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TUCKER GETS DIRTY!

EDITOR'S NOTE



Break out the sweaters and pumpkin spice everything! There is a crispness in the air as we enter the last phase of the calendar year, and it

is so welcome after the sweltering heat of the summer.

Both the City and Community calendars are full of fun festivals and outdoor events this autumn. There are many opportunities to gather with our neighbors in the beautiful Georgia fall before settling into our winter hibernation.

Coming this January, we will be redesigning our *InTucker* magazine and will add a section dedicated to ongoing plans, studies and projects. This month we are going ahead and adding this feature and focusing on the upcoming Lawrenceville Highway City-initiated rezoning. This is in response to citizen requests and staff seeing a need to extend our community engagement with our day to day work inside City Hall.

Our Business of the Month is a community favorite and staple. If you are ever stumped on what to gift to that special person your aunt married into the family, Ace is the place. Need a screw for your kid's ice hockey goalie helmet? Ace has got you covered. Tucker Handy Ace has been serving the community for 50 years and we love them!

In our school feature we delve into the world of the STT program at Fernbank Science Center. My eldest took part in this program last year and I can speak from experience that it is tough but so worth the effort if you are looking for additional rigor in your student's academic career.

Stay safe Tucker, and remember to be on the lookout for littles Trick-or-treating. We do not have an official ToT time here in Tucker. But if my opinion counts it is on October 31. See you then, ghosts and goblins!

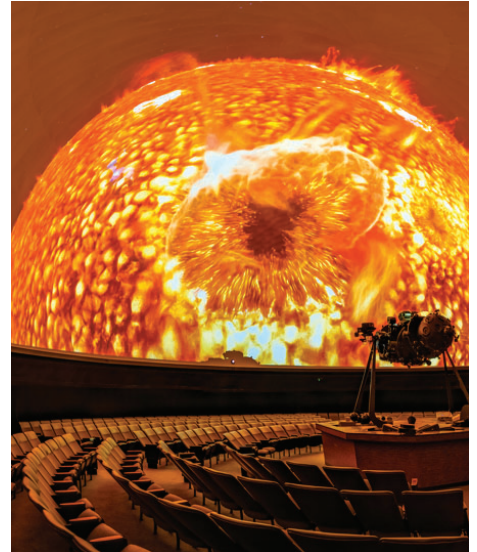
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INTUCKER EDITOR

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From the Mayor

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 7



Last month the Council voted to approve the City's participation in the proposed SPLOST II vote that is coming up in November. As with all ballot measures, the City, staff and elected officials are prohibited from advocating for or against a ballot measure. Our role is to educate our community, and it is in that spirit that I want to report briefly on the success of the current SPLOST.

The first Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) was approved for DeKalb County by residents in the 2017 election. As per an agreement between the Cities and the County, Tucker received a percentage of the sales tax based on our population size and for six years. During those six years we have used those funds wisely and effectively, making huge capital improvements in our City including street repaving, additional sidewalks, trails, traffic safety improvements, capital improvements in our Parks, and much more.

By the time the current SPLOST ends in March of next year, the City of Tucker will have spent more than \$19M of our SPLOST allocation on resurfacing city streets. Combined with other state and local funding, Tucker has resurfaced 351 streets (more than 90 miles) during the 6-year program. Approximately 60% of the City's resurfacing efforts have been funded through SPLOST.

Pedestrian and bicycle safety remain a high priority for Tucker. We have constructed almost 25,000 linear feet (4.5 miles) of sidewalk and 4,500 feet (0.8 miles) of trails. Approximately 55% of these projects utilized SPLOST funds. Multiple sidewalk and trail projects are in the design phase, with construction slated over the next two years.

The City has been very successful in leveraging federal dollars to offset the local funding required.

Examples of other projects that were accomplished with SPLOST funding include traffic signal upgrades, intersection improvements, and radar speed detection devices.

Parks and Recreation also utilizes SPLOST dollars to help fund and complete projects such as playground upgrades, infrastructure upgrades at Fitzgerald Park and Sports Complex, additional lighting at Henderson Park, new parking at Johns Homestead, Probst Park, Rosenfeld Pool and Henderson Park. SPLOST funding accounted for nearly 25% of the completed projects (\$3M) and is projected to provide an additional \$1.5M through March 2024.

This fall, in addition to the three City Council seats that are on the ballot, the County is requesting approval for SPLOST II. This is a continuation of the penny tax for the next six years; it is not in addition to the current one. I urge you to carefully consider your vote in this matter, along with your choices for members of City Council. Please plan to vote on November 7.

**FRANK AUMAN
MAYOR**

City Council Update



The City of Tucker Council met on September 11 for the first scheduled meeting of the month. The four items on the consent agenda were approved unanimously as well as the agenda for the evening. In old business the Mayor and Council unanimously approved a resolution to extend the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for certain specified parcels along Lawrenceville Highway. A 6-1 vote on a text amendment to the Tucker zoning code to include a new zoning district along Lawrenceville Highway after a 2-5 vote to defer the initial vote. A second read, public hearing and unanimous vote was up next concerning a Single Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a personal care home in a residential neighborhood. The last item of old business regarding the SLUP for alcohol sales at a gas station on East Ponce de Leon Avenue was approved unanimously. The meeting then moved to the new business on the agenda starting with a first read and public hearing on a text amendment to clean up language including changes to the Comprehensive Plan references. The City Attorney then

presented the first read of an ordinance to amend the Tucker code to create Chapter 6 Animals. The Council and Mayor then unanimously voted to approve a contract for the bid on the construction of the Brockett Road Sidewalk project. Followed by a resolution to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2024 that passed unanimously. The final item for the evening was an approval of an electric facilities franchise agreement with the City of Norcross and Norcross Power.

The City Council Work Session on the fourth Monday of September was comprised of four presentations: Downtown Park Engineering and Design, Financial Policy Updates, North South Connectivity Study and the City's expansion of Flock security cameras. This meeting also recessed for executive session, but no action was taken upon the return of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor and Council meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m. at Tucker City Hall, 1975 Lakeside Parkway Suite 350B, Tucker, GA 30084. All meetings are streamed live on our website and recordings are available at tuckerga.gov/documents.

DATES TO KNOW

October 2

Downtown Development Authority

October 4

Traffic Court

October 9

City Buildings Closed in Observance of Columbus and Indigenous Peoples Day

October 10

City Council Meeting

October 11

Traffic Court

October 17

University of Government Affairs Tucker

October 18

Environmental Court

October 19

Planning Commission

October 23

City Council Work Session

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Proclamation

In recognition of and Gratitude to Donna S. Mann

Whereas, Donna S. Mann has served the citizens of DeKalb County and Tucker since September of 2007; and

Whereas, Ms. Mann served the Tucker Precinct as the Public Education Specialist with the responsibility of organizing and facilitating community related meetings, events, neighborhood watch; and

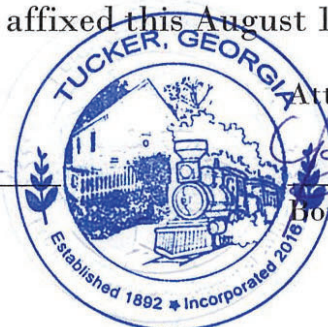
Whereas, after sixteen years of service, Ms. Mann is retiring from the DeKalb County Police Department and the Tucker Precinct; and

Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize Donna S. Mann for the integral role she has played in our community, bringing us together, educating us and supporting our neighborhoods through her efforts. Ms. Mann is known and loved across the City of Tucker,

Now, therefore let it be proclaimed, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tucker, our gratitude to Donna S. Mann and our best wishes for retirement.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucker to be affixed this August 14, 2023.

Frank Auman, Mayor



Attest:

Bonnie Warne, City Clerk

THE RIVERS ARE ALIVE IN TUCKER

THANKS TO DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO RETURN EACH YEAR

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is a state-run division that covers many responsibilities for the protections and cultivation of Georgia's wildlife and environmental protections. While they offer a variety of programs for education and enforcement, in the early 1990's they launched a waterway cleanup program called Rivers Alive and that has become wildly popular and successful.

Tucker Civic Association signed on with Rivers Alive in 2008. Each fall since, TCA has hosted over one hundred volunteers to cleanup the South Fork Peachtree Creek. Tucker citizens join forces removing tires, bottles, furniture and other garbage from the waterway.



"Tucker has always had a strong volunteer spirit," Tucker Rivers Alive Volunteer Katherine Atteberry said. "Rivers Alive is another way Tucker demonstrates the community's commitment to a healthy environment and the well-being of its residents."

TCA's Rivers Alive in 2010 is the record-breaking year in the history of the event at South Fork Peachtree Creek. The group removed 16,200 pounds of trash and recyclables. This included 362 plastic bottles, 450 glass bottles, 82 tires, 11 appliances and seven pieces of furniture. Over the years the volunteer power in the community of Tucker hauled out over 120,000 pounds of trash from in and around the South Fork of Peachtree Creek and its tributaries.



In total, the Rivers Alive program has collected more than 12 million pounds of trash over the years.

These efforts have led to TCA being named the GA EPD Non-Profit Organization of the Year in both 2012 and 2018. Along with statewide recognition it is satisfying for the community to see the fruits of their labor.

“Rivers Alive is important for Tucker because it gives individuals a tangible way to make a positive impact on the environment,” Atteberry said. “It is satisfying to see the immediate results of your efforts such as bags of collected trash and a cleaner creek. Every year we wrap up with a satisfying sense of accomplishment and a dumpster full of trash.”

In addition to the warm fuzzy feeling of doing good for the environment, volunteers receive breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt for their efforts.

“Rivers Alive brings together diverse groups of volunteers who share a common goal to improve our environment,” Atteberry said. “Working alongside neighbors, friends, and strangers fosters a sense of community and camaraderie. Quite a few of our volunteers come back every year and it is great to see them and give them another Rivers Alive shirt for their collection.”

The 14th annual Tucker Rivers Alive event will take place on October 7, 2023, 9 a.m. to noon. People who would like to volunteer can get more information and a link to sign up at tuckercivic.org.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

HANDY ACE HARDWARE



"Ace is the place with the helpful hardware folks" is a jingle that has spanned generations of advertising and may be one of the more recognizable for most people. Incorporated in 1928 as Ace Stores, the business was started by four individual store owners with a unique business model. Each store owner retained their ownership, but they shared their bulk ordering of inventory as a way to save on costs and better compete with the big box hardware stores. Today, Ace is a retailer-owned cooperative where local owners can retain decision-making for their individual stores but leverage their bulk buying power to keep costs down. This business model allows the owners to better support their local communities and creates a true neighborhood hardware store.

Tucker has had their own Handy Ace Hardware for almost 50 years, through three different locations and true tragedy

as well. The Smith family are the owners and have become supporters and leaders in the Tucker community throughout the years. The generosity they have given and received is the perfect illustration of the Tucker Way. When there are times of need the Smiths and Handy Ace often step in, and the Tucker community happily reciprocates; in response to recent family illness the Tucker community has sponsored blood drives and promoted platelet donations. It is the Tucker Way.

Originally located on Cowan Road, the neighborhood staple burned to the ground in 2012. In the true Tucker spirit, residents, restaurants and other local businesses stepped up to provide comfort, food and fundraisers for the employees and the Smith family. Handy Ace temporarily moved to the Staples Shopping Center and eventually bought and settled into Tucker Town Square, a shopping strip on Lawrenceville Highway.

Handy Ace has become more than just a neighborhood hardware store. By sponsoring local events, donating to raffles and auctions for the local schools, and hosting their own events for charity, the Handy Ace family has become an integral part of the social side of Tucker. They host DIY Ladies' Night Out events, annual Georgia Cool Cruisers fundraisers like Toys for Tots and Cop Car Challenge and more.

But maybe, the best part of Handy Ace is walking in and seeing a neighbor. Whether it is running into a friend wandering the aisles or seeking help and realizing a neighbor works there, there is always a friendly face at Handy Ace.

Handy Ace Hardware is located at 3969 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, GA 30084. They are open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are closed on Sundays.

BUSINESS BOOM

by Jackie Moffo, Economic Development Manager



Benefiting from a legacy of industrial development and a prime location, the City of Tucker has long been known as a manufacturing and logistics employment hub for DeKalb County. Continuing its legacy, Tucker has continued to attract these critical industrial employers.

One of the newest additions to the Tucker business community is EAE USA, a part of EAE Group. Established in 1973, EAE Group is an international leader and manufacturer of energy distribution systems. A Turkish company headquartered in Istanbul, EAE Group established its North American with the creation of its subsidiary EAE USA, which located its offices in Dunwoody in 2019. Since then, EAE USA has experienced continued growth and success – which has become evident with its expanded footprint in Tucker.

EAE USA specializes in the sale and distribution of busway trunking systems. These electrical systems are used for energy transmission and distribution, an integral part of industrial manufacturing as well as a part of high-rise building wiring. Other core products for EAE USA include LED lighting, cable trays, and support systems. EAE USA's portfolio of products is an integral part of the manufacturing and industrial cluster that was identified as a target industry in Tucker's Economic Development Strategic Plan.

A "cluster" is a group of businesses and institutions that are geographically concentrated, creating an ecosystem of interconnected companies, suppliers, and organizations that support and grow together. Companies often cluster together around a similar industry type and benefit from business-to-business interactions, creating a stronger supply chain and increasing business resiliency. Business clusters have been shown to increase innovation, productivity, create skilled employees, and spur entrepreneurial opportunities. The City of Tucker benefits

from a manufacturing cluster that specializes in food production.

EAE USA has now found the home of their United States headquarters in Tucker with the announcement of their new address of 2000 Mountain Industrial Blvd. The Tucker location is the company's first distribution center in the country, combining new logistics space with their existing office presence. The facility includes 7,663 square feet of office space, 11 dock-high doors, and totals 101,767 square feet, and boasts a 3-acre yard.

According to the EAE press release, this new location is an example of the company's accomplishments in the US market. EAE is "leveraging our company's success to the next level by moving our North American headquarters from our current office location to a new distribution center in Tucker. We'll respond to our customers' project delivery needs to sustain our growth with competitive lead times."

The City of Tucker's Economic Development team had the pleasure of working with EAE to assist with permits and licensing for their new location. General Manager Oya Buyan shared, "EAE USA appreciates the warm welcome and assistance from the City of Tucker staff. We are looking forward to having continued growth and success as a part of the Tucker business community".

The City of Tucker's economy is thriving and growth in our industrial district is steady. Our location between major highways is ideal for manufacturing businesses and logistics. We are thrilled that EAE USA has chosen our city to launch their first distribution center for the US and relocating their US headquarters here in Tucker.

You can learn more about Tucker's target industries, and more about the businesses who call Tucker home, by reading Tucker's Economic Development Strategic Plan.

SCIENTIFIC TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE PROGRAM AT FERNBANK



The DeKalb County School District has multiple ways to find rigor in student learning while also making it fun. Many schools are STEM or STEAM certified, magnets for high achievers, language immersion or International Baccalaureate programs. The Tucker Cluster of schools all participate in one way or another. All seven schools are either STEM certified or integrated IB programs, offer robust gifted programs and Tucker High School has the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma. In addition to these opportunities at their zoned schools, Tucker ninth grade students take part in a hands-on experience program at Fernbank Science Center called Scientific Tools and Techniques.

“Scientific Tools and Techniques (STT) is a challenging, fast-paced, one-semester program designed to familiarize ninth grade students with the tools and techniques of scientific inquiry,” STT Program Coordinator Vashonda Davis said. “STT students are involved in a rigorous science curriculum and take an array of life and environmental science modules taught by instructors who are field specialists. Classes are held in our planetarium, observatory, greenhouse, and laboratories with state-of-the-art scientific instruments. In one semester, students take two accelerated high school science courses: STT Biology and STT Environmental Science.”

Since the program started over 40 years ago, it has provided a science educational experience not offered in the average high school classroom. Hands-on laboratory experiments, field experiences, working with live animals, utilizing 21st Century technology used at higher educational institutions, observing chemical reactions, flying drones and field trips are all part of the program and what makes for the fun in the program and creates

the huge draw for science-minded students. Applications are accepted during the spring semester of the eighth-grade year and with recommendation from the student’s science teacher. Apart from the science and technology exposure for students, students will have the opportunity to work with a diverse crowd of classmates all throughout the county.

“For many students this is the first time they’ve been challenged to work with someone outside of their normal friend group,” Davis said. “In the workforce scientists (and other professionals) often collaborate with colleagues from different backgrounds and cultures. Learning to work with diverse peers during high school prepares students for future teamwork in the workplace.”

All registered ninth graders are eligible to apply to the STT program, with the exception of magnet school students, and there are some metrics to meet. Selection criteria are based on grades, teacher recommendations and the student’s interest in science. Once accepted into the program, the students go to the Fernbank Science Center in the morning and then return to their zoned high school for their core courses.

Davis said there are many alumni who came through the STT program who have successful careers in the field of science. Davis is glad to be part of a program that impacts so many students.

“As the STT Program Coordinator I enjoy playing a crucial role in creating inclusive and equitable learning environments that contribute to students’ academic success, personal growth, and preparation for a diverse and interconnected world,” Davis said. “The scientific and cultural exposure of the STT program has the potential to change the trajectory of a student’s life and I am very proud to be a part of their journey.”



TUCKER CLUSTER *Updates & News*

IMPORTANT DATES	October 6 Fall Break	October 9 Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day
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BRAG SHEET

LIVSEY ELEMENTARY held their annual Family Picnic on September 15. Over 200 people attended and enjoyed food, games and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Livsey’s new playground.

MIDVALE ELEMENTARY had two new play structures installed over the summer that include climbing walls, slides, and other equipment for students to use.

SMOKE RISE ELEMENTARY is accepting 2023 registrations for the 44th annual Craft, Gifts and More event. To register, please call Smoke Rise Elementary at 678.874.3602.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

JIM CAREY



Jim Carey is paradoxically an enthusiastic, energetic, inquiring student of life yet also the most knowledgeable, patient, and conscientious teacher/professor/leader that I have ever met.

An Eagle Scout from Buffalo, NY, and the father of an Eagle Scout, he continues to give his time, to be involved, to share his vast knowledge and to offer leadership to Boy Scout Troop 129 here in Tucker years after his own son aged out of BSA.

I have half-joked that if Jim walked into the woods with only a pocketknife, he would survive. His Backyard Bushcraft guides have schooled Troop 129 scouts for the better part of two decades. From flora and fauna identification (and uses) to how to build a shelter (and stay dry in your tent in pouring rain) to camp cooking, wet wood fire building and wood carving, his outdoors skills are mind-boggling. Not only does he possess these skills; he excitedly and effectively teaches these skills to scores of scouts, parents and leaders (i.e., me). His knowledge is not limited to survival skills. Still not content with what he knows, Jim continues to take wood carving, blacksmith, and even Norwegian language classes.

In Troop 129, he still teaches many of the Merit Badge classes. I believe Jim could teach all 138 of the Merit Badges. His teaching style is thorough. He weaves



history into any lesson he is teaching in the woods, in the classroom or at the scout hut. He teaches the scouts the importance of using the correct tools and investing in quality items and respecting /caring for those investments. Jim is methodical (not slow, methodical) in his journey through any teaching moment.

Hiking with Jim is an experience. "Jim hikes" take longer than the average hike - not because our pace is slower than average but rather - because of Jim's constant awe of nature. He will often stop simply to examine a plant or tree that he is unfamiliar with or more likely, one he knows everything about and has a lesson to share with the scouts about that plant's medicinal or nutritional uses. He shares this knowledge not in a Cliff Clavin know-it-all way but in a very humble, passionate, and endearing manner.

To sum it all up, Jim Carey has been and continues to be a resourceful gift to BSA Troop 129 and truly embodies what an Eagle Scout and good citizen should be. I am so thankful that he was there to guide us during my son's 7 years in the troop.

I always advise our scouts to stay close to Mr. Carey, but I "warn" them that if they do, they will learn something.

Nomination by Bill Penkava

CITY HALL Update

LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY REZONING

Plans, projects and studies start when Department Heads and the City Manager start looking at the budget for the coming fiscal year. Tucker's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 and the budget process starts in February. These ideas and budget requests do not pop out of thin air to keep staff entertained. The vision of the City is driven by our Comprehensive Plan and our various master plans that the Mayor and Council have approved and adopted throughout the years. The Mayor and Council can also request certain projects for the staff to shepherd, budget allowing.

One of the initiatives that have been identified was to add to the list of zoning districts and options along Lawrenceville Highway utilizing a special zoning district. The City sent out a Request for Proposal and ended up rewarding the contract to Pond to create and the new code to allow for a new special zoning district between Cooledge Road and Brocket Road that would address redevelopment of existing parcels and improve the gateway to the City of Tucker while remaining compliant with existing plans and studies.

The process is made up of two major steps. Step one was to write and approve the code, including additional zoning layers and definitions. Pond was tasked with community engagement and input as well as presenting to the public and the elected body of the City of Tucker. In order to capture the public's thoughts,

wants and needs along this corridor, Pond created an online survey and hosting a community meeting back in April of 2023. They then presented three times with public hearings at the July Planning Commission meeting and twice at the first City Council meetings in August and September. The Mayor and Council voted on, approved and adopted the zoning code update on September 11.

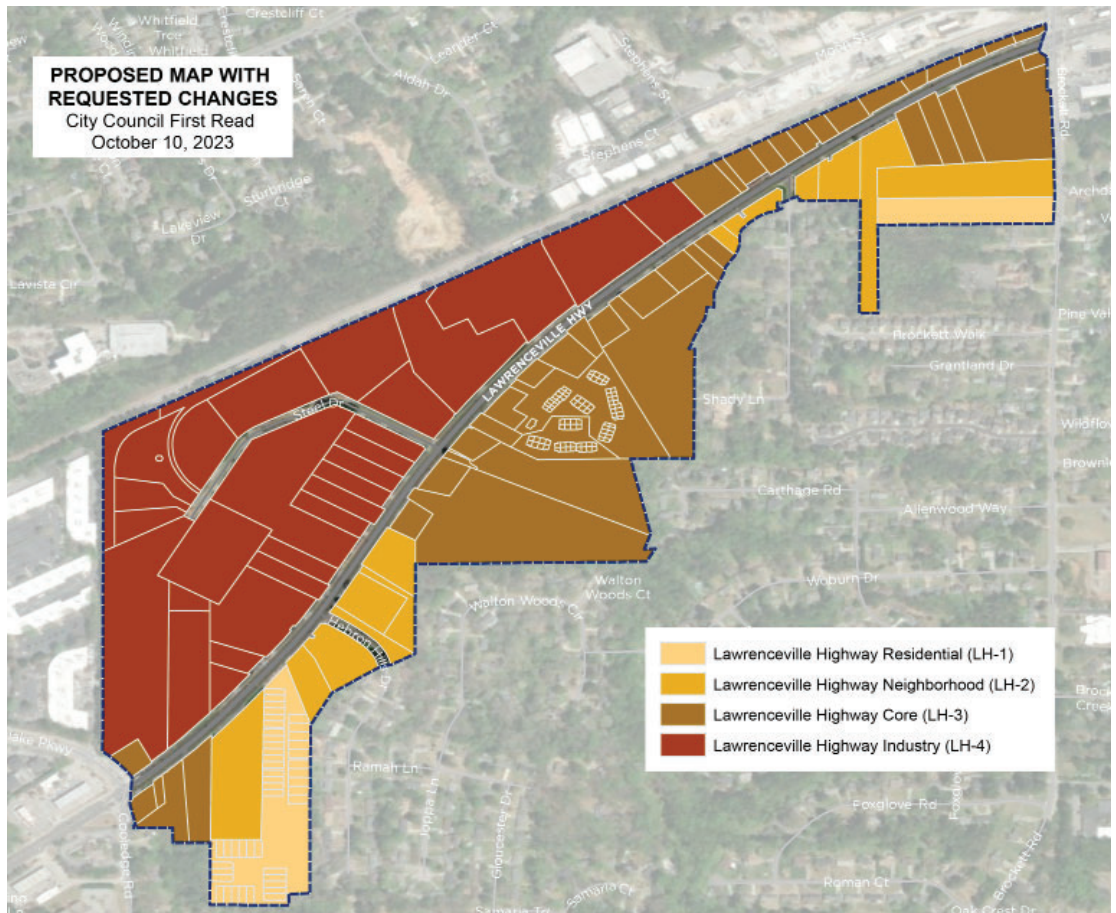
The Second step is to create and approve a zoning map for the newly created zoning code. Pond hosted a neighborhood meeting for the property owners and adjacent neighbors of the proposed map on August 30. The Planning Commission heard and approved the City Initiated rezoning on September 21 and the proposed map

now moves to the Mayor and Council. The first read with a public hearing will be on October 10 followed by the second read and vote on November 13.

It is important to state that existing properties and business are legacied into this proposed map. Any property sale or change of business will trigger the new zoning code requirements.

The map is thoughtful for transition buffers and to allow for assemblages of the smaller plats that currently exist. The City is looking for smart growth and to provide a way to promote newer businesses when the time comes.

For further information and supporting documents please visit the website at tuckerga.gov/plans_and_studies.



FIT & FUN INTUCKER

contributed by Tucker Parks and Recreation



Tucker Parks and Recreation is more than summer camp and Tuckercise for seniors. The biggest task as a department is to create innovative and safe outdoor spaces for the citizens of Tucker. The City is always upgrading, fixing and adding to our parks' infrastructure and offerings. After a year of public input and various meetings there are several projects lined up for the coming year in quite a few of our parks including Johns Homestead, Fitzgerald Park and Sports Complex and the new park off Main Street in the heart of Tucker.

Fitzgerald Park and Sports Complex is in its second phase of renovations. Phase 1 was completed this summer and the majority of it was an upgrade to the water and sewer systems. Phase II will focus on a turf field, new lighting, parking and facilities. These additions are what will make Fitzgerald the City's first sports complex and will provide a safe playing environment for the community.

Johns Homestead has been in need of a dam overhaul and general renovations for years. This historic park has had flooding and severe erosion problems for decades and these projects are vital to the safety and well-being of our neighboring residents and our resident wildlife. The project consultant provided an update at the August 28 meeting, if you would like to view it just click on the date and go to the agenda tuckerga.gov/documents. As this project progresses, we will be keeping you informed via our social media and a dedicated project page on our website like you have seen with other City projects.

This project will address the dangerous situation of the dams and the side channel on the Edinburgh Estates side. The replacement of the dams will require the draining of both lakes during construction. This is necessary due to the complete removal and replacement of the dams. As stated in the presentation on August 28, the upper dam covers a substantial

sewer line for the neighboring community and presents a dangerous situation. There are also major renovations being made to the lower dam that require this step as well. It would be impossible to rebuild these dams without draining the lakes.

These lakes have always been a very popular fishing hole and we are trying to address the ecological situation and impact from draining the lakes upfront. One step we are taking, in collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources, is the upcoming Fishing Derby. The hope is to remove as many fish as possible before having the lakes drained. There will also be

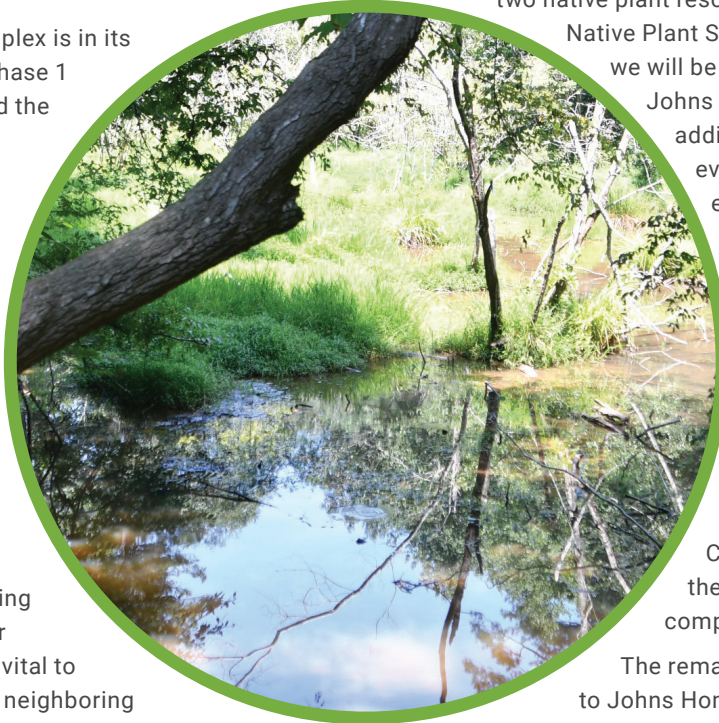
two native plant rescues facilitated by the Georgia Native Plant Society. In the coming months we will be reaching out to the Friends of Johns Homestead Park to coordinate additional community and volunteer events to mitigate the impacts to existing flora and fauna.

The renovation project will be lengthy and will certainly disrupt the use of the park. However, the direct impact on the surrounding community will be limited, mostly with equipment and materials being delivered and picked up. Once construction begins, the City will coordinate closely with the general contractor to ensure compliance with these requirements.

The remainder of the improvements to Johns Homestead and Twin Brothers Lake include new access points, bridges, trail enhancements, bird blinds, an orienteering course and educational signage. There will also be some additional parking, lower lake fishing access with the addition of a boardwalk with viewing and direct water access, removal of invasive plants and replacement with native plantings in and around the lakes.

The downtown park is still in the engineering and design phase but the most recent update from Barge in September was exciting to see. This space, in the heart of Tucker, will be an amazing gathering place for festivals and events.

Be sure you are following Tucker Parks and Rec on Facebook and Instagram and check the website for updates as well, tuckerga.gov



Upcoming Events

HENDERSON PARK
HAUNTED TRAIL

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 27
4-7 P.M.



KELLEY COFER PARK PEACH PIT

Join us for s'mores, and signature fall cocktails.

Bring your favorite chair and enjoy the fire while listening to live acoustic music.

NOV. 18
5-8 P.M.



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TUCKER Community Corner



10/7 – Rivers Alive South Fork Peachtree Creek Cleanup

9:30 a.m.-Noon.

4315 Cowan Road

Tucker Civic Association's 14th annual Rivers Alive Cleanup will continue the tradition of cleaning our waterways. Help protect one of our most precious resources and join the volunteers who have removed 120,000 pounds of trash since their first cleanup.

10/7 – Taste of Tucker

1-6 p.m.

Main Street

Food, fun and music await at Taste of Tucker 2023. Taste food samples and enjoy the beer garden. Raise funds for NETWorks Cooperative Ministry to fight hunger and poverty and support Camp Kudzu. Preorder tickets and shirts at tasteoftucker.com.

10/28 – Annual Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk

9 a.m.

**DeKalb County Police Headquarters
1960 West Exchange Place**

The DeKalb County Police Department's Police Athletic League (PAL Plus) is raising awareness and funds for PAL Plus youth programs. Following the race, join us for a Fall Fest and Public Safety Fair with candy and children's games.