade. 9am-12pm. Extended Care: 7:30am-12:30pm. Cost: \$75
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Cobb County Garden Tour, Plant Sale and Garden Faire Set for May 11



Explore private gardens of seven Cobb County Master Gardeners May 11 from 10am to 5pm, Mother's Day weekend, as part of the seventh annual Through the Garden Gate. Enjoy the unique styles and designs of the different gardens, each with its own set of challenges and triumphs.

In addition to the garden tours, the event features the popular Plant Sale and the Garden Faire with food and refreshments, local artisans and growers, children's crafts, area garden-related vendors, and demonstrations. Master Gardeners will be at the gardens, Garden Faire and the Plant Sale to answer lawn, plant and gardening questions. All of the gardens are located in Cobb County. The Garden Faire and Plant Sale will be outdoors at the Cobb County Water Department, 660 South Cobb Drive in Marietta. This event is free.

For the garden tour, advance tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Cobb County Extension Office, 678 S. Cobb Dr., Suite 200, Marietta. Advance tickets may also be purchased at www.cobbmastergardeners.org.

On the day of the tour, tickets can be purchased for \$20 at any of the seven tour gardens or at the Garden Faire and Plant Sale. For ticket purchases by mail, address requests to Cobb Extension Office, 678 S. Cobb Dr., Suite 200, Marietta, GA 30360 ATTN: Tour Tickets. If your request is received after May 1, tickets may be picked up at the plant sale on the day of the tour.

All tickets will include garden locations; downloadable directions will be available May 1 on the Cobb County Master Gardener's website www.cobbmastergardeners.org.

Proceeds from ticket sales go straight back to local communities, benefitting the 17 current garden projects supported by the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County, such as Plant A Row for the Hungry, two nature centers, demonstration and educational gardens, as well as two for children and youth.

This is a rain or shine event. For more information on the tour or Cobb County Master Gardening program, visit www.cobbmastergardeners.org or call 770-528-4070. 

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Name, Address & Contact Info	Program Name	Age	Dates	Time	Cost
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Crossview Baptist Church 1100 Piedmont Road • Marietta 30066 770-973-0063 • www.crossviewbaptist.org	"Buckaroos to SonWest Roundup"	4 yrs-5th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 17-21	6:30am-8:30pm	Free
East Cobb Church of Christ 5240 Roswell Road • Marietta 30062 770-587-5999 • www.eastcobbcoc.org	"Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth"	Preschool-Adult	Sunday-Wednesday June 23-26	6-8:30pm	Free
East Cobb Presbyterian Church 4616 Roswell Road NE • Marietta 30062 770-973-4114 • www.ecpca.org	"Upward Bound"	PreK (completed) - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 3-June 7	9:30am -12:30pm	Free
East Cobb United Methodist Church 2325 Roswell Road, Marietta 30062 770-971-3643 • www.eastcobbumc.org	"Everywhere Fun Fair"	4 yrs-rising 5th grade	Sunday-Wednesday June 16-20	6-8:30pm	\$15 donation requested
Eastminster Presbyterian Church 3125 Sewell Mill Road • Marietta 30062 770-977-2976 • www.groupvb.com	"Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth"	4 yrs - 4th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 24-28	9am-12:30pm	\$15/child
Eastside Baptist Church 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-2323, ext. 128 • www.ebcfamily.org	"Turn It Up"	K-6th grade	Sunday-Thursday June 23-27	9:15am-12:30pm	Free
Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul 1795 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-977-7473 • www.peterandpaul.org	"Kingdom Rock"	4 yrs - Rising 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 17-21	1-4pm	\$35/child
Faith Lutheran Church 2111 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-8877 • www.faithlcmcs.org	"Kingdom Rock"	4 yrs-4th grade	Monday-Friday June 10-14	9am -12pm	\$15/child; \$30/family maximum
Holy Family Church 3401 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-0038 • www.holyfamilycc.org	"Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth"	4-10 yrs	Monday-Friday June 17-21	10am - 12pm	\$45 (1 child); \$60 (2 children); \$75 (3 or more)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2922 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-971-4600 • www.holytrinitymarietta.org	"Kingdom Rock"	Rising K-5th grade	Monday-Saturday June 10-15	9am-12pm	\$25
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-6561 • www.johnsonferry.org	"Kingdom Rock"	Kindergarten-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 17-21	Monday: 6:30pm Tues-Fri: 8:30am-12:15pm	Free
Lutheran Church of the Incarnation 1200 Indian Hills Parkway • Marietta 30068 770-982-1790 • www.lcilutheran.org	"God's Big Backyard"	3 yrs- 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 24-28	9am-12pm	\$18/child
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 4814 Paper Mill Road, Marietta 30067 770-953-3193 • www.lcrmarietta.org	"Everywhere Fun Fair"	2 yrs -adult	Sunday-Thursday June 21-25	Dinner: 5-6pm Program: 6-8:15pm	Dinner: add'l. fee Program: \$20, \$15/additional child
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Everywhere Fun Fair"	4 yrs (by Sept. 1) Rising 6th grade	Monday-Friday June 10-13	12:30pm-3:30pm	\$30

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Name, Address & Contact Info	Program Name	Age	Dates	Time	Cost
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church 4385 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Kingdom Rock"	Family Unit	Sunday-Wednesday July 7-10	6:30-8:30pm	\$25/family
Mount Paran North Church of God 1700 Allgood Road • Marietta 30062 770-578-9081 • www.mtparan.com	"Kingdom Rock"	3 years-K (completed)	Monday-Friday June 17-21	9am-12pm	\$25/child
Mount Paran North Church of God 1700 Allgood Road • Marietta 30062 770-578-9081 • www.mtparan.com	"King of the Jungle"	1st-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 17-21	9am-12pm	\$50/child
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 4770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-971-1465 • www.mtzionumc.org	"Bon Voyage: Cruising through the Letters of Paul"	3 yrs (potty trained) - rising 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 17-21	9:30am-12:30pm	\$20/child
Noonday Baptist Church 4121 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 770-926-6138 • www.noondaychurch.org	"Kingdom Rock"	Rising K-6th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday July 15-19	6-8:30pm	Free
Pilgrimage United Church of Christ 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-971-0007 www.pilgrimageucc.org/the-ministries/vbs	"Journey with Paul: Live as Children of Light"	3 yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday July 15-19	9am-12pm	\$30/child; \$75/family
Powers Ferry United Methodist Church 245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta 30067 770-973-5271 • www.powerumc.com	"Kingdom Rock"	4 yrs - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 3-7	9:30am-12:30pm	Free
Roswell United Methodist Church 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Marietta 30075 770-993-6218 • www.rumc.com	"Buckaroos to SonWest Roundup"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 17-20	9:30am-12:30pm	\$20/child; \$60 family cap
Sandy Plains Baptist Church 2825 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-971-8525 • www.sandyplains.org	"VBS/Music Camps"	Pre-K - 9th grade (VBS); 1st-6th grade (music camp)	Monday-Friday June 24-28	VBS: 9am-12pm Music Camp: 12-4pm	VBS Free; Music Camp \$30/child
St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 571 Holt Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-2839 • www.stcatherines.org	"Kingdom Rock"	4 yrs - 4th grade	Monday-Thursday July 29-August 1	9am-12pm	\$30 (includes t-shirt)
Unity North Atlanta Church 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 678-819-9100 • www.unitynorth.org	"The Hero's Journey"	Age 4-11	Monday-Friday July 15-19	9am-1pm	\$70
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church 4495 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-993-4919 • www.wesleychapelumc.com	"Kingdom Rock"	3 yrs (potty trained)-rising 5th grade	Sunday-Thursday June 23-27	6:30-8:30pm	\$10
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church 4495 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-993-4919 • www.wesleychapelumc.com	"Shake It Up Café"	3 yrs (potty trained)-rising 5th grade	Tuesday-Thursday July 16-18	9:30am-12:30pm	\$10



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EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

Feeding Time at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Join a naturalist for an in-depth look at one of their resident animals as they are being fed. 4pm. Admission: \$10/adults; \$7/seniors and students; \$6/children (ages 3-12); free/ages 2 and under. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

EVERY SATURDAY

Free Arts and Crafts at Lakeshore Learning Store. 11am-3pm. Ages 3 and up. Make an "I Love My Teacher" Card, Mommy's Memories Photo Frame, Critter Creations, or Dazzling Memorial Day Centerpiece! Lakeshore Learning Store, 4287 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3100 or www.lakeshorelearning.com.

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Marietta Square Farmers Market featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. Saturday: 10am-1pm. Sunday: 12-3pm. Glover Park-Marietta Square. More info: 770-499-9393 or www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net.

Trail Hikes. A docent guides you on a journey through the Chattahoochee Nature Center trails using biofacts and activities to spark you "natural" curiosity. 1pm. Admission: \$8/adults. \$6/seniors. \$5/ages 3-12. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

MAY 3

Chattahoochee Handweaver's Guild Lecture at the Marietta/Cobb Art Museum. Lectures by members of the Chattahoochee Handweaver's Guild will discuss how they create their works, their inspiration, and the thought that goes into each piece. Free. 7-8pm. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444 or www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org.

First Friday Art Walk. Self-guided tour of the Marietta Square's eclectic art scene. Galleries, museums, cultural venues, restaurants and boutiques host artists within their businesses on the first Friday of every month, rain or shine. Look for an official Art Walk banner in the window to identify the participating venues. 5-9pm. Historic Marietta Square, 17 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: www.artwalkmarietta.com.

Home by Dark Concerts at the Chattahoochee Nature Center featuring James Casto, Chas Sandford, Nicole Witt, and Matt Blanchard. Rain or shine outdoors under the beautiful Ben Brady Pavilion. 8pm. Gates open at 6:30pm. Tickets: \$15/General Admission; \$45/table for 2; \$80/table for 4; \$120/table for 6; \$160/table for 8. No seating for general admission tickets so bring your own chairs/blankets. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: www.homebydark.com/chattnaturecntr.

MAY 3, 5

The Atlanta Opera: The Italian Girl in Algiers. In this whimsical, madcap adventure set in a 1930s pop-up book, Isabella is captured by an Algerian ruler who dreams of adding an Italian wife to his harem. Once imprisoned, Isabella turns the tables and rescues the man of her dreams. With more belly laughs than any opera should reasonably permit, Rossini's *The Italian Girl in Algiers* will charm your socks off! Friday: 8pm. Sunday: 3pm. \$24-\$131. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-916-2800, www.cobbenergycentre.com, or www.ticketmaster.com.

MAY 3-4, 10-11, 17-18

William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure presented by the North Fulton Drama Club. 8pm. Seating begins at 7pm. Special Mother's Day Matinee on May 12 at 4pm. Admission is free - \$5 donations are welcome. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. More info: 770-640-3855 or www.barringtonhall-roswell.com.

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MAY 3-4, 10-12, 16-18

The Dining Room a comedy/drama presented by the Polk Street Players and directed by Mary Nimsgern. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 8pm. Sunday: 2:30pm. Saturday May 4 and 11, dinner also served at 7pm. Tickets: \$12.50/person; \$20 for Saturday dinner shows. St. James' Episcopal Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta, 30060. For reservations: 770-218-9669.

MAY 4

8th Annual Marietta Go Girl Festival celebrating girls presented by Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre. Games, face painting, raffles, live music, free dance lessons, performances by various local talent and more. 10am-5pm. Historic Marietta Square. More info: 770-426-0007 or www.mariettagogirl.com.

2013 SafeTeen Georgia Driving Academy. This expo allows teens 14 or older and their parents/guardians to learn the basics of safe driving through engaging interactive presentations and demonstrations taught by Safe America Foundation training staff, law enforcement, fire fighter, emergency medical personnel and judges. 11am-5pm. \$20/parent-teen pair. \$10/each additional attendee. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta 30339. More info: 770-973-7233 or www.safeamerica.org.

The Drake Walk benefiting the Drake House which provides short-term crisis housing, assessment, support and empowerment to homeless mothers and their children. 1 mile, 5K and 10K walks through historic Roswell. \$15/individual. \$30/family. \$10/each for groups of 10 or more. 9:30am-2:30pm, rain or shine. Check-in: 9:30-11:30am. Roswell United Methodist Church, 815 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. More info: 770-587-4712 or www.thedrakewalk.org.

Free Comic Book Day 2013 hosted by Great Escape Comics and Games. All attendees will receive a free comic, no strings attached. There will be a variety of comics from many different publishers. A family-friendly event for everyone. 11am-8pm. Great Escape Comics and Games, 1050 East Piedmont Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 678-438-4540 or www.freecomicbookday.com.

Georgia Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus Concert under the direction of Bryan Black. 7:30pm. \$20/adults. \$12/seniors. \$10/students. Marietta First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: 770-429-7016 or www.georgiasymphony.org.

Helicopter Rides and Helicopter Day at the Aviation Wing of the Marietta Museum of History. 10am-3pm. Tickets: \$40/person. \$5 parking fee. Corner of Atlanta Road and South Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or www.mariettahistory.org.

Taste of East Cobb. Tastes from the area's finest restaurants, arts and crafts, kids activities, live music, silent auction and more. Free admission. Tastes are \$1 to \$5. Cash only. 11am-5pm, rain or shine (under tents). Fountains of Olde Towne Shopping Center, 736 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: www.tasteofeastcobb.com.

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MAY 4-5, 11-12

Good Mews Spring Flea Market. Find great bargains on a variety of items. Saturdays: 9am-5pm. Sundays: Noon-5pm. All proceeds benefit Good Mews Animal Foundation, a local non-profit organization which operates a volunteer-based no-kill shelter for homeless, abused, and abandoned cats. Donations for the flea market accepted at the storefront every Saturday (10am-2pm) and Sunday (12-3pm) until May 5, and by appointment during the week. Email: kmcnamara@goodmews.org to schedule a donation. Piedmont Commons Shopping Center, 1050 E. Piedmont Road, Marietta, 30062. More info: 770-499-2287 or www.goodmews.org.

MAY 6

Cobb Chamber First Monday Breakfast. Speaker: U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson. Program: 25th Anniversary of Cumberland CID and Cobb Executive Women Glass Ceiling Award. 7:30am. General admission: \$60. Member: \$40. Cobb Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.



MAY 7 & 21

READING Paws. This one-on-one program is designed to promote confidence and to encourage independent reading skills. Recommended for grades 1-5. Registration required. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb: 3-4pm. Gritters Library, 880 Shaw Park Road, Marietta: 3:30-4:30pm. More info: Mountain View, 770-509-2725; Gritters, 770-528-2524 or www.readingpaws.org.

MAY 8

Museum Mice Tour: Making Music with Murray and Etta.

Preschoolers, ages 3-5, are led into a lifelong love of history with Mice Tours. Each month the tour focuses on a different theme, including colors, shapes, music, jobs and more! Tickets: \$7/family. Reservations are required for the tour. 10:30-11:30am. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Suite 200, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or www.mariettahistory.org.

MAY 9, 16, 23, 30

Brown Bag Concert Series. Grab your lunch at one of the many great restaurants around Marietta Square and meet your friends and coworkers at Glover Park every Thursday in May. 12-1pm. More info: 770-794-5601 or www.marietta.gov.

MAY 10

Cobb Executive Women Luncheon. Speaker: Elisabeth Marchant, President and CEO of Womenetics. Program: Challenges of Senior Level Executive Women. 11am-1pm. Members: \$20 online (by noon, May 8) or \$35 at door. Guests: \$30 online (by noon, May 8) or \$45 at door. The Georgian Club, 100 Galleria Parkway, 17th Floor, Atlanta. More info: 770-859-2320 or www.cobbchamber.org.

MAY 10-12

Annual Mother's Day Gem and Mineral Show presented by the Georgia Mineral Society. Educational exhibits, club displays, mineral and fossil specimens. Free. Friday-Saturday: 10am-6pm. Sunday: Noon-5pm. Auction held Saturday at 1pm. Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-979-8331 or www.gamineral.org.

MAY 10-12, 16-18

Tokens of Affection presented by CenterStage North. A delightful new romantic comedy from the wonderfully witty mind of Atlanta's own Topher Payne! The Garrett family is learning that although the big things in life get all the attention, it's the little things that matter most. This show is packed with clever dialogue, huge laughs and beautifully tender moments. Thursday-Friday: 8pm. Saturday: 2pm & 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. \$15. The Art Place Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info/tickets: 770-331-0079 or www.centerstagenorth.org.

MAY 11

4th Annual Noteworthy 5k. Join the fun with this symphony-themed evening run. Play dress-up as you pair tuxedos with tennis shoes, sparkles with sneakers, or maybe wear jewels while you jog! 7pm. Tickets: 5K/1 Mile: \$25 through May 6; \$30 after May 6 and on race night; Phantoms: \$30; Tot Trot (ages 5 & under): \$10. Building Four, Barrett Lakes Office Park, 1940 Lodge Road, Kennesaw. More info: www.georgiasymphony.org.

Garden Party and Plant Sale sponsored by Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County. Shop booths of yard art, birdhouses and feeders, sculpture, photography and more, alongside plants for sale. Plants include ornamentals, natives, conifers, shrubs, flowering annuals, perennials, and edible plants. Monarch over Georgia, the Plant Doctor Booth, Bee Keepers, and demonstrations by Master Gardeners. 10am-4pm. Free. 662 South Cobb Drive, Marietta, 30060. More info: 770-528-4070 or www.cobbmastergardeners.org.

Rockin' at the River – Come Fly With Us. Annual fundraiser for the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Main Event: 7:30pm. Patron and Sponsor Reception: 6:30pm. Tickets: \$125/General admission. \$250/Patron party & event. Sponsorships available. Spring chic attire. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info/tickets: 770-992-2055, ext. 226 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

Tea with Beatrix Potter at Barrington Hall. This springtime tradition features beloved children's author "Beatrix Potter" portrayed by Atlanta actress, Holly Stevenson as she brings to life characters through captivating storytelling and puppet mastery. 1-3pm. Tickets: \$10/person. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Dr., Roswell, 30075. More info: 770-640-3855.

Through the Garden Gate Tour. Explore the private gardens and projects of Master Gardeners in Cobb County. Advance tickets: \$15/person. At event: \$20/person. All tickets include map of garden locations. 10am-5pm. More info/tickets: 770-528-4070 or www.cobbmastergardeners.org.



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MAY 12

Mother's Day Open House/Mothers Helping Others. Bring mom out on her special day at the historic homes of Roswell. Treat her to a tour of Barrington Hall, Bulloch Hall, and Smith Plantation during their annual open house with free admission. Food donations will be accepted at each home for the North Fulton Food Bank. 1-3pm. Archibald Smith Plantation, 935 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell. More info: 770-641-3978.

MAY 13

Rain Barrel Make & Take Workshop. Participants will create their own rain barrels from 55 gallon drums so please come dressed to be outdoors and working with power tools. 3-4pm. Free. Limit 1 barrel per household. Cobb County residents only. Registration required. Cobb County Water Quality Laboratory, 662 South Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info/to register: 770-528-1482 or <http://watershed.cobbcountyga.gov/files/rainbarrels.htm>.

MAY 14

Town Hall Meeting hosted by District Three Commissioner JoAnn Birrell. The police K-9 team and Animal Control will be spotlighted. 7pm. Mountain View Community Center, 3400 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-528-3317 or www.cobbcounty.org/birrell.

MAY 15-16

Defensive Driving/Driver Improvement Class presented by Safe America. If you are already driving but want to lower the cost of your car insurance or if you've gotten a traffic ticket and need to take a defensive driving class, this class is for you. 6-hour class taught by certified instructors. Registration needs to be done in person due to a state form requiring signature. 6-9pm. Court ordered/point reduction: \$75. Insurance rate reductions only: \$30. Safe America Foundation, 2480 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7233 or www.safeamericadrivers.org.

MAY 16

Business to Business Expo presented by Cobb Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of local businesses and corporate networking. More than 150 companies showcase their products and services to more than 1,000 attendees. Open to the public, this event keeps participants on the competitive edge with networking, idea sharing, product introduction and service solutions attracting executives at every level. 3-7pm. Free. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.

MAY 17

Sixth Annual Marietta Student Film Festival. Georgia's premier student film festival spotlights funny, original short films submitted by Cobb County students, ages 10-19, all competing to win a grand prize of \$500! All 2013 submissions focus on the theme "Living The Dream"... guaranteed to be hilarious! 7-9pm. Free. Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080, www.earlsmithstrand.org.



MAY 17

The Return: Beatles Tribute Band. Presented by the Michael O'Neal Singers. 8pm. \$20/adults. \$15/students & ages 60+. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. More info: 770-594-7974 or www.mosingers.com.

20th Anniversary Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. The event is held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track or park, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track at all times throughout the evening. Relay brings together the community aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. 7pm-7am. \$10. Free for survivors. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: www.cobbrelay.org.

MAY 18

Adopt-A-Thon. Residents are invited to find a new best friend to take home at Cobb County Animal Control. 10am-4pm. There will be vendors, food, police K-9 demonstrations, special adoption rates and a raffle. People will also have the chance to meet the county's on-staff veterinarian. 1060 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-590-5614.

South Cobb Arts Alliance (SCAA) Candlelite Concert

Series: Milkshake. Bring a picnic and come early for the best seating. Food concession stand also available. No lawn chairs. 8-10pm. Gates open at 7pm. Free or \$50/table for 4. Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre, 5239 Floyd Road, Mableton. More info: 770-819-7765 or www.mablehouse.org.

Volley for Voice Tennis Tournament benefiting Voice Today, child advocates against child sexual abuse. World Team Tennis format (6-10 players/team with minimum of 3 men and 3 women). Individual players will be placed on a team based on their USTA or ALTA ranking. Junior players 15 and up competitive with adult ALTA B/USTA 3-3.5 level are welcome. Sign in: 7:30am. Tournament: 9am. \$50/player. Harrison Tennis Center, 2653 Shallowford Road, Marietta. More info/to register: www.voicetoday.org or Phil Williams, 404-933-5097.

MAY 19

Annual Spirit of America Concert presented by Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church (UMC) Worship Arts Ministry and featuring the male vocal group, VERITAS. Old-fashioned ice cream social to follow concert. 5pm. Mt. Bethel UMC, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. Free admission. More info: 770-971-2880.

MAY 19

Final Company 2013 presented by Mountain View Arts Alliance and Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts (CCCEPA), ending their season of Dance and Shout Broadway song and dance. Free. 7:30pm. Lawn opens at 7pm. Bring your blanket/chair. No alcohol. Free or \$25/table for 8. The Art Place Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2700 or www.cccepa.com.

MAY 20

61st Annual Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council (ARMAC) Luncheon hosted by Cobb Chamber with former Assistant Secretary of Defense Dennis M. McCarthy as the keynote speaker. The luncheon is a celebration of Cobb's military community, recognizing the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. A highlight of the event is the presentation of the 2013 USO Patriot of the Year Award. 11am. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway SE, Atlanta 30339. More information: 770-859-2348 or kweinkle@cobbchamber.org.

MAY 21

Well Screen by Wellstar, an affordable health screening event. 7:30-10am. East Cobb YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road Marietta, 30062. More info and to register: 770-956-7827.

MAY 22

Information Fair sponsored by Cobb Senior Services and Senior Citizen Council. Over 90 exhibitors with information on many topics such as Elder Law, Advance Directives, Assisted and Independent Living, Social Security, Volunteering, Medicare, Home Remodeling and much more. Free Admission and Free Parking. 10am-2pm. Cobb County Civic Center, 549 S. Marietta Parkway, Marietta, 30060. More info: 770-528-1445 or 770-528-5381.

MAY 31

Glover Park Concert Series. The Glover Park Concert Series is the place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month, April through September. Bring a blanket and enjoy a free concert in Historic Marietta Square at 8:30 pm. For more information, call 770-794-5601 or visit www.MariettaGA.gov.

MAY 31 & JUNE 1

2013 Georgia Miss Amazing Pageant. An opportunity for girls and young women with disabilities to build self-confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment through the skills learned in pageantry. Age divisions range from 5-35 years of age. More info and to apply online: www.missamazingpageant.com or anniedempset@missamazingpageant.com.



MAY 31, JUNE 1-2

The Blade Show presented by BLADE Magazine. The world's largest knife show will feature the most diverse array of knife manufacturers, custom knifemakers, collections and products as well as unique educational seminars and competitions. Friday: 2-7pm. Saturday: 9am-6pm. Sunday: 9am-2pm. \$15/1-day pass. \$35/3-day pass. Ages 12 & under free with paid adult admission. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: www.bladeshows.com.

JUNE 1

84th Annual Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, one of the longest running gatherings of radio amateurs for buying, selling, demonstrating, exhibiting, and swapping of equipment, with new and used equipment as well as parts. 8am-3pm. \$5/adults. Free/ages 17 and under. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: 678-575-0639.

JUNE 3

The Carpenter Open 17th Anniversary Golf Outing. Charity golf tournament to benefit local agencies such as St. Vincent DePaul and MUST Ministries to assist the needy in our community. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Dr Marietta, 30068. More info: 770-649-0745 or cssgust@att.net.

JUNE 3-6

Drivers Education presented by Marietta/Cobb Driver's Education. 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of individual training behind the wheel. This program meets the requirements for Joshua's Law and qualifies for the Teen Driver's Education insurance discount. 8am-4pm. \$375. Dodgen Middle School (1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta) or Kell High School (4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta). More info: 770-429-3170 or www.mariettacommunityschool.com.

JUNE 8

28th Annual Magnolia Ball: Red, White & Blue benefiting the preservation of Bulloch Hall. 7pm. Cocktails, music and a silent auction, dinner and dancing. \$150. Black tie/White dinner jacket. Country Club of Roswell, 2500 Club Spring Drive, Roswell. More info: Pam Billingsley, 770-992-1731, ext. 2, or www.bullochhall.org.

3rd Annual Roswell Lavender Festival honors and commemorates the beauty and various uses of this ancient herb in a lively family-friendly festival setting featuring demonstration booths, crafts, and performances as well as lavender plants for sale and musical performances. 10am-4pm. Free, rain or shine. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. More info: 770-640-3855 or www.southerntrilogy.com.



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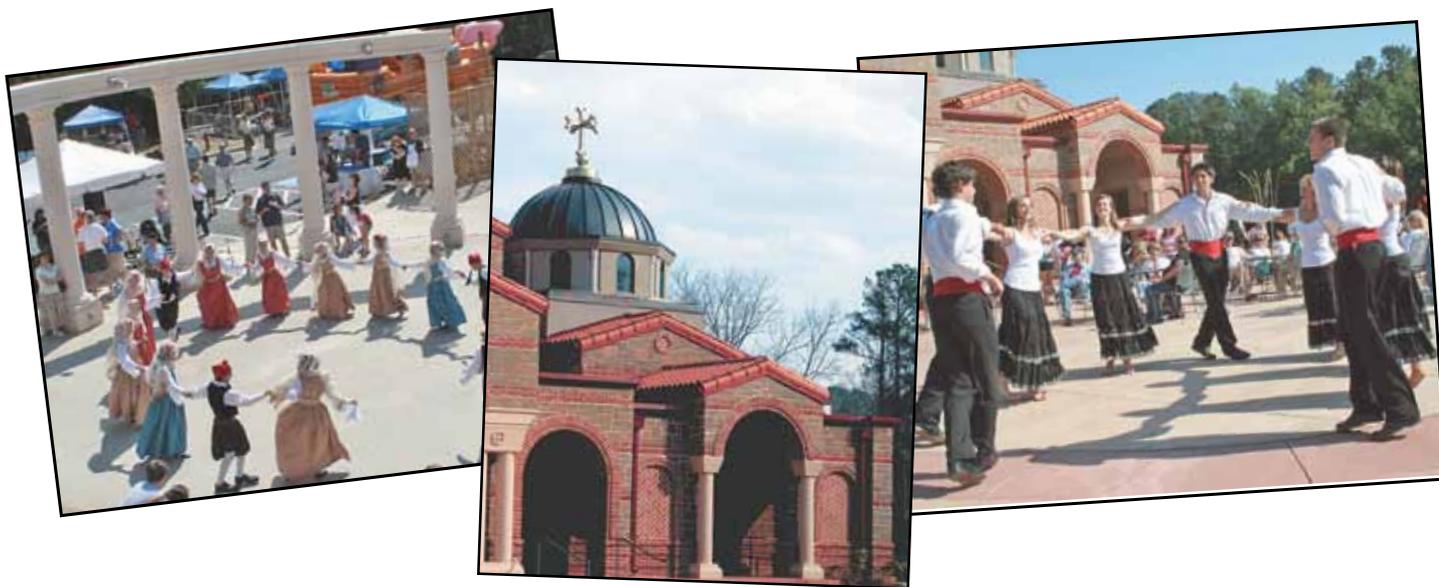
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The Greek Orthodox Community Invites You to the 23rd Annual Marietta Greek Festival



The Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church presents the 23rd Annual Marietta Greek Festival May 17-19. The Marietta Greek Festival will be held on the beautiful church grounds at 3431 Trickum Road in East Cobb. Many people in the East Cobb Community have watched the Marietta Greek Festival grow from humble beginnings in 1990 at the Cobb County Civic Center to Cobb County's largest ethnic event. 2013 marks the 23rd anniversary of this beloved Marietta tradition and all are invited to come celebrate and enjoy the Greek culture. Enjoy homemade Greek food and pastries, live Greek music, authentic Greek dancing, exotic shopping and much more. There is something for every member of the family.

Festival guests will enjoy traditional ethnic specialties such as Chicken Oreganato, Pastitsio, Dolmades and the great Gyro sandwich. Exquisite Greek pastries, breads, cheese and spinach pies and honey puffs are highlights you won't want to miss. On the lighter side, Niko's Taverna serves a delicious variety of Greek hors d'oeuvres along with imported beer and wines. For the first time ever, the Marietta Greek Festival will be serving genuine Greek yogurt topped with chopped walnuts and drizzled with honey. You won't want to miss this delicious treat located in the Lower Platia.

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Guided tours of the beautiful Byzantine sanctuary and chapel are offered throughout the weekend. Guests will be in awe of the rich color, distinctive

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Over a dozen authentic vendors set up their shops inside the Festival's Agora (Marketplace). Come by to see items created in the Greek tradition such as fine imported Greek jewelry, handmade linens, hip scarves, delicious Greek pastries, Greek cookbooks and travel books, decorative art pieces, hand done oil paintings, beautiful Mediterranean candle holders, glass blown items and wood crafted items from the Holy Land—just to name a few! You will find an endless assortment of items that reflect the Hellenic Culture and its cherished traditions.

Come to the Marietta Greek Festival and be Greek for a day! This East Cobb tradition opens Friday, May 17th, at 3 p.m. with FREE admission for all until 5 p.m. The fun continues on Saturday, May 18th, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. and concludes Sunday, May 19th 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Admission is just \$4 (kids 12 and under are FREE). Although thousands attend, free parking and shuttles make it a stress-free and convenient visit. The Marietta Greek Festival is held at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta 30066. Log onto www.MariettaGreekFestival.org for more festival information. Feed your body and soul at this unique East Cobb event. DON'T MISS IT! OPA!

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Favorite Person: My Mom
Best Trick: Jumping for my tennis ball
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Favorite Toy: The Laser pointer
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The Good Mews shelter is located at 736 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite A-3, in Marietta/East Cobb. They are open on Saturdays from 10am-4pm and the second, third, and fourth Sunday of the month from 1-4pm. For more information, visit goodmews.org.

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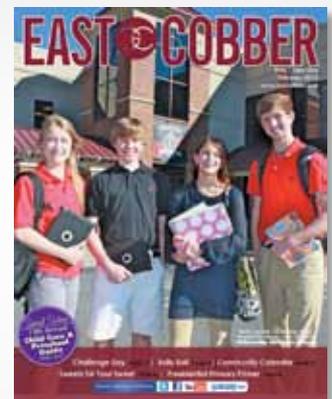
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Blog Becomes Book for East Cobb “Paleo” Mom



▲ Sarah Ballantyne

In her blog called The Paleo Mom, Sarah Ballantyne refers to herself as a “scientist turned stay-at-home mom who shares recipes, explains the science behind the paleo diet and its modifications, and blogs about challenges of raising a paleo family.” This alternative way of eating has become a passion and a new way of living for Ballantyne, who brings a Ph.D. in Medical Biophysics

to the table. Her health and nutrition blog, and soon-to-be-published book, *The Paleo Approach*, are the results of discovering a way to improve her family’s health through diet.

Ballantyne and her husband moved to East Cobb about four and a half years ago, and now have two daughters, ages six and three. Because her medical research career demanded 60 hour-plus work weeks, she decided to spend some time as a stay-at-home mom.

Plagued with chronic health issues over the years, Ballantyne began an intensive search a little more than two years ago to determine if diet could possibly be the answer to her medical problems. That’s when she found the paleo diet, which includes foods that are grain-free, legume-free, dairy-free, refined sugar-free, and processed food-free. This approach to eating is based on wholesome, contemporary food choices from food groups that our hunter-gatherer ancestors would have eaten in the Paleolithic Age. These types of foods directly improve the health of individuals who have medical issues that, many times, go misdiagnosed or undiagnosed.

After just two weeks on the paleo diet, Ballantyne was able to give up six medications that she had been taking for many years. “I started telling everyone who I came contact with about this diet,” says Ballantyne. “The person who was cutting my hair, the person at the checkout register, it didn’t matter. That’s when I decided to start a blog as an outlet to talk about my discovery.”

With health issues as well, her daughters have benefited from following the paleo diet. The health of both daughters -- one with sleep apnea and acid reflux and the other with chronic constipation and sleep disturbances -- has improved.

A typical dinner meal for the Ballantyne household consists of a meat or fish and a couple of vegetable side dishes. The paleo diet simply requires that there are no dinner rolls or rice of any kind. For tacos, lettuce replaces the tortillas. And for pasta dishes, she uses spiral-cut vegetables or kelp noodles. Eggs, fruit, or paleo pancakes become their breakfast staples. Lunches often consist of salads, leftovers, fruit, or Applegate Farms uncured grass-fed beef hot dogs (without the bun). Her website includes many of her favorite recipes, including Paleo Chicken Fingers, Paleo Tacos, Paleo Meatloaf, and Paleo Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies (see facing page for the recipe).

“One of the best things about eating this way is that your taste buds become supersensitive, and food tastes amazing,” she says. “Although it’s hard to believe, a bowl of berries is such a satisfying treat for all of us.”

Ballantyne points out that inflammation is the root of most all chronic illnesses, and the paleo diet serves as an anti-inflammatory with nutrient-dense foods. The diet addresses many issues, particularly autoimmune diseases that affect about 50 million Americans, as well as other conditions such as asthma, allergies, skin conditions, arthritis, digestive disorders, and weight (whether it’s a need to increase or decrease).

For more information about the paleo diet or for tasty recipes, visit www.thepaleomom.com. Also, look for *The Paleo Approach*, which will be published in September. “I am writing the book that I wish I had read 15 years ago,” she says. 



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Recipe of the Month: Paleo Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

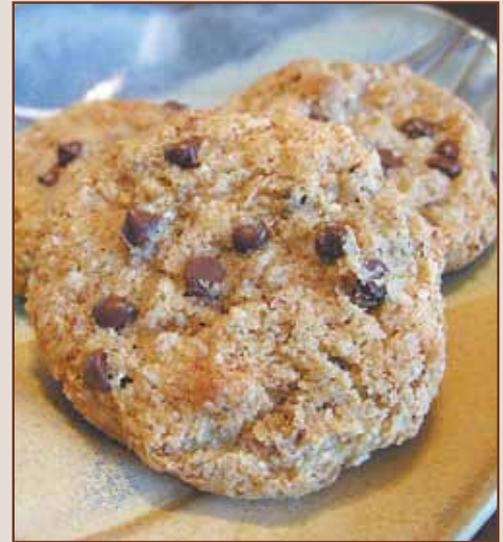
From Sarah Ballantyne, The Paleo Mom's Kitchen

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cups extra virgin coconut oil, melted and cooled
- 2/3 cups Muscovado Sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups Blanched Almond Flour
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 3/4 tsp Baking Soda
- 1/2 tsp Cream of Tartar
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1 Tbsp Brown Sesame Seeds
- 2 Tbsp Flaxseed Meal
- 1/2 cup finely Shredded Unsweetened Coconut
- 1/4 cup Macadamia Nuts
- 1/4 cup raw Pecans
- 1/4 cup Sliced Almonds
- 2 Tbsp Raw Sunflower Seeds
- 1/2 cup Mini Chocolate Chips or Raisins (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350F. Mix coconut oil, sugar, egg and vanilla in a medium bowl. Add almond flour, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt and mix well. Pulse macadamia nuts in a food processor until they resemble coarse sand. Pulse pecans to similar texture. Pulse sunflower seeds to similar texture. Pulse almonds to a slightly coarser texture, resembling quick oats. Add shredded coconut, sesame seeds, ground flax seed and processed macadamia nuts, sunflower seeds, almonds and pecans. Stir to combine. Incorporate mini chocolate chips or raisins. Drop 1" balls of dough onto a cookie sheet. Bake for 9-10 minutes, until slightly underdone. Let cool completely on cookie sheet. Enjoy!



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The Color Spot, Inc.*	Lase'R Ventures, Inc.	RYECO, Inc.*
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Deluxe Athletics, LLC *	Moore Colson*	Veterinary Products, Inc.
Dogma Dog Care	Mopdog Creative + Strategy	The Wendy Bunch Team, RE/MAX PURE
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An overall winner, determined by a thorough process including nominations, applications and site visits by an outside panel of judges, is selected among the Top 25 and announced at the June 3 First Monday Breakfast at the Cobb Galleria Centre. The breakfast will also honor the Top 25 and the Small Business of the Year Hall of Fame. Tickets to the breakfast are \$25 online and \$40 at the door for members and are \$60 for general admission. Visit www.cobbchamber.org/sboy, for more information and event registration.

For more information about the Small Business of the Year awards, contact Tya Dawson at 770-859-2341 or tdawson@cobbchamber.org.



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Zonings and Variances for May

The following is a list of zonings to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, May 7, at 9am. The Board of Commissioners will vote on these zonings Tuesday, May 21 at 9am. These listings are provided by the East Cobb Civic Association, Inc. For comments and final actions by these organizations, please visit www.eastcobb.net.

LUP-12: Hewett Consulting, 770-977-3295, represented by Thomas Hewett requests a Temporary Land Use Permit (renewal) for a business service. Property is located West side of Bill Murdock Road, south of Sewell Mill Road, north of Old College Way, District 16, Land Lot 834, Parcel 5.

The following is a list of variances to be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals Wednesday, May 8 at 1pm.

V-52: Dennis Key, 770-363-3352, representing himself, requests to: 1) Waive the setback for an accessory structure over 650 square feet (existing approximately 1,940 square foot "one story frame garage/barn") from the required 100 feet to 60 feet from the western property line and 20 feet from the southern property line; 2) waive the setback for an accessory structure over 650 square feet (existing approximately 1,456 square foot "tin carport/overhang") from the required 100 feet to 67 feet from the southern property line and 74 feet from the eastern property line; 3) allow an accessory structure (existing approximately 1,940 square foot "one story frame garage/barn") to the side of the principal building; and 4) allow an accessory structure (approximately 1,456 square foot "tin carport/overhang") to the side of the principal building. Property is located on the east side of Tourney Drive, east of Trophy Drive (2082 Tourney Drive). Reason: Garage & Carport.

V-55: Rhonda and Kevin Ficco, 770-509-2452, represented by Reeves Newson, 770-820-1597, requests to: 1) Waive the side setback from the required 10 feet to 8.8 feet; and 2) increase the maximum allowable impervious surface from 35% to 40%. Property is located on the north side of Weddington Ridge, north of Weddington Place (2579 Weddington Ridge). Reason: Pool

V-56: Jorge and Ashley Ocampo, 770-686-6808, representing themselves requests to: 1) Waive the rear setback from the required 40 feet to 23 feet; and 2) allow an accessory structure (proposed pool) to the side of the principal building. Property is located on the north side of Tam Oshanter Drive, south of Brook Hollow Circle (480 Tam Oshanter Drive). Reason: Pool.

V-57: Joseph Pond, 678-300-8947, representing himself requests an appeal related to the minimum lot size of two acres required to maintain poultry as pets or food source. Property is located on the west side of Plantation Drive, south of Manor

House Drive, and on the north side of Lassiter Road (4112 Plantation Drive). Reason: Chickens.

V-58: Anil C. Jasti, 678-463-6608, representing himself requests to waive the rear setback from the required 30 feet to 25 feet. Property is located on the southeast side of Heyward Square Place, and on the west side of Lower Roswell Road (5422 Heyward Square Place). Reason: House.

V-59: Havoline Xpress Lube, 770-971-7171, represented by Danny Lankford, 404-983-5851, requests to: 1) Waive the setback for a sign from the required 62 feet from the center line of an arterial road right-of-way to 52 feet from the center line of an arterial road right-of-way; 2) waive the minimum lot size from the required 200,000 square feet to 14, 408 square feet; 3) waive the front setback from the required 100 feet to 35 feet; 4) waive the rear setback from the required 50 feet to 15 feet; and 5) waive the side setbacks from the required 50 feet to 25 feet from the western property line and 45 feet from the eastern property line. Property is located on the west side of Sandy Plains Road, south of Post Oak Triff Road (2755 Sandy Plains Road). Reason: As-built property.

V-60: Merchants Exchange, LLC, represented by Parks F. Huff, Esq., 770-422-7016, requests to: 1) Waive the minimum number of parking spaces (entire retail center) from the required 892 to 547; 2) waive the front setback from the required 50 feet to 29 feet; and 3) increase the maximum allowable impervious surface from 70% to 72%. Property is located on the southeast corner of Roswell Road and East Cobb Drive (4400 Roswell Road). Reason: As-built.

V-61: Hugh and Elizabeth Mooney, 770-971-0086, represented by Alan Wills, 678-873-1860, requests to: 1) Waive the front setback from the required 50 feet to 45 feet; 2) waive the rear setback from the required 35 feet to 20 feet; 3) waive the setback for an accessory structure less than 144 square feet (existing "shed") from the required 5 feet to 3 feet from the western property line; and 4) waive the setback for an accessory structure less than 144 square feet (existing "club house") from the required 5 feet to 3 feet from the western property line. Property is located on the northwest side of Riverhill Court, east of Riverhill Road (5131 Riverhill Court). Reason: Home addition.

This information was provided by the East Cobb Civic Association. The East Cobb Civic Association meets Wednesday, May 29th at 7pm, East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. All are welcome. For additional information, please visit our website at: www.eastcobb.net. 



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Legislative Update: Georgia State House Session 2013

By Karen Hallacy, Georgia PTA Legislative Chair

On Thursday, March 28, the 2013 legislative session came to an end when the House and Senate completed the 40th and final legislative day. This last day of session is known as "Sine Die," a Latin term meaning "without assigning a day for further meeting." One of the most important bills passed this session was House Bill 106. This bill establishes the state budget for Fiscal Year 2014, totaling \$19.92 billion, running from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

The 2013 legislative session was relatively quiet with no high profile education bills and few major bills affecting children and youth. The most significant bill affecting children was HB 242, the Juvenile Justice bill which rewrote the juvenile code and addressed how youth would be handled once they entered the juvenile system. The goal is to keep the non-serious offenders out of jail and in local jurisdiction treatment programs so that minor offenders don't become major, repeat offenders. Below is a recap of some of the more significant legislation that impacts children and youth:

HB 70: Under certain case by case instances, the State Board Of Ed (SBOE) could waive the requirement that a 'medically fragile' student must be enrolled in a public school for one year and have an IEP before being allowed to qualify for a Special Needs Scholarship. The Local BOE/school could be required to expedite the development of the IEP. Stipulates that students already enrolled in private school are eligible. Amended to ensure student won't receive more than the district receives from the state but payment schedules are not synced so if a student returns to public school the money doesn't follow until next payment cycle. Does include austerity cuts but still does not deduct local 5 mil share.

HB 115: Revises provisions related to the suspension and removal of school board members in cases where the system is placed on probation by an accrediting agency. Proposed changes include: notice of probation must be submitted to the SBOE by the LBOE in writing, the state board hearing on charges must be held within 90 days, deliberations of the state board may be held in executive session and suspension or removal shall not apply to board members who were not on the board when the accrediting agency placed the system or school on probation. If school or district has been accredited by a second accreditation organization within the last two years then students would still qualify for HOPE. Also added that LBOE members can't use local taxpayer dollars to defend themselves against being removed from office due to accreditation issues.

HB 131: Would have dual enrollment courses treated the same as AP and IB courses in calculating HOPE.

HB 244: Puts into law the teacher and leader evaluation system currently being piloted. Codifies how student achievement is factored into a teacher evaluation (50% of evaluation) along with trained and certified administrative observation, school climate and student surveys. Student achievement would be based on scores from EOCTs for those classes that have EOCTs and would be based on locally developed pre and post tests based on Student Learning Objectives (SLO) for those classes with no established end of course tests. Effective 2014-15.

HB 283: Major clean up of Title 20, as recommended by the Education Finance Commission. Updates QBE program weights; limits the charter system annual grant to those systems whose charters were approved prior to 1-1-12. Those approved after that date will get a one-time implementation grant subject to appropriations (translation: excludes Fulton County with 93,000 students would have receive a \$9 million extra grant per year); counselor-student ratio changed to 1 to 450 for every grade and in 2015 will include FTE counts for English Language Learners and Students With Disabilities, and in 2016 will include gifted and remedial; includes technology with texts for 'instructional materials'; extends maximum class size to 2014-2015 with State Board of Education eligibility to waive; allows 20 additional day grant to be used for additional services to students during the school day and removes the limit that can be spent on transportation; school psychologists to be funded at 1 to 2,420, formerly 1 to 2,475; school psychologists, special ed leadership and social workers to be indirect costs separately identified; removes 'needs improvement' designation from the code, and calls it 'unacceptable'; charter schools no longer have to have a professional learning program; establishes a grant program to incentivize adopting of a digital learning program using high speed internet; middle school grades no longer need a shared planning period in law; home school students will send attendance reports directly to the state DOE, not the local school system; home school students with a suspected disability must notify the local school superintendent; specifies that charter petitions are three-way and that the local school system cannot be a petitioner; Charter Advisory Committee shall review petitions for charter systems only; LBOE to have 90 days to approve or disapprove a charter school petition which is now 60 days; removes the term AYP from the law; requires school foundations to be 501.c.3 corporations.

Changes definitions in the School Scholarship Organization regulations:

- Eligible student must be enrolled in the public school for at least 6 weeks;
- Currently 25% of revenue may be held in reserves.
- SSO must designate revenue to specific students;
- Students with financial needs must have preference;
- Must maintain separation between scholarship funds and operating funds;
- Must report federal AGI for families of all scholarship recipients and number of dependents in such families;
- Donors cannot designate a specific student to be recipient of the donated funds.
- Increases annual total to \$58 million and eliminates the inflationary rider.

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HB 284: Return to Play Act. Would require the local Board of Education to adopt a policy governing when an athlete (ages 7-18) can resume participation in a sport after sustaining a head injury. Covers public, charter and private schools but not church leagues. Schools will not be liable for a student's injury unless it is caused by willful or wanton action. Public recreation facilities where registration is required and fee is charged shall provide written information on risks of concussion and head injuries to parents and are encouraged to adopt a return to play policy.

HB 337: Would allow public and private schools to stockpile auto-injectable epinephrine (epi-pens). Doctors would be able to write a prescription for the schools. An employee will be trained to recognize anaphylactic shock and how to administer the epi-pen and will not be liable unless gross negligence is found. Recently, a pharmaceutical company said it would provide four per school if the school had a prescription for them.

HB 372: Lowers the requirement to receive a HOPE grant from 3.0 to 2.0. Does not affect HOPE Scholarships.

HB 382: Schools that enter into a recreation joint use agreement will not be liable for injuries that happen on their grounds while they are being used by the renter of the facilities. The other entity will be required to carry insurance to cover any liabilities. Modified to only pertain to agreements between public/private not public/public due to liability.

HR 552: Urges implementation of comprehensive school counseling programs and encourages districts to allow counselors five full-time segments to advise students (and parents).

SB 212: Requires an American Heart Association video on how to perform CPR and use AED devices to be shown in high school Health and PE.

HB 142: Ethics Bill: Caps expenditures at \$75 per occurrence. Forbids lobbyists from paying for sporting events, hunting trips, etc. as well as foreign travel. Can still pay for caucus, delegation, committee or whole general assembly events with certain limitations. Can pay for trips if legislator is performing 'official duties'.

HB 156: Makes 'sexting' between teenagers a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

HB 242: Rewrite of the Juvenile Justice Code. Revises how a youth is processed when he or she is in the juvenile system. Eliminates conflicts in the code.

HB 350: Requires a national criminal records check for anyone who works in a child care facility. Each person must be re-checked every five years. 🗣️



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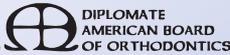
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Blood shortages often occur because individual donations decrease, along with the number of organizations that are able to sponsor blood drives. Eligible blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors with type O (positive and negative), B negative and A negative blood should consider an automated red cell donation, a process in which only red cells are donated.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

The following are some of the blood drives being held around East Cobb County during the month of May:

• **May 4: 9am-2pm**

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Dermatology Affiliates Welcomes Dr. Abbott to East Cobb



▲ Cynthia Abbott, M.D.

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Dr. Abbott has always felt at home in the field of dermatology. "I feel like all my life I have been in the field of dermatology," she says. "In college I majored in both biology and art, and I was drawn to the field of dermatology because of the visual appeal and the variety of people she treats."

The visual appeal may have drawn her to the field of dermatology, but her interest in dermatology goes beyond the variety of people she treats. "I am a dermatologist, I am a doctor, and I am a mother. I want to be able to help my patients and my children."

Dr. Abbott also completed her residency at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. "I feel that I have the best of both worlds. I have the expertise in Pediatric Dermatology, and I have the expertise in Medical Illustration."

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▲ Laura Fanoie and her brother Dennis Farrell, Jr. True Religion jeans with a casual shirt purchased at The Hub Boutique.

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May 7, May 21, May 28 | 10am – 12pm

Older American's Month Celebration-The Spirit of Creativity

Friday, May 10 | 10:30am – 12pm

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Ice Cream & a Movie: Road to Zanzibar

Monday, May 13 | 1 – 3:30pm

Cost: \$4 Cobb Residents, \$5 Nonresidents

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The second Bing Crosby/Bob Hope "Road" picture casts Crosby as a penny-ante sideshow promoter and Hope as Crosby's only client, "Fearless Frazier." Making their escape after teaching the natives their time-honored "Patty Cake" routine, they head for Zanzibar. Come for zany fun, ice cream and popcorn!

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Ice Cream & a Movie: Road to Morocco

Monday, May 20 | 1pm – 3:30pm

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Hope and Crosby are back to wrap up Comedy Month. Having accidentally caused a merchant ship to blow up, stowaways Bob Hope and Bing Crosby are shipwrecked on the African coast. Commandeering a convenient camel (who takes time to ad-lib a spit in Hope's eye!), Bob and Bing are off on the road to Morocco, an event they celebrate in song. Come enjoy the fun, ice cream and popcorn!

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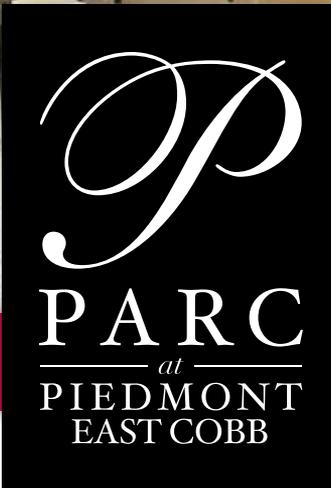
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Regular Activities Scheduled at the East Cobb Senior Center

The East Cobb Senior Center aims to enrich, increase socialization, and add fun to the lives of older adults. Educational and recreational programs of particular interest to seniors are scheduled--daily and weekly--on an assortment of topics, craft classes, physical fitness and health screening activities as well as volunteer opportunities. To participate in these activities you just need to be a Cobb County resident age 55+. The East Cobb Senior Center is located at 3332 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta/East Cobb. Here's a list of the regular activities offered at the East Cobb Senior Center:

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

8:30am - 4:30pm Open Billiards Daily
8am - 8:30am Indoor Walking Daily
2:30pm - 3pm Indoor Walking Daily (except Wed)

MONDAY

8am - 1pm Puzzles Weekly
9am - 12pm Tennis Mixer (Harrison Tennis Center.) Weekly
9am - 3pm Monday Bridge Weekly
10am - 4pm Open Games Weekly
10:30am - 11am Senior Exercise Weekly
10am - 11am Catch'em Fishing Club 1st Mon. of month
11:30am - 4pm Duplicate Bridge (Partner Required) Weekly
1pm - 4pm Intermediate Bridge I & II Weekly
1:30pm - 2:30pm Guys & Dolls Choral Group Weekly

TUESDAY

8am - 10am Lockheed Martin Retirees Association Weekly
8:30am - 4pm Pinochle Weekly
9:30am - 10:30am Line Dance Practice Weekly
10:30am - 11:30am Intermediate Line Dance Weekly
11am - 3pm Duplicate Bridge (Partner Required) Weekly
1pm - 2pm Sign Language Weekly
1pm - 4pm Rummikub Weekly
1:30pm - 2:30pm Advanced Line Dance Weekly
1:30pm - 3:30pm Table Tennis Weekly

WEDNESDAY

9am - 11am East Cobb Classic Golfers Board Meeting/3rd Wednesday of month
9:30am - 12pm N.A.R.F.E. (Business Meeting) Last Wednesday of month
9:30am - 12pm American Mah Jongg Weekly
10am - 11am Senior Exercise Weekly
10am - 12:30pm N.A.R.F. E. Meeting & Luncheon 2nd Wed. of month
11am - 2pm Pinochle Weekly
1pm - 4pm Misfits Weekly
1pm - 4pm Knitting Weekly
1pm - 3:30pm Ballroom Dance Practice 1st & 3rd Wed.
2pm - 3pm Foxtrotters Ballroom Dance Club Meeting 2nd Wednesday of month

THURSDAY

9am - 3pm Wood Carvers Club Weekly
9:30am - 12pm Camera Club 1st Thursday of month
9:30am - 3pm Hand & Foot Canasta Weekly
10am - 12pm Golden Kiwanis Club Weekly
10:30am - 12pm Ideas & Issues Book Club 3rd Thursday of month
12:30pm - 4:30pm Rummikub & Canasta Weekly
1:30pm - 3pm A.A.R.P. Chapter Meeting 1st Thursday of month
2pm - 4pm Retired Military - 2nd Thursday of month. (No meetings June, July or August)
1:30pm - 3:30pm Table Tennis Weekly

FRIDAY

9:30am - 4pm Pinochle Weekly
9:30am - 10:30am Line Dance Practice Weekly
10am - 4pm Canasta Weekly
11am - 3pm Friday Intermediate Bridge Weekly
10:30am - 11:30am Intermediate Line Dance Weekly
1pm - 2pm Advanced Line Dance Weekly
1pm - 4pm Asian Mah Jongg Weekly
7:30 - 10:30pm Foxtrotters Dance (3rd in Nov. & Dec) 4th Friday of month



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18th Annual EAST COBBER Parade & Festival Scheduled for September 21



This fall, East Cobb will once again welcome the hometown tradition of a community parade and festival when the 18th Annual EAST COBBER Parade & Festival takes place. The EAST COBBER Parade features floats and high school marching bands as well as a cornucopia of East Cobb groups and will be followed by the EAST COBBER Festival featuring local entertainment, carnival games and plenty of good food.



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

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

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

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

Because the EAST COBBER Parade & Festival is privately funded, contributions from local businesses are vital to keeping this tradition alive in East Cobb County. For sponsorship information or to request a festival booth application, contact 770-640-7070.

2013 EAST COBBER Parade & Festival Details:

Date:

Saturday, September 21, 2013

Parade:

Start Time: 10am

Finishes approximately
11:30am

Parade Route:

Parade travels one mile south
from Princeton Lakes Drive to
Fountains of Olde Towne
Shopping Center,
736 Johnson Ferry Road

Road Closure:

Johnson Ferry Road from
Lower Roswell Road to
Roswell Road shuts down
9:45am-11:30am

Festival Site:

Fountains of Olde Towne
Shopping Center
736 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta, GA 30068

Application Deadline:

Friday, August 2, 2013



CLUB CALENDAR

AARP Chapter 2830. First Thursday of each month. 1:30pm. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Mary Johnson, 770-926-7881 or doule37uga@comcast.net.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Cobb County. Second Tuesday of the month. 7pm. Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. Does not meet in July & August. More info: Bonnie Williams, 770-971-6130.

American Needlepoint Guild. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:45pm. Cobb Public Library, Mountain View Branch, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-394-0065.

Anne Hathaway Garden Club. Third Wednesday of the month (except July and August). Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: Charlene Robinson, 770-971-7786.

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

Atlanta World War II Roundtable. Third Thursday (Sept-June) of the month. 11:30am. Petite Auberge Restaurant, North Druid Hills Road @ LaVista Road, Atlanta. More info: 770-928-4579 or jkovach2000@yahoo.com.

"Aware & Conscious Birds"
Book Club. Mondays. 7-8:30pm. Bikram Yoga Marietta, 80 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: awareconsciousbirds@gmail.com or http://consciousness.meetup.com/203.

Big Chicken Chorus. Every Monday evening. 7:00pm. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. Award-winning 50 voice, male, 4-part a cappella harmony chorus. More info: Frank, 770-587-1264, fehrach@aol.com, or www.bigchickenchorus.org.

Bridge Club. Four free lessons; \$5 thereafter. Thursdays 7:30pm and Sundays 2pm. Singles are welcome. 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7717.

Business Breakfast Networking of East Cobb. Professional Referral Networking. Second Tuesday each month. 8:15-9:30am. C'est Moi/ Café Paris, 1100 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30068. More info: Ellen Kelly, 404-713-2830 or Lnkelly@sbcglobal.net.

Cobb County Democratic Committee. Monthly breakfast 2nd Saturday each month. 9am. Piccadilly Cafeteria, 536 Cobb Parkway SE, Marietta. More info: 770-420-7133 or www.eastcobbdems.com.

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society. Second Tuesday of the month. 7:30pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Mary Ingram, 770-427-1108, or Leo or Edna Morris, 770-445-9274.

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

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

Cobb Marietta Retired Educators Association. Second Thursday of every month. 11:30am. Luncheon reservations required. Freeman-Poole Senior Center, 4025 South Hurt Rd., Smyrna. Contact: Carolyn Wilson, clw770@bellsouth.net or 770-427-6840.

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

Cobb Regional Republican Women. Third Tuesday, every month. 7pm. Cobb GOP Office, 799 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Neva Lent 443-324-5522.

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

Dad 2 Dad. A stay-at-home dads group. Every Tuesday and Thursday. 10:30am. Various locations. More info: Richard Collins, 770-579-5445.

Danc'n Singles. A square dance club. First and 3rd Saturday of the month. 8-10:30am. FOP Lodge, 2350 Austell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-943-6979.

Dog Hikers of Georgia. Every Sunday. 10am. Various locations. Non-dog owners welcome. More info: Dr. Dan Batchelor, 770-992-2362.

Dudes 'n Darlins Square Dance Club. Dances on 2nd and 4th Friday each month. 8-10:30pm. Mountain View Community Center, 3400 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Margaret, 770-751-7210, dudesndarlins@comcast.net, or www.dudesndarlins.com.

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

East Cobb Business Association. Luncheon and featured speaker. Third Tuesday each month. 11:30am-1pm. Hollycrest Hall, 2235 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta. More info: Susan Hampton, 404-218-6216, susan.hampton@lionbank.com, or www.eastcobba.com.

East Cobb Civic Association. Last Wednesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Jill Flamm, 770-552-8206 or www.eastcobb.net.

East Cobb Civitans. Second and 4th Thursday of the month and noon for lunch at The Olde Town Athletic Club (behind Tuesday Morning & Sports-O-Rama), 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-578-9901.

East Cobb Community Friends for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Third Tuesday of the month. 7:30pm. Meetings are in members' homes and vary each month. We work to benefit CHOA with fund raisers and service projects. More info: Suzanne Strickland, 770-992-2882, or Diane Ellwanger, 770-579-9510.

East Cobb Democratic Alliance. Third Thursday of the month. 6pm - Social. 7pm - Program. Rib Ranch, 2063 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: Tom Barksdale, 770-715-1218 or tbarksdl@aol.com.

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

East Cobb Lions Club. Second and 4th Tuesday of the month. 7pm. East Side Baptist Church, 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Don Garrow, 770-955-6914.

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

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East Cobb PowerCore Team. A business referral network. Every Thursday. 7-8:30am. IHOP, 3130 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Amy Caplan, 404-572-1278.

East Cobb Rotary Club. Every Wednesday. 7am. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-789-0623 or dschwally625@hotmail.com.

East Cobb Woodcarvers Club. Every Thursday. 9-11am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-645-0817.

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

Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance. Third Thursday of the month. Social hour: 6pm. Meeting: 7pm. American Legion Post, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Bill Kalish, 770-298-9966.

Golden "K" Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday. 10am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Bill Vermeer, 770-971-6579.

Happy Tails Pet Therapy. Orientation for prospective members 1st Thursday or Saturday of the month. 10:30-11:30am. Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Building F, Room F001, Marietta. Check dates: 770-740-8211 or www.happytailspets.org.

IMPS Bridge Club An offshoot of the former Newcomers Club of East Cobb, looking for new members. Various formats, dates and times available. For more information contact Roni Fink @ 404-310-3448 or phinque999@AOL.com.

International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)-Cobb County Chapter. Fourth Monday of the month. 6:15pm. Meeting & dinner. Windy Hill - Marriott Hotel, Marietta. More info: Oleta Herron, 770-661-2876.

Jewish War Veterans, Bicentennial Post 976. Third Sunday of the month. 11am. Marriott Hotel, Perimeter Center. More info: Fran Jacobson, 770-436-7456.

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

Marietta Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday. 12noon. Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Bill Sidner, 770-579-4094.

Marietta Lions Club. Second Thursday of the month. 7pm. Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Road, Marietta. More info: 770-565-8230.

Marietta PFLAG. Fourth Sunday each month. 1-3pm. Newcomers are welcome. Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: mariettapflag@gmail.com.

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

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

MOMS Club of Marietta North. First Wednesday of the month. 10am. Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Marion Hegedes, 678-494-8887.

Moms in Prayer. Dickerson Middle School. Every Tuesday at 1pm pm. Meeting location available upon request. More info: Movita Stallworth, 770-321-1783 or mo633@comcast.net.

Moms in Prayer (formerly Moms in Touch) for parents of children at East Side Elementary. Thursdays, 10am. More info: Rachel Bloom, 770-973-4705 or familybloom@gmail.com.

Moms in Prayer. East Cobb Middle School. Every Tuesday at 11am. Eastvalley Elementary School. Every Tuesday at 9:45am. More info: Shay Antoniadis, 770-971-0206 or shaya@mindspring.com.

Mothers and More, East Cobb Chapter #270. Second Tuesday each month. 7:30-9:30pm. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 571 Holt Road, Marietta. Check website as schedule may vary: www.mmeastcobb.homestead.com.

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). Second Wednesday of each month. 11:30am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More Info: 770-973-2834.

Newcomers Club of Cobb County. Third Tuesday each month. 10am. Various social activities throughout the month for those new to Cobb County or just looking for new friends and activities. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-234-5068 or newcomersofcobbcounty@yahoo.com.

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

North Metro Women's Connection. Second Wednesday of each month. 11am-1pm. Part of Stonecroft Ministries reaching out to the unchurched women in the area. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-335-6013.

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

Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples (formerly Cobb Parents of Multiples), a parent's club for families with or expecting twins, triplets, quads, etc. Second Monday of each month (except December). 7pm. North Metro Church, 2305 Barrett Parkway, Marietta. More info: 678-404-0034 or www.nowamom.org.

Order Sons of Italy in America Marietta Lodge #2607. General membership meeting 2nd Monday each month. Pot Luck Dinner (except June, July, August-dessert and fruit). 7-9pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-928-9314 or degrillmouse@comcast.net.

Parents Without Partners. Meeting times vary. More info: Angela Dixon, 404-422-0768 or pwpchapter698.org.

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

Polk Street Speakers Toastmasters. First and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9:00pm. St. James Episcopal Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.polkstreetspeakers.org.

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

SACS (Singles and Couples Social Events). Weekly dancing for singles and couples. No membership fees, just friends making new friends. More info: Nancy Kuhn, Angel-GA@comcast.net

Shakespeare Reading Group. First and 3rd Thursday of the month. 2-4 pm. 32 N. Fairground Street, Marietta. More info: Lynne Johnson, 770-591-3474.

Song of Atlanta Show Chorus. Women's four-part harmony chorus. Every Tuesday. 7:30pm. St. John United Methodist Church, 550 Mount Paran Road NW, Atlanta. Visitors welcome. More info: www.songofatlanta.com or 770-509-0322.

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

The Foxtrotter's Dance Club. The 4th Friday of every month (except Nov & Dec-which is the 3rd Friday). 7:30-10:30pm. If you enjoy ballroom dancing, come and dance to 'Live Music'. Everyone is welcome. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-1160.

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

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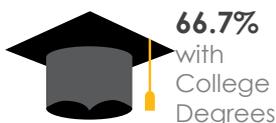
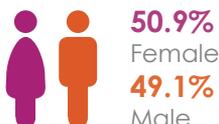
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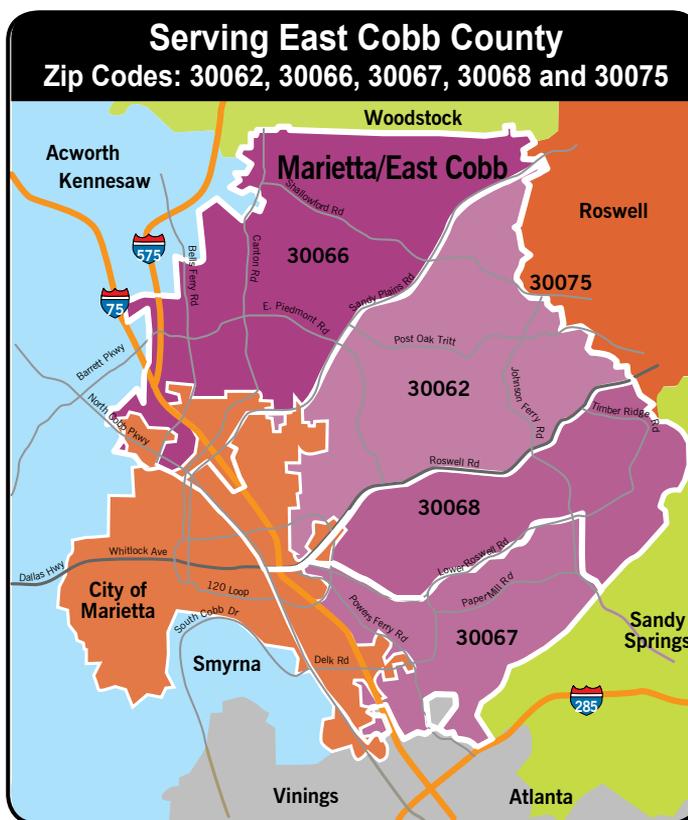
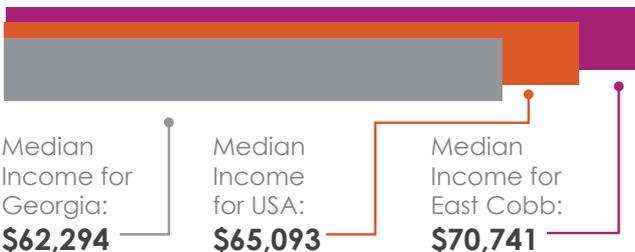


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Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Support Group.

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

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

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

Alzheimer's & Caregivers Support Group. Second Thursday of the month. 7pm. Sunrise Assisted Living, 1551 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Christa McLain, 770-509-2914.

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

Autism Spectrum Support Group of Cobb County. Supporting parents with information and resources as well as social connections. Third Thursday of each month during school year. 9:30-11:30am. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.asgcobb.com

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

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

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

Career Transition. Third Monday of the month (March-October). Second Monday of the month (November-February) 6:30pm: Personal resume reviewing, interviewing, networking, and career assessment help. 7pm: Presentation. The Warehouse, 1st Presbyterian Church, 68 N. Marietta Parkway, Marietta 30060. More info: Bill Lins, 404-558-1579, or Bob Sabin, 770-795-9084, or visit www.fpccareersintransition.wordpress.com

Caregiver and Share Support Group for Alzheimer's. First Wednesday of the month. 4:30-5:30pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420.

Codependents Anonymous. Mondays & Thursdays. 7:30-8:45pm. Unity North Church, 4225 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-6368.

Compassionate Friends for grieving parents, grandparents, and siblings. First Tuesday of the month. 7pm. First Baptist Church, 148 Church Street, Marietta. More info: Kathy Kelcourse, 770-579-3512 or 404-539-4287. Email: kathzkel@yahoo.com or tcfmarietta.kathy@hotmail.com; www.tcfmarietta.org.

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

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

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

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

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

East Cobb Satellite of CHADD (Children & Adults w/Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) Parental Support Group. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:30-8:00pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church (Room B109) on Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Cappie Suttle, 404-368-9394, east-cobb@chadd.net, or www.chadd.net/300.

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

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

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group. Second and 4th Tuesday. 7:15pm. Special guest speaker. Transfiguration Church, Room 102, 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta. More info: Jeannie, 770-919-9275.

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Family Support Group for families who have loved ones struggling with mental illness. Second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 7-8:30pm. Hillside United Methodist Church, Second Floor, 4474 Towne Lake Parkway, Woodstock. More info: 770-928-2762.

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

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

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group: First Tuesday of each month at 10:30am. Have you or a loved one been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's? You are not alone. You and your caregiver are welcome as we learn how to cope and live with the diagnosis. Helpful tips and resources provide comfort and encouragement. More info: 678-439-1177.

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

How To Get Your Support Group Listed

Help us help others by letting the East Cobb community know about your support group meetings. Please include name of group, days you meet, how often, what time, location of your meeting - be sure to include street addresses, and contact name and phone. If you have a website, be sure to include that, too! Support Group listings must be received by the 15th of the month. Submit items to: supportgroups@eastcobb.com. Listings are free to non-profit groups. As an added bonus, we'll even announce your support group on our eastcobb.com blog and Facebook page!



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