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# WELCOME HOME

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HITS HISTORICAL HIGHS A  
NEW WELCOME PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED



# EDITOR'S NOTE



We are full-blown into spring and Tucker is lush with new blooms and green grass.

Students are getting restless as summer approaches and just about everyone is experiencing a little bit of senioritis and daydreaming of the beach or an upcoming vacation. Spring is often a time of change and new challenges. Both of which you will see in this issue of *InTucker*.

To begin, there is a new face above these words. That is me, Sonja Szubski. I have been part of the Communications Department for Tucker since July of 2017. Working with Matt Holmes over these past four and a half years was a true privilege. We all wish him luck in his new position.

Next, we learn about our Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Tucker High School's Class of 2022. The transition from high school to college is both challenging and a time for exciting changes. The City is proud of all the graduates and hopeful for their futures!

Then there are the obstacles and new beginnings of the Turknetts. Together and through the years they faced any challenge and created a business worthy of the UGA Bulldog List!

I do hope you enjoy this issue and I look forward to serving you as editor.

**SONJA SZUBSKI**  
*INTUCKER* EDITOR

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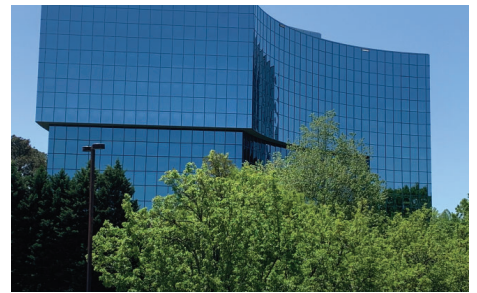
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# From the Mayor:

Mr. Rogers is well known for having said, "Look for the helpers.

You will always find people who are helping." That comforting bit of advice for those in need has been used, mis-used, and over-used, but one place where it will always be true is in Tucker. And as the Mayor, I can tell you that every time we put out the call, Tucker answers.

In the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government provided relief to Americans via the CARES Act. They did that by providing money to local governments like Tucker's, and we turned to our community for help. We partnered with third parties to get help to our residents and small businesses that were hit hard by the economic effects of sheltering in place, loss of childcare, schools closing their doors and loss of jobs. These local agencies and volunteers included NETworks Cooperative Ministries, Rehoboth Baptist Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian, Georgia Grown, and others, to provide assistance with rent and utilities, food, remote learning, masks, and a range of other needs.

In 2021, the federal government again turned to local governments for help, this time through the American Rescue Plan, and we are turning to our community. ARPA, as it's called, is intended not only to help local governments give continued aid to their residents, but also to address a variety of infrastructure needs to help if and when we should be faced with a similar pandemic or other emergency in the future. It calls for spending on items like green spaces, water and sewer infrastructure, broadband availability, and similar resources to be available for the public during such times. Tucker qualified for over \$13 million and received the first payment in the summer of 2021. Already, we have partnered again with NETWorks for the distribution of over \$1 million to our residents to help come out from the financial burden of a lingering pandemic. As we go forward, we'll call on our Friends of the Parks (and Trails) groups for advice, and we'll seek help from our expert residents on topics like broadband. As always, we're grateful to our churches for standing in the gap, meeting so many human needs for families and individuals.

All this, and so many more examples, are front of mind for me right now as we approach our Tucker Day Celebration



(which is also run by volunteers). As we celebrate our community, we are celebrating the "Tucker Way" and the fact that we are so closely linked together. We have so much to share with each other! No one has to volunteer, and if they do, it doesn't have to be in a public way. But when you do, life is so much richer for you and for the people you reach. Feeling connected to your community removes the fear and mystery and frustration about what's going on around you. It opens doors to things others are experiencing that can add to your enjoyment of your world, and may even remind you of all the goodness in your own life, even when you might not have been realizing it in the midst of your own difficulties.

So please, do yourself and all of us a favor, and join in! There are endless ways, and you can find some of them on our community calendar and our resource pages at [tuckerga.gov/calendar](http://tuckerga.gov/calendar) and [tuckerga.gov/volunteer](http://tuckerga.gov/volunteer). See you on Main Street!

**FRANK AUMAN**  
MAYOR

# City Council Update

The Mayor and Council started April business with a special called meeting on April 11 for the purposes of executive session that resulted in no action taken. This was then followed by the regular scheduled meeting.

Council was presented with two staff reports. The first report was on the initial draft of the Fiscal Year '23 budget. Council is expected to vote on the budget June 13. The second report was from the city engineer on various capital projects.

Business continued with a scheduled second read and public hearing for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a mixed-use, multi-family development on Northlake Parkway. To allow the applicant to have further discussion of the proposed requests and conditions, staff recommended a deferral and Council voted 6-1 to defer the project until May 9. The Council then heard a second read and held public hearings for a pair of rezonings at 1220 and 1250 Richardson Street. Staff recommended both be deferred to allow time to complete the required improvements to the property before moving forward with the rezoning. Council voted unanimously for the deferral. Council also had a unanimous vote to extend the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of light industrial parcels.

This was followed by a first read and public hearing of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year '22 budget. Council was then presented with three contract approvals: one for the Hugh Howell Road Multi-Use Trail Project, one for the Coolegge Road Sidewalk Project and another for Field 3 Bathroom/Dugout Improvements at Fitzgerald Field. All three were approved by the Council unanimously.

During this meeting the Council confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of three Construction Board of Appeals members. The Construction Board of Appeals hears appeals of decisions and interpretations of the building official and considers variances from the technical codes. It consists of three members.

Later in the month the Mayor and City Council held two meetings on April 25. The first was a special called meeting that went directly into Executive Session. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned. A work session followed with the second draft of the Fiscal Year '23 being the sole item for discussion.

As the budget process is a lengthy one, the Mayor and Council decided to suspend discussion and reconvene on May 2 at 7 p.m. to continue the Fiscal Year '23 budget discussion.

## DATES TO KNOW

**May 2**  
Downtown Development Authority

**May 3**  
Zoning Board of Appeals

**May 4**  
Traffic Court

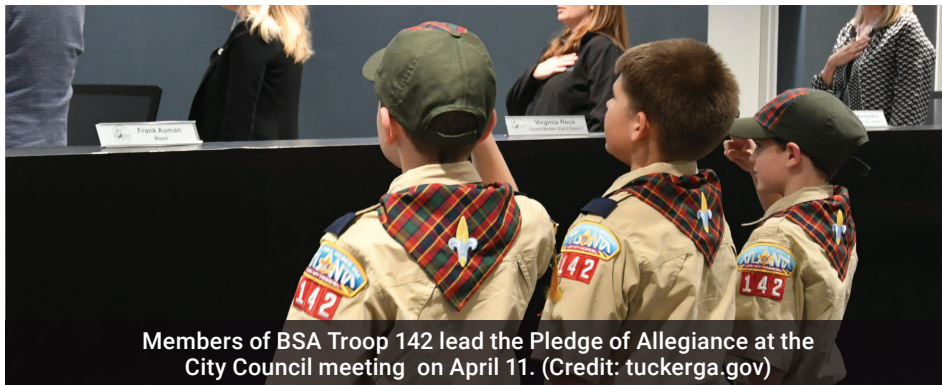
**May 9**  
City Council

**May 11**  
Traffic Court

**May 18**  
Environmental Court

**May 19**  
Planning Commission

**May 23**  
City Council



Members of BSA Troop 142 lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the City Council meeting on April 11. (Credit: tuckerga.gov)

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# ON THE BEAT *with Lt. Berg*

*Lt. J.W. Berg is Tucker's liaison to the DeKalb County Police Department and can be contacted by email at [jwberg@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:jwberg@dekalbcountyga.gov) or by phone at (678) 597-9040.*

## COFFEE WITH A COP - BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS One cup at a time.

The Mission of the the Coffee with a Cop program is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities for community members to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers serving in our neighborhoods.

DeKalb has been successfully hosting these events throughout our territory since mid-2014. On Tuesday April 26 we hosted our first Coffee with a Cop since March 2020! We are glad to be back! So please join your neighbors and our police officers for conversation over a cup of coffee. You can follow us on Nextdoor, Ring Neighbors and the DeKalb County Police Facebook page for more information on our next Coffee with a Cop event.



NOTE: Pictures were taken pre-pandemic so the DKPD mask policy was not in place.



# WELCOME HOME

## NEW INITIATIVE COMBINES THE RESOURCES OF THE CITY WITH HARD WORK OF ITS VOLUNTEERS

“Tucker Welcomes You Home”. That has a nice ring to it, doesn’t it? It is the name of a new initiative coordinated by the Tucker Lifelong Community, a committee of the Tucker Civic Association in partnership with the City of Tucker. In 2019 the City went through a branding process. Residents knew what made Tucker the best in city in Georgia, but city staff needed help sharing it outside the City. Branding isn’t just a logo or an image, it is the story of our community and how it is told. After months of community input and a special citizen committee, we were thrilled to unveil our Welcome Home logo featuring a community within a heart.

City staff wanted to share Tucker’s story and community with new residents especially, so a plan was created and launched in early 2020. Based on monthly house closings within the Tucker city boundaries, a welcome postcard would be sent to the newest neighbors inviting them to come by City Hall and pick up a Welcome Home package. A reusable shopping bag was waiting to be picked up, stuffed with a rotating selection of city branded items like a t-shirt, stainless steel travel tumbler, reusable white boards and more, all branded with the community within a heart.

But then COVID happened. As people sequestered to their respective homes to keep the

community safe and healthy, the Welcome Home program screeched to a halt. City Hall went through periods of being closed to the public, City Council meetings continued but via Zoom, Main Street was quiet with the absence of the traditional street festivals and celebrations.

As people sequestered in their homes, many expressed their restlessness by moving. Sales skyrocketed leading to a shortage of available homes which translated to a significant increase in home values and prices. Tucker became a hotspot and buyers have had to compete to purchase a home and become Tucker residents.

In response to the number of new residents, Tucker Civic Association’s Lifelong Community committee discussed creating a welcome initiative. Remember the old “Welcome Wagon”? This is the same thought. Leaders reached out to the City to see if there was an opportunity to partner and “Tucker Welcomes You Home” was launched. Volunteers will go out and welcome new neighbors in person with a reusable shopping bag filled with information about Tucker and some City branded items to make them feel at home.

Stop by the City tent at Tucker Day on May 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and pick up a Tucker heart branded keepsake for yourself.



**TUCKER**  
*welcome home*





# TEAM TUCKER *Spotlight*

## ERICH KRAHN, FINANCE MANAGER



### **What is your professional background?**

In my previous positions I focused on Government Accounting and Finance as well as Auditing.

### **How did you find yourself in Tucker?**

My family and I lived in Michigan but when my wife's parents moved to Georgia for their retirement, we couldn't pass up the opportunity for less snow!

### **Tell us about your day-to-day responsibilities as Finance Manager?**

Day-to-day operations involve reviewing requests and budgets, analyzing and approving all things related to finance for the City. Thankfully, I arrive with in-depth working knowledge of the software the City uses so the transition for me was smooth.

### **What do you like best about the job so far?**

I have really enjoyed getting to know Team Tucker. Everyone has been so welcoming and wonderful. I truly appreciate how hard-working yet fun they all are, and I like their vision for continued growth of the City.

## *Off the Wall*

### **When you aren't in the office, where would we most likely find you?**

When we moved down from Michigan, we landed on 20 acres here in Georgia. When I am not here in Tucker my wife and I enjoy exploring and taking adventurous walks with our three daughters. They are so much fun and we spend hours playing games and having tea parties with ALL the dolls.

### **What is your favorite type of music?**

I think most everyone can agree that the 90's produced the best music of all time. And hands down 90's Country stands above the rest. Interestingly, my favorite artist is Luke Bryan...even though he isn't really 90's Country.

### **What is the last book you read?**

I just finished reading Dan Brown's "Angels & Demons". I couldn't put it down!

### **Michigan State or University of Michigan?**

Go Green!



# TUCKER REWIND



Spring is ushering in our traditional outdoor events with a hint of new, too. Tucker Parks and Recreation have partnered with Friends of Tucker Parks to encourage pollinators by setting up a beehive in the Tucker Nature preserve. Tucker Farmers Market came back with in-person shopping every Thursday at St. Andrews Presbyterian. In celebration of Earth Day, the City hosted an e-waste recycling event at City Hall. On April 23, the Tucker Historical Society hosted their annual plant swap at the Church Street Greenspace.





# BUSINESS BOOM

by Angela Brooks, Business Outreach Coordinator



Just when you think you know Tucker, another hidden gem emerges. Such is the case with

Turknett Leadership Group, or TLG. They may be unknown to many locals, but they have gained the attention of the wider business world.

The husband-and-wife team Bob and Lyn Turknett, business partners and University of Georgia graduates, were named to the prestigious UGA Bulldog 100 list for 2022. The UGA Bulldog 100 award recognizes 100 UGA alum-run companies deemed the fastest-growing businesses as determined by their compounded annual growth rates during a three-year period.

"We had wanted this one for a long time," said Bob. "It means so much to be recognized for your accomplishments by your peers."

"We've received other awards over the years, but this one is particularly special to us because it came from our alma mater," added Lyn.

The pair met in college and moved from Athens to metro Atlanta in 1979 to raise a family. They settled in Tucker and created the business. Over the past 35 years, Bob and Lyn Turknett have quietly built and nurtured their award-winning company.

The couple worked adjacent to one another in their respective disciplines for many years before establishing Turknett.

"I always had to dream of actually working together, putting our disciplines together and doing something as a couple together, because she's so smart," said Bob.

"We sort of dabbled in leadership and organization development but were really interested in doing more in that area."

In 1987, through a happenstance encounter with a consulting psychologist

at an Atlanta American Psychological Association, the opportunity presented itself for them to take the business to that next level.

Despite seemingly endless computer challenges, technical snafus, and software setbacks, they eventually developed their own brand of assessment and feedback business curriculum into what is now commonly known as leadership or executive coaching.

***"As a new and untested field back in those days, it took some convincing to get potential clients to see the value of service."***

*~ Lyn Turknett ~*

"We still had a challenge ahead of us," said Lyn, "As a new and untested field back in those days, it took some convincing to get potential clients to see the value of service."

Eventually they reeled in big clients such as BellSouth (now AT&T) where they provided executive leadership coaching services throughout the 2000s until a few years ago.

They have significantly broadened the service offerings over the years, "but still the number one thing we do is coaching C-suite executives, coaching high potentials, coaching key leaders that have a blind spot to some of their behavior and how it impacts their team or co-workers," said Lyn. "The coaching typically takes place over an eight to 12-month timeframe, and the methods used are all built around proven behavioral science."

Bob and Lyn credit a significant amount of their award-winning accelerated growth

rate to TLG's President and CEO Tino Mantella. Mantella, their hand-picked choice for CEO, was named as a 2022 Georgia Titan 100.

"We had been watching his career for a while before we reached out to him. He had a great track record of leading and growing with some well-respected organizations like the YMCA and [Technology Association of Georgia]," said Bob.

Mantella brought strategic vision and a diverse portfolio of experience of leadership in multiple industries and in for-profit and non-profit organizations including two of the world's largest YMCA systems, Metropolitan Chicago and Greater New York. Before joining TLG, he was head of the largest TAG, the leading technology industry association in the state, where he spearheaded the growth of its membership from 350 to 36,000.

The Titan 100 honor recognizes his body of work over his many years of experience as one of the area's most accomplished business leaders in his industry demonstrating exceptional leadership, vision and passion.

"What makes this honor special for me is that it recognizes my career more than a specific thing that I've done at a specific job," Mantella said. "For me, it's recognition of the people I brought together and the impact I've been able to have."

Those who have been around Tucker for a while may remember that the TLG offices used to be in a Northlake office complex. Their main office is now located in the Crescent Centre office complex.

They all agree that they are happy being in Tucker.

"We don't have any plans to leave. It's nice here, we like it, and it's convenient for everybody," said Mantella.

# CLASS OF THE 2022 CLASS

## MEET THE VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN OF TUCKER HIGH'S 2022 GRADUATION CLASS



**Tucker High School Valedictorian  
Alexander Rice**

Future College: Georgia Institute of Technology  
Intended Major: Computer Science  
Career Aspiration: Cyber Security

- **What is the biggest obstacle that you have overcome?**  
COVID-19.
- **What three words or phrases would you use to describe yourself?**  
Inquisitive, hardworking and flexible.
- **Describe something interesting about you that has significantly affected you.**  
Living in Brazil for a month with people from different countries.
- **List your Extracurricular and Community Service Activities.**  
Varsity Soccer (11, 12), JV Soccer (9, 10), Varsity Letter (11), Academic Letter (10, 11), Volunteering at Networks, National Beta Honor Society (9, 10, 11), National Honor Society (10, 11)



**Tucker High School Salutatorian  
Alyssa Brooks**

Future College: Kennesaw State University  
Intended Major: Mathematics  
Career Aspiration: Statistician

- **What is the biggest obstacle that you have overcome?**  
The biggest obstacle I have overcome is coping with the COVID-19 pandemic. Shifting to virtual learning and not seeing my friends was a hard adjustment on top of demands for school and worrying about the virus.
- **What three words or phrases would you use to describe yourself?**  
Intelligent, considerate and hardworking.
- **Describe something interesting about you that has significantly affected you.**  
Coming from a military family, I have strong respect for not only those who have served in the military, but their families, as well. I know how difficult and stressful having a loved one at war is.
- **List your Extracurricular and Community Service Activities.**  
Piano (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12), Jewelry Honor Society (10), National Beta Honor Society (10, 11, 12), National Honor Society (10, 11, 12), "A" Honor Roll (9, 10, 11, 12), Academic Award Letter, THS (2020) Georgia Certificate of Merit (2021)



# DID YOU KNOW?

This year's Tucker High graduates are younger than:

- Y2K
- September 11, 2001
- "Drops of Jupiter (Tell Me)" by Train
- "Survivor" by Destiny's Child
- "All for You" by Janet Jackson
- "Oops I Did It Again" by Britney Spears
- The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (movie)
- Shrek
- Monsters, Inc.
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (book)
- The first generation iPod release
- The first Kidz Bop album release
- The X-Box release
- The search engine Google
- MySpace
- Wikipedia
- American Idol
- The Mars Odyssey program



# TUCKER CLUSTER

## Updates & News

### IMPORTANT DATES

**MAY 9**  
Spring Break

**MAY 20**  
Last day of school

## BRAG SHEET

### BROCKETT ELEMENTARY

- Brockett will hold virtual awards for kindergarten through 4th grade with an in-person awards ceremony and Fun Day for 5th graders.
- Informational videos will be recorded for parents of new kindergarteners to familiarize them with the school.

### IDLEWOOD ELEMENTARY

- Idlewood's Career Day will be held on May 13.
- Field Day will take place in person this year at Idlewood Elementary.

### LIVSEY ELEMENTARY

- The PTO held their Spring Festival on April 28.
- The students of Livsey will participate in experiments under the supervision of the scientist known as "The Science Machine".

### MIDVALE ELEMENTARY

- A community event will be held by the PTO on May 13 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for students to socialize.
- Professional Learning based in the Orton-Gillingham Approach will be held school-wide.

### SMOKE RISE ELEMENTARY

- A contest to design a bookmark is being held; the winning design will be printed for the whole school.
- STEM Nights will highlight the accomplishments of each grade level.

### TUCKER MIDDLE

- Dr. Debbie Satterfield has assumed the role of principal for Tucker Middle School as of April 25.
- Lori Hanford was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for the impact of her "Check and Connect" program.

## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

# PIEDMONT URGENT CARE



One of the most dangerous aspects of COVID-19 is the way that, at its height, it overwhelmed the medical system. Virtually overnight, injured and sick Americans found their emergency room wait times lengthening to the tens of hours. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are 130 million emergency room visits yearly in the United States, and only 16.2 million of those visits result in hospital admission. This means that the majority of emergency room visits are for non-emergency situations—situations that may be better addressed elsewhere.

Enter Piedmont Urgent Care! Piedmont Urgent Care opened mid-April in the Hugh Howell Marketplace near Publix. Piedmont Urgent Care by Wellstreet runs 36 locations in and around Atlanta. The Tucker location is the newest addition to a collection of facilities boasting services for all kinds of non-emergency medical scenarios.

"We look for communities that have a need for urgent care, and then we strive to meet that need," says Dr. Cassandra Donnelly, Regional Medical Director for the parent company of Piedmont Urgent Care.

Dr. Donnelly has been with the company for nine years. She began as an associate physician and moved on to a position as a site director before her current role.

"I'm really happy to have seen the company grow, and I'm happy to have grown alongside it," she says. "Everyone has choices in healthcare, and we want to be one of those choices. We hope we can show you, when you come to us, that we will be your only choice for your future needs."

Urgent care, occupational medicine, sports physicals, and vaccinations are all services provided by Piedmont Urgent Care, making them well-equipped to meet a variety of needs. However, Piedmont Urgent Care's most timely offerings may be their 15-minute Rapid Antigen tests and 2-hour PCR tests. If COVID-19 is a major concern, then Piedmont Urgent Care is as prepared as can be.

A tour of the building quickly shows just how prepared Piedmont Urgent Care really is. The new facility is as clean and well-lit as one may expect, and hand sanitizing dispensers are spaced conveniently around the walkways. A peek into their exam rooms reveals air filtration systems and well-stocked stations for personal protective equipment as well as other essential tools of the trade—cotton balls, tongue depressors, swabs, and the like.

"We're really happy to open Piedmont Urgent Care in the City of Tucker," says Dr. Donnelly.

Piedmont Urgent Care is located at 4650 Hugh Howell Rd, Suite 510. You can find them online at [www.wellstreet.com/piedmont](http://www.wellstreet.com/piedmont).



## CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

# MATT HOLMES

Just like with anything here at the City of Tucker, there are internal policies about who may be nominated for Citizen of the Month. No person holding an elected seat, appointee of any board or commission or city staff member may receive this prestigious honor. Should one of those listed leave their seat or position then it is fair game. It is also an internal policy that electeds and staff members may not nominate anyone for Citizen of the Month, but sometimes rules need to bend.

As mentioned earlier in this issue, the City's former Communications Director has moved on from serving the Tucker community. He brought the City fireworks, a two-time award-winning magazine and countless informative videos. He also added strong leadership and humor to the workday. That is why it is with bittersweet pleasure that the Communications Department nominates Matt Holmes as May's Citizen of the Month.

Matt created the Communications Department over five years ago when the City itself was in its infancy. Bright eyed and fresh, Matt had a vision of delivering informative transparency to Tucker's residents. Within months of joining Team Tucker, Matt launched the City's first newsletter. It started as six pages then grew to eight. After two years, he expanded it to a full 16-page magazine that went on to win two national awards. He oversaw a major website redesign, created several video series including Tucker Cares, Ribbon Cutters and the first Economic Development video, used to promote Tucker and encourage companies to relocate and grow here in the City. When COVID hit, Matt pivoted and educated the community on safety standards and made wearing masks look fun! And during that time of community separation he brainstormed and figured out how to bring the Spring Prom to the Seniors at THS virtually as well as the annual Firework Extravaganza.

In addition to being a creative genius, Matt was a committed leader. His staff knew that he was reliable and forthright, strong with high expectations, yet approachable and understanding. Matt made sure that all of staff were entertained during the holiday parties with rousing competitions of karaoke, holiday trivia and the revered Tuck Awards.

Matt poured himself into Tucker, its residents and staff, and he will be missed around City Hall.

Don't be a stranger Matt...see you around Tucker!

*Nomination by Matt's Staff*



# “ASK RIP”

by Rip Robertson, Parks and Recreation Director



April showers have brought us May flowers and hopefully lots of sunshine as we kick off Tucker’s summer events. As we mentioned last month, the City has added some extra fun to the TKR Summer of Fun schedule. We are very excited for our

inaugural First Friday Concert Series. Live

music is something many in our community have asked for, so with the new Church Street greenspace and the soon to be developed downtown park, we will host our First Fridays from May to September (July will be included with the Independence Day Celebration on Main Street).

The first band to the stage will be the Nathan Angelo Band, [www.nathanangelo.com](http://www.nathanangelo.com), from Greenville, SC. The stage will be set and music will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday May 6. This band will bring their own original music as well as cranking up the crowd with fan favorite covers. Bring the whole family and start your weekend with a bang.

On June 3 we will bring you a longtime Atlanta favorite classic rock (think Fleetwood Mac) band. The Woody’s have been entertaining crowds from downtown to Lake Lanier and everywhere in between. You can find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/thewoodysatl](https://facebook.com/thewoodysatl) and will certainly enjoy the evening. They are family friendly, and many will recognize the lead singer and guitarist from several activities here in Tucker. They are sure to bring a lot of fun to Tucker.

Right in the middle of our concert series, is the Fifth Annual Independence Day Celebration. The fireworks will be incredible, with live music from The Vibe. Main Street will rock while we wait for the sun to set. There will be great giveaways so get there early for the best ones. We’re adding fun games and activities for the kids this year, too. In addition to our fabulous Main Street restaurants there will be fun options including wurst/dogs, queso/nachos, BBQ and more from the scheduled food trucks.

In August we’ll be back at Church Street and bringing you the very energetic Mike Veal Band ([www.mikevealband.com](http://www.mikevealband.com)). They are a high energy, fun and engaging dance band that will surely get you on your feet. They have been bringing their fun performances to the Atlanta area for years. There will be something for everyone on this night.

Our final concert will be on September 2. This will be the most fun all summer, with A1A. They are the official Jimmy Buffett cover band. This group will have everyone up, swaying, dancing and have a blast. Bring your parrot apparel and close the

summer with a fantastic finale. You can find more information about these fantastic entertainers at [a1a-live.com](http://a1a-live.com).



Another of our big summer events is the annual Adult Field Day on May 14 from 5 – 8 p.m.. We’ll be grilling hot dogs and burgers along with vegetarian options, and some of our local partners will be providing refreshments and prizes. It’s not too late to get out and play. Check out the video on Facebook and begin preparing for the Big Wheel races! Registration is still open ([tuckerga.gov/parks](http://tuckerga.gov/parks))!

Don’t delay purchasing your pool membership for the upcoming season. Both pools, Cofer and Rosenfeld, will open with a pre-season session on May 21 and 22 and then open for the season on Saturday, May 28. Our schedules are available online at [www.tuckerga.gov/parks](http://www.tuckerga.gov/parks) with full information on times and annual and daily prices.

Follow us at: [facebook.com/TuckerParksRec](https://facebook.com/TuckerParksRec) to get the most up-to-date department information.

[tuckerga.gov/summer](http://tuckerga.gov/summer)





# FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES



**MAY 6, 2022**  
**NATHAN ANGELO**



**JUNE 3, 2022**  
**THE WOODYS**



**AUG. 5, 2022**  
**MIKE VEAL BAND**



**SEPT. 2, 2022**  
**A1A BAND**





## TUCKER Community Corner



**5/1, 6 and 7 – Main Street Theater presents "Laughing Stock"**

**Various Times**

**4898 Lavista Road**

A play within a play, "Laughing Stock" takes place at a rural New Hampshire summer stock theatre. For more information and tickets visit [mainstreettheatre.org](http://mainstreettheatre.org).

**5/7 – Tucker Day**  
**9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Main Street**

Join your neighbors on Main Street for a day long celebration of Tucker including a parade, craft vendors, music, food and kids play area.

**5/12 – City of Tucker Manufacturing Day**  
**9 a.m.**

**1750 Stone Ridge Drive**

A great opportunity to connect with fellow Tucker businesses, residents and future career options. Visit [tuckerga.gov/manufacturing\\_day/](http://tuckerga.gov/manufacturing_day/) to register.

**5/14 – Tucker Cruise-In**  
**11 a.m.-2p.m.**  
**Main Street**

Classic cars, food, music and gathering on Main Street. The Tucker Cruise-In is all about laid-back fun. Dine at one of the many Tucker restaurants then stay to take a stroll down memory lane.