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PUBLIC ART: A WORK IN PROGRESS

EDITOR'S NOTE



Summer is here and bright. Starting off the month on June 3 and 4 is the second round of Tucker Community Days at

Stone Mountain Park. Area residents can get discounted tickets for an activity pass and to the new drone light show! Check out stonemountainpark.com/communitydays/ for more information and to purchase tickets.

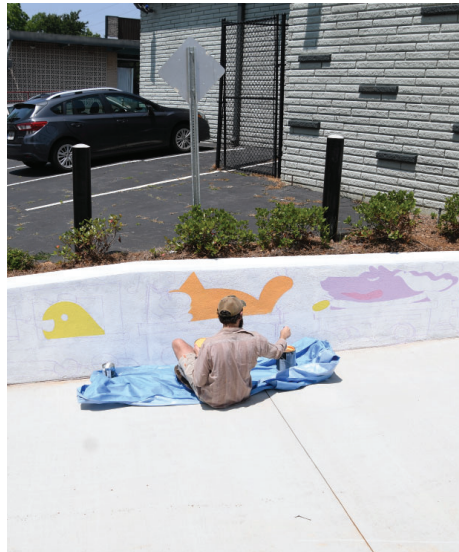
I hope you have been enjoying our newly implemented Friday Facts on social media in anticipation of the launch of our Public Works Department. We have had some great fun brainstorming ways to engage and entertain while providing helpful nuggets of information. So much fun in fact that we are planning on keeping it around and sharing all kinds of facts about our City and services year-round.

Look for some changes to the magazine next month. Change is inevitable as the City grows and matures. A subtle change was made in January when we rebranded Ask Rip to Fit & Fun InTucker. Next month we will be discontinuing our Team Tucker Spotlight piece. In its place we will provide regular updates on ongoing projects, studies and plans and every once in a while tidbits about our staff. We just have SO MUCH going on here in City Hall and in our parks and we are running out of space! Growth is challenging but good and I am looking forward to some changes this summer.

On a personal note, I am particularly proud of our Citizens of the Month. I have known two of them since they were in kindergarten, one was even in a learning POD with my own two children during the pandemic and seeing them mature and grow in their service to others and in themselves is truly beautiful.

SONJA SZUBSKI
INTUCKER EDITOR

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School is out and now we to honor our seniors that have shined throughout their school career. Our Val and Sals are on page 12.



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From the Mayor



A few years back, the state of Georgia changed some things around and offered filmmakers as well as other productions like tv commercials a significant tax break if they filmed in Georgia and put the peach logo in the credits of their film. The idea was to create jobs and economic benefits around the state. As movies have become more expensive to make, many productions have taken up the offer and Georgia now rivals California for the number of movies permitted for filming. Even before Tucker started officially providing services to residents, we have had representatives working on behalf of Tucker with the film industry.

Once we opened as a City, we partnered with the DeKalb Entertainment Commission to receive and vet applications and issue permits to film here in Tucker. They have done their due diligence and worked closely with the State to set forth a legal and logical process for a film permit application. Property owners are allowed to rent their space as they want but we always caution them to fully investigate any productions that approach them and to insist on seeing the final permit to film issued by the DEC.

If you would like to add your property to the production site list, you can register it on the DeKalb Entertainment

Commission's Film Locations Registry found on their website, dekalbentertainment.com

Tucker seems to be a favorite with HBO and Netflix and has had several productions from each. Stanger Things, Ozark, The Outsiders and even Academy award-winning films like I Tonya, all have a piece of Tucker in the background. The most notable recently was in the fall of 2021 when Pierce Brosnan graced our Main Street for a week shooting The Out-Laws, a Netflix original film production. Netflix transformed an empty building in the heart of Tucker into a vegan bakery full of intrigue, hijinks and hilarity. The Out-Laws releases on Netflix July 7 and I hope you enjoy watching it and seeing our beloved Main Street as the main star...at least in my eyes!

**FRANK AUMAN
MAYOR**

City Council Update



Stone Mountain Middle School STEM students pose with Councilmember Anne Lerner, who once taught at the school.

The first meeting of May for Tucker Mayor and Council was at capacity on Monday evening. The meeting was opened by students from Stone Mountain Middle School's STEM program who are University of Maryland bound to compete in the International SeaPerch Challenge.

The consent agenda was amended to remove a contract and then approved unanimously as amended. The first order of new business was a first read of an ordinance to adopt a new article VIII Unlawful Discrimination. This was followed by a series of first reads and public hearings concerning our Comprehensive Plan 5-Year Update, residential rezoning, and various updates to Tucker's ordinances.

The Mayor and Council then quickly unanimously approved three contracts for service providers for the Public Works department: maintenance of traffic signals, signs and striping services, maintenance of right-of-way services and on-call stormwater maintenance.

The Mayor and Council met again on May 22 for a second read and first adoption of the charter change to allow for the increased millage cap and adjustment of meeting interval requirements. In new business, the Council heard the first read for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and approved four contracts before hearing an update from Barge concerning the contracted construction documents for the proposed Tucker Town Green on Railroad Avenue. The four approved contracts were for a three-year lease for warehouses to store inventory and equipment for the Public Works Department, a contract for a sidewalk design for Hugh Howell Road and Fellowship Road and finally for field lighting for Fitzgerald Park and Sports Complex.

Tucker's Mayor and Council meet every second and fourth Monday of each month. All City meetings are held at Tucker City Hall at 1975 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 350B, Tucker, GA 30084

DATES TO KNOW

June 5

Downtown Development Authority

June 6

Zoning Board of Appeals

June 7

Traffic Court

June 12

City Council Meeting

June 14

Traffic Court

June 19

City buildings closed in observance of Juneteenth

June 26

City Council Meeting

June 28

Environmental Court

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ON THE BEAT with Sgt. Obester

Lt. J. Ridling is Tucker's liaison to the DeKalb County Police Department and can be contacted by email at jridling@dekalbcountyga.gov or by phone at (678) 597-9040.

I want to tell you a secret - many of us who get into law enforcement aspire to be superheroes. No, not the fly-through-the-sky, x-ray vision type of superhero, but the kind that saves lives. Perhaps it was our parents influence, or maybe it was by watching too many police television shows like C.H.I.P.S. (yes I am old), but somehow it became ingrained in us to help make the world a better place by wearing a badge and responding to 911 calls for assistance.

In fact, during the 22 years I have worked in law enforcement, I have witnessed my fellow officers do some amazing things, including grabbing hold of suicide bridge jumpers, rescuing hostages held at gunpoint, and pulling injured victims from burning vehicles. I have also witnessed, sadly, my fellow officers give their lives for the citizens of DeKalb County. To me, these brothers and sisters are the ultimate examples of a "super" human.

Like comic book superheroes, police officers sometimes require the use of tools or technology to help us accomplish our mission. While the DeKalb County Police Department has yet to provide us web shooters or invisible jets, they have provided us a great amount of technology and of course our wonderful Chevy Tahoes. We have also been issued top-of-the-line body cameras (see June 2022 On the Beat). Incidentally, these cameras are located directly in the middle of our chest - just like Iron Man!

Additionally, the Department has issued all of our police officers high-quality tourniquets. For those that do not know, a tourniquet is a medical device that can be placed around the top of an extremity (such as a leg) that is injured and suffering from severe blood loss. The application of a well-placed tourniquet controls bleeding very effectively, allowing time for other first responders to arrive and provide more thorough medical care. Throughout the years, our officers have utilized this device several times - on suspects, victims, and each other. Indeed, several officers now carry their tourniquet on their belt (like Batman), accessible at a moment's notice.

More recently, all of us were issued naloxone, otherwise known as Narcan. This superhero medication, delivered through a nasal spray or an applicator similar to an epi pen, can counteract the effects of an opioid overdose. If we believe someone has overdosed (unresponsiveness, slow respiratory rate, low blood pressure, pinpoint pupils, etc.), we have been trained to quickly administer one or more doses of this medicine upon our arrival. Although most of us are not trained



paramedics, we all have now been supplied and encouraged to utilize Narcan in these potentially life-threatening situations.

In the last six months, I have responded to several overdose deaths at local hotels. Most of these deaths were caused by Fentanyl, a powerful opioid one hundred times more potent than Heroin. This horrible and very addictive drug has made inroads into communities across the country, including the City of Tucker. While it was too late for our officers to help in these sad situations at the hotels, there have been several other recent occasions where our officers were able to administer Narcan during an overdose and saved the individual's life.

If you or someone you know is suffering from any addiction, including opioids such as Fentanyl, I encourage you to get help. In DeKalb County we have several great resources such as our Crisis Center (<https://dekcsb.org/crisis/>) located on Winn Way near Emory Decatur Hospital. Of course, you can also call 911 anytime, and our professional EMS and police personnel will respond as quickly as possible.

Finally, during this summer travel season, I encourage everyone to take a second look at their emergency first aid kit. Given the recent increase in drug overdoses nationwide, I encourage the addition of Narcan to your supplies. While it requires a bit of training and special handling, this "super" drug can literally save a person's life if administered soon after an overdose.

Hopefully, you will never have to be in a position to save a life. However, I've learned in my job that you never know when you may have to put on a cape and engage your superpowers. On behalf of all the officers and the command staff here at Tucker Precinct, we wish you safe travels this summer.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

MANRY HESTON INSURANCE



The longevity of Manry Heston Insurance can be measured by the company's first office phone number, 43. The company has been around for 135 years and started in 1887. For over half a century the company has been planted in Tucker and has served the community by providing insurance to area businesses and residents.

"We are kind of service focused," Manry Heston President Charles McCollum said. "We are more relational than transactional in the process."

In 1971 Manry Heston decided to move to Tucker because the location was a centralized area for them to meet with their customers. They have been at the same address ever since.

"The company just established roots here. The thing I like about the location is that even though we kind of live all throughout the Atlanta Metro area we come in here, we go see a client and we come back here," said McCollum, referring to how Tucker is easily accessible to all of Metro Atlanta and their diverse range of clientele.

Vice President Charlie Fister agrees and said Tucker is about as central as you can get. Also, the growing Tucker community is a plus for Manry Heston.

"There is a history we have with the community," Vice President David Cherry said. "The vibrance and the growth in Tucker is very exciting, I think, to us. In the last ten years it has been taking off and booming. We are happy to be a part of that."

Not only is Manry Heston benefiting from the location of the Tucker community, but the Tucker community also benefits from them. The insurance company participates in community work in Tucker. Manry Heston sponsors Tucker Day and are members of the Tucker Business Association. They have donated Welcome Back to School teacher gifts at Tucker High School, supported NETWorks Co-op through food donations and have purchased holiday gifts from local Tucker businesses for their clients. Manry Heston strives to continue to be deeply committed to the development and community of Tucker.

They also employ Tucker residents to continue to build the community. One of their employees is a Tucker resident who graduated from Tucker High School. Tammy Riley started working with Manry Heston when she graduated and has been with the company for the past 44 years. When Riley was in high school she was part of a work study program and worked at Comprehensive Accounting. After she graduated the lady who coordinated the work study program suggested Riley to Manry Heston, and she has been with the company ever since.

Manry Heston insures Tucker businesses and residents including long-time staples in the community. Matthews Cafeteria has been a client for decades, and Matthew Green, the owner of the popular restaurant, agrees with McCollum about the insurance company being more relational than transactional. "They are the best," Green said. "They are very personable. They go the extra mile for you. They help with giving updates and explain things to you."

BUSINESS BOOM

by Angela Brooks, Business Outreach Coordinator



The city's first ever expo for Tucker small business owners and hopefuls was held on April 20 at City Hall. Hosted by our economic development team, the gathering welcomed over 150 attendees.

In my role as Business Outreach Coordinator, I've heard firsthand the challenges that small businesses face to keep their doors open and perhaps grow or get to that next level. The traumatic impact of COVID-19 stretched many businesses to their limits, and others just didn't make it through. All of this led to our design and execution of this expo.

We can't always offer monetary assistance to our small businesses, and that's not always their most profound need. This event was another way to offer support. The free event was designed to provide those owners with exposure and access to resources on a variety of topics such as banking, finance, workshops, and workforce talent to help them confidently run their businesses.

Having all this information and all these experts in one place was, by design, a timesaver for entrepreneurs who typically have to do yeoman's work to keep business moving in the right direction.

Tucker's Mayor Frank Auman, also a small business owner, can attest to this.

"The business owner has the responsibility to plan the strategies that will keep their company in the green, growing, and ahead of market trends and economic fluctuations. This probably means that he or she must make the time to seek out resources to help them do this, whether it's skills training, access to capital or a talent pipeline," he said.

The four-hour event was an open forum where attendees could arrive at any time and be able to pick up literature and speak directly with the representatives onsite.

"I actually enjoyed that it was more of a free-flowing, networking style event because that's just what I personally found valuable," said attendee Stephen Upchurch of the family-owned KAS Enterprises here in Tucker. "The University of Georgia had their small business development booth out there, and I happen to be an alumnus, so we were able to connect and that was really nice."

Held in the City Hall courtroom, "We purposefully wanted to send the signal that City Hall is not just a place to make payments or attend court. We want people to feel that it's a welcoming environment for them to do business, get their questions answered, get the type of assistance that they need and keep their business stable," said Economic Development Manager Jackie Moffo.

The room was chock-full of local subject matter experts from a wide range of agencies such as the Small Business Administration, minority Chambers of Commerce, banks, institutes of higher learning, and business associations. They engaged directly with attendees to address their questions and issues.

"The inaugural Small Business Resources Expo was a great event, and we look forward to working with the small businesses in Tucker," commented Operations Manager Liz Rodriguez of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, one of the participating organizations.

So, what's next?

You can expect more small business support like this, and now that the City Council has adopted our Economic Development Strategic Plan, we have a definitive roadmap to guide us for the next five years.



PAW-BLIC ART

THE CATLANTA TRAIN PULLS INTO DOWNTOWN



Just off Lynburn Drive and behind the Corner Cup Coffee, a man sits cross-legged on the pale concrete of Tucker's new downtown model trail. He runs a paintbrush over the surface of the long retaining wall where it slopes downward, carefully spreading a white primer. Further up the trail, a group of young adults has paused in their walk to marvel at the chalk outlines that map out the future design. They point out the whistling bird that serves as a conductor, the beaver that rides in one train car—"the platypus" one calls it.

It's still a faint outline. The colored-in mural will be clearer.

It comes at the end of one long metaphorical road and the start of another. The City of Tucker has yet to establish an ordinance for public art, and this mural commissioned by the City serves as a first step in exploring that process. A study about our downtown alleys, completed in 2020, raised the opportunity for the inclusion of public art, and the City reached out to the Tucker community later that year for further input as part of the Art in the Alleys initiative in collaboration with Tucker-Northlake CID.

There are many benefits to public art. One of the most obvious is platforming via social media. Murals and the like make for social media-ready backdrops in photographs, which then serve as a discovery point and generate interest in the location. This can ultimately result in more visitors to the City and customers for our local businesses. Another is the opportunity to show off concepts and symbols that represent our community and its history, creating a visible, recognizable identity for Tucker.

Several years of cat-themed artwork inspired by local sights and events, much of which features his iconic kitten design, have built

no small league of admirers for the artist of Tucker's new mural. Rory Hawkins, known as Catlanta, brings with him a following of just under 6,000 fans on Twitter, 9,500 on Facebook, and 17,000 on Instagram. Its size speaks to his skill and strength of artistic vision, and more than a few of its members will likely be interested in exploring his newest piece in Tucker.

Hawkins's design utilizes community iconography such as a train reminiscent of the railroad tracks that run through the City, and the Catlanta kitten, one of the train's passengers, is painted into a Tucker Tiger. Other small references to Tucker events and locales are peppered throughout the bright, deceptively simple design.

Hawkins' design was one of eight qualified submittals received from local artists. A selection panel consisting of the Tucker Middle School art teacher, the owner of Kaizen Collaborative, members of the Art in the Alleys steering committee and Friends of Tucker Path's Board chose the winning design based on craftsmanship, quality of design, the design's suitability for the location and how well it reflects the themes listed in the bid—"play, creativity, and activity for all ages."

Its location at the start of the model trail segment by Lynburn Drive ensures that the mural will be in close proximity to Main Street's foot traffic; many people are likely to pass it as they walk, and part of it will be visible from Lavista Road, provoking interest from even more passersby.

Even the unfinished mural is grabbing pedestrian attention, and a few walkers even stop for a moment to watch Hawkins work. Each stroke of his paintbrush brings him one step closer to his vision for the piece and Tucker further into a more colorful future.

MEET THE ARTIST

BEHIND THE KITTEN - RORY HAWKINS

Q: What's the story behind Catlanta?

A: My name is Rory Hawkins but I paint as Catlanta. It's been a project I've worked on for a little over a decade now. It started as a three-legged cat character and kind of transformed into murals, large scale installations and also art scavenger hunts where I leave wooden cutouts of my cat character around town and invite people to find it. Through that, I've just been able to connect to multiple communities around the state.

Q: What initially inspired the kitten design?

A: I don't remember exactly. It was something I would draw in the margins of sketchbooks. At the time, I was working at PAWS Atlanta and I had two foster cats. I think it was based off of them and simplifying a cat to its simplest form, right? I was going to school for art, but people would comment more on that little cat that I drew in the margins. It seemed like it connected with people, and I just kind of adopted it and went from there.

Q: How does education impact your art?

A: My mom was a special education teacher and my dad was an art teacher. I do workshops every now and then and have volunteered with some organizations like Paint Love that bring art programming to nonprofits and children. I do workshops and work with school groups because I know it's important to actually have the hands on experience and work with other people and see firsthand that there can be a career in the arts. It's just always kept me willing and able to give back to the community because, you know, I watched my parents do it all their lives. My dad's no longer with us, so it still helps me connect to him to go do some of these programs and understand where he was coming from.

Q: How did you come up with the design for the mural?

A: The initial request mentioned a few suggestions for what they'd like to see in the work. I wanted to do something cute and colorful, but I thought it would be fun to connect it with Tucker's history with trains and come up with a few different fun characters. Since the path inspires motion, whether it be bike riding or walking or even unicycles, I've seen all sorts of stuff, I wanted to play with the idea of movement. It's important to remember everyone in what you do and even though this is kind of cartoony, it's also three feet tall. So the people that it's going to be huge to are

children. Why not try to inspire kids and show them that art can be fun and that it can be their size, too?

Q: What project(s) are you the most proud of?

A: It's projects like these where I'm given more creative control that I'm the most proud of. There are a few restaurants I was given kind of free reign that I'm really proud of. And also just took me forever. There's a restaurant called Spice House that I did the ceiling of, and it was a long learning process, but I was really happy with how it came out. In terms of public art, the sad thing is that a lot of the things you're most proud of may not be there a few years down the road, especially in Atlanta with how much stuff is getting built and torn down and whatnot. A few pieces I was really proud of no longer are with us, but they still exist in photographs.

Q: What are your hobbies apart from art?

A: I like to grill and I've started playing disc golf this past couple of years. There's a course that just opened up near where I live, and every day it's jam-packed.

Q: Favorite sports team?

A: I like watching all Atlanta teams. I probably watch Atlanta United the most. I like the Falcons, but we've had a few rough years. I don't know if I can say they're my favorite team at the moment, but I'll still watch.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have a pet, but not a cat. I have a pit bull named Tank who is not too fond of cats. He's a big boy and very sweet, He's a little enthusiastic. He tries to be a cat, you know, he tries to get in my lap. I wouldn't have it any other way.



CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 14567



Girl Scout Troop 14567 in Tucker is small but mighty. Starting with a troop of about twenty as Daisy Scouts in Kindergarten, the remaining three girls – Gnouma, Leslie, and Lily – are now rising high school sophomores here in Tucker. They recently earned their Silver Award—the second highest award for the Girl Scouts of the USA—and were named as “2023 Silver Award Women of Distinction” by the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta for excellence in community leadership for their outstanding project. Only four troops were honored in Greater Atlanta. Troop 14567 was the only troop honored in Dekalb County. They are now going for the Gold Award, continuing to give back to their community and support their peers.

For their Silver Award, they had the idea that girls of their own age need knowledge about public health issues in easily accessible ways that they can then use to protect and empower themselves. They collaborated with the CDC Museum to create a brand new public health patch and website, working through the summer and early fall. The Girl Scout Public Health Patch website is made up of learning modules written by the girls but based on CDC resources. It has a quiz that you can take to earn the patch.

The three girls chose to write about six topics that really hit home to them: bullying, mental health, sexual health, respiratory health, emergency response, and diet / exercise. “If the three of us can make a difference and literally work with the government to teach people about public health, then other troops can create change too,” said the girls.

In addition, the troop has started to volunteer at Trinity House through Tucker First United Methodist Church. Trinity House is a residential program in downtown Atlanta for homeless men that helps them reclaim their lives and return to their families and communities as mentors and leaders. The girls have dinner with the men to hear their stories and share their own as a way of showing that the community cares and learning first-hand about some of life’s challenges.

Besides this, the girls are busy looking forward to time away from school, getting summer jobs, and working on their Gold awards. They love living in Tucker with its great sense of community. They have and continue to earn the distinction of Citizen of the Month.

Nomination by Tom Crick

TEAM TUCKER *Spotlight*

MARCUS ETIENNE, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

What are your job responsibilities with Team Tucker?

I contribute to *InTucker* magazine writing feature stories and taking photos. I also attend events that the city is involved in to capture these moments with photos and videos. I help with the City 101 videos that we produce. Other parts of my job include helping to provide communications from the City to Tucker residents and provide communications from the community to the City. I also attend local civic group meetings within the community and act as a liaison from the City to help figure out how the City can offer support. I also help with other tasks that may need to be done and try to be as much of a team player as I can be to help improve the success of the city of Tucker.

What do you like about working in local government?

One of my favorite parts is getting to know the people in the community. The people here are so friendly, and I love interacting with them. I love being part of our Ribbon Cutters Series, seeing how excited these new business

owners are to join the Tucker community is a true testament to how awesome our government AND the community are.

Why is Communications important to a city?

The reason why I think communications is important to the city is because as a government entity we should be transparent with the citizens of Tucker and the communications department helps with that. Also, as a department we do our best to keep the community in the loop which is important because citizens should know what the city is up to. As a city our job is to serve, and we are serving by keeping an open communication with the community.

You are pretty new to Tucker, what has your experience been so far?

I love working in Tucker. My coworkers are great. I feel valued and appreciated by them. Along with that the people I've met in the community are so nice and welcoming. Also, the local restaurants have great food. For me Tucker is a loving welcoming community with great food!



Off the Wall

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to play basketball for fun. I try to play as much basketball as I can when I have free time.

Who is the most famous person you have ever met?

The most famous person I met was Nick Cannon. Wild 'n Out did a college tour and did a show at my college at the University of North Georgia. At the time I was working for our campus paper, and we covered the event. My friend got to interview him after the show, and we got to take pictures with him afterwards. It was a fun experience enjoying the show and meeting Nick Cannon.

Any exciting news you would like to share?

I am going to be a dad! My son's name is Malikai Elijah Etienne! I am so excited to meet him. I love him so much and he has already brought so much joy in this world. I am really excited about this and excited about entering fatherhood! He actually might be here by the time you are reading this!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THS CLASS OF 2023 VALEDICTORIAN AND THREE SALUTATORIANS



Abraham Alemu is the valedictorian and plans on going to Columbia University majoring in computer science. His career aspiration is becoming a software engineer and a venture capitalist.



Zunairah Jamal is the salutatorian and plans on going to Georgia Tech majoring in computer science. Her career aspiration is to leverage technology to solve social issues.



Amarachi Nnabue is the salutatorian and has not decided which college she wants to go to yet. She plans on majoring in political science & international affairs. Her career aspiration is to become a diplomat.



Jennifer Vu is the salutatorian and plans on going to Georgia Tech majoring in molecular biology & biochemistry. Her career aspiration is to become an orthodontist.

FIT & FUN INTUCKER

contributed by Tucker Parks and Recreation



As we turn from spring to full blown summer here in the south, outdoor safety is paramount. There are many ways to refresh your outdoor safety skills, but here are a few reminders as you enjoy all that summer has to offer here in Tucker.

We encourage everyone to enjoy our parks, pools, and sports and youth camps as well as the miles of hiking trails we have to offer. While enjoying all these activities there are a few safety tips for you to keep in mind.

With our pools now being open for the season, knowing how to be safe around water is a great way to start your summer off right. Here are a few tips for pool safety. Be sure to never swim alone. Having a swim buddy is always a great way to keep everyone safe. Know the swimming ability of both yourself and all of those in your party. If you are unsure, please wear a coast guard approved life vest. Swimming when you aren't feeling well is unsafe for you and other guests, so please stay at home if you are sick. Also, avoid swallowing pool water as this is a way to keep you from ingesting unwanted germs and chemicals. And remember to always follow the instructions of the lifeguards and pool staff; they are there for your safety and the safety of those around you.

When gearing up for other ways to have fun outdoors here in Tucker, there are just a few more important tips to remember.

Make sure you stay hydrated and look for signs of heat exhaustion in those around you (extreme thirst, dizziness, headache, and elevated body temperature). If you think you or someone in your party is dehydrated or experiencing heat exhaustion, please take proper measures to help yourself and friends. Ensure that you are wearing sunscreen on all exposed skin and reapply often to greatly lower your chances of getting sunburned now and skin cancer later. You should also be sure to reapply sunscreen after swimming or excessive sweating. Dressing properly for your outdoor activity of choice will help keep you comfortable while hiking, playing or relaxing in our parks and pools. Proper footwear will also help to keep you on your feet and prevent you from slipping and falling. One final tip is to monitor the weather. Living in the south can bring unexpected shifts in the weather, and heeding the local weather advisories is always your best practice.

For information on CPR classes and swimming lessons, please call the Tucker Recreation Center at (470) 481-0205 and we will assist you in finding local classes that will best fit your personal interests and needs to better prepare you for an outdoor summer. The American Red Cross has a wealth of information about how to stay safe during the summer months especially outdoors. Using the tips previously mentioned will help protect our kids during their fun summer.



Upcoming Events

JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC UNDER THE STARS



JUNE 2, 2023
DEPARTURE

CHURCH STREET GREENSPACE

GREENSPACE OPENS AT 5:30 P.M.

MUSIC BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

4316 CHURCH STREET

WALK FOR THE PAWS

JUNE 10
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Henderson Park

pawsatlanta.org



CELEBRATION
of
INDEPENDENCE

JULY 3
Fireworks & Mark Ware

TUCKERGA.GOV/PARKS/EVENTS



TUCKER Community Corner



6/3 & 6/4 – Tucker Community Days

Stone Mountain Park
1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd.
Stone Mountain, 30083
Enjoy a discounted package of an Attractions Ticket plus access to Stone Mountain Park's new Music Across America Drone & Light Show during a fun-filled day with your neighbors.

6/10 – Walk for the Paws 2023

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Henderson Park (Livsey side)
4898 Lavista Road
Celebrate the power of rescue with your community! Bring your dog to compete in "Best in Show" contests and enjoy the local vendor market.

6/13 – NTO (Never Too Old) Lunch

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Main Street Fellowship Hall
2367 Main Street
Do you enjoy food, fellowship and fun? Are you aged 55 and above or retired? On the second Tuesday of each month, a \$10 lunch is held at Main Street Fellowship Hall with entertainment provided.

4/22 – Tucker Business Association Luncheon

11:30 a.m.
Smoke Rise Country Club
4900 Chedworth Drive
Tucker Business Association holds a luncheon on the third Thursday of every month for networking purposes. Each luncheon features relevant local speakers.