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SMOOTH RIDE

TUCKER'S TAXPAYERS – AND THEIR VEHICLES – ARE GETTING THEIR MONEY'S WORTH WITH SPOST PROJECTS

EDITOR'S NOTE



Last month, my family and I celebrated a milestone: ten years of living here in Tucker. We initially moved from out of state, not knowing anyone and not really having a lot of familiarity with the Metro Atlanta area. We could have moved to the west side of the Metro or to the northern suburbs just as easily as to the east side. In fact, I can't remember exactly why we chose to house hunt in this area.

But Tucker is where we landed. And a decade later, we're grateful for that.

We're grateful because we see what a difference cityhood has made in this community we call home. Flip through this month's *InTucker* and you'll see plenty of examples.

For instance, our cover story on the success of Tucker's SPLOST-funded road resurfacing program. Our tax dollars are being effectively put to work and in an extremely transparent way. Money isn't being wasted; in fact, these projects are routinely coming in under budget.

Another reason we're so proud to call Tucker home is our schools. On page 6, you're going to meet Robin Elder, the new principal at Idlewood Elementary. She, just like her counterparts across the Tucker Cluster, enters the school each morning with big plans to nurture and grow the next generation of Tucker leaders. As a father of two young boys, I'm excited to see the commitment of these educators and the improvements they are making in our schools.

For these reasons and so many more, I fully expect that our next decade here in Tucker will be even better than the last.

MATT HOLMES
INTUCKER EDITOR

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How far can you stretch a penny? On page 10, learn how the City of Tucker is putting SPLOST pennies to good use on our streets and in our parks.



That's a Wrap!

Bell Street Burritos is the new hot spot on the Tucker restaurant scene. On page 12, get to know owner Matt Hinton and why his operation is all about spreading love, one wrapped burrito at a time.



New Beginning

She came up through the DeKalb County School system and is now coming back. On page 6, get to know Robin Elder and her plans to revitalize Idlewood Elementary School.



Business Boom

Beer means big business in the City of Tucker. On page 8, John McHenry looks at some existing and some future entrepreneurs who are cashing in on the craze.



Ask Rip

It's a question that gets asked time and again: "Why does Tucker have a leash ordinance?" On page 15, Rip looks at how the ordinance came about and at how it actually predates Tucker cityhood.



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From the Mayor

Here in Tucker, we are blessed to have a great city staff. The professionals who work at City Hall, the City Hall Annex and Tucker Recreation Center routinely go above and beyond to make our city a better place to live. Oftentimes you don't see or notice the work they do. Other times you see it, but don't even realize that they're the ones responsible.

Our Code Enforcement team falls into that second category.

I'm not sure if you remember, but before we incorporated as a city we had some of the same problems that other unincorporated areas suffer from: overgrown yards, yard signs planted in every right-of-way, apartment communities decimated by blight. As business owners or families considered relocating to Tucker, it was tough for them to overlook

these problems that were so visible. It was one of the driving reasons we became a city. While we'll always have some issues around, our City Code Enforcement has made a real difference in all those areas.

Last month, we had an issue in the Smoke Rise community where there was an illegal Airbnb rental. Although the rental was in violation of our city code, the problem wasn't so much the rental as the people who were actually renting. Sparing the details, I'll tell you these people were a nuisance to the neighbors and, ultimately, to the property owner. Our Code Enforcement officers worked quickly and proactively with the homeowner to shut down the Airbnb, evict the renters and get the police involved. I can confidently say we won't be seeing them in Tucker anytime soon.

We got such quick action because, while the rental was being hotly discussed and debated on social media, a resident who knew what to do picked up the phone and called Code Enforcement. There's a process in place...and it works! Maricela Perdomo and her team are here to serve you, so I hope you won't hesitate to reach out to them when someone's not playing by the rules.

FRANK AUMAN
MAYOR OF TUCKER

Code Enforcement complaints can be filed online at tuckerga.gov, via email at codecompliance@tuckerga.gov or by phone at (470) 273-3099. Complainants can remain anonymous, if they desire.

City Council Update



Tucker's Mayor and City Council held two meetings and two work sessions in the month of August, discussing and voting on several important issues in the City.

At the meeting on August 12, Council held a public hearing on the City's first-ever Transportation Master Plan. Councilmembers discussed several amendments to the plan before voting to table the matter until their meeting on September 9. They also gave unanimous approval to a contract for trash can installation throughout Tucker's parks. In an effort to cut down on litter in the parks, contractor F.H. Paschen will install 60 trash cans in nine parks, including on certain hiking trails.

During the August 26 meeting, Council voted 5-0 to approve a rezoning and concurrent variances for a 13-unit

single family detached development on Saren Court. They also approved an amendment to the City nuisance code to address vegetation. There was a second read and public hearing on a petition for a rezoning and special land use permit (SLUP) application that would allow for construction and operation of an Arby's restaurant at 4260 and 4270 Lawrenceville Highway. The applicant asked for – and was granted – a deferral to the September 23 Council meeting to allow for additional time to analyze a traffic study on the intersection. Finally, they held a public hearing on a SLUP to allow for a solid waste facility on Beverage Drive. No vote was taken, as that was just a first read.

The next City Council meeting will be September 9 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Annex (4228 First Avenue).

DATES TO KNOW

September 2
Labor Day observed
(All City buildings closed)

September 9
City Council

September 11
Community Council

September 16
Downtown Development
Authority

September 18
Environmental Court

September 23
City Council

September 25
Offenses Court

September 26
Planning Commission

TUCKER SOCIAL



 **Nextdoor**

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 or emailed at dgschoeppner@dekalbcountyga.gov

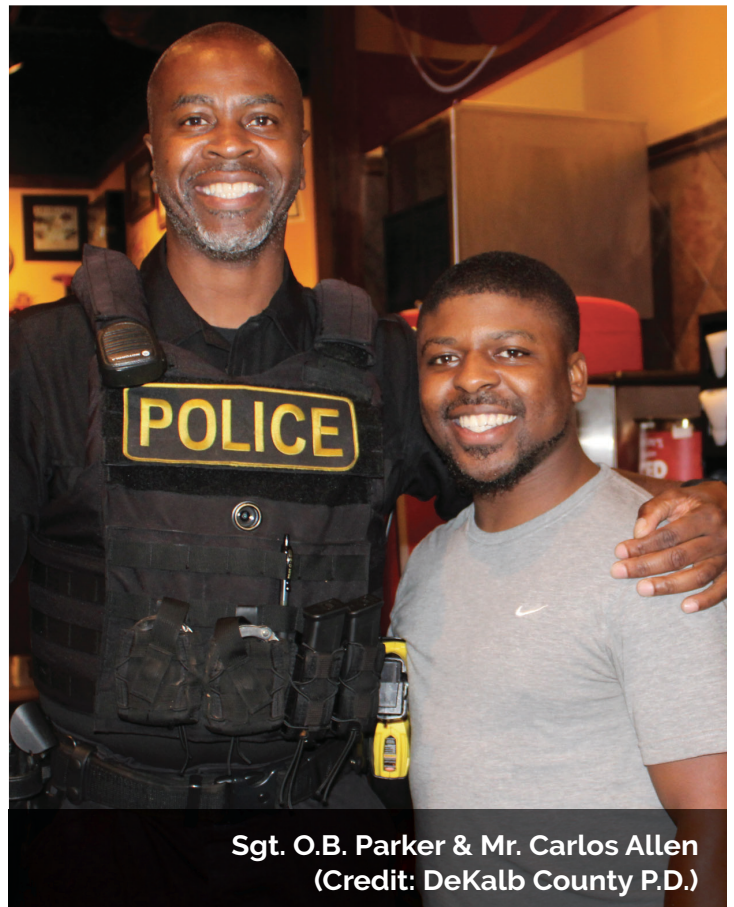


Usually as police officers, most of the good that we do results in us either giving a citation or arresting offenders for their crimes. More often than not, the result of this is either jail, fine, or some sort of community service. Almost as frequently, we see the same offenders committing the same crimes again and again. It doesn't take long for this cycle to make officers question whether they are doing any good or not. However, once in a while we get to see the positive results of us doing our job. Those few times are usually more than enough to make up for all of the others.

At our Coffee with a Cop gathering on August 14, our own Sgt. O.B. Parker got to experience one these occasions. For this month's column I'm going to be sharing it with you all.

For those of you that aren't familiar, Coffee with a Cop is a monthly event that we host at various businesses, usually restaurants. It's a chance for the public to interact with their local police officers in their area; this way the citizens won't think of police as a nameless person in a uniform and the police don't see the citizens as faceless 911 callers. This particular event is when Sgt. Parker was approached by Mr. Carlos Allen.

August 14 wasn't the first time Sgt. Parker had met Mr. Allen. They met once before, in 2017. The result of that encounter was Sgt. Parker arresting Mr. Allen. This time the meeting was a little less tense. Mr. Allen thanked Sgt. Parker for what he had done. He said that it was the wakeup call that



**Sgt. O.B. Parker & Mr. Carlos Allen
(Credit: DeKalb County P.D.)**

he needed to turn his life around. Mr. Allen said that once he realized he was on the wrong path, he refocused on going to school and getting his degree. Two years later, Allen now has that degree from Georgia Piedmont College.

Sgt. Parker is a 24-year veteran of the DeKalb Police. He has been assigned to Tucker Precinct for nine of those years. Even though Sgt. Parker is an old-timer, he chases the bad guys just as much as the younger officers. He also has a reputation for being brutally honest when people are making bad life decisions. I'm sure it was this brutal honesty that made Mr. Allen see the error of his ways. That is what we call a win in my book.

COMING HOME

DEKALB NATIVE BRINGS EXPERIENCE, BIG IDEAS TO NEW ROLE AT IDLEWOOD ELEMENTARY



The new school year always brings new school supplies, new friends and, for one Tucker Cluster School, it brought a new principal. Idlewood Elementary School welcomed Ms. Robin Elder to their campus this August with open arms and hearts. Elder, a product of the DeKalb County School District, takes over for Ms. Rosemary Malone, who retired as principal in the spring following a long career in education.

Elder arrived at the school and made a point to get to know her staff. While she's impressed with the faculty at Idlewood, she's also impressed, she says, with the growth of Tucker.

"This is a really cute community," Elder says. "I thought 'wow' and looking at the different businesses 'well this is perfect'. I am excited."

Education is actually Elder's second career. After leaving a sales position with AT&T, she started teaching in DeKalb County, but eventually landed in Fulton County as a counselor and assistant principal. She then moved to Nashville where, for the past three years, she served as principal of Sylvan Park Paideia Elementary School. After enjoying success in Music City, Elder had good reason to decide the time was right to come back home to Georgia and the DeKalb County School District.

"[I had] life changing experiences," she explains. "I have a new granddaughter who is two. I [realized] I need to go back home."

In her search for a new position, she specifically sought a school with a great level of diversity. Idlewood, which has the largest student population of any elementary school in the Tucker Cluster, was the perfect opportunity. Elder says Idlewood's students speak over 50 unique languages, bringing challenges and opportunities for growth.

"I have seen a lot of excitement from the teachers and students and I have had opportunities to meet many parents," she recalls. "During pre-planning we decided to start an Outreach Committee to go out and welcome the parents into the school and encourage them to engage in their students' learning."

Elder and her staff realized that the best way to get parents and the community involved was to go out and invite them in. She has worked with all stakeholders to find new ways to get their input on the direction of Idlewood. Within the very first month of her tenure, she instituted "Engagement with Elder", an opportunity for parents to meet with her and ask questions one-on-one in a relaxed atmosphere.

As Elder looks toward future partnerships within the community, she and her staff are laser focused on their vision for Idlewood.



TUCKER CLUSTER

Updates & News

Important Dates

- **September 2** – Schools closed for Labor Day
- **September 9** – Board of Education meeting
- **September 17** – Tucker Cluster Council meeting

The Brag Sheet

Brockett Elementary

• Brockett served as host for the City of Tucker's National Night Out Celebration on August 6. Hundreds of neighbors enjoyed a free meal and games, while getting to meet DeKalb County Police officers, DeKalb School District leaders and Brockett Principal Antoinette Seabrook.

Livsey Elementary

• Livsey students continued to Think, Stretch and Grow over the summer! Together, they completed over 700 lessons in reading, writing, math and science. This means 91 students will be awarded medals for all their hard work.

Smoke Rise Elementary

• More than 200 fathers showed up for breakfast on August 23 as Smoke Rise put on its annual Donuts for Dads event.

Tucker Middle

• The TMS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club competed in July at the national competition in Anaheim, California. Under the tutelage of Mrs. Christine Mayfield, the students brought home two gold medals and a silver medal.

BUSINESS BOOM

by John McHenry, Community and Economic Development Director



It's been said, although I was not there to hear it, that Plato noted after a particularly hot and muggy day in the agora, "It is a wise man who invented beer." Well, the City of Tucker has a lot of wise business owners with a strong history of brewing and spreading their wisdom to the community.

In 2014, Chris Cordero purchased Growler Time on Main Street and has been providing patrons with a range of craft beer, wine, cider, mead, vermouth and soda along with an eclectic menu of tapas and pizza. Chris shared that it has been a decision that he never regretted.

"We're growing so fast, and see so many new faces everyday, clearly this is a great location for us," he said. "Serving food was a logical next step in the growth of our business."

Directly across Main Street, Tom Stahl and Alan Pugh are building a 6,400 square foot space that will highlight their combined breweries of Blue Tarp and High Card. Slated to open in early fall, the facility will have outdoor seating on a patio and two separate brew masters that will ultimately feature over 25 craft beers on tap.

Tom explained why they landed in Tucker, saying, "We liked the downtown area, the fact that there were connecting restaurants and the ability to design a space from the floor up."



Heading southeast from downtown, tucked away on Bibb Drive, is the Tucker Brewing Company. Open since June 2018, Tucker Brewing has created their very own beer garden right here in Tucker. Founded by the brother and sister duo of Ryan Chapman and Ashley Hubbard, they specialize in German style beers. They have a tasting room, an 8,500 square foot fenced in beer garden with a stage, games, a food truck alley, and an array of lagers, pilsners, and ales to sample, drink, and distribute.

"It was really important for us to be a part of the community and to create a family friendly place where people can hang out and enjoy themselves," Hubbard said. "This was a million dollar plus investment for us and we are in it for the long haul."

There is no doubt that is being accomplished, as Tucker Brewing continues to grow in popularity. Not to be missed is the upcoming second annual Tucktoberfest on Saturday September 28 from 4 p.m. to midnight. Following up on the success of last year's event, this year will feature new beer releases, live bands with polka music, delicious German food and a German costume contest. Plato would be proud.

DAVID FISHER

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

"I first met David Fisher a little over two years ago when we began working together in the planning stages of Taste of Tucker 2017. It was both his and my first year helping Art and Karen Wood orchestrate the community fundraising food fest.

NETWorks Community Ministry is a major beneficiary of Taste of Tucker proceeds, which allows Tucker citizens to have access to a food pantry, emergency financial assistance and education, rental and utility assistance, resumé writing classes, and much more. David had recently joined NETWorks Cooperative Ministry as its executive director.

Now in the third year of working together with David, I have learned to appreciate the positive impact that he has had on our community. A soft-spoken, articulate gentleman with a real commitment to making things better, David has led NETWorks in its expansion into the Embury Hills area and has partnered with several local businesses to continue to grow the community's involvement and support of NETWorks and all of those who benefit from it.

With Taste of Tucker just a little over a month away, things will get somewhat frantic, but I know we can count on David for all he commits to, and even for those unexpected hiccups...all with a smile.

On behalf of the Taste of Tucker Team, I would like to nominate David Fisher as Tucker Citizen of the Month."

Nomination by Dana Plazyk



Tucker

SPLOST

UPDATE

2024
Six-year
SPLOST
scheduled
to expire

JULY 2019
City wraps-up its
successful spring
SPLOST resurfacing
campaign

AUG. 2018
Tucker kicks off its
first-ever SPLOST
road resurfacing
campaign

NOV. 2017
DeKalb County voters
overwhelmingly
approve SPLOST

This summer, the City of Tucker completed its second SPLOST-funded road resurfacing campaign. The project, which included resurfacing of collector roads and neighborhood streets, was based on pavement condition of streets throughout the City, then prioritized by crew availability and other factors like proximity to school zones. As always, Tucker's SPLOST team was led by City Engineer Ken Hildebrandt and Superintendent Sam Durrance. Between the two of them, they kept the paving contractors on schedule and under budget, while minimizing the temporary headaches for drivers in those affected areas.

PROGRESS IN TUCKER'S PARKS

Tucker's roadways aren't the only beneficiaries of the SPLOST revenues. Parks and Recreation are getting major upgrades thanks to the additional penny tax.

- **TENNIS COURTS:** Newly installed light stanchions will soon allow for Henderson Park to host tennis leagues and tournaments in the evenings.
- **TRAILS:** Outdoor enthusiasts will notice major upgrades to the hiking trails throughout many of Tucker's parks.
- **GYMNASIUM:** Major renovations are coming to Tucker Recreation Center. Discussions are underway on how to best repurpose the existing gymnasium.



PAVEMENT MILLED

2018 - 106,157 SY

2019 - 117,686 SY



ROADWAY REPLACED

2018 - 4.72 MILES

2019 - 4.86 MILES



ASPHALT POURED

2018 - 17,475 TONS

2019 - 18,798 TONS

To keep tabs on future SPLOST projects, go to tuckerga.gov/splost

WHAT'S NEXT?

The City is already gearing up for an ambitious resurfacing campaign to begin in the spring of 2020. Project managers will be going through the 2018 Pavement Management Study to identify the worst roads and road supersections that still need to be repaved. They anticipate having about \$4 million to spend, most of the money coming from SPLOST revenue. This should fund the resurfacing of 12 miles' worth of residential streets, putting down new pavement on more streets than the previous two resurfacing campaigns combined.

There is \$850,000 available for sidewalk projects, including one currently in design along Idlewood Road. Engineers will be finishing up Phase One of the City's sidewalk gap project, which has already connected sidewalks on thoroughfares like Hugh Howell, Brockett and Fellowship Roads. Money will be spent on additional pedestrian safety improvements, including solar powered flashing beacon crosswalks at several schools across the City.

The other major project on the horizon is pavement marking. The City is supplementing a state grant with SPLOST money that will lead to improved striping, raised pavement markers and higher visibility crosswalks on several roads, including Chamblee-Tucker Road.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

BELL STREET BURRITOS



In recent years, Tucker has seen an infusion of highly regarded, independently owned restaurants throughout different parts of the City. It's fair to say none of those restaurants opened with quite the buzz as Bell Street Burritos.

"It was a problem," says Bell Street owner Matt Hinton. "We tried to do a soft open, but we had so many customers turning out that we didn't have time to actually train our staff."

The training wheels came off on August 10, when Hinton and his staff held their grand opening at the location in the former El Tapatio space on Lawrenceville Highway. Since then, the restaurant has been packed for lunch, dinner and Saturday morning breakfast burritos.

The story of Bell Street actually begins with Hinton, a Tucker native who was teaching religion at Morehouse and Spelman Colleges. When one of his classes was cancelled because of low enrollment, he decided to make some extra money by crafting and delivering California mission-style burritos. Within a couple of years, the concept was so popular Hinton found himself in the restaurant business.

"This location in Tucker is our first shop outside of the Perimeter," Hinton explains. "I was raised here. I spent virtually all my [childhood] in Tucker. I went to Midvale Elementary School in Tucker, so I was 30084 for all of my formative years."

Hinton was glad to come home, opening his new restaurant just a few miles from where his parents live. He sees the location as lucrative and the City as a place where businesses can thrive. But beyond the business side, Hinton says he wants to send a larger message to his customers.

"What we do should be some expression of loving our neighbors," Hinton says. "Whether it's how quickly we get the food out, how we deal with mistakes when we do make them, whatever it is, that should be an extension of that principle."

The Bell Street Burritos Tucker location is located at 4053 Lawrenceville Highway. More information on menus and restaurant hours can be found at www.bellstreetburritos.com.

TEAM TUCKER *Spotlight*

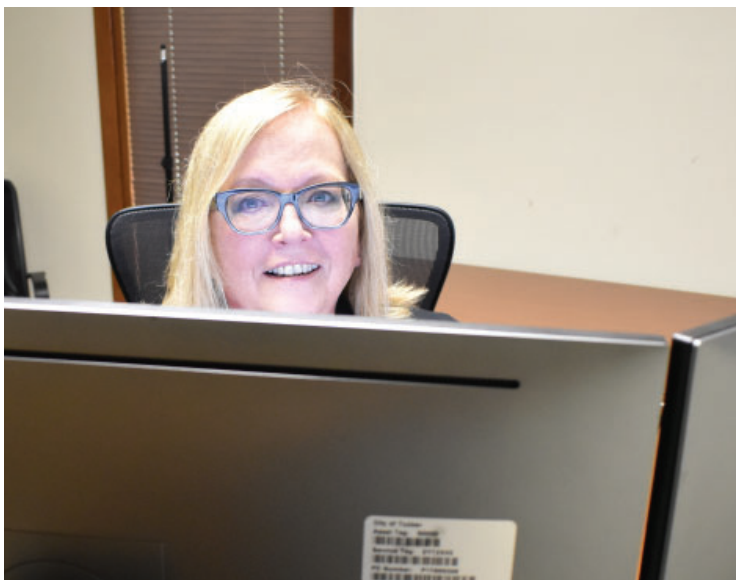
DEDE MUSSER, WEBMASTER

How did you get involved with the City of Tucker website? I got involved very early in the cityhood process. I believe I was volunteer number two following Sonja Szubski and created the website and graphics that were used in the Tucker cityhood campaign. Following the successful referendum, I was the volunteer webmaster of the City's first site before being hired part-time as a consultant.

What are some of the websites you've worked on previously? I have worked on sites for any and everything from animal rescue groups and hair salons to commercial bus dealers. In addition, I have worked in some fashion on several local sites including Henderson Park Community Garden, Tucker Business Association, Tucker Civic and Tucker-Northlake CID.

What do you do aside from maintaining the City website? I lay out this very magazine - *InTucker* - in addition to creating graphics for marketing campaigns, events and promotions. I also edit video projects for the City.

How do you stay up-to-date on the latest web and social media trends? I attend conferences and workshops in addition to being a member of several Meet-Ups groups. But honestly, the best way to stay on trend is to constantly surf other sites.



Off the Wall

What do you do in your spare time? I enjoy gardening (but not in the 90+ degree heat) and pottery. I was a founding board member of Henderson Park Community Garden and take pottery lessons at Tucker Rec when time allows. There is something truly gratifying about turning mud into functional items.

Are you an animal lover? Absolutely. I have always had pets and feel that no home is complete without several. We currently have our amazing 17 year-old rescue dog and a feral cat that we rescued last year. I would have lots more pets if my dog was comfortable with them, but she rules the roost and at this age, we don't want to upset her.

Do you have a favorite band? I am a huge music fan and was lucky enough to see both Elvis and Led Zeppelin perform live but if I have to pick just one, I have to go with the Grateful Dead. I saw the Dead multiple times in Atlanta, plus a few times in Las Vegas, Red Rocks, Memphis, Chicago and Orlando. The day Jerry Garcia died, my boss at the time broke the news and sent me home for two days.

What is your most memorable sporting event? That would easily be the Steelers-Falcons game of 2006 where I was lucky enough to be seated next to the man I now share my life with. After the game was over (Falcons won in OT) he offered me his 5x Steelers Super Bowl Champions hat saying as an Atlanta fan, it was the only way I would ever have one. We've been together ever since and now have Falcons season tickets. He looks good in red and black!

MY SUMMER IN TUCKER



My name is Micheal Abebe. I went to Tucker Middle School and Tucker High School and I am currently a senior Civil Engineering major attending Kennesaw State University.

Throughout my college career, I took different civil engineering classes and found they were more theory based. I couldn't relate it to real projects until I interned here in Tucker. Interning for the City of Tucker, I was able to implement what I learned in class in the field with the help of City Engineer Ken Hildebrandt, Superintendent Sam Durrance, Assistant City Manager Cindy Jenkins and Land Development Inspection Manager David Schmid.

“Micheal’s work on our sidewalk design projects was a huge bonus to the City. It saved tens of thousands of dollars of engineering design fees by doing the work under the supervision of our staff.”

**Ken Hildebrandt
City Engineer**

I must be honest that when I first started, I was extremely nervous and afraid of everyone and everything. Eventually, once I was doing site visits and asking questions of Sam and doing walk-through inspections with David and Ken and noticing how receptive and informative they were, my anxiety came down. I learned a lot on how things work regarding city planning and zoning by asking questions.

Another fear that I had to overcome was public speaking. I had to make a presentation about my experience as an intern and what I have worked on. The challenge wasn't creating the PowerPoint, it was telling my story as an intern in front of people. Once that was over with, it built my confidence.

Over the course of the past two and a half months, I've been tasked with numerous projects that have taught me how city governments operate. I collected data to improve the sidewalk radius for trucks to maneuver better, studied traffic patterns on Brockett Road and Cooledge Road to better understand traffic flow and to create a safe exiting lane. I also worked on the Mountain Industrial sidewalk improvement project. Ultimately, I got my GSWCC Level 1A certification.

One other major takeaway from my summer internship is the people I worked with at City Hall, the City Hall Annex and the Tucker Recreation Center. I was so privileged to work under and absorb knowledge from Cindy, Ken, David and Sam.

As a native of Tucker, I would say that I am leaving momentarily with the knowledge and skills that I have absorbed in the time that I was interning. I developed skills that I can and will use in the future. I want to thank you, the City of Tucker, for the opportunity.



“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.

I'm really proud of the work our staff has done over the past six months to change old habits when it comes to dogs being off leash in our Tucker parks.

While I understand that a handful of dog owners have eschewed leashes and let their dogs run free for years now in Tucker, it is time to put a stop to that.

It starts with education. I've been asked countless times why the City of Tucker is instituting new ordinances to crack down on off leash dogs. I give the same answer every time: "We're not." This has been the law of the land in DeKalb County since 2004, 12 years before Tucker incorporated. DeKalb's code reads:

Sec. 5-5. - Animals at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow it to run at large unattended on or about the streets, rights-of-way, and highways of unincorporated DeKalb County; in any DeKalb County park, except in county parks that are specifically designated as off leash areas; unattended on or about the common property of any apartment complex or condominium community; or on the property of another person without permission of the owner of that property. This section shall not apply to dogs being used for hunting in accordance with state law, rules and regulations.

I will say, enforcement has been lacking on this particular ordinance, but since acquiring the parks as part of the City, we have been trying to educate our citizens and attempting better enforcement. These efforts have included direct contact, web presence and signage. Most recently, we have added part-time staff to help our efforts to make our parks family friendly and include reminders to pet owners about responsible use of public parks.

This spring, we launched our "Lead the Pack" initiative, giving out free leashes to all who signed a pledge stating they would keep their dogs on leash in Tucker parks. To date, we have had nearly 400 people sign that pledge. As they sign, it's an opportunity for our staff to talk with them

and inform them about the leash laws and why they are so important to the safety of all who are enjoying our parks.

Now, I want to be clear that I am a dog owner and I understand the need to let dogs run around from time to time. One of the results of our Parks Master Plan is that we will be installing dog parks in Montreal Park and Lord Park. In fact, we just held a very successful Pop-Up Dog Park event at Montreal Park last month to give residents a taste of what this new park amenity will look like. We had dozens of dogs – large and small – show up to romp, run and make new four-legged friends. If that event is any indication, the new dog parks, once installed, will be well-utilized.



Lastly, on a separate topic, I want to thank the patrons of Tucker Recreation Center for their patience these last few weeks as we've done some much-needed renovations at the Rec Center. I hope you'll stop in to check out our new catering kitchen, as well as our remodeled bathrooms. Gone are the old, broken down fixtures. Same for the child-sized toilets. It may seem like a small thing, but it really is an indication of this city's commitment to improving all facets of our Parks and Recreation programming.

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Community Corner



9/4 - American Red Cross Blood Drive

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
5234 Lavista Road
Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library is hosting a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross. The goal of the event is 21 units of life-saving blood. If you are interested in donating, you can schedule an appointment time online redcrossblood.org.

9/10 - University of Government Affairs at Tucker

7-9 p.m.
4228 First Avenue
Join City of Tucker staff for the kickoff of the six-session 2019-20 UGA Tucker program. Following up on the success of last year's classes, participants will get free monthly interactive presentations on different topics of interest within the City government.

9/13-15 - Disney's Frozen Jr.

Showtimes vary
5901 Hugh Howell Road
Smoke Rise Baptist Church will be transformed into Arendelle for this adaptation of Disney's beloved animated classic. Sing along with songs you know and hear some new ones as students from Smoke Rise Academy of the Arts portray Anna, Elsa and all your favorite characters.

9/28 - Great Day of Service

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
4315 Church Street
Tucker First United Methodist Church is shining their light in the community with a day full of service projects. Neighbors are welcome to come and help with projects benefitting the police, refugees and homebound residents. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for volunteers.