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TUCKER BREWING GIVES BACK

LOCAL BUSINESS FORGES UNLIKELY PARTNERSHIP
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

EDITOR'S NOTE



Are you ready for springtime in the City of Tucker? Our March issue of *InTucker* is sure to get you into the spirit!

This month we talk with the organizers of the wildly popular and always delicious Tucker Chili Cook-off. It's not just that this succulent event draws thousands of people each year to our downtown while raising money for a good cause, but it's the kick-off to a year of really fun events and festivals coming to our Main Street. I don't know if you realize, but Tucker likes to party and the Chili Cook-off is always an awesome way to get the party started.

We're also going to look at what's happening in our parks. With the weather getting warmer, parents and children are discovering brand new playgrounds popping up all over Tucker. Thanks to our City Council and our Parks Department, this winter we replaced several structures – from rickety swings to rusty sliding boards – that have been around since I was a kid. I've taken my kids to these new playgrounds and I promise they're going to knock your socks off. Plus, we've got some exciting new activities for the grown-ups to enjoy this spring. A little something for everyone!

Finally, it'll be the first spring season for Tucker's flagship brewing operation. Wait until you read about the partnership Tucker Brewing Company is striking up with many of our Tucker Cluster schools.

So, grab your sunglasses and your allergy meds...it's going to be a great spring here in Tucker!

MATT HOLMES
INTUCKER EDITOR

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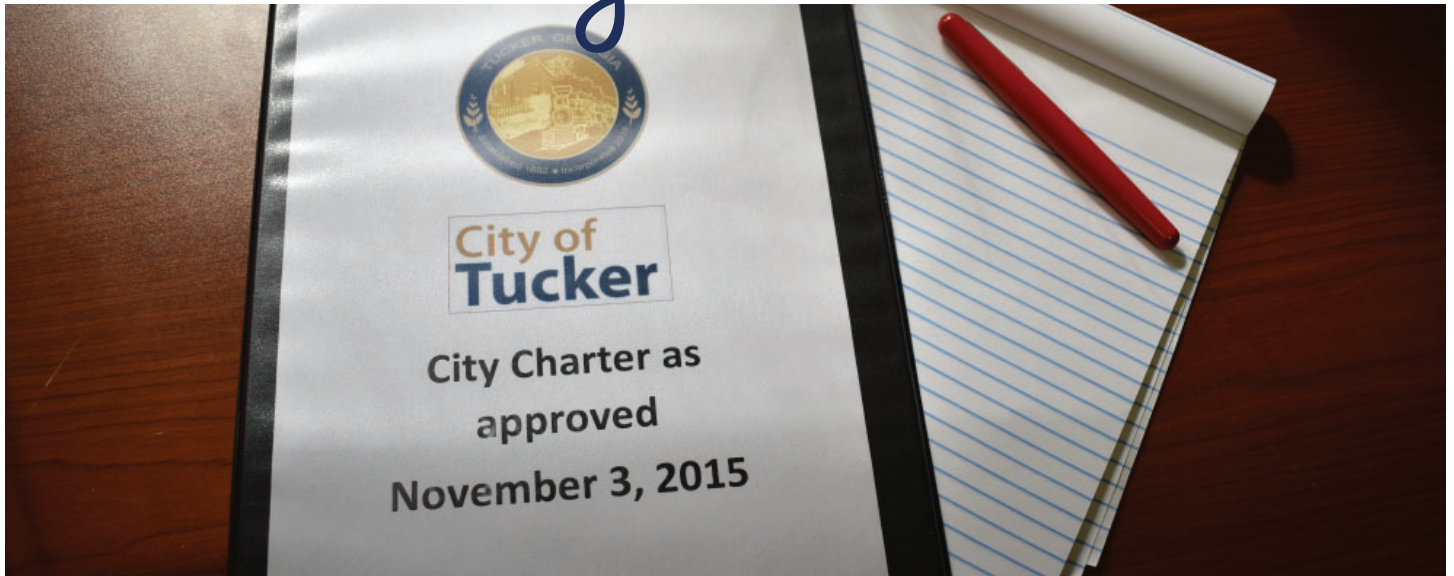
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From the Mayor



Tucker has enjoyed a lot of “firsts” since becoming an incorporated city. Last summer, we put on our first fireworks show. Last fall, we repaved our first roads. And this spring, we are embarking on another first. While not as visible, it is every bit as important as those other milestones; maybe even more so.

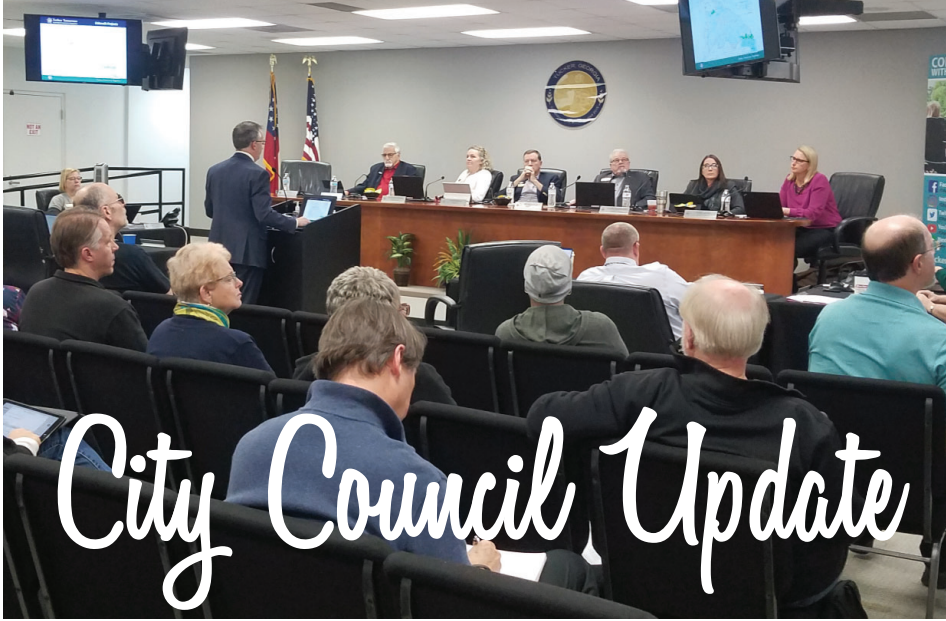
According to our City Charter, before the third anniversary of our incorporation as a City, I am required to call for a Charter Commission. I did so at a City Council meeting earlier in February. And what is a Charter Commission? It's a group of people who live in Tucker who will “review the City's experience and recommend to the General Assembly any changes to the Charter.”

Our Charter is actually a piece of state legislation that was voted into law and then approved via public referendum in November of 2015. Our state representatives and senators will each appoint one Tucker resident to the Charter Commission. I will appoint a member, as will our City Council as a whole. This select group of citizens will have a big responsibility: looking at how our Charter (our rules for operating) is working for us, and what needs to change for our City government to thrive as we move into the future. Once they have come up with their recommendations, our council and our local delegation to the General Assembly will discuss the proposals. Some of them we can implement ourselves, while some may require action by the state legislature.

This is a process that most cities and counties go through from time to time. In fact, just a couple weeks ago CEO Mike Thurmond issued an executive order to form a Charter Commission for DeKalb County. It's a way to get an outside perspective from engaged citizens about how to improve a government's operations.

This process is a welcome opportunity to pause and evaluate our organization and operations, and to consider how we can improve upon our early experience as a city. I welcome this important input and look forward to implementing these changes as we move forward into Year Four of cityhood. And let me say thanks in advance to those who will take on this important responsibility!

FRANK AUMAN
MAYOR OF TUCKER



DATES TO KNOW

March 7
Downtown Development Authority

March 11
City Council

March 13
Community Council

March 19
Zoning Board of Appeals

March 20
Environmental Court

March 25
City Council

March 27
Offenses Court

March 28
Planning Commission

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 **Nextdoor**

Tucker's City Council met twice in the month of February, looking closely at issues pertaining to transportation and parks.

At their February 11 meeting, Council voted to allocate \$2.3 million for new road resurfacing projects. City Engineer Ken Hildebrandt presented to Council on plans for a largely SPLOST-funded spring resurfacing push that will cover 24 streets, starting with Livsey Drive. Of the \$2.3 million, \$1.2 million is a combination of money left over from the 2018 resurfacings and higher-than-expected revenues. The remaining \$1.1 million was unallocated money that will be transferred from the City Manager's budget to the City Engineer's budget. At that same meeting, Council voted unanimously to approve \$39,793 to replace two aging HVAC units at Tucker Recreation Center.

Council met again on February 25, spending the bulk of the meeting discussing the City's Transportation Master Plan. Tim Preece of consulting firm VHB presented a draft of the plan, which will identify needs and guide

transportation decisions in the City for years to come. Specifically, Preece discussed possible improvements involving transit, sidewalks, traffic patterns and intersections. Council then voted to renew an agreement between the City and the Wade Walker YMCA that will have the Y staff Summer Camp at Tucker Recreation Center. The agreement maintains the \$95 weekly rate from last summer.

There was one change to the City Code. That came on a 6-0 to approve changes to the nuisance ordinance. The move is designed to address unsafe properties or structures and empower the City to remedy those by imposing a tax lien, when necessary.

Finally, Council approved a resolution opposing Georgia House Bill 302. The legislation, currently being considered under the Gold Dome, would strip localities of the authority to enact building standards in many circumstances, including exterior building color, exterior building materials, roofing materials and roofing styles.

ON THE BEAT *with Lt. Schoeppner*

Lt. D.G. Schoeppner is Tucker's liaison to the DeKalb County Police Department and can be followed at [facebook.com/dgschoeppner](https://www.facebook.com/dgschoeppner) or emailed at dgschoeppner@dekalbcountyga.gov



Recently I read a comment on the Tucker Precinct Facebook page questioning our response time. It's not uncommon to get questions about response time at community meetings or citizens calling directly to the precinct. The answer to this question can be complicated. However, there are usually some standard reasons that explain the majority of our response time complaints.

The first thing that influences how long it takes us to respond is the type of call. We are only going to run blue lights and siren to calls that are serious felonies (murder, rape, robbery), life threatening situations, or lesser felonies that are in progress (if your house is being burglarized and the suspects are still inside). We refer to these as priority one calls. In 2017, Tucker Precinct officers responded to 1,208 of these emergency calls. The average response time was 6:38. That is a full three minutes faster than the average response

time of the Atlanta Police. It's also worth mentioning that last year APD had the fifth-best response time of major U.S. cities. Even when you look at lower priority calls, Tucker Precinct has an average response time of 10:42. Tucker officers responded to 50,062 of these calls in 2017. I know this is little comfort to people who had to wait a long time for response, but these instances are relatively few for our average to be that low.

The next biggest contributing factor to response time is the time of day in which you call. There are two separate aspects to this. First is that between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., we receive the highest volume of 911 calls. During this time of day, it is not uncommon for the number of 911 calls coming in to exceed the number of officers we have working. The result is calls going into a queue and then prioritized by supervisors. This means that even though you may have called in your vehicle break-in or traffic accident first, we are going to

respond to the shooting, stabbing or domestic violence call ahead of yours. The other aspect is vehicle traffic volume on the roads. It just so happens that the hours when we receive the most 911 calls is also the time of day when vehicle traffic is the highest. Blue lights and sirens can help when they are appropriate, but for every other call the police officer has to drive through the same traffic as everyone else to get from call to call.

There are other factors, as well. Manpower, the weather or human error can all have an impact on response time. These are not insignificant, but getting too deep into them would exceed the space I have for this article. Our Community Engagement Meeting on March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library would be an excellent place to have a more in-depth discussion. We also have monthly Coffee with a Cop meetings around the area. Look at the Tucker Precinct Facebook page for info on the date and location. I hope to see you there.

GRAB A SPOON!

THOUSANDS TO DESCEND ON MAIN STREET FOR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Americans love to eat. Whether it's hot dogs and hamburgers, a juicy steak, or a slice of apple pie, we are a people all too happy to heed the call of a rumbling stomach.

But of all the foods out there, is there any that's more American than a bowl of chili? Think about it. In this melting pot of a country where we value and celebrate diversity, here is a food that can be mild or spicy, meaty or vegan, white bean or classic. You can pour it over Fritos or maybe just top it with shredded cheddar and sour cream. It's simple enough to eat with a spoon, yet complex enough to send you across the entire supermarket hunting down ingredients. Could it be this unique Americanness that inspired Tucker's beloved annual Chili Cook-off?

"No," says event organizer Jamey Wilson. "I just really love chili."

Wilson is part of OTTMA, the Old Town Tucker Merchants Association. Eight years ago, the group decided to embrace Wilson's love of seasoned meats and beans and turn it into a Main Street event. As it turned out, he was far from alone in his affection for this bliss in a bowl.

"The first year we were thinking if 500 showed up, we could consider that a successful event," Wilson recalls. "Someone estimated we had 3,500 people. We were completely unprepared. We didn't have the manpower, we didn't have the resources. We took a lot of notes that year."

The Cook-off has grown over the years and organizers are expecting as many as 40 entries for this year's competition, which takes place on March 9. They will also feature a live music stage, headlined by popular 80s cover band Electric Avenue. It's free to come out and enjoy the atmosphere, but to get your fill of chili it'll cost you five dollars.

Proceeds from the Chili Cook-off go to the Day League, a DeKalb County-based non-profit that provides help to youth and adult survivors of sexual assault. Over the eight-year history of the Chili Cook-off, organizers have donated over \$20,000 to charity.

As for the competition itself, prizes are given out for People's Choice, Best Restaurant entry and Best Booth. For those hoping to take home some hardware this year, Wilson says the secret to chili success is quite complex.

"It's got to have a great base flavor, the right amount of heat texture, smell, sometimes sweetness," he explains. "It's got to have something a little extra that you can't really describe...some flavor or ingredient that you really haven't had before."

The Chili Cook-off serves as the kickoff to the 2019 Main Street event season, which is highlighted by Tucker's proudest tradition, Tucker Day, on May 11.





Main Street Events

MARCH

- CHILI COOK-OFF

APRIL

- TUCKER CRUISE-INS

MAY

- TUCKER DAY

JUNE

- MOVIE ON MAIN

JULY

- CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

OCTOBER

- TRUNK OR TREAT

DECEMBER

- HOLIDAY ON MAIN

BUSINESS BOOM

by John McHenry, Community and Economic Development Director



One of my main objectives in this column each month is to show people the different areas where Tucker's business and real estate interests are thriving. This month, I want to tell you about how our Business Outreach Coordinator Billy Phillips is making a difference.

With a solid background in commercial and residential real estate, Billy joined Team Tucker last summer. I had been looking to add someone to our Economic Development team with the idea that they could cater to the needs of our great Tucker



businesses. That's important to note: economic development isn't all about attracting new companies to your city; you're in a lot of trouble if you're not seeking out and addressing the concerns of your existing businesses. The City recognizes that our local businesses are the backbone of our community. From small shop owners to large international corporations, we want to ensure that our employers' needs are being met so that they can prosper and grow in Tucker.

Billy jumped right in, meeting with over 200 businesses in his first six months. What we're hearing is that our businesses like having a direct contact at City Hall. Take, for instance, the case of wood. (formerly AMEC Foster Wheeler). They needed assistance on a sign permit and Billy was able to help them navigate the process quickly.

"With the name change this past year of our company, we have had to go through many obstacles in replacement of business signage in many areas of the country and the process in Tucker was handled very efficiently due largely to interactions with Billy and efforts between ourselves and the City of Tucker," says Donna Champagne, Office Services Manager at wood.

Jessica Varnell of Growler Time on Main Street adds, "Billy has provided market research and insight to Tucker businesses that will help us reach our target market and increase sales."

In his role, Billy is able to inform businesses on city policies that impact them. He is also able to put them in touch with workforce agencies, as well as county, state and federal incentive programs from which they could benefit.

I'm proud to say that, in a short time, adding the Business Outreach Coordinator position has already paid huge dividends for the City of Tucker.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

STONE RIDGE EVENT CENTER



Laurie Wexel laughs when she's asked about her professional background.

"I was an entrepreneur, built a successful home-based business," she says before adding, "oh, and I'm a mom to 14 children."

Wexel is the operator of Stone Ridge Event Center, the premiere spot in DeKalb County for weddings, banquets and corporate gatherings. She opened the 20,000-square-foot facility in Tucker's industrial area back in 2016. Since that time, she's hosted as many as 15 events per month.

"Ninety-five percent of our business is word of mouth," Wexel explains. "It comes down to hospitality and

customer service. Our motto is when someone walks through that door, you treat them like family."

In addition to an elegant ballroom that seats 500 people, Stone Ridge Event Center features an outdoor garden area that seats 350 guests for weddings. Other amenities include bride and groom suites, a full kitchen, and a bonfire area perfect for evening events.

The Stone Ridge Event Center is one of the greatest assets in the Tucker Summit CID," says Emory Morsberger, Executive Director of the Tucker Summit Community Improvement District (CID). "They can accommodate anything that we need in a beautiful space, plus they do it

fast, efficiently and cost effectively. Simply put, they are incredible!

As business booms at the Stone Ridge Event Center, Wexel and her team are garnering accolades, most recently being named the 2018 Business of the Year by the Tucker Business Association. So, what's the secret to running a successful event space? It really all comes back to motherhood.

"I think it perfectly equipped me," Wexel explains, "because every day was an event."

The Stone Ridge Event Center is located at 1750 Stone Ridge Drive. Find them on social media at [facebook.com/StoneRidgeEventCenterGA](https://www.facebook.com/StoneRidgeEventCenterGA).

EXCELLENCE ON TAP

SCHOOLS PARTNER WITH TUCKER BREWING COMPANY FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



It's Valentine's Day at Tucker Brewing Company and several well-dressed men have come out in search of love. But despite their best efforts, these guys won't have a say in which lady becomes their date for the night. That's because they've signed up to participate in the first-ever Tucker Brewing Bachelor Auction.

While bachelor auctions and similar events are common ways to fundraise, the benefactor of tonight's event is uncommon: it's an elementary school.

"Our mom was an educator for over 30 years," recalls Gabriel Chapman, one of

the co-owners of Tucker Brewing. "It's cliché, but education is the way to bring communities together."

Chapman opened Tucker Brewing with his siblings last year and says that, as a new business, they were simply looking for a way to get involved in the community. Education provided that avenue.

"Our mother, we saw her struggles in public education," says Chapman's sister and business partner, Ashley Hubbard. "Our end goal is to make a financial impact and to support those who need awareness."

The school they've chosen to partner with is Idlewood Elementary. Idlewood is unique among Tucker schools: it has the most ethnically diverse student population, drawing some of its student body from the City of Clarkston. It also has, by far, the biggest elementary student population at over 1,100 children.

"I see Idlewood Elementary as the international school of Tucker," explains Idlewood's Principal Advisory Council Chair Roger Carter. "My company (WellMed) has gotten involved. I hope this is going to become a new model of local corporate sponsorship at Idlewood."

For Tucker Brewing, the approach is multi-faceted. They're currently working with most of the Tucker cluster schools to host spirit nights, where the school receives a portion of that night's proceeds. They also are discussing ways to start an after-school tutoring program at Idlewood, where Tucker Brewing employees would go to the school and spend an hour mentoring students. That's one of the areas where parents like Carter say the children benefit most.

"It doesn't have to be monetary. We need more mentors in our school system," he says. "What would you pay [a private company] for this one-on-one time? Forty dollars an hour? Think of the knowledge transfer that child is getting just working with an adult. Imagine where our kids would be. At the end of the day, you have a student who can compete in the global marketplace."

The goal is certainly good, but many still will ask: a brewery raising money for a school?

Since it opened, Tucker Brewing has promoted itself as a kid-friendly place for families to come and spend some quality leisure time. When they designed their 8,500-square-foot beer garden, Hubbard, a mother of two, made sure there was a space for kids to play. Now they routinely see young children digging through the sandbox or playing games with friends on the weekends while their moms and dads kick back and relax. Still, she understands how that's a foreign concept to many.

"I have friends in this business who won't donate to children," she explains. "We're not in your face, 'have a beer.' It's more that we want to be supportive in the community. We just want to help in any way we can."

Erin Kirn has a child at Tucker Middle School and serves as co-Chair of the Tucker Cluster Council. She says Tucker is unique in how its businesses step up to support student achievement.

"The way Tucker businesses partner with our schools to create this connectivity with our community has such an impact, not only on student achievement, but really every stakeholder in this city," Kirn says.

As for the team at Tucker Brewing, they're not just hosting events and writing a check. They hope to see their philanthropy pay dividends for the students.

"Success is seeing test scores, the results and outcomes. That's how we measure what the impact is," Chapman says.

While that impact will be seen in the long-term, in the short-term Tucker Brewing is setting an example for students and other businesses; giving of their time and their resources to try and make Tucker a better place.

TUCKER CLUSTER

Updates & News

Important Dates

- **March 8** – Schools closed for Teacher's Workday/Professional Development Day
- **March 29** – Last day before Spring Break

The Brag Sheet

Brockett Elementary

- Brockett's Principal, Ms. Seabrook, hand wrote a Valentine's Day card to every one of the school's 480 students.
- Two Brockett students had poems published in Young American Poetry Digest 2018.

Livsey Elementary

- Livsey is once again sending two teams to the County Science Olympiad. Twenty-four students will compete for the opportunity to go to the State Competition.
- Livsey is promoting health and fun by hosting their third Color Run next month. All are welcome to participate! Visit livseypto.org for more information.

Midvale Elementary

- During the week of Valentine's Day Midvale hosted its first "Kindness Week", a spirit week focusing students on being kind and showing random acts of kindness to others.
- Midvale hosted a Sweetheart Luncheon on Valentine's Day. More than 200 parents, grandparents and special guests enjoyed lunch with students.

Smoke Rise Elementary

- STEM coordinator Bernardette Cummings wrote grant proposals for awards from the Dart and Krystal Foundations. Her efforts led to Smoke Rise earning over \$7,600 in grant money during the month of February.
- The school also received two drones, which will enable students to measure the various areas of the Smoke Rise campus and study erosion.

Tucker Middle

- STEM coordinator Eric Knapp was named Program Director for the Georgia Chief Science Officers Initiative.
- The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) team earned the highest award an FCCLA chapter can achieve – Honor Roll. These students will be recognized at the Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March.

Tucker High

- The Tigers boys basketball team won the region and advanced to the AAAAAA state tournament.

JOHN MCDANIEL

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH



"I first met Jonn McDaniel after he was cast as a Russian dance instructor in Main Street Theatre's production of *You Can't Take It With You* in May 2016. I remember my wife sending me a text message from the auditions with a photo of this guy with long hair and an almost even longer beard auditioning for the part of Kolenkhov. He certainly had the look, but could he act? The answer was: of course!

Not only is Jonn a talented thespian, with acting credits in a number of Main Street Theatre productions, but he is an avid supporter of Tucker and its community. Jonn was instrumental in helping Main Street Theatre expand its community outreach through additions of interactive murder mystery dinners in partnership with local Tucker restaurants.

After some trips to New York City with his

wife Susan, Jonn brought back the concept of partnering with the local businesses on Main Street for an immersive theatre experience that included following actors around Main Street and its businesses, solving puzzles and dining on delicious food and beverages at some of Tucker's great local restaurants. *Escapade* was an instant hit and introduced a large number of people to local businesses they had never visited before.

Jonn formalized his dedication to Tucker and Main Street Theatre by becoming an MST board member in June 2017. With his leadership and vision, I'm excited to see where Jonn helps take Main Street Theatre and how he'll continue to create unique and fun ways to connect this wonderful community of Tucker!"

Nomination by Brian Chambers

TEAM TUCKER *Spotlight*

JASON COLLINS, OPERATIONS MANAGER PARKS & RECREATION

How did you become interested in a career in Parks and Recreation? I studied Political Science with an emphasis in Public Policy in school, so I always thought I would have some sort of position in government. I realized that I would not be able to do a typical desk job because I loved being outdoors, so I chose the best of both worlds in Parks and Recreation.

What are the primary responsibilities for an Operations Manager? My primary responsibilities are to make sure that all the parks are kept clean and maintained. I am responsible for the new playgrounds going into the parks, as well as making sure that all improvements to the parks are aligned with the focus that our new Parks Master Plan has. I work very closely with the different Friends groups that each park has and I try my best to help them be successful.

What are some of the biggest changes you've had a hand in during your year here in Tucker? I have applied for – and received – a grant to replace every playground in the Tucker parks. Many playgrounds are already completed. I have helped a great deal with the new Parks Master Plan and the required public input that it has entailed. I have worked to bring the Friends groups for each individual park onboard to work with the City and with Park Pride.

What should people know about the future of Tucker's parks? The future of Tucker's parks is very bright. We have already started tons of upgrades to the parks with so many more to come.

What is your favorite park amenity anywhere in the City of Tucker? My favorite amenity in all the parks is the trail system. I am constantly amazed at how many trails are in the Tucker parks. I'm embarrassed to say that I have been lost more than once.



Off the Wall

What was the last book you read? I last read "The Outsiders" by Stephen King. I read this because they filmed an HBO series about this at the Tucker Recreation Center.

What is your greatest fear? Snakes. I can't handle the sight of them.

Which character from "Parks and Recreation" are you most similar to? I have never actually watched the show, so honestly I couldn't tell you.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy? The first thing I would buy, after a great lawyer and financial planner, would be a trip around Europe.

“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

Happy March, everyone! This tends to be the month where we see activity start to pick back up in our parks with the onset of warmer weather. With that in mind, I want to run through a quick list of things you need to know happening this month in Tucker's parks.

PLAYGROUNDS

We had hoped to have all our new playgrounds installed by now, but if you've paid any attention to the weather over the past couple months you know that Mother Nature has done us no favors on this project. The good news is, we've made major progress on replacing the playground behind Tucker Recreation Center and we hope to have Henderson Park's playgrounds finished up this month.



SOFTBALL

We have two adult sports groups that have come in to partner with us this spring on softball leagues. Roots Women's League is going to offer a slow-pitch softball league for women 18 and older starting March 15 at Kelley Cofer Park. We are extremely excited to welcome them to the park, as well as Fusion Sports. They plan to offer a Monday night co-ed softball league starting on March 25. We hear all the time from adults in the community about wanting some outlets to get their competitive juices flowing. Well, here you go!

PI DAY PI-K

Any mathematician will tell you that March 14 is affectionately known as "Pi Day". This year, we're getting in the spirit by hosting a Pi Day Pi-K. At several times throughout the day, you'll be able to run or walk a 3.14-kilometer course with friends, neighbors and members of our recreation staff. Those completing the feat will be treated to a slice of – what else? – pie from Matthews Cafeteria. Check out tuckerga.gov/parks for more details.



LEAD THE PACK

If you read this column with any regularity, you know that the City has been grappling with how to curb the illegal practice of folks letting their dogs run off-leash in our parks. It's not a problem that's unique to Tucker; far from it, in fact. But it's our mission to try and do something about it. On March 16 at Henderson Park we will launch Lead the Pack, an initiative to educate dog owners about our leash law and have them pledge to keep their dogs leashed in our parks. We're going to have some great local pet stores out there partnering with us and we will have custom City of Tucker leashes to give away to any pet owner who signs our pledge to comply with the leash law.

Summer Camp 2019

Tucker Recreation Center is proud to be partnering for another year with the Wade Walker YMCA on our Summer Camp program. Beginning March 4, you can sign your children up for some or all of our Summer Camp schedule for a weekly rate of just \$95. Sign up at www.tuckerga.gov/parks or in person.



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Community Corner



3/7 - Smoke Rise Elementary Replacement School Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., 1991 Silver Hill Road

The DeKalb County School District will provide updates on the construction of the new Smoke Rise Elementary School to be located at 4780 Hugh Howell Road. This is a rescheduled date from the inclement weather day on January 29.

3/11 - Atlanta Regional Commission Senior Presentation "Money Smart"

11:30 a.m., 4898 Lavista Road

Money management skills are critical at any age. Join in this free educational opportunity for seniors happening at the Tucker Recreation Center.

3/22-24 - Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Show times vary, 5901 Hugh Howell Road

Based on the original Broadway production and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr. is a fantastic adaptation of the story of transformation and tolerance. Presented by students from Smoke Rise Academy of the Arts.

3/24 - Tucker High School Foundation Golf Tournament

1 p.m., 1145 Stonewall Jackson Drive

The Tucker High School Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of the teachers and students of THS and funds raised from these events help support this mission! Outing is at Stone Mountain Park's Lakemont Course. Cost is \$100 per golfer.