

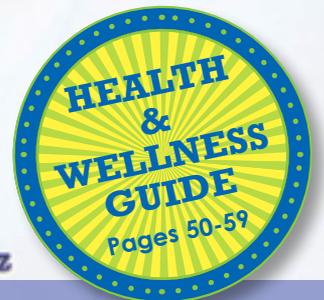
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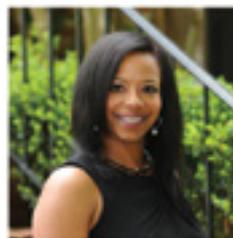


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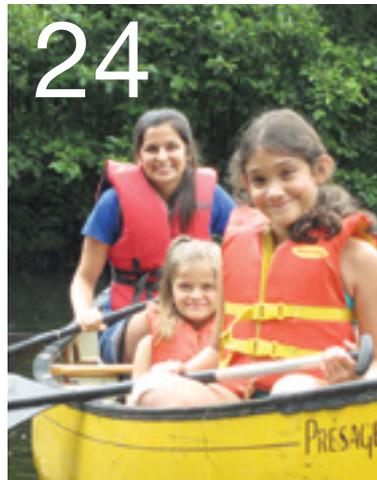
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This issue also reminds us to also look beyond ourselves when making those goals for 2017. How about resolving to get more involved in 2017? The annual "Do Good Guide" (pages 16-21) offers a list

of local non-profits that could use your help. Volunteering benefits those who give as well as those who receive. I hope you will consider helping out the groups listed in our "Do Good Guide" and/or go beyond that list and see if your local youth group, library, school, or church could use your help. Consider joining a club. See pages 66 and 67 for club meeting times and contact information.

One of the best parts about ringing in the New Year is the chance to reflect on our own lives over the past year and make goals to help us do things a little better. One of my many New Year's resolutions, is to serve my EAST COBBER readers better. There is so much information about East Cobb people, events and issues, I can't possibly fit it all in this magazine. Social media allows the EAST COBBER more ways to share that info. In addition to print advertising, EAST COBBER is evolving into a media company that offers a variety of platforms—from blogs, e-newsletters, Facebook page, and more special events—that promote the people, causes and businesses in this great community! You can keep up with what is going on by:

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Here's to a Happy New Year!

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P.S. For all of you planners, this issue of the EAST COBBER also includes our Early Bird Summer Day Camp Guide (pages 24-31) which features local day camps to help you ensure your children have an enriching summer!

On the Cover

This month's front cover features Dr. Blair Waldron and Dr. Arielle Scherz, dentists at Waldron Dentistry, a practice that has been delivering high-quality dentistry with excellent customer service in East Cobb for over 30 years.

Waldron Dentistry is committed to providing caring dental services for you and your family. "We are proud of the wonderful relationships that we have built with patients over the years," says Dr. Blair Waldron, ". . . over 70 percent of our new patients come from patient referrals."

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Dr. Arielle Scherz



When you are going to introduce a new dentist to your community, what better way to do it than a billboard right outside the office building? Commuters who travel east on Hwy. 120 near the Old Canton Road intersection have likely already looked up to see the billboard of Dr. Blair Waldron, who has practiced dentistry in East Cobb for more than 17 years, introducing Dr. Arielle Scherz, who joined the practice in October. Waldron Dentistry now has a team of five outstanding doctors, including Dr. Christopher Lee, Dr. Ed Schlissel, and practice founder Dr. Jonathan C. Waldron, offering caring and comprehensive dentistry to their patients.

An Atlanta native, Dr. Scherz grew up in the Sandy Springs area. Both of her parents are medical doctors, so she was exposed to various health care professions from an early age. Dr. Scherz explored several of those professions including a stint at an orthodontic office which led her into the dental field. After graduating from the University of Texas, she went on to The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. Dr. Scherz's General Practice Residency led her to University of California, Los Angeles where she spent time training at the Ronald Reagan Hospital and Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

According to Dr. Scherz, once it was time to begin her career, family ties and her views on the Georgia Dental Association's approach to dentistry brought her back to Georgia and ultimately to Waldron Dentistry.

"During my student days, I was active in the American Student Dental Association, which made me aware of how different states approach laws and political issues that affect dentistry," explains Dr. Scherz. "The Georgia Dental Association provides a unified front for all dentists in the state. I think this approach allows dentists to focus on all patients' needs."

Dr. Scherz has been at Waldron Dentistry for three months now, and she can't say enough about the work environment, attention to detail and emphasis on patient needs that is part of the office culture. "Everyone is so happy working here that it seems to rub off on our patients," she adds. "The daily schedules run smoothly and the technology we offer is the newest and greatest available."

Dr. Blair Waldron says that he feels very grateful to have found Dr. Scherz to join his hometown practice. "As the number of new

patients has continued to increase, we knew that we needed to expand our hours and we needed an additional dentist to do that," says Dr. Waldron. "We didn't want just anybody, though. We needed a great fit with the culture of our practice and someone our patients would love. We went through a lot of interviews and dinner meetings until we met Dr. Scherz, and we knew immediately that she had a special combination of outstanding training, excellent skills and a great personality."

In her role at Waldron Dentistry, Dr. Scherz is ready to use her skills in any way that is needed to benefit patients. Many patients prefer seeing a female dentist, and her schedule has been filling with both new and established patients. Her long-term goals include treating children with high-functioning special needs, a skill she honed in her residency training at the children's hospital.

Regular readers will recall that Waldron Dentistry was on the EAST COBBER January 2016 cover. The practice has been very busy over the past year as office hours have expanded and additional staff have joined to provide the most convenient appointment times and services. The office is now open Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Scheduling appointments before or after school or work has never been more convenient.

Waldron Dentistry is also now offering a Savings Plan for those patients who don't have dental insurance. This twelve-month renewable plan provides patients quality dental services at reduced prices. Unlike conventional insurance plans, there are no deductibles, no yearly maximums and no waiting periods to begin treatment. An average cost savings to each patient is \$206 per year. The plan starts at \$349 per patient, and it includes two cleanings, exams by the dentist, x-rays and discounts for dental treatments.

In business for more than 30 years, Waldron Dentistry continues to provide East Cobb with general, cosmetic and reconstructive dentistry in a relaxed and caring environment. Its patient base continues to grow with more than 80 percent of new patients coming from existing patient referrals. The office is located at 3020 Roswell Road, Suite 100, Marietta/East Cobb. For more information or to make an appointment for a complimentary initial consultation, visit www.waldrondentistry.com or call 678-498-1992.

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The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course is a 20-hour program that trains people to be better prepared for response to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. CERT Classes will be held at the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center which is at 140 North Marietta Parkway, Marietta, 30060. The first CERT course meets Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-9pm: January 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 & February 2. There is another CERT course scheduled for Saturdays, February 4, 11 & 18: 9am-5pm. You must attend all sessions listed in order to complete the program. Participants must be at least 16 years old and either live, work, or worship in Cobb County.

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EAST COBB COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs CELEBRATES THE ARTS!

By Rachael Astorga, Reflections Chair, East Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs

What is your story? If you were to answer that question in a painting, drawing, or photograph, what would it look like? This fall, over 1,000 East Cobb students pondered that question and created original dances, music compositions, short stories, poems, paintings, films and sculptures that reflected who they are, what they dream of and where they want to go in life.

Each fall, PTAs serving our schools across the country participate in the National PTA Reflections Program, and our East Cobb County Council of PTAs (ECCC PTA) and East Cobb schools also embark on this journey together to celebrate our children's artistic ability. National PTA Reflections is America's oldest and largest arts education program of its kind. The program was developed in 1969 by Colorado's PTA President Mary Lou Anderson to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves. Since then, the Reflections Arts Program has inspired millions of students to reflect on a specific theme and create original artwork. Each year, students in grades Kindergarten through 12 are recognized for bringing the theme to life through Film Production, Dance Choreography, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

During the fall, students work tirelessly on their entries, which are judged at the local school level on how well they represent the year's theme, which currently is "What is Your Story?" Winning entries from each of our 35 local East Cobb schools advance to represent their school at an additional level of judging, coordinated by our ECCC PTA. For the ECCC PTA Reflections Art Contest, judges select two winners per grade and category, and those entries advance to the Georgia PTA competition. Subsequent winning entries move on to the National PTA Reflections contest. Judges look for personal interpretations of the theme that best exemplify creativity and technical skill.

This year, over 1,000 East Cobb area students participated in the Reflections program at their schools, and 450 winners advanced to the ECCC PTA level of the competition. After conducting its own contest, the ECCC PTA submitted 130 winning entries to the Georgia PTA Reflections contest. We are hopeful again that East Cobb students will win at the GA PTA competition level and move on to compete in the National PTA Reflections contest. Last year, The ECCC PTA advanced fifteen

submissions to the national level and two elementary students (from Shallowford Falls ES and Sope Creek ES) won Awards of Excellence and Merit in Photography.

The ECCC PTA will hold a Reflections Award Ceremony for the students who won at the ECCC PTA competition level in January.

Taking part in the Reflections program is a powerful way for students to engage in and explore the arts. As an arts educator, I have seen the power of transformation that the arts can have on a child. Nothing can explore and develop students' creativity and imagination better than participation in the arts. Art helps children understand other subjects much more clearly—from math and science, to language arts and geography. As a community, let us continue supporting our students as they express themselves creatively by showcasing their art in our workplaces, by volunteering as judges and as Reflections committee chairs, and by supporting the Reflections program. It's not too early to reflect on the 2017-2018 Reflections program theme, which is "Within Reach."

For more information on the Reflections Program, please visit: www.ecccpta.org/reflections.



Rachael Astorga is the East Cobb County Council (ECCC) PTA Reflections Chair and the art specialist at Mt. Bethel Elementary. While not teaching art, she is the also the proud mom of a Shallowford Falls 5th grader, a Hightower Trail 7th grader, and a Pope freshman.

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In the movie, the Lotus goes under water and becomes a submarine. A designer in England took a real Lotus Esprit car without an engine or interior and sealed the bottom. The car designer then added the submarine fins on the side, a periscope, a revolving license tag, and guns in the back. James Strickland couldn't resist and bought it at an international auction. He had the car imported to go along with his other James Bond car.

Commander 007 “James” Strickland and his girlfriend, “Agent XXX” Billie Leonard, will be in Bond attire hosting the display of the James Bond Lotus Esprit Marine at the Atlanta Boat Show. 2017 marks the 40th anniversary of the movie which actually debuted on 007/007/77. Scenes from the movie involving the Lotus and the Lotus submarine will be displayed on a monitor along with the cars.

James Strickland has launched the 1976 Lotus Esprit Marine, at Lake Lanier many times and the car successfully stayed above water, right where its current owner, “James”, wants it to be.

Strickland grew up watching the James Bond movies and identified with the protagonist, as they share a first name. After hearing the girls in the movies say “Oh, James”, there was no way he would ever be referred to as “Jim”. “There was no way I could ever be a ‘Jim’ after that,” he says. Strickland has fifteen cars altogether and drives all but one, he says. He has five Jaguars, six Loti and the rest are miscellaneous, he said. He enjoys the history surrounding his cars and used to work on them himself when he was younger. With no wife or kids, he hasn't had anyone telling him to spend less time on his cars, he said with a grin.

The Atlanta Boat Show is Georgia's premier boat show to see and buy boats, gear and accessories. Hundreds of new boats, including powerboats, center consoles, ski boats and personal watercraft, and booths showcasing the latest in engines, marine gear, electronics, docks and accessories fill the Georgia World Congress Center. The 4-day event is a once-a-year chance to compare makes and models, secure insurance and financing and gear up with the latest accessories all at one time!

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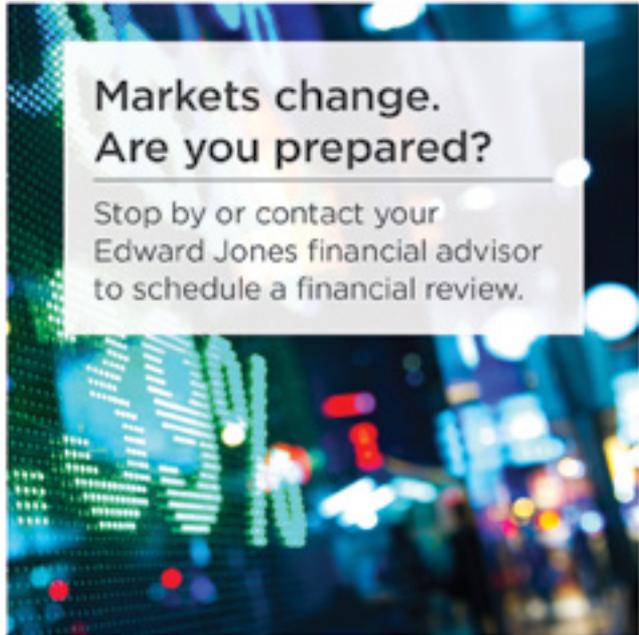
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A graduate of South Cobb High School, Major Jerry Quan has been a part of the Cobb community for over 40 years. He attended Kennesaw State University after high school and then joined the military as a United States Marine where he served for four years. As a leader for the Cobb Police force, Major Quan is actively involved in all aspects of law enforcement in Cobb County. Since beginning his career as a Cobb County Patrol Officer in 1989, Major Quan has held the following roles:

- > Patrol Officer
- > Agent, MCS Narcotics
- > FTO, Pct. 3
- > Sergeant, Pct. 1, Pct. 4, CIU-4
- > Lieutenant, Uniform Pct. 3, CIU-3, OCU
- > Captain, Precinct Commander at Pct. 1 and Pct. 4

> Major, Precinct Commander Precinct 4 (current role).

As evidenced by his promotions during the last 27 years, Major Quan is a highly respected member of the Cobb County Public Safety team. During his long tenure as a member of Cobb County Police, Quan has worked as a field training officer, in narcotics, as a detective, in the organized crime area, and has participated in the department safety review board and on the awards committee. Major Quan currently leads the team of 70 officers at Precinct 4 in East Cobb.

He is a well-known figure at the local schools and can often be found working on behalf of the police department or on many occasions as a volunteer. Seen at most every community event, Quan frequently leads police teams in local 5Ks and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. Quan is also well-known at the local schools where he has worked on behalf of the police department, and on many occasions as a volunteer.

In a time of hostility toward public safety officers, Major Quan selflessly puts on his uniform with the citizens of East Cobb at the forefront of his mind. Cobb County, and in particular, the East Cobb community, is very fortunate to have him leading the public safety personnel who keep our homes, businesses, and families safe. 🇺🇸



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Lassiter High School parents Frank and Montse Fabregas are both natives of Barcelona, but met an ocean away at Columbia Teacher's College in New York. Both teachers, Frank, who has two degrees, extensive experience teaching primary grades and has led a corporate training company, GECSA, for more than 10 years, and, Montse, an engineer seasoned in teaching multiple science curriculums, moved to Marietta two years ago, with a desire to support academic success to more children than just those they could reach inside one classroom.

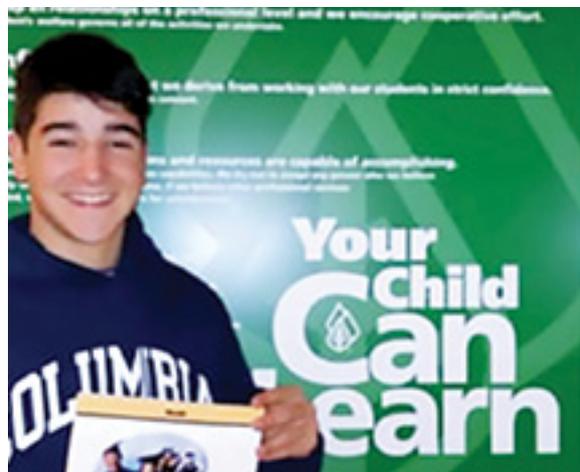
"I see so many children struggling with reading, with math and ultimately, their self-esteem," reflects Frank, Executive Director. "Every child can soar at school and some just need help to fill in the gaps, basic skills in one area or another that prevents them from being successful learners. Tutoring children is as much nurturing and supporting them as individuals as it is teaching them subject matter. We know that by using a custom designed program targeting each child's learning style, we can transform the

children who saw school as a label of shame to proud, confident and eager learners."

East Cobb has some of the highest-ranking schools in the state and parents here make their child's school success a priority--key reasons the Fabregas family chose to make East Cobb their home. Frank observes, "But there are students, smart students, who aren't reaching their potential because there are some specific skill sets they lack, or in many cases, they have them but they need a "reboot" to get back on track."

The certified educators at HLC are passionate teachers that share their reading, language, math, science, special education and foreign language expertise. Each child receives a personalized academic assessment in all subject areas, which is vitally important. Parents may be concerned about math grades but the team at HLC recognizes that reading comprehension is the building block of all learning and can impact a child's ability to excel in other academic areas. Through specialized testing, teachers determine at what level each child is and pinpoint the specific skills they need to achieve school success.

A focused curriculum is assigned specifically for that student and the personalized tutoring begins. After fifty hours of the program, another assessment determines what strides the student has made and the results have





Owners Frank and Montse Fabregas

been “simply amazing”, says Frank. “It never ceases to thrill me, to sit down with a worried parent to go over the test results at the end of their child’s program. We enjoy their surprise and delight when they see, for example, their child soared from testing at 40% of grade level in reading comprehension to 95%. And what happens when a child experiences that kind of success? An explosion of new-found self-esteem and a new attitude toward school. Excitement replaces dread when waiting for the report cards to come home,” says Frank, “I believe all children truly have it within them to be an honor student. I see the transformation here all the time. As an educator, nothing is more rewarding.”

HLC works with the youngest learners from kindergarten to second grade, many struggling with phonics and reading and with older children who may be deterred by organizational and study skills. High school students needing support and strategies in all subjects, particularly those preparing for those all-important college entrance

tests illustrate the impact of the skills acquired with higher scores on the ACT, SSAT and the SAT tests.

When asked what really sets the Huntington Learning Center technique apart from other programs, Frank says “We have a proven assessment and curriculum model that is custom designed for each child’s individual learning style. Children are not all cut from the same cookie cutter, so their study plan should be as individual as they are.”

Frank compares learning to working out in a gym. As he explains, “The treadmill alone will not help you reach your fitness goals. You can start with that and then add other work outs, increasing your strength over time. It is the same with learning. Beginning with comprehension skills, you practice until you master it and then move on to the next exercise to strengthen your mind. It cannot be monotonous or boring. Learning can and really should be as fun and invigorating as playing a sport.”

Children with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders and dyslexia are embraced with the same commitment to individualized instruction. Huntington Learning Center also welcomes students who may not be struggling, but are voracious learners eager to excel. Huntington Learning Center offers advanced tutoring and foreign language classes in Spanish, German, French, Arabic and more.

Tania, an East Cobb mom states, “My son, Nick, was struggling a lot in 3rd grade, his grades were not good and we decided to help him and signed him up at Huntington. Best decision we have ever made in terms of his education. Nick now has very good grades and we couldn’t be happier about how the program handled his academic situation.”

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



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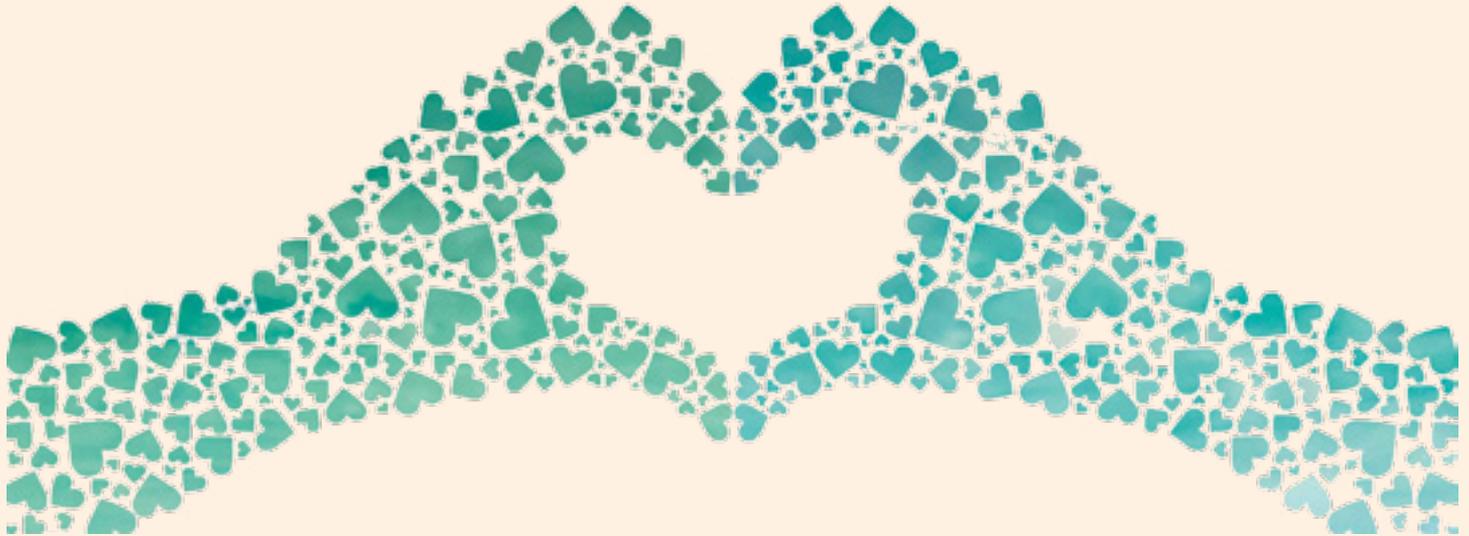
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ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM

(Watershed Stewardship Program)
This Cobb County program provides participants the opportunity to learn about the watershed they live in with a variety of programs designed to help people learn how to improve local water quality through hands-on activities for all ages. Free.
www.watershed.cobbcountyga.gov **770-528-1482**

ACTION MINISTRIES

Needs volunteers to help sort, pack and deliver food boxes.
Katie Farmer, Regional Director of Metro Atlanta
17 Executive Park Drive NE, Suite 540
Atlanta, GA 30329
www.actionministries.net **706-963-0627**

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2145 Roswell Road, Suite 250
Marietta, GA 30062
www.redcross.org **770-578-1977**

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Provides food for elementary school children who qualify for the free meal plan and go without food on the weekends.
Tony Palermo, Volunteer Crew Leader, Board Chairman
www.backpackblessings.org **678-245-1252**

CENTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Provides secure residential care for Cobb County's abused and neglected children.
Kimie Tinsley, Volunteer & Activities Coordinator
www.ccyakids.org **770-333-9447**

THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RESOURCES

Provides emergency assistance to families in Cobb County so that they can acquire the resources they need to become independent and self-sufficient, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty.
Alicia Ferguson, Development & Volunteer Coordinator
995 Roswell Street, Suite 100
Marietta, GA 30060
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Tommy Allegood, Executive Director
Cobb Chamber of Commerce
240 Interstate North Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339
www.cobbfoundation.com

770-859-2329

COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT – CITIZEN PANEL REVIEW

A volunteer supported program tasked with reviewing foster care cases.

Joshua Weeks, Judicial Administrative Supervisor
www.cobbcountyga.gov

770-528-2284

COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SPECIAL ADVOCATE

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained community volunteer appointed by a Juvenile Court Judge to speak up for the best interest of an abused or neglected child involved in a juvenile court proceeding. Seeking volunteers for future training classes.

Carlene Redmond
www.cobbcountyga.gov

770-528-2285

COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

This program is for first offenders with minor offenses. These juveniles are given the opportunity to appear before a panel of community volunteers instead of a judge. Volunteers are needed to serve on the panel. Training provided and required.

Rita Evans
www.cobbcountyga.gov

770-528-2243

COBB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

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www.cobbcat.org

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Tyler Driver, Executive Director & Volunteer Coordinator
1507 Church Street (Men's Extension)

Marietta, GA 30060

130 Holiday Street (Women's Extension)

Marietta, GA 30060

www.theextension.org

770-590-9075 x.301

FAMILY PROMISE

Mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

Julie Binney, President

2325 Roswell Road, Building 400

Marietta, GA 30062

volunteers@familypromisecobbcounty.org

www.familypromisecobbcounty.org

678-594-3150

FOSTER CARE SUPPORT FOUNDATION

Helps abused and neglected children experience a kinder side of daily life while in their foster care home. Volunteers needed to help in the distribution center and the resale shop

115 Mansell Place, Roswell, GA 30076

www.fostercare.org

770-641-9591

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Sandy Woltering, President

www.eastcobbpark.org

president@eastcobbpark.org

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www.aarp.org

1-888-687-2277

GIRLS INC. OF COBB COUNTY

Provides programs to promote self-esteem in young women.

Seeks people to donate time and skills working with girls in an activity or class such as arts and crafts, computer training, sports, aerobics, and tutoring.

Talia Sylvain, Volunteer Coordinator

461 Manget Street, Marietta, GA 30060

www.girlsincatl.org

770-422-0999

HAPPY CAPS

Volunteers make and give handmade hats to people suffering hair loss due to cancer treatment – or any medical condition – to keep their head warm, to remind them each time they wear it that there are people who care.

Happy Caps Atlanta

142 Flagstone Way, Acworth, GA 30101

contact@happycapsatlanta.org

happycapsatlanta.org

770-653-9448

HELPING HAND FOUNDATION

Improves the lives of local families by providing support through financial assistance, resource networking, fundraising events and volunteer leadership.

Melisa White, Founder/Executive Director

3605 Sandy Plains Road, Suite 240-265

Marietta, GA 30066

www.helpinghandfoundationga.org

770-596-8667

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COBB - MARIETTA

Organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of members and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

505 Kennesaw Avenue

Marietta, GA 30060

www.jlcm.org

770-422-5266

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Grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The Foundation needs office volunteers, fundraisers and wish granters.

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Any non-profit or tax-exempt organization can list an unlimited number of volunteer opportunities on VolunteerMatch. Visitors to VolunteerMatch simply enter their ZIP code to find local opportunities. Volunteers can also search by interest, date and keyword to generate a personally customized list. Once an opportunity of choice is found, the interested volunteer simply clicks on it to contact the organization and get involved. Non-profit organizations find VolunteerMatch an easy and efficient way to connect with people who can support their efforts through volunteer activity.

VolunteerMatch is a great way for interested volunteers to find out if their skills meet an organization's needs before they make contact, and it's also a good way to get the word out about projects and special needs within a specific community. "If there's a local disaster or even something like a marathon that needs volunteers, help can be coordinated online," she says.

"VolunteerMatch makes it easy to bring volunteers and charitable organizations together to meet the needs of their community," says the service's president, Jay Backstrand. To find volunteer opportunities in your area, or to learn more about VolunteerMatch, visit www.volunteermatch.org. 

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volunteer@mustministries.org
1407 Cobb Parkway, Marietta, GA 30062
www.mustministries.org

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Camellia Chandler
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www.nwmetroatlantahabitat.org

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www.cobbcountyga.gov

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Maureen Barry, Volunteer Coordinator
5775 Glenridge Drive, Building B, Suite 370
Sandy Springs, GA 30328
www.rallyfoundation.org

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Len Pagano, President
2000 First Drive, Suite 310, Marietta, GA 30062
www.safeamerica.org

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Lisa Grisham, Safe Kids Co-Coordinator
114 Cherry Street, Suite G, Marietta, GA 30060
www.safekidscobbcounty.org

770-793-7185

SAFEPATH CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

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736 Whitlock Avenue, Suite 600
Marietta, GA 30064

www.safepath.org

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www.cobbcountyga.org

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Brenda Rhodes, brenda@simpleneedsga.org

991 Industrial Park Drive
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www.simpleneedsga.org

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UNITED WAY OF GREATER ATLANTA

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Will Burke, Regional Director

995 Roswell Street, Suite 338

Marietta, GA 30060

www.unitedwayatlanta.org

678-623-2883

VOICE TODAY

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Kris Barnes, Director of Operations

3855 Shallowford Road, Suite 110

Marietta, GA 30062

www.voicetoday.org

678-578-4888

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Brooke Schembri, Director of Corporate & Community Health
330 Kennestone Hospital Boulevard

Marietta, GA 30060

www.wellstar.org

770-793-7120

YWCA OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA

The YWCA of Northwest Georgia, established in Cobb County in 1917, is an organization that works to empower, educate, advocate and unite. The YWCA's philosophy is to stand up and speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves in the arenas of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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Rugby in East Cobb is growing by leaps and bounds, and coaches and fans have just formed the East Cobb Rugby Club to build on this interest. The East Cobb Rugby Club is a feeder program with middle school and high school teams that will develop players to compete at both the state and regional levels.

"The aim of the club is to provide a safe and challenging environment where young athletes can learn and develop rugby and life skills to take their game to the next level," says Simon Purdy, a club founder.

Coaching will be led by Randall Joseph who successfully coached the Lassiter Trojans to seven high school championships in the past 11 years. Because rugby is a contact sport, the club coaches emphasize safety and proper technique. East Cobb high schools have had rugby club teams for 12 years, and it's been a great addition to many high school athletic programs.

Rugby is an 80-minute physical sport that features a combination of strength, speed and strategy to move an oval ball down the field. "Kids and teens who love running, wrestling, tackling, kicking and passing will enjoy learning this new sport," says Coach Randall Joseph.

East Cobb Rugby has U14 (Colts), U16 (Barbarians) and U18 (Trojans) teams for players of different ages.



Chase Vermaak, East Cobb Trojans, is lifted to secure the ball during a line-out against Charlotte Tigers.

Will Fagan Photography

They are actively seeking new players in all age groups and encourage parents and kids to check it out. The new club has an open recruitment policy and players from all schools are welcome to join. The club will play in the Georgia Rugby Division and also play teams across the Southeast.

For more details, visit eastcobbrugby.com, email eastcobbrugbyclub@gmail.com or call Randall Joseph at 404-914-9080. ☎

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EAST COBBER *Early Bird* DAY CAMP GUIDE

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

Camp Name	Age Group	Weekly Camp Fee	Times	May 30- June 2	June 5-9	June 12-16	June 19-23	June 26-30	July 3-7	July 10-14	July 17-21	July 24-28
Art Camps The Art Place-Mountain View 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-509-2700 • www.theartplace.us	4-18	See website	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Art Camp! S.M.art Club! Addison Elementary School, 3055 Ebenezer Road, Marietta 30066 404-313-2999 • www.sm-art-club.com	PreK-9th grade	\$149-\$239	8am-6pm*		✓ Mon-Thurs	✓ Mon-Thurs	✓ Mon-Thurs	✓ Mon-Thurs		✓ Mon-Thurs		
Art Camp! S.M.art Club! Junior Counselor Program Addison Elementary School, 3055 Ebenezer Road, Marietta 30066 404-313-2999 • www.sm-art-club.com	6th-12th grade	\$149-\$239	8am-5pm*		✓ Mon-Thurs	✓ Mon-Thurs	✓ Mon-Thurs	✓ Mon-Thurs		✓ Mon-Thurs		
Atlanta Junior Rowing Association 245 Azalea Drive, Roswell 30075 770-835-5769 • www.ajracrew.com	12-18	\$175	7:30am 10am or 6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Atlanta Swim Academy Camp H2O 732 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-3120 • www.atlantaswimacademy.com	4-12	\$315	8:30am-5pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camp Faith Faith Lutheran Church & School 2111 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-8921 • www.faithmarietta.com/summercamp	2 - 4 years	Call for rates	7am-6pm*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camp Horizon (special needs) Fullers Park, 3499 Robinson Road, Marietta 30068 770-819-3527	7-21	See website	See website	DATES TO BE DETERMINED								

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- Week 3: 6/19-6/22
- Week 4: 6/26-6/29
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Camp Kingfisher - Chattahoochee Nature Center 9135 Wilcox Road, Roswell 30075 770-992-2055 • www.chattnaturecenter.org/camp-kingfisher	4 years - rising 9th grade	See website	8am-6:15pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camp Ruach! Congregation Etz Chaim 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta 30068 770-977-3384 • www.etzchaim.net	14 mos - PreK	Call for rates	9:30am-1:30pm or 8am-5pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chabad of Cobb Summer Camp 4450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-565-4412 • www.chabadofcobb.com	Rising PreK+	Call for rates	Varies					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fullers Kids Summer Camp Fullers Park 3499 Robinson Road, Marietta 30068 770-509-2737 prca.cobbcountyga.gov/fullersrecreationcenter.htm	6-11 12-15	\$100 + \$50 additional child	7:30am - 3:30pm*	DATES TO BE DETERMINED								
The Georgia Ballet-Summer Dance Camps 1225 Field Parkway, Marietta 30060 770-528-0881 • www.georgiaballet.org	3+	Call for rates	Varies		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ginepri Performance Summer Tennis 2017 Jr. Camp Olde Towne Athletic Club 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta 30068 770-578-9901 • www.gptennis.net	7-18	\$335	9am-2pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harrison Tennis Center Summer 2016 Jr. Camps 2653 Shallowford Road NE, Marietta 30066 770-591-3151 • www.prca.cobbcountyga.gov	4-17	See website	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church 955 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta 30068 678-784-5317 www.johnsonferry.org/youthsports	See website	See website	See website	DATES TO BE DETERMINED								
Kids' Zone Weekly Day Camps Kids' Zone Daycare & Learning Center 137 Johnson Ferry Rd., Ste. 1100, Marietta 30068 770-933-6900 • www.kidszonelearningcenter.com	5-12	Call for rates	6:30am-6:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KSU Summer University Kennesaw State University-Continuing Ed 3333 Busbee Drive NW, Kennesaw 30144 470-578-6765 • www.kennesaw.edu/coned	1st - 12th grade	See website	See website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MJCCA Summer Day Camp 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody 30338 678-812-4004 • www.atlantajcc.org	Rising PreK-10th grade	Call for rates	9am-4pm*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Mount Paran North Mountain Top Sports Camp Mount Paran North • 1700 Allgood Road, Marietta 30062 678-285-3248 • www.mpnsports.com	6-14	\$110 + \$50 activity fee	7:30am-6pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oak Creek Horse/Pony Camp Oak Creek Stables • 4580 Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 678-2288128 • www.pageonestudios.org	6+	\$325-\$375	Call for times	DATES TO BE DETERMINED								
Primrose School of Lasserit 2821 Lasserit Road, Marietta 30062 770-641-8535 • www.primroselasserit.com	5-12	Call for rates	6:30am-6:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primrose School of Sprayberry 2531 East Piedmont Road • Marietta 30062 770-578-4832 • www.primrosesprayberry.com	5-12	\$222	6:30am-6:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
School of Rock Beginner Performance Camp 2459 East Piedmont Road#1101, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	7-17	\$425	9am-3pm		✓						✓	
School of Rock Rock Boot Camp 2459 East Piedmont Road#1101, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	7-17	\$475	9am-3pm			✓						
School of Rock Songwriting 2459 East Piedmont Road#1101, Marietta 30062 770-579-0400 • www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com	7-17	\$475	9am-3pm				✓					
Science Camp by High Touch High Tech @various locations 770-667-9443 • www.sciencemadefunatl.net	6-12	\$260	9am-3pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sprayberry Academy Pre-K Camp 2100 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta 30062 770-977-0877 • www.sprayberrychildrensgroup.com	Prek-5	Call for rates	6:30am-6:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sprayberry Academy 2.0 Camp 2100 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta 30062 770-672-6289 • www.sprayberrychildrensgroup.com	K-8th grade	Call for rates	6:30am-6:30pm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Terrell Mill Tennis Center Junior Summer Tennis Camp 480 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta 30067 770-644-2771 • www.titansnation.net	6-17	\$180	9am-12pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Titans Sports Academy-Baseball/Softball 1235 Kennestone Circle, Suite A., Marietta 30066 404-441-1400 • www.waltoncheer.org	5-14	\$179-\$275	9am-5pm		✓	✓						
Unity North Atlanta Church-Camp Northstar 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 678-819-9100 • www.waltoncheer.org	3-10	See website	See website	DATES TO BE DETERMINED								
The Walker School Summer Programs 700 Cobb Parkway North, Marietta 30062 770-427-2689 • www.thewalkerschool.com/summer	PreK-12th grade	Call for rates	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
YMCA McClesky/East Cobb-Summer Camps 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062 770-977-5991 • www.ymcapass.com/mcy.shtm	5-12	See website	7am-6pm*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WinShape Camp 2509 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta, GA 30062 844-972-2677 • www.winshapecamps.org/cobb	1st-9th grade	\$249	Varies				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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MAKING A GOOD DAY CAMP DECISION FOR YOUR CHILD

If you're a parent considering summer camp opportunities for your child, you might consider a day camp rather than (or in addition to) a sleepaway camp experience. Parents often view sending their kids to day camps as a "stepping stone" to overnight camp. They might think day camps are for younger kids and sleepaway camps are for older ones. In some cases this might be true, but not always.

One of the advantages you have as a parent when comparing day camps to overnight camps (or even day camps to day camps) is that a day camp's customer base is generally restricted to its local geographical area. This makes things easier for you to learn more about the camp. For example, you can contact the camp's current or former customers for references, and you can even visit the camp before making a decision.

So how do you know you're picking the right day

camp for your child? Here's a three-point checklist to help ensure the day camp you choose is the right one for your child.

1. CHECK REFERENCES

Since day camps primarily serve local customers, it should not be difficult to find a few families who've attended the camp before. Talk to them about their impressions of the program. If you hear good things, you might have a winner. Mixed reviews, on the other hand, could be a "red flag" alerting you to research the camp further. But if everyone you speak with has only negative things to say, then rule that day camp out, pat yourself on the back for taking the time to conduct a thorough investigation and keep looking for a different camp.

2. INVOLVE YOUR CHILD IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

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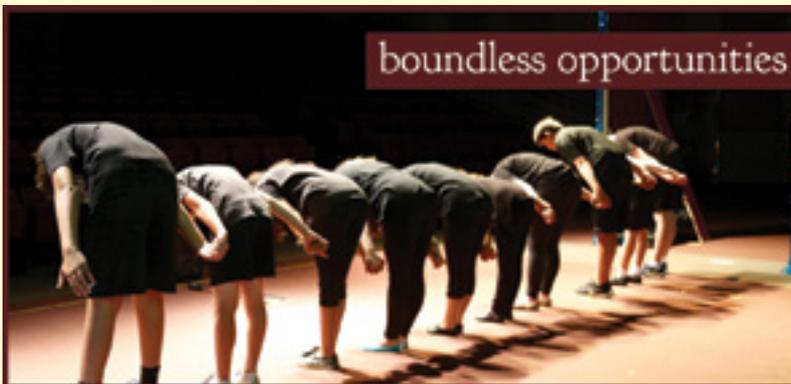
included in the decision-making process. Since there are so many different types of day camps to choose from, it's important to match your child's interests and personality with the activities the day camp offers. Accordingly, it's advisable to take a tour of the camp and/or attend an open house together with your child. After you've toured the camp, ask for your child's opinion. This can be a much better approach than unilaterally deciding which day camp your child will attend without consulting them ahead of time, as asking for their input means they'll probably have a more positive camp experience in the end.

3. TOUR THE CAMP AND MEET THE STAFF

Most day camps hold open houses or organized facility tours during the prime camp enrollment season (generally springtime). These events are great opportunities for you to meet the staff, ask questions and see how the

camp operates on a day-to-day basis. You might even decide to attend several camps' open houses for a point of comparison and to see where you get the best "vibe." Attending a day camp open house or touring the facility is the single BEST way to see what you're getting into ahead of time.

Camp is such a personal experience. You want your child to connect with his or her counselors on a personal level and admire them as leaders and role models. You owe it to yourself and your child to pick a day camp that your child will look back on later in life and say, "I remember that camp, and it was the best experience of my life!" Your child deserves the best. It's your responsibility as a parent to put him or her in an environment where they can thrive, and choosing the right day camp can make this happen for you. Happy day camping! ☺



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Deer Run Overnight Camps 3845 Perkins Road, Thompson's Station, TN 37179 888-794-2918 • www.camps.deerruntreat.org	Preteen	\$729	See website		✓			✓				✓
Deer Run Overnight Camps 3845 Perkins Road, Thompson's Station, TN 37179 888-794-2918 • www.camps.deerruntreat.org	Middle & High School	\$729	See website			✓	✓			✓	✓	
Deer Run Overnight Camps 3845 Perkins Road, Thompson's Station, TN 37179 888-794-2918 • www.camps.deerruntreat.org	Family	See website	See website						✓			
Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta-Camp Misty Mountain 490 Lake Marvin Road NE, Armuche, GA 30105 706-629-1030 • www.gsatl.org	See website	See website	See website			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta-Camp Timber Ridge 4575 Pebble Brook Road, Mableton, GA 30126 770-702-9600 • www.gsatl.org	See website	See website	See website			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Sports Broadcasting Camp @ Emory University • 201 Dowman Drive, Atlanta 30322 800-319-0884 • www.playbyplaycamps.com	10-18	\$565- \$1275	See website								✓	
U.S. Space & Rocket Center - Space Camp One Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805 1-800-637-7223 • www.spacecamp.com	9-18	\$999- \$1099	See website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
YMCA - Camp Ocoee 111 YMCA Drive, Ocoee TN 37361 423-338-5588 • www.campocoe.com	7 years - Rising 10th grade	See website	See website		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

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2017 January COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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/Adult, \$6/Child (3-12), \$7/Senior 65+, \$7/ Student (Ages 13-18), Children 2 & under are free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

EVERY FRIDAY

The Gritters Knitters. Do you knit, crochet, or work with yarn in anyway? If you would like to get together to craft, get inspired, and make new friends, then this group is for you. All skill levels are welcome the only requirement is your enthusiasm! Just bring your yarn and yourself. Fridays: 11am-1pm. Gritters Library, 880 Shaw Park Road, Marietta. More info: 770-528-2524

EVERY SATURDAY

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

JANUARY 5-22

Greetings Friend, Your Kind Assistance is Required presented by the Georgia Ensemble Theatre. World premiere comedy from Atlanta's favorite playwright, Topher Payne. When retired schoolteacher Rhonda Charles opens an email in her spam folder with the subject line, "Greetings Friend your kind assistance is required," the journey of a lifetime begins. Showtimes: Wednesday: 7:30pm, Thursday-Friday-Saturday: 8pm, Sunday: 2:30pm. Tickets start at \$24.77. Georgia Ensemble Theatre, Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell. More info: 770-641-1260 or www.get.org



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JANUARY 5-26

Man and Machine. This Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) exhibit features artwork from Cobb County students. Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm. Call for weekend and evening hours. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2700 or theartplace.us.

JANUARY 7

Painting with Roma: Sunset. Learn to Paint with Roma, featuring the 16 x 20 oil painting "Sunset." This is a class for all levels, beginner to advance. Even if you've never picked up a brush this class is for you. This is an all-inclusive class lasting from 10am-4pm, so be sure to pack a lunch. All this for \$85 (all supplies included) and if you're a military veteran this class is discounted to \$45 with military I.D. MarketPlace 120, 562 Wylie Road SE, Suite 24, Marietta. More info: 678-540-7511 or marketplace120.com.

Recycling Day at Pope High School. Metal, electronics, paint, paper shredding - \$10 minimum donation for unlimited electronics and metal - additional fees for TV and CRT monitors, paint and paper shredding. Pick up available within 10 miles of Pope High School for additional fee. Detailed information at popeband.com/recycle. Proceeds benefit Pope High School Band. 9am-4pm. Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: popebandrecycling@gmail.com, state RECYCLING in subject line for quick response.

JANUARY 8

Conversations. An afternoon of conversations about faith and sexuality. Talk about stuff you always wondered about but are afraid to bring up in church - our sexual identities and who and how God created us to be. Parents meet in the Sanctuary and middle school and high school students meet in the Fellowship Hall. Students will also be separated by gender. 4-8pm. A box dinner is included in the \$10 registration fee. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4365 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info/to register: 770-791-2880 or mtbethel.org.

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

JANUARY 9

Cobb Chamber First Monday Breakfast. A panel discussion featuring Mike Boyce, Chairman of the Cobb Board of Commissioners; Sam Olens, President of Kennesaw State University; and Al Thurman, Mayor of Powder Springs. These leaders will discuss their vision for the year ahead. Question and answer segment will follow the program. 7:30-9am. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 7am for a dedicated networking time before the event. General admission: \$60, Chamber members: \$30. Cobb Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.

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JANUARY 11

68 Reasons for Optimism about Israel's Future. Gil Hoffman, chief political correspondent and analyst for the *Jerusalem Post*, provides a behind the scenes look at the intrigue and humor in the Israeli political arena. Coffee and refreshments. \$10. 8pm. Chabad of Cobb, 4450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info/to register: 770-565-4412 or www.cobbjewishacademy.org

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JANUARY 12

Adventure Guides Parent Meeting for Dads. This group helps dads and their boys or girls 5-12 years old, build strong, lasting relationships. At the meeting families are placed into "Circles" – a group of 5-6 families that live in the same area. Circles meet once a month, rotating locations. Meeting activities include games, songs, crafts, stories, and refreshments. Adventure Guides runs February 1 through May 20. 7-8pm. \$25 registration fee, plus a \$35/person fee for vests and badges. McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-5991. Register in person or online at www.ymcaregistration.com, using Class IDs 429598 for Dads/Daughters or 429601 for Dads/Sons.

Joy of Parenthood. Expecting parents learn about newborn behaviors and care including holding techniques, diapering, feeding, dressing and bathing. 6-9 pm. \$30. WellStar/East Cobb Health Park, Community & Education Room, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info/to register: 770-956-STAR (7827) or wellstar.org.

JANUARY 12-15

Shen Yun: Connecting Heaven & Earth, banned in communist China today, the profound spirit of this lost civilization brought to life on stage with unrivaled artistic mastery. Every dance movement, every musical note, makes this a stunning visual and emotional experience you won't find anywhere else. January 12-14: 7:30pm; January 15: 1pm. Tickets: \$70 - \$200. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 800-745-3000 or www.cobbenergycentre.com

JANUARY 13

Cobb Chamber Executive Women (CEW) Luncheon. The speaker will be Judge Mary Staley. Judge Staley presided over the Justin Ross Harris – Hot Car Case. Registration and networking will begin at 11am. Program: 11:15am-1pm. Early-bird registration closes Friday, January 6. CEW Members: \$20 online; guests: \$30. Starting January 7: \$25 CEW members; guests: \$35. The Georgian Club, 100 Galleria Parkway, 17th floor, Atlanta 30339. To register: www.cobbchamber.org. More info: 770-859-2359.

Perennials in Your Garden: Choosing, Planting and Caring for Perennials presented by Gayle Evans, Cobb Master Gardener. 12-1pm. Bring a sack lunch. Cobb Water Lab, 660 South Cobb Drive, Marietta 30060. More info: 770-528-4070 or cobbmastergardeners.com.

JANUARY 14

Artsy Crafty Back to School Dance Party. Sign the kids up for this super fun back to school party including arts & crafts, magic shows, ice cream, dance party and more! 2-4pm. Grades K-5. \$10, registration required. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2700 or theartplace.us.

Breastfeeding Basics. Taught by certified lactation consultants, this one-day introductory class helps you make an informed decision about breastfeeding. It covers the breastfeeding skills and techniques to ensure a successful breastfeeding experience for mother and baby. 9am-12 pm. \$35. WellStar/East Cobb Health Park, Community & Education Room, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info/to register: 770-956-STAR (7827) or wellstar.org.



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JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King Celebration. The program will present salutes to Dr. King in song, dance, spoken word an array of talented performers. 10am. Free and open to the public. Turner Chapel AME Church, 492 North Marietta Parkway NE, Marietta. More info: Cobb County NAACP office, 770-425-5757 or www.cobbnaacp.org.

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JANUARY 18

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club. Build stuff, run and jump, make music and, make a mess. It's a totally new kind of math club. Mischief-making activities like Glow In-The-Dark Geometry, Bouncy Dice and Toilet Paper Olympics. 3:30pm - 4:30pm. This is an 8-week program for children in 3rd-5th grade. There is a maximum of 12 participants. Pre-Registration is required. Please plan to attend all 8 sessions. Gritters Library, 880 Shaw Park Road, Marietta. More info: 770-528-2524 or cobbcat.org.

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JANUARY 19

Bookworms—Light Up the Night. Explore the qualities of light and look through a spectroscope to reveal the wavelengths of light that mix together to create the colors you see. Light up the dark winter nights by creating a sparkling luminary lantern. 3:30pm - 4:15pm. 45 minute program for children in grades K-3. Mountain View Regional Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2725 or cobbcat.org.

JANUARY 19-21

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

JANUARY 20-22

Special Olympics Georgia State Indoor Winter Games. Special Olympics athletes from around the state head to Cobb County for the Indoor Winter Games. Over 1,800 athletes from across the state of Georgia will participate in: Basketball, floor hockey, gymnastics, bowling, and roller skating. Opening ceremony Friday at 7:30pm. Free. Various events at various locations. More info/volunteer info: Paul McNeil, 770-414-9390, ext. 116 or paul.mcneil@specialolympicsga.org or www.specialolympicsga.org.

JANUARY 21

The Official Blues Brothers Revue recreates the music-infused comedy routine of the original team, John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd. 8-10pm. Tickets: \$30. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta. More info: 770- 528-8490.

JANUARY 23

Trey Wright, Some of My Best Friends are Saxophonists featuring Sam Skelton, Mace Hibbard, Marc Miller and Marlon Patton. 8-10pm. FREE. Kennesaw State University, Morgan Concert Hall at the Bailey Performance Center, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. More info: 470-578-6650 or boxoffice@kennesaw.edu.

JANUARY 25-FEBRUARY 25 (SATURDAYS)

Genealogy 101 presented by the Genealogy Society of Cobb County. 9:30am-12:30pm. Registration: 9am on January 28. Classes are free. If you wish to purchase a set of course materials, the notebook with class handouts are available for \$39 if you register by January 11 or \$59 thereafter. First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta. More info/to register: www.cobbgagensoc.org.

JANUARY 26

ICM's Celebration of Children Conference 2017. Sponsored by Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM), this educational event is for anyone who is interested in learning more about service and advocacy opportunities for Georgia's children. The conference will include panel discussions on issues facing Georgia's children in juvenile justice, education, child protection, health care, and child poverty. Keynote: Duaine Hathaway, Executive Director, Georgia CASA. Forum: 10am-2pm. \$10 for program and lunch. Marietta First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info/to register: www.celebrationofchildren.campaignsites.net

JANUARY 26

The Nature Club monthly Dine and Discover for Adults. Spend your night socializing with like-minded folks and learning from experts in the field. Learn about Susan Caster's epic journey on the Pacific Crest Trail and beyond. For ages 16 and up. The potluck dinner starts at 7pm and the program starts at 8pm. \$10/non-members. \$5/members. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org



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29th Annual Polar Bear Run. An official Peachtree Qualifier, this race is a road race featuring a flat course in East Cobb and an electric disposable chip timing device system. The race will be held rain, snow or shine. 2K Fun Run: 8am. 5K Race: 8:30am. Cub Runs (ages 4-5) and Cub Dash (ages 2-3): 9:15am. Register online at Active.com. Get more information or download an entry form at polarbear-run.com. Packet pickup Friday, January 27, 10am-7pm at Big Peach Running Company in Marietta or Saturday, January 30 (race day) beginning at 6:30am in the Johnson Ferry Activities Center. 5K & 2K: \$25 through January 22 or \$30 thereafter. Cub events (ages 2-5): \$20. Phantom Racer: \$30 (no sweat-just T-shirt). Proceeds benefit High School Student Music Mission Trip Participants. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Lauren Dobson, 770-795-3224 or www.johnsonferry.org.

Cobb Chamber of Commerce 75th Annual Dinner. Join the Cobb Chamber for their 75th Annual Dinner gala, the Diamond Jubilee! This black-tie dinner affair celebrates the many accomplishments of 2016 and sets the standard for a successful 2017. 6pm reception. 7pm dinner and program. 9-11pm. Tickets: \$175 per person; \$1,500 per table of 10. Cobb Galleria Centre, John A. Williams Ballroom, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: Amy Goggins, 770-859-2335 or www.cobbchamber.org.

JANUARY 28

Millennials Meetup. Calling all 20- and 30-something-year-olds. If you want to get to know other millennials in your neighborhood while enjoying some free food, then this program is for you. Network with others and play with some of the library's latest tech gadgets. Learn about what the library has to offer your age group, and let them know what activities/programs you would like to see at the library. 1-3pm. This program is appropriate for adults ages 18-35, registration is required. Mountain View Regional Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2725 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

UGA Lacrosse Clinic hosted by Sprayberry High School Lacrosse program. Middle School and under: 9am-12pm. High School: 1-4pm. Boys only. \$80/ player with 25% goes back to Sprayberry Lacrosse, 2525 Sandy Plains Road. Sprayberry High School, More info: www.sprayberrylacrosse.com or la516buckley@gmail.com.



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JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 7

Winter Bird Seed Sale. Just in time for the Great Backyard Bird Count, fill your feeders with Cole's premium bird seed and benefit the Chattahoochee Nature Center (CNC). Pre-sale orders can be placed online or at the Nature Store. Pre-purchase between January 29 - February 7 and pick up is at CNC February 12-14. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

FEBRUARY 3 & 4

The Episcopal Church of St. Peter & St. Paul Kids Consignment Sale. Great selection of new and gently used items at low prices! Fri: 9am-6pm. Sat: 9am-12pm (items reduced 30%). The Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, 1795 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta 30062. More info: 770-977-7473 or spspkids.com.



FEBRUARY 4

Boots, Blue Jeans & Chili Cook Off fundraiser presented by the 100+ Friends Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. All proceeds will benefit the YWCA of Northwest Georgia and their mission of a community free of domestic violence and sexual assault. \$30/ person. Includes dinner provided by Williamson Bros. Bar-B-Q. 6-9pm. Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info/RSVP: Hope Felshaw, 770-423-3562 or hfelshaw@ywcanwga.com or www.ywca.org/northwestgeorgia

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JANUARY 14

Deadline for **St. Andrew Rowing Club** registration. Ages 12-18. Meets at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 675 Riverside Road, Roswell 30075. More info/to register: 770-676-2739, coach@standrewrowing.com or www.standrewrowing.com.

JANUARY 15

Deadline for **East Side Baseball Association** registration. Leagues play at FullersRecreation Park, 3499 Robinson Road, Marietta 30068. More info/to register: www.eastsidebaseball.com

North Atlanta Soccer Association (Tophat Soccer)

offers a recreational youth soccer program for boys and girls ages 3-19. For additional program information and online registration, please visit our website at www.nasatophat.com.

JANUARY 17

Deadline for Registration – Soccer, T-ball, Softball, Baseball, Flag Football and Volleyball. **Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church**, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-5280 or www.mtbethel.org.

JANUARY 23

Deadline for **Mount Paran Baseball** registration. Ages 4-18 years. Mount Paran North, 1700 Allgood Road, Marietta. More info: Lisa Buxton, 678-285-3248 or lisab@mtparan.com. To register: www.mtparan.com.

JANUARY 26

Deadline for **Sandy Plains Spring Baseball** registration. Leagues play at Sweat Mountain Park and Harrison Park. Sandy Plains baseball online registration will be open until January 26 at 9 pm. More info/to Register: www.sandyplainsbaseball.com

JANUARY 27

Deadline for **East Marietta National Little League**. Leagues play at Sewell Park, 2055 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068. More info/to register: www.eastmarietta.com.

JANUARY 28

Competitive program deadline for **Atlanta Jr. Rowing Association**. Ages 12-18. Roswell River Landing, 245 Azalea Drive, Roswell, Georgia 30075. More info/to register: ajra.information@gmail.com or www.ajracrew.org .

JANUARY 31

Deadline for **Terrell Mill Softball Association (TMSA)** registration. Recreational all-star travel and tournament teams for girls' softball ages 4-18 in both fast and slow pitch. More info: www.tmssoftball.org.

FEBRUARY 1

Deadline for **Sprayberry Jr. Jackets Lacrosse**. Ages 7-14. More info/to register: Laurie Buckley, 770-880-2846 or www.sprayberrylacrosse.com.

FEBRUARY 4 *Early-Bird Deadline

Deadline for **Upward Baseball & Softball** (ages 4-13) registration. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info/to register: 678-784-5317, or www.johnsonferry.org.

FEBRUARY 10

Deadline for **Cross Over Middle School Basketball** registration. 5th-8th grade. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 678-784-5302, or www.johnsonferry.org.

FEBRUARY 11

Deadline for **YMCA STRIKER Soccer** registration. Ages 3-19. McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-5991 or www.ymcaatlanta.org.

FEBRUARY 12

Recreational and middle school program deadline for **Atlanta Jr. Rowing Association**. Ages 12-18. Roswell River Landing, 245 Azalea Drive, Roswell, Georgia 30075. More info/to register: ajra.information@gmail.com or www.ajracrew.org

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Deadline for **East Marietta Basketball** registration. East Marietta Basketball, 33 Weatherstone Parkway Marietta. More info: 770-835-5799 or www.eastmariettabasketball.com. 



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Dave Ramsey began teaching FPU classes in 1994 every night around Nashville, Tennessee. In 1997, FPU was made available on video across the country with thousands of classes around the nation today.

The program is made up of 9 life-changing lessons taught by Dave on DVD in a fun and entertaining way. "I like to put the cookies on the shelf where everyone can reach them," says Ramsey. After each lesson the group meets to help each other plan budgets, discuss successes and temptations, and support each other in their journey to beat debt and build wealth. Topics covered include:

- Saving for emergencies
- Budgeting
- Relationship and money issues
- Buying big bargains
- Getting out of debt
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- Understanding insurance
- Retirement and college planning
- Buyer beware
- Real estate mortgages
- Careers and extra jobs

Each class participant needs a kit. Special rates are routinely available online at www.daveramsey.com or by calling 888-227-3223. Included in the cost of the kit is a lifetime family membership to FPU, allowing the participant to return to any class at anytime for a refresher course. The kit also includes an FPU workbook, an FPU envelope system, audio lessons, budgeting forms and Ramsey's best-selling book – *Complete Guide to Money*.

"FPU classes are changing lives across the country every day," says Louis Falzetti, executive vice president of Financial Peace University. "There is something for everyone in this program whether you are barely making ends meet, just trying to plan for retirement, or seeking to build wealth. No matter what your financial situation, you will find FPU to be the best motivational tool available across the nation to help you attain financial peace."

The first lesson is free! All you need to do is register to attend. If you want to continue, the cost is around \$100 including materials. The following lists some classes starting this month in East Cobb County:

- > Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30068
Class Begins: January 20 | Wednesdays 6PM
More info: 770-973-6561

- > Noonday Baptist Church
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Class Begins: January 22 | Sundays 4PM
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- > Powers Ferry United Methodist Church
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Class Begins: January 9 | Mondays 6:30PM
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Keep pets sheltered - Keep your pets inside with you and your family. Under no circumstances should pet cats be left outdoors, even if they roam outside during other seasons. Dogs are happiest when taken out frequently for walks and exercise, but kept inside the rest of the time. Don't leave pets outdoors when the temperature drops.

If your dog is outdoors much of the day for any reason, they must be protected by a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow them to move comfortably, but small enough to hold in body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches from the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

Bundle up, wipe down - No matter what the temperature is, windchill can threaten a pet's life. Exposed skin on noses, ears and paw pads are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold snaps. For this reason, short-haired dogs often feel more comfortable wearing a sweater — even during short walks. Rock salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe all paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth.

Remove common poisons - Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up any antifreeze spills immediately and keep it, like all household chemicals, out of reach. Coolants and antifreeze made with propylene glycol are less toxic to pets, wildlife and family. Dogs are at particular risk of salt poisoning in winter due to the rock salt used in many areas — often when licking it from their paws after a walk. Store de-icing salt in a safe place and wipe your dog's paws, even after short walks. If your dog ingests rock salt, call a veterinarian immediately.

Protect outdoor animals - If there are outdoor cats, either owned pets or community cats in your area, remember that they need protection from the elements as well as food and water. Cars are one of many hazards to small animals — warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine. 🐾

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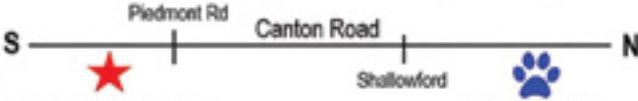
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Photo taken at the last Rally Idol 2 band practice. Front Row (L-R): Rally Kid Meredith Myers, Courtney Roach, Rally Kid Kenzie Trainer, Rally Kid Mary Tipton Carter; Second Row (L-R): Rally Kid Bailey Moody, Rally Kid Ruby Kaufman, Emily Roach, Rally Kid Audrey Arrowood, Ryan Elwart; Back Row (L-R): Geoff Melkonian and Webb Vandiver.

The Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research announced *Rally Idol 2*, a rocking night of live musical performances is scheduled for Saturday, January 28. “Rally Kids,” kids who are fighting or who have fought cancer, will be the stars of *Rally Idol 2* as they take the stage in front hundreds of fans at The Buckhead Theatre to perform “American Idol-style” with a live band. American Idol alumni Clark Beckham, Haley Reinhart, Casey Abrams and Anthony Fedorov will act as celebrity judges, giving their feedback after each performance. The live audience at the Buckhead Theatre will “vote” on their phones throughout the evening to support childhood cancer research. Each vote is a donation and every Rally Kid is a winner!

This very special event wouldn't be possible if it weren't for two East Cobb teenagers, Emily and Courtney Roach. As volunteers for the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research, Emily and Courtney, got to know many families fighting this disease, and also became friends with these “Rally Kids.” Some Rally Kids

have succeeded in beating their cancer, and sadly, some have earned their angel wings.

Heartbroken by their difficult treatments and uncertain outcomes, a few years ago, Emily and Courtney Roach, were inspired to find a bigger way to join the fight. Led by big sister Emily, the Roach family began brainstorming ideas during road trips and around the dinner table. Soon the idea for a Rally Idol concert was born, with Rally Kids performing in American Idol-style – with a live band, a panel of judges, and a crowd of cheering fans. On March 21, 2014, at the Buckhead Theatre in Atlanta, five Rally Kids performed for a sold-out crowd. The Rally Kids magical performances inspired and moved those in attendance all to tears of celebration, while a huge community of support raised nearly \$60,000 for childhood cancer research! In the months

that followed, Rally granted these funds to Dr. Saro Armenian at the City of Hope National Medical Center. The support arrived just as his current funding had been depleted. The Rally grant enabled Dr. Armenian to begin his first clinical trial in reducing life-threatening heart disease, often a side effect in children fighting cancer. Those trials have now expanded to children around the country!

Now, the younger sister, Courtney, currently a seventh-grader, is taking the family lead to create another Rally Idol concert! She is eager to introduce her Rally Kid friends Meredith, Gage, McKenzie, Mary Tipton, Audrey, and Ruby. They are each fighting or beating childhood cancer, and Meredith and McKenzie will perform in memory of their angel-sisters, Kylie and Hailey.

Rally Idol will also be more than just one night of celebration. The backstories and videos of the Rally Kid performers are available online at RallyIdol.org, along with a social media campaign on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. “We'll share their passion for music and



their fight against cancer. And we'll highlight the Rally Foundation and why research makes a difference," says Courtney.

Once the site is launched, followers can start making a difference by casting a \$10 vote at RallyIdol.org. They can vote once, or vote a thousand times to cheer on any or all of the Rally Kid performers! Supporters can also buy tickets and t-shirts for the event. "We are hopeful the community will show these kids its support as they rally for cancer research," says Courtney.

Tickets for Rally Idol 2 are \$20 for single admission and \$80 for a family pass. To learn more about Rally Idol 2 or to purchase tickets, visit RallyIdol.org or follow @RallyIdol on Facebook and Twitter.

"There will be much to celebrate – Courtney's and Emily's vision, stars giving back and talented kids affected by cancer pursuing their dreams," said Dean Crowe, CEO and Founder of the Rally Foundation.

About the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research

Childhood cancer is the number one disease killer of kids ages 0 to 15. The Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research (Rally), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, empowers volunteers across the country to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer research to find better treatments with fewer long-term side effects and, ultimately, cures. Rally received the Independent Charities Seal of Excellence and GuideStar Valued Partner seal, and according to independently audited financials, 93 cents of every dollar raised, supports Rally's mission. For more information, visit RallyFoundation.org. 



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June/ July	Father of the Year Summer Fun	5/15	6/1
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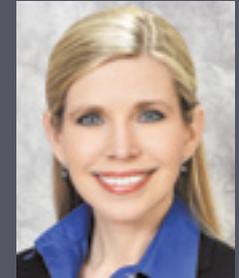
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Andreia Guilmet wants you to be curious. A native of Goiania, Brazil, she was introduced to the aesthetics industry as a young teen. The beautiful, trendsetting people of Brazil have been committed to waxing hair long before those of us stateside had even heard about waxing as an alternative to shaving. Though waxing was mainstream in Brazil where the people enjoy feeling clean, sleek and hair free, Andreia found it non-existent in Atlanta and seized an opportunity.

Since 2001, Andreia has made life smoother for thousands of Atlanta women. After launching 17 upscale Brazilian Wax By Andreia salons, the East Cobb location remains the flagship. 12 years ago, Andreia opened her first location in Marietta/East Cobb on Powers Ferry Road and credits those clients for her continued success and growth. Andreia explains, “The feedback has been tremendous from East Cobb clientele. I am proud their experiences were so positive.” Customers took to the polls to give their gold seal of approval: Brazilian Wax by Andreia was voted “Best Waxing” of Best Self magazine’s 2016 issue. Now with three locations in East Cobb, the newest salon opened on Johnson Ferry Road last year. Andreia’s reputation for exceptional salon service and for using imported, natural hard wax continues to grow. Andreia takes great pride in using only natural products. And even though the service prices were established over a decade ago, other salons cannot match the quality and prices Brazilian Wax by Andreia offers.

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credits her 150-person, fully-licensed staff of aestheticians and managers—many of whom are mothers, daughters and friends from Marietta’s Brazilian community—for her company’s success. Andreia’s formula is simple: put God first, a highly-trained staff second, then high quality products, low prices and assuring the client is always at ease.

Although plans are underway to open locations across the nation, East Cobb is where Andreia’s heart is. Her husband and partner Chris and her eldest daughter Beatriz, a Wheeler High School graduate, desire to keep the starship locations in East Cobb front and center. “We have built a base of loyal customers in East Cobb, many who have become good friends. East Cobb is not just the home base for our business, it is also our home.”

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One such program on the LIFE campus that is revolutionizing the way that psychology is being taught in higher education is the Secular Ethics and Contemplative Science track within the Master of Science degree in Positive Psychology (MSPP). LIFE's MSPP – Secular Ethics and Contemplative Science track is a six-quarter program that involves the studies and practice of contemplative and meditative practices, such as mindfulness meditation and Cognitively-Based Compassion Training (CBCT) in courses that involve a “meditation lab” component.

“A lot of times when studying psychology at universities, you learn and discuss, but you don't actually practice the things you talk about,” says Dr. Michael Karlin, assistant professor of Psychology at LIFE. “At Life University and in our department, every course has requirements for practice labs. We can teach you about what compassion is and read all the research about it, but if you don't actually sit in a lab and do the practices that cultivate compassion, it won't be sustained.”

Students in this program will develop familiarity with the emerging research on contemplative practices and their effects, particularly in the fields of psychology, neuroscience and the health sciences. Students will learn how to develop secular interventions based on contemplative practices and traditions. They will also learn how to design research studies that evaluate such interventions in diverse settings, including educational and clinical settings.

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COBB COUNTY JOINS WAZE CONNECTED CITIZENS PROGRAM

The Cobb County Department of Transportation today announced a data-sharing partnership with Waze (www.waze.com), the free, real-time crowdsourced traffic and navigation app powered by the world's largest community of drivers.

Designed as a free, two-way data share of publicly available traffic information, the Waze Connected Citizens Program promotes greater efficiency, deeper insights and safer roads for citizens of Cobb County, along with more than 100 other partners around the world.

Two-way data sharing with Waze allows the County to provide an additional avenue to make the public aware of ongoing construction, traffic incidents and event-related lane closures. With growth occurring in many regions of Cobb, including the Kennesaw State University area and the Cumberland Community Improvement District—with the addition of SunTrust Park and The Battery—the Waze app combines the DOT's traffic information with citizen-generated reports to offer a more comprehensive look at conditions for commuters. The County also will collect anonymous, real-time data from Waze to assist in the identification of traffic trends that will be beneficial in transportation planning as Cobb continues to progress as a metro Atlanta hub for business, education and entertainment.

"Joining the Connected Citizens Program was a logical step to take to ensure that we are providing our citizens with the best available tools to make decisions about their daily travel on our roads," said Jim Wilgus, director for the Cobb County Department of Transportation. "Our work is about helping people get around as safely and efficiently as possible. That means construction, certainly, but it also means making the most of technology. We are excited about how working with Waze will help us meet that goal."

The Waze Connected Citizens Program gives county leaders an unprecedented look at road activity, empowering partners to harness real-time driver insights to improve congestion and make better informed planning decisions. Waze provides partners with real-



time, anonymous, Waze-generated incident and slow-down information directly from drivers, and in return the DOT provides real-time construction, crash and road closure data to Waze. The exchange creates a map that evolves with every driver and data point it receives and promotes safer roads by equipping Wazers with the knowledge to make smart commute choices to avoid delays due to daily construction or major traffic events caused by game days or dignitary visits.

"Through the Waze Connected Citizens Program, Cobb County will contribute critical data to the Waze app which is key for hyperlocal citizen support," said Adam Fried, New Business Development Manager at Waze. "No one knows more about what is happening on the roads than Wazers, and Cobb County will be able to use these anonymous insights to further promote safer roads. In exchange, Cobb County is providing critical road closure and incident data to Waze, helping Wazers better circumvent major traffic events and real-time traffic blocks."

To find out more about Connected Citizens, visit waze.com/ccp. To download the free Waze app for iOS or Android, visit www.waze.com/get. 

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LOCAL GIRL SCOUT EARNS GOLD AWARD



Elisa Sacchetti

Elisa Sacchetti, a junior at Lassiter High School, has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. The Gold Award recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable community service projects that require a minimum of 80 hours to complete. Less than five percent of Girl Scouts earn the award.

Elisa chose to promote health and fitness at three different schools--Mountain View, Bells Ferry, and Rocky Mount Elementary Schools--once a week for four weeks, teaching lessons to the After School Program (ASP) elementary school children. Entitled, "Project: Be a Superhero," Elisa created a health and wellness program because she noticed a drastic change in the way adolescents treat their bodies. "Children, teenagers, and adults are decreasing the amount of exercise and making poor choices in foods. . . I chose to target elementary school children and teach them about the importance of eating healthy and exercising. I want the younger generation to grow up treating their body right," says Elisa.

Elisa's health and fitness units taught the children about food groups, muscles, exercise and healthy eating

benefits, negative effects of not taking care of body, how to have a balance diet, understanding food more and where food comes from. With the help of an elementary school teacher and a pediatric doctor, she researched important information to teach the children about making healthy eating choices and exercising. As Elisa explains, "I had a team of 18 fellow high school students, who came to the schools over a period of 4 weeks (once a week for each school) and taught the lessons. . . which included a lecture and an educational fun game to play. The parents also received a "What Did My Child Learn Today" pamphlet."

"75 amazing students from three different elementary schools have been educated on the importance of eating healthy and exercising. There are new "superheroes" in this community now. Healthy eating and exercising is extremely important and I hope to see more take on the initiative to better themselves," states Elisa. 📍

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EAST COBB SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER

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Neuropathy Relief

January 6 | 10am-11:30am

Free; Registration required

Do you suffer from Neuropathy? Neuropathy affects the motor nerves that control muscle movement and the sensory nerves that detect sensations, such as coldness or pain. At this seminar learn about neuropathy, the symptoms, terms, causes, and treatments to alleviate the symptoms of this neurological disorder. Provided by Dr. Ellie Tillman with Ballard Chiropractic Clinic.

Financial Fraud and Elder Abuse-Are Your Personal Finances Protected?

January 10-January 24 | 10am-12pm

Free; Registration required

As the population ages, losses as a result of financial elder abuse are increasing. Baker Daily Money Management will be presenting on the following topics: financial fraud and elder abuse, how to prevent and report financial fraud, and daily money management services and how they can help.

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10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's disease

January 11 | 10:00am-11:30am

Free; Registration required

Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or another dementia. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. There are 10 warning signs and symptoms. Every individual may experience one or more of these signs in a different degree. Presented by Kayley Fleming with Alzheimer's Association.

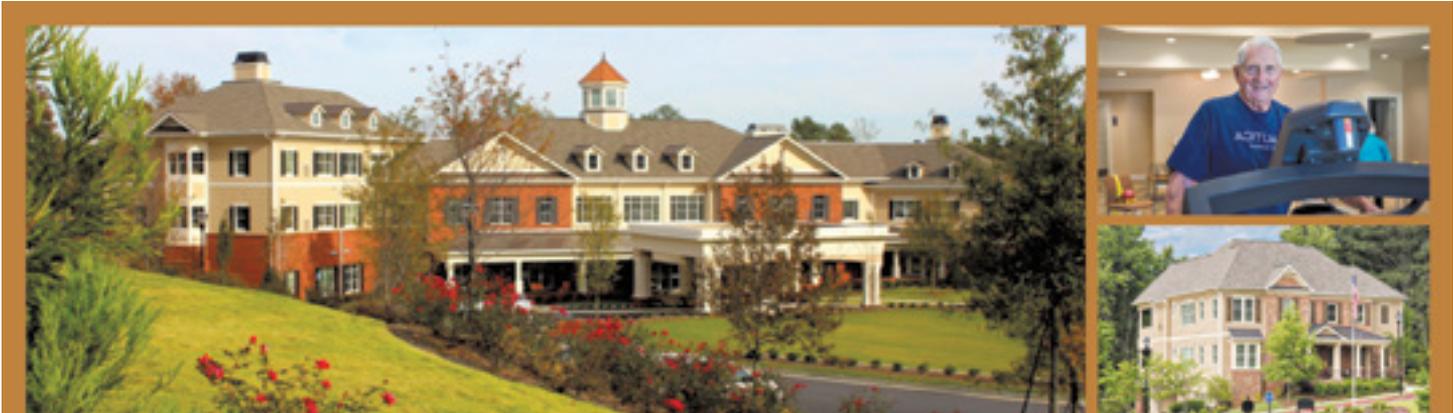
Pick Your Risk

January 13 | 10:00am-12:00pm

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What's the biggest risk you face with your life savings? There's way more to it than you thought. Learn from Larry Lupas, Lupas Financial Services, how to recognize which of the 26 financial risks you must manage for your nest egg monies. Your successful retirement depends on it. Q&A session will address questions or concerns regarding investments, income strategies, passing assets to loved ones, etc.

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CLUB CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Divorce Care.** 13-week course beginning the 3rd Wednesday of August, 6:30-8pm Open to all ages. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

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

• **Divorce Support Group** by Visions Anew for women who are contemplating or going through the divorce process. First Thursday of the month, 7-8:30pm. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.visionsanew.org.

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

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

• **Domestic Violence Support Groups.** Sessions in English and Spanish. Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45pm. Childcare available for children 6 weeks-12 years. Children over 12 may attend and learn childcare skills. More info: 770-427-3390.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Grief Support Group** Third Thursday, 7pm of the month. Unity North, 4255 Sandy Plains Road. More info: Kathy Kelcourse for info at kathkzel@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

• **Marietta Moms.** For all kinds of moms – new to the area, looking for new friends, or just needing support. Daily events for babies, toddlers, and older kids. 770-956-0318 or 678-357-3661.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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