

# WIN TUCKER

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## WIN SOME, LOSE SOME

TUCKER HIGH COACH LOOKS BACK ON TWO  
DECADES OF SUCCESSES – AND THE ONE THAT  
ALMOST WAS

## EDITOR'S NOTE



Tucker is a lot of things, but more than anything else we are a community that gives. In this month's magazine, you're going to be introduced to several people who bear that out in their everyday lives.

Our cover story this month looks at the career of Tucker High School basketball coach James Hartry. Coach Hartry and his team made headlines last month when they lost the state championship game on a buzzer beating shot. That shot won't define his legacy, though. Neither will his many trips to the state tournament or even the state title his team won 12 years ago. Instead, as you'll read on page 6, that legacy is reflected in the hundreds of young men he's mentored over the years and the many more he's determined to mentor over the years to come.

Our Citizen and Business of the Month embody this same spirit. On page 12 you'll meet John Keeter, a husband, father and civic leader who has dedicated much of his free time to giving back through the Cub Scouts. Whether it's campouts, jamborees or den meetings, scores of Tucker youngsters look to him for guidance in learning to live out the Scout Law. Similarly, you'll find on page 9 how Shatrece Jenkins is using her background as an educator to get developmentally disabled adults trained to enter the workforce at her business, BT Solutions.

Enjoy getting to know these Tucker neighbors and take their stories to heart; you can give back to the community, just like they do, in your own unique way.

**MATT HOLMES**  
INTUCKER EDITOR

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### From the Cover

James Hartry has roamed the sidelines at Tucker High for nearly two decades. On page 6 the coach looks back on his victories on and off the court. (Cover photo courtesy Carla Parker, DeKalb Champion)



### Welcome to Tucker!

On page 5, get to know new Tucker Precinct police commander Major Craig Medlin and find out how his background uniquely qualifies him for his new role.



### Business Boom

These are exciting times on the Tucker business scene. On page 10, John McHenry gives you a preview of Tucker Manufacturing Day and tells you about a new Tucker bank looking to buck a statewide trend.



### Citizen of the Month

Father, husband, scoutmaster. On page 12, find out the many ways our Citizen of the Month is helping to shape our Tucker community.



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It's been almost a year and a half since DeKalb County voters gave their overwhelming support to the special-purpose local-option sales tax (SPLOST). Part of the appeal of that additional penny was that incorporated cities like Tucker would receive a share of the revenue proportional to the population and would have say over which projects they funded and which contractors they hired to do those projects.

Thanks to great work from our professional staff, I can tell you that we hit the ground running with our program, starting well ahead of most others in the County, and stretching that penny as far as it could possibly go. Road resurfacings are the most visible example and you can find plenty of testimonials from residents and business owners on social media. I often hear about it directly from neighbors in the community. So many talk about how smooth the daily commute is now that they don't have to dodge potholes on Fellowship Road or worry about being cut off at Lawrenceville Highway. Our business partners say their trucks are able to get up and down Mountain Industrial Boulevard in better shape than ever before.

And more success stories are coming.

This month, we'll kick off our spring resurfacing blitz. Cold and rainy weather prevented us from completing Rock Mountain Boulevard and Old Norcross Road in the fall, so those will get priority status. We have 24 other streets that will be repaved before all is said and done. You can find a complete list at [tuckerga.gov/SPLOST](http://tuckerga.gov/SPLOST).

But roads aren't the only things being improved due to SPLOST funding. Last month, your City Council voted to install lights on the tennis courts at Henderson Park. We've installed security cameras around our parks to increase safety. We're planning to make improvements to hiking trails and renovations to the concession stand at Kelley Cofer Park. And you'll soon see some new sidewalks around town. All of this is being done with that additional penny.

It wasn't easy for me to support a new tax. I know it's a risk and an expression of trust when you go to the ballot box and agree to give the government more of your money, and I take your trust seriously. Our staff and contractors understand it, too. We will continue to execute our SPLOST program with the utmost transparency so that you can see that your trust has been well-placed and that the results make it worth the investment. When everyone is holding up their end of the bargain, we increase the quality of life for everyone in Tucker and that's my number one priority.

**FRANK AUMAN**  
MAYOR OF TUCKER

# City Council Update



Tucker's Mayor and City Council met three times in the month of March, holding two regular scheduled meetings and a special called work session to discuss the Fiscal Year '20 budget.

The first meeting, on March 11, saw Council vote on three very high-profile projects. The first was a unanimous vote to approve a contract for \$97,000 for installation of lighting at the Henderson Park tennis courts. Those lights, paid for by SPLOST funds, should be in place by summertime. Secondly, Council voted to hire Lowe Engineers to handle construction design on a previously-funded sidewalk along Idlewood Road. Design work for the sidewalk, which would run between Tucker Middle School and Lawrenceville Highway, should be complete this summer. Lastly, they voted to award oversight of the City's SPLOST-funded spring road resurfacings to BM&K. The firm will handle Construction Engineering Services (CEI), ensuring that road

work is done to GDOT specifications.

At the meeting on March 25, Council approved an amendment to the City Nuisance Code. The changes will give the City an additional tool in enforcement of rules pertaining to structures used for noxious reasons. Council also voted to enter into a contract with Construction 57, Inc. for construction to fill in eight sidewalk gaps around the City. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$320,000 and will address sidewalk needs along stretches of Brockett Road, Cooleedge Road, Elmdale Drive, Fellowship Road and Idlewood Road. They later voted unanimously to extend an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to use court facilities in the City of Clarkston through the end of 2019.

Council also met on March 27 for a budget work session. Members of city leadership presented departmental budget proposals to Council members for their consideration. A final budget must be approved by the end of April.

## DATES TO KNOW

- April 4**  
Downtown Development Authority
- April 8**  
City Council
- April 10**  
Community Council
- April 17**  
Environmental Court
- April 22**  
City Council
- April 24**  
Offenses Court
- April 25**  
Planning Commission

## TUCKER SOCIAL

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 **Nextdoor**

# ON THE BEAT *with Lt. Schoeppner*

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The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said that "change is the only constant." This is certainly true in the DeKalb County Police Department. In the past month, we have seen Chief Conroy announce his retirement, Tucker Precinct's Major Padrick get promoted to

Assistant Chief and Major Craig Medlin

move from Special Operations to command of Tucker Precinct.

On February 20, Chief Conroy announced that he would be retiring at the end of April. He will have 30 years of service with the department. When Chief Conroy was appointed in 2013, he had been DeKalb P.D.'s ninth chief in 11 years. His tenure has given our department a much-needed period of stability. He can be credited with helping retain manpower and reduce crime. Chief Conroy also played a key role in helping craft the agreement between the City of Tucker and DeKalb County for police service to the City. A nationwide search is being conducted for his successor.

Before his departure, Chief Conroy appointed Tucker Precinct's very own Major Padrick to be the Assistant Chief over the Uniform Division. Assistant Chief Padrick was first assigned to Tucker Precinct in 2015 when he served here as Captain. He then got promoted to Major and served as the precinct commander until this year. Assistant Chief Padrick will now be overseeing the operation of all four of DeKalb's police precincts.

I would now like to introduce Major Craig Medlin as Tucker Precinct's new commander. Major Medlin has served with the DeKalb County Police Department since June 1995. He started his career in the Uniform Division, was then assigned to South Precinct Criminal Investigations as a Detective from 2001 to 2003, and then went on to work in the newly created Homeland Security Division from 2003 to 2015. He also served as the Deputy Director of DeKalb



County Emergency Management. During his tenure in the Homeland Division, he led terrorism related investigations, managed critical infrastructure assessments of high-profile countywide targets, and developed buffer zone protection plans.

In December 2015, Major Medlin was promoted to his current rank and assumed command of the Special Operations Division, which is composed of the SWAT Team, Bomb Unit, K-9 Unit, Motors Unit, Traffic Specialist Unit, Aerial Support Unit, and the Security Unit.

The major is a 2015 graduate of the 134th Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute through the University of Louisville. He is currently a member of the 2019 Leadership DeKalb Class. He is also enrolled with Waldorf College to obtain his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

Major Medlin's diverse background and extensive experience made him an easy choice to be Tucker's precinct commander. We at the precinct are excited to have him here. He tells me that he is eager to carry on the good relationship that Chief Conroy and Assistant Chief Padrick fostered with the City and looks forward to serving its citizens.

# LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

## TUCKER HOOPS COACH WON'T LET BUZZER BEATER DEFINE HIS LEGACY



James Hartry owes everything he has to basketball. Don't believe it? The proof is right there in his family tree.

"Trace the Hartrys out of Milledgeville. Five brothers, all five of us went to school on basketball scholarships," he recounts. "I've got a father with a third-grade education. My mother with a fifth. They couldn't afford for us to go to school. Basketball is all we knew. We just ate, slept and breathed basketball 24/7."

Coming from that hoops-crazed household, Hartry played the game as

***"COACHING AIN'T JUST ABOUT WINS AND LOSSES. COACHING IS ABOUT ME MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THESE YOUNG MEN'S LIVES."***

long he could before making the switch over to coaching. Since 2001, he has roamed the sidelines at Tucker High School, leading the Tigers to countless state tournament appearances and a state championship victory back in 2007.

Still, in all his years around the game, Hartry never experienced something like what happened to his team on March 9 in the Macon Coliseum. The Tigers, led by senior star Nate Ogbu, were competing for the AAAAAA state title against a talented Tri-Cities team. With the game tied at 43 and the clock ticking down, Tri-

Cities Da'Marcus Johnson hit a game-winning three-point heave, abruptly ending Tucker's championship quest. It was a shot that left Tiger fans crushed, but not their coach.

"Nothing you can do," Hartry says. "[In a tied game] a guy shoots one from half-court and beats you. Tip your hat, go to the house, say, 'Hey, hope to see you next year.'"

Just days after that championship loss, Hartry is back in his element, carrying out his day job as a health teacher at Tucker High. To watch him interacting with students, you would never know the disappointment he and his team had just encountered. It makes sense, though; Hartry says the biggest reason he's stayed in this field and at this school for so long is the kids.

"To get a phone call that says, 'Coach Hartry, I'm graduating in May. Will you come to my graduation?' I live for that. That's everything," Hartry explains. "I thought I was proud when my two daughters graduated from college, but these boys are like my sons."

One of those sons, and perhaps the sharpest to have matriculated under Coach Hartry, is the 6'8" Ogbu. The soft-spoken forward has spent his four years in high school balancing books and basketball. That led to a recruiting process that drew phone calls from heralded programs in the SEC and Big 12. But it was a call he got from Dartmouth College that helped to solidify his college plans.

"When I see an opportunity like this to go to the Ivy League, there's no question that I'm going to take that chance," Ogbu says.

The son of a civil engineer, Ogbu says he's more inclined toward math and physics. That has him aiming for a post-basketball career in electrical engineering. Coach Hartry says those lofty goals – and his 4.2 grade point average – are a credit to the hard work of the student, his parents and the quality of education being offered at Tucker High.

"Nate didn't come to Tucker to play basketball. Nate came to Tucker to be in the IB program," Hartry recalls. "His daddy made it clear: 'Basketball's fine. We'll play basketball. It's good, but I really want Nate to be in that IB program.'

"It's an honor to have your kids go to school, to go off and go to college, but to have one to go to Dartmouth, to have one to go to an Ivy League school, that says your program is concentrating on academics as well as athletics."

While Hartry has every intention of staying involved in the life of Nate Ogbu the person, he's exhausted the eligibility of Nate Ogbu

the basketball player. That means the coach who came just one desperation shot from another state championship title must look to the future. And that's fine by him.

"I have a program. I don't have basketball teams. Programs keep going," Hartry explains. "Still, you can't live off last year. You've got to get in the gym, you've got to work and you've got to compete."

There's no question the Tigers will miss their veteran leadership next fall, but the one constant in the program will be there; the basketball lifer, the man with a unique understanding of the interdependence of hoops and education, will be on the sideline pushing his young team toward another date in Macon.

**"I DON'T ASK FOR MUCH IN MY PROGRAM BUT TWO THINGS: TO PLAY HARD AND GUARD. WITH A LITTLE TALENT, YOU CAN GO A LONG WAY."**



*Coach Hartry sports his GHSA state championship ring, a daily reminder of the 2007 club he guided to the top of Georgia high school basketball.*

# TUCKER CLUSTER

## Updates & News

### Important Dates

- APRIL 1-5 – Spring Break

### The Brag Sheet

#### Brockett Elementary

- Students surpassed their fundraising goal of \$10,050 with their spring Read-a-thon. Students read for 145,535 minutes – about three months' worth of round-the-clock reading!

#### Idlewood Elementary

- Parents and students cut a rug at the Father-Daughter, Mother-Son Dance on March 22.

#### Livsey Elementary

- Livsey's drama students performed their spring play "A Hairy Tale" for audiences in the Tucker High auditorium.

#### Midvale Elementary

- Second grader Isabella Vila won the DeKalb County Art Star Award, beating out all other K-5 students from the Tucker, Lakeside and Druid Hills Clusters.

#### Smoke Rise

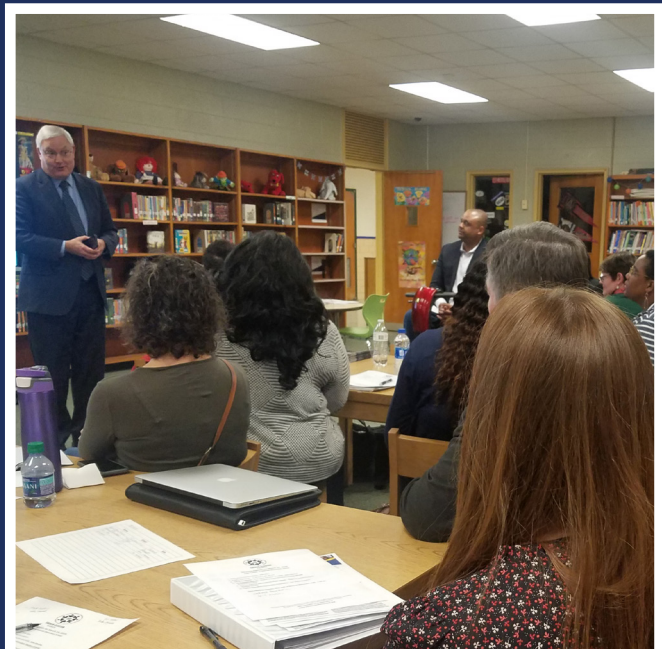
- DeKalb County Schools held a community meeting on March 7 to discuss plans with parents and other stakeholders for the replacement Smoke Rise Elementary School. The new school has a budget of \$27.6 million and should be completed for the 2021-22 school year.

#### Tucker Middle

- Eighth grader Skylar Sloane and seventh grader Samantha Kirn won a \$400 grant after competing in the SPARK competition sponsored by United Way of Greater Atlanta. The grant is aimed at supporting students who are taking leadership roles in their schools and communities to improve access to and engagement in STEM. Both students are participants in the Georgia Chief Science Officer program.
- The Technology Student Association won big at the annual State Conference in Athens. Out of 34 events, students placed first in three events, second in six events, third in six events and top 10 in 10 more events. This allowed Tucker Middle School to walk away with third place in the overall State Outstanding Chapter category, besting all other DeKalb County schools. Additionally, the TMS advisors received the "Inspirational Teacher Award" for the second year in a row.

#### Tucker High

- Senior Khushi Patel has earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.



Members of the Tucker Cluster Council held their bimonthly meeting on March 19 receiving updates on the Smoke Rise Elementary replacement project, as well as a primer on International Baccalaureate (IB) education.



# BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

# BT SOLUTIONS



The pursuit of learning is something typically associated with children. But when teachers need additional certification or adults are looking to get job training, they need a place to go. That's where Shatrece Jenkins comes in.

"We found this diamond in the rough and we turned it into a gem," Jenkins says, reflecting from her newly renovated learning lab on North Royal Atlanta Drive.

Armed with a master's degree in education, Jenkins started her company BT Solutions about five years ago. The business, which started in Stockbridge before moving

to Tucker, has just launched a new initiative called TIE – Therapy Interaction Education – aimed at helping developmentally disabled adults learn job skills while making friends in the process.

"[The students] have interactive learning, they have Spanish, sign language, art class, computer class, and then we're out in the community a great bit, as well," Jenkins explains.

The common thread among her nearly 60 students, Jenkins says, is a positive attitude. Over the course of her time with BT Solutions, she's seen hard-working students placed in jobs ranging from the IT industry

to education. It's those victories that make the job worthwhile.

"They say 'if you love what you do, you could do it for free.' That's a true statement," she says. "You can't have a bad day being here at BT Solutions. We have individuals that come in here and...they have huge obstacles and barriers in their life and they're smiling each and every day."

Now that they're ingrained in the Tucker community, BT Solutions is hoping to see many more success stories for years to come.

Learn more about BT Solutions and the services they offer at [www.mybtsolutions.com](http://www.mybtsolutions.com).

# BUSINESS BOOM

by John McHenry, Community and Economic Development Director



In this month's Business Boom, I'm proud to share about two exciting developments in the Tucker business community – the upcoming

Tucker Manufacturing Day and the anticipated opening of the first newly chartered bank in 10 years in Georgia, a community bank right here in downtown Tucker. My hope is that many folks will be able to join us on Manufacturing Day (see details below), as well as have an opportunity to get to know more about Tandem Bank and their desire to serve the residents and businesses of Tucker.

## MANUFACTURING DAY 2019

There is a significant portion of the City of Tucker that has an industrial and manufacturing component. This can often be overlooked with little understanding of the importance of the jobs and the wide array of goods and services that are supplied to the community. The upcoming Tucker Manufacturing Day that will take place on Wednesday April 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. is going to change that perception.

The event will take place at the Stone Ridge Event Center at 1750 Stone Ridge Drive and will include breakfast with a panel of experts discussing the status of manufacturing operations in the City of Tucker, along with showcasing recent developments and future opportunities. This will be followed at 9 a.m. by tours of four facilities in the City of Tucker: Eurofins, sonnenBatterie, Steel Mart and Thermo Pac. Sponsored by the City of Tucker, Tucker-Northlake CID and Tucker Summit CID, these tours will showcase the wide variety of industries that have selected to locate and operate in the City for its excellent transportation network, proactive City services and access to a diverse skilled workforce.

This inaugural event began with Mayor Auman's vision of recognizing the vitally important economic activity that is found behind the industrial and warehouse structures that line some of our key corridors.

"If you pull back the curtain, there is an amazing breadth of services and cutting-edge technology right in our backyard; industry that is fostering well paid jobs that allow for families to live and work right here in our community," he explains.



Collaboration plays a significant role in the partnership between the City and both CIDs, with this event as a prime example.

“Part of what we are highlighting on Manufacturing Day is that working together we create a strong and responsive environment for businesses to thrive,” says Tucker-Northlake CID Executive Director Matthew Lee.

The same sentiment was expressed by Emory Morsberger, Executive Director of the Tucker Summit CID.

“We know that Tucker is a critical manufacturing hub for metro Atlanta and we’re excited to sponsor an event that brings attention to the diversity and quality of services here,” Morseberger explains.

Laurie Wexel, who runs a business in an industrial area of Tucker and is a board member of the Tucker Business Association, was instrumental in organizing this event.

“One of my visions in starting and operating the Stone Ridge Event Center was to be an engine of revitalization and connection for businesses in the Tucker Summit CID and the new City of Tucker,” she says. “It was clear right away that once we pulled together the key players, there was excitement in showing off our businesses and how we support them. I’m so pleased to have helped advance the first of a series Tucker Manufacturing Days.”

## TANDEM BANK

This summer, Georgia’s first charter issued bank in over 10 years will open in downtown Tucker. Presently, they are raising \$18-25 million from prospective local investors, working through the regulatory process, planning the renovation of their headquarters and establishing state-of-the-art technology solutions. The ethos of this bank can be found in its name Tandem Bank, which embodies working in partnership with people and businesses to help them achieve their goals. Tandem Bank’s

products will include traditional deposit and loan products augmented with digital solutions. Tandem will be serving the residents and local businesses by meeting their banking needs with experienced bankers to help them grow and manage their assets. In the Tucker market, there are \$1.5 billion in deposits, 1,700 locally owned businesses and no local banks.



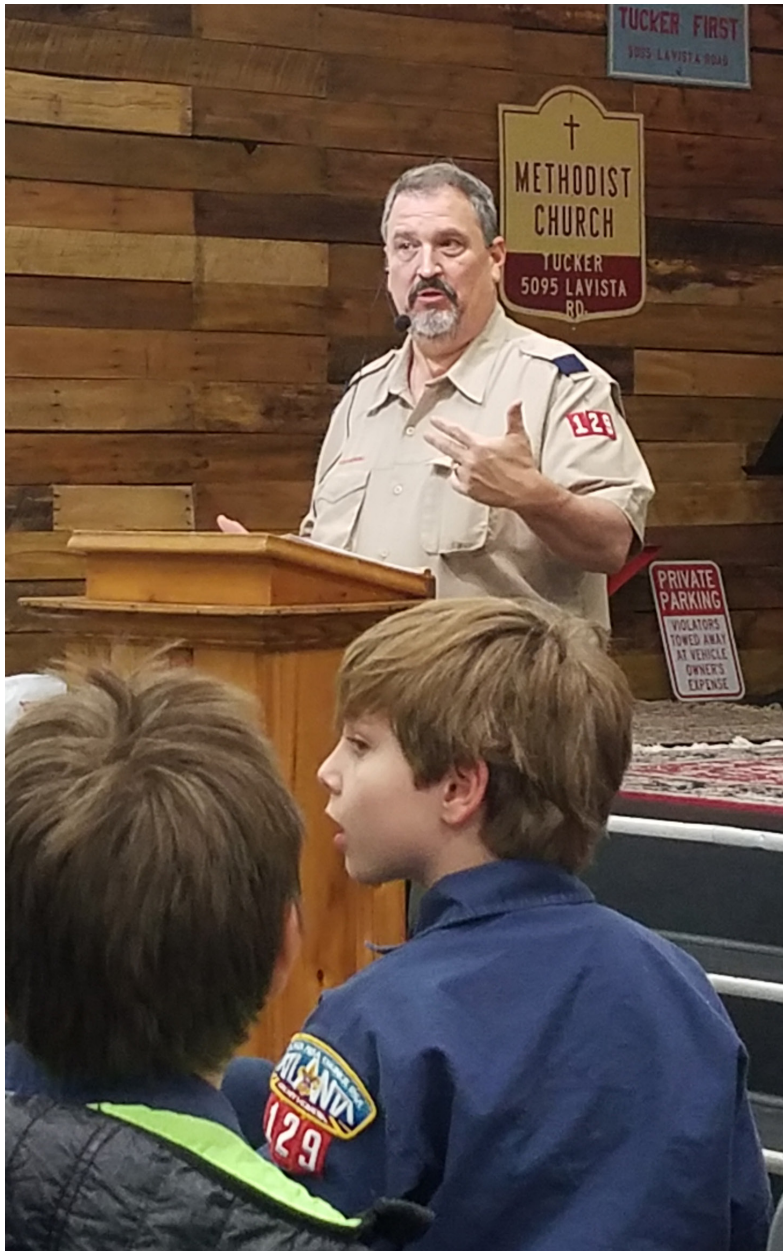
The former Resurgens Bank CEO Charles DeWitt leads the Tandem Bank organizing group as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and says he had clear reasons for locating in Tucker.

“We chose Tucker because it has a strong community identity, excellent growth prospects and a vibrant business environment,” DeWitt says. “We believe a locally owned bank that is devoted to knowing our customers by name and supporting our neighborhoods will be well received by the area’s businesses and residents. We’re excited about the opportunity to bring hometown banking back to Tucker.”

It is a true testament to a community’s economic vitality to see this kind of growth. I’m excited to keep you updated on this and other projects as they go forward.

# JOHN KEETER

## CITIZEN OF THE MONTH



"I nominate Tucker resident John Keeter for Citizen of the Month. I have the pleasure of working with John through our involvement in Tucker's Cub Scout Pack 129 where he is Cub Pack Master.

When taking over the role two years ago, John showed tremendous interest in taking the pack to new heights. Through his leadership and determination, he single-handedly tripled the size of the pack with recruitment efforts at local schools in just the second year. He also incorporated a new age group of five-year-olds and led the integration of girls into the pack.

A selfless volunteer, John is always the first to fill any role or assist with any task in the pack. He leads all the monthly pack meetings and fills in for den leaders on weekend den meetings. On event weekends, he is always the first one to show up and set up and is the last person to leave. And through it all, he keeps the ethos of the Scouts front and center, which is 'to help other people at all times.' The pack is lucky to have John as its leader!"

*Nomination by Javier de Jesus*

# TEAM TUCKER *Spotlight*

## DANISH ALI, IT SYSTEMS ENGINEER

**How did you end up here in Tucker?** I have a decade of experience within the IT field with different roles and responsibilities. I was recruited by a former colleague to join InterDev, the contractor handling IT and GIS services for the City of Tucker.

**What are your responsibilities in the IT department?** It begins with maintenance and support for all technical infrastructure, hardware and system software components. I am responsible for the configuring and debugging of system software/hardware for user support. I deploy timely patches to critical systems, as well as ensure disaster and recovery methods are properly configured and performing optimally. Ultimately, it's my job to provide ways to improve IT processes and business activities to make the City more efficient.

**How do you stay up to speed on changing technological trends?** Staying current is not an easy task. I use a three-pronged strategy. First, I set-up alerts from various agencies, vendors and organizations to keep me abreast of the latest trends. Secondly, I try to watch tutorials and leverage my team members. Third, I try to attend industry-specific conferences to focus on new, innovative technology solutions and training throughout the year.

**What should people know about security for their own devices?** Protect all your devices with secure passcode or fingerprint recognition. Stay away from unsecure networks. Try connecting your devices to secure network connections like VPN, private Wi-Fi and personal hotspots from your mobile devices. Be mindful of malicious apps and websites. Always verify the content is from a legitimate source.

**Why do you enjoy your career in IT?** The technology industry is a vast field and interconnects with every other industry. The IT field is a rewarding field to provide service to others.



### *Off the Wall*

**iPhone or Android?** iPhone, because it is in a closed loop system.

**Where would we find you when you're not at work?** I like to spend time with extended family and friends. I enjoy time in the gym, volunteer at a health clinic and read.

**What's your favorite movie?** Rudy is one of my favorite movies of all time. The main character, Rudy, portrays the power of dreams and outcomes of hard work and determination. The movie is a microcosm of the American Dream.

**What is the greatest thing that's ever happened to you?** Being a first-generation high school graduate in my family and obtaining my Bachelor of Science degree.

**What is the sports team you love to hate?** Hate is such a strong word. I don't like dislike any sports team, I just root for Atlanta sports teams.

# “ASK RIP” *Answers Your Park Questions*



*Rip Robertson is the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Tucker. He brings to the job years of experience in Parks and Rec, as well as Public Works. Rip is a former Military Intelligence Analyst for the U.S. Army and is active with the Army Reserve*

For this month's column, I want to highlight some events we have coming up and one that is ongoing.

First, I want to say thank you to all who showed up to the kickoff event for our “Lead the Pack” initiative on March 16. We had 30 folks sign a pledge promising to keep their pets leashed while enjoying our Tucker parks and encouraging their neighbors to do the same. As I mentioned, this was just the start. You can go to [tuckerga.gov/parks](http://tuckerga.gov/parks) to print off and sign the pledge. If you'll bring it to Tucker Recreation Center, our staff has a free City of Tucker leash to give you.

Secondly, our Parks staff wanted to make sure that families sticking around town for Spring Break had some opportunities to get out and have fun. That's why we've organized a Photo Scavenger Hunt in Henderson Park (April 1), a Trail Mix Hike in

Smoke Rise Park (April 3) and a free youth basketball clinic in Peters Park (April 6). We hope you can join us for one, or all, of these fun, free activities.

Finally, if you haven't made plans to send the kids to Summer Camp yet, I hope you'll consider giving our Tucker Recreation Center camp a chance. I'm proud to say the Mayor and City Council approved keeping registration prices static, meaning you'll pay the same \$95 per week this summer that you did last summer. We've also done a lot of analysis of what went right and what could be improved from last summer. Two of the big changes you'll see this summer will be more swim time for campers when we go to Kelley Cofer Park pool and more engaging activities on a day-to-day basis, specifically STEM-related activities that keep our students thinking. I'm proud of the groundwork we've laid for this year's camp and hope you'll go to our website and sign up today!





Join the Tucker Parks and Recreation Staff for a fun week of Spring Break activities. Get to know three great Tucker parks and so many of your Tucker neighbors. All events are free!

**APRIL 1**  
**HENDERSON PARK**  
**Photo Scavenger Hunt**

**APRIL 3**  
**SMOKERISE PARK**  
**Trail Mix Hike**

**APRIL 6**  
**PETERS PARK**  
**Youth Basketball**  
**Clinic**



## Community Corner



### 4/13 - Livsey Elementary Color Splash 5K

7:00-11:30 a.m.

4137 Livsey Road

This annual event is an untimed fun run featuring a 5K course. Throughout the course, participants will experience color splash zones where they will be doused in color. There will also be a final color toss celebration. Post-run celebration will feature vendors and a bounce house.

### 4/13 - Community Food Experience

3:00-5:00 p.m.

2367 Main Street

Curious about how food insecurity impacts our neighbors and our community? Join the Atlanta Community Food Bank and NETWorks Cooperative Ministry for this interactive and moving Community Food Experience, a simulation that explores the barriers to access faced by thousands of our neighbors.

### 4/14 - Young Musicians Series

3:00-5:00 p.m.

2003 S. Bibb Drive

This will be a fun afternoon of live music featuring some of the best of Atlanta's future talent! Come out to Tucker Brewing Company to support these fantastic young musicians and enjoy Tucker Brewing's beer garden, the largest in Georgia. Pay for the drinks, but the entertainment is free!

### 4/17 - Tucker Lifelong Community Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m.

4228 First Avenue

Join the City of Tucker staff and the TLC Committee to explore the Eight Domains of an Age-Friendly Community. The group will also work to develop an action plan to implement here in Tucker over the next five years.