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THE PARKS ISSUE

FROM IMPROVEMENTS TO INNOVATIONS, TUCKER'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS CRUISING DOWN THE ROAD TO TOMORROW

EDITOR'S NOTE



June is one of the best times of year for using our Tucker parks. For the past several years, we've had a Father's

Day flag football

game at Henderson Park. Despite the numerous injuries in the game's history, it's the perfect outlet for Tucker dads looking to emulate their Sunday heroes. Unfortunately, that game is likely going to be a no-go this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Similarly, I've been missing taking the kids to some of our great Tucker playgrounds. They'll re-open soon, but the days of relaxing on a bench while my boys attack the monkey bars seems so distant now.

Those are two of the reasons this month's issue of *InTucker* is so important. We set out to write this parks issue to let you know a little more about the parks (see the feature on dams on page 8), but also to let you know about the changes happening within the parks system. Our staff has its hands full with major projects at the Tucker Recreation Center, at entrances to parks and deep within the parks themselves. As you'll read on page 10, before long we'll be able to have picnics in the awesome new pavilion at Johns Homestead, safer and more scenic hikes within Henderson and Kelley Cofer Parks and a brand new experience for all ages at Peters Park.

I want to wish a Happy Fathers' Day to all the dads out there. Even if we can't celebrate on the gridiron, we'll soon be able to enjoy some of these new parks amenities together. So throw another steak on the grill, kick back and raise a frosty glass to the future!

MATT HOLMES
INTUCKER EDITOR

IN THIS ISSUE



ON THE COVER

Tucker already has some of the best parks in DeKalb County. On page 10, learn how those parks are getting even better this summer!



IB QUEST

Leadership at one Tucker elementary school have big plans for the future. On page 6, find out how their path to student achievement is markedly different from most other schools.



BUSINESS BOOM

How has the City been working with its business community in light of the coronavirus pandemic? John McHenry runs down the ways in his Business Boom column on page 12.



GIVING BACK

Guy Van Ort is giving a lot more than an hour in his work with the Tucker Civic Association. On page 13, see how he's trying to make Tucker a great place for people of all ages.



ASK RIP

Boating, swimming, feeding the ducks. All part of a fun day at the lake, right? If you're in a Tucker park, think again. Rip explains on page 15.



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From the Mayor:



With summertime upon us, we enter a new season in the life of our city. You may have heard by now that the City of Tucker is moving into a new City Hall. It's a move being made out of necessity. Three years ago, our staff outgrew the space at the current City Hall on Adrian Street, so we acquired some office suites on First Avenue and set up what we call the City Hall Annex. In the blink of an eye, we've outgrown that space, too. The new City Hall is on Northlake Parkway at Lakeside Centre. What it means for us is enough room for our staff to work more efficiently. What it means for you is more parking, a better waiting area and less confusion in going from two sites to one.

You've heard the saying "spare no expense"? Let me guarantee you that we spared every expense we could in the buildout of this new City Hall. You're going to see a modest building devoid of all the ritzy appointments and accents you may expect in a newly rehabbed space. This City Hall is meant to be functional, not fancy.

Move in is scheduled to take place over the next 4-6 weeks. Ordinarily, we would have a huge celebration to open the City Hall, likely a big Open House for the community. That remains to be seen with the guidance

on social distancing and crowd sizes. I do hope you'll come down and see the space at some point and greet our friendly and hard-working staff. We're proud of them and we're proud of this new building we're going to call home.

Lastly, let me put in a plug for the new Mayor's Blog on our website. I wanted a space for me – and the men and women who follow me in this office – to give thorough explanations on some of the big issues affecting our city. It's a space to talk about the coronavirus or the budget or the latest road resurfacing; topics that you might not typically know where to go to get information. You'll see written word and videos and we actually have big plans for expanding the blog's offerings once we get back to more normal circumstances. For now, go to www.tuckerga.gov/mayor to check it out!

FRANK AUMAN
MAYOR

City Council Update



DATES TO KNOW

- June 1**
Downtown Development Authority
- June 8**
City Council
- June 17**
Municipal Court
- June 22**
City Council
- June 24**
Municipal Court

Tucker's Mayor and City Council held their two monthly meetings during May, both socially distant with the majority of Council participating via Zoom. At the meeting on May 11, Council took action on an amendment to the City Code, voting unanimously to approve changes to the rules governing hotels and motels. Specifically, the change will bring the City in line with a Supreme Court ruling on how much guest information hotel and motel owners have to give to police without a warrant. They also voted to approve construction of a pair of pavilions in two Tucker parks. The pavilion at Johns Homestead would be a group size pavilion overlooking Twin Brothers Lakes. At Smoke Rise Park, the new pavilion will be family size. Both pavilions are scheduled to be completed this summer.

At the meeting on May 26, Council unanimously approved a pair of land use petitions. The first petition was for a rezoning and concurrent variances for 13 townhomes at Ashbrooke Trace. The second was for a special land use permit (SLUP) for a home-based recording studio at 1387 Wenlock Edge Cove.

Council held several other work sessions and special called meetings throughout the month to discuss and ask questions on the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. By charter, they must pass a budget by June 30.

The next meeting of the Mayor and City Council will take place on Monday June 8 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Annex (4228 First Avenue).



City Councilman Matt Robbins (pictured with wife Kathleen) was made honorary Mayor for a Day on the occasion of his 80th birthday on May 17. (Credit: tuckerga.gov)

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 **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](https://www.facebook.com/dgschoeppner) or emailed at dgschoeppner@dekalbcountyga.gov



As we emerge from lockdown, I figure the best way to return to normalcy is to write the article that I intended before this whole thing started. As

we've seen several times before, people move around in the police department. The most recent of these changes occurred in February when our assistant precinct commander, Captain Popp, was transferred to East Precinct. In his place we welcome Captain Wallace from Center Precinct. Since he was at Center when it still patrolled a portion of the City, he is already familiar with the area and stepped into his new role without missing a beat.

Captain Wallace started his law enforcement career in 2003. After graduating the police academy, he was assigned to South Precinct where he worked the third shift. In 2007 he was transferred to the Major Felony Unit where he and I worked as detectives together. This was in the middle of three consecutive record setting years for homicides and robberies for DeKalb County. In 2011 Captain Wallace transferred to Internal Affairs, where he worked as a detective until being promoted to sergeant later that year. As a sergeant, he was transferred to North Precinct where he and I worked together once again. From North Precinct Captain Wallace was moved to headquarters and held the title of Deputy Chief of Staff. In 2016 he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to South Precinct where we worked together for a third time. After a short stint there he was transferred again to Internal Affairs, this time as the commander of the unit, until he was promoted to captain just last year. There he was the assistant precinct commander until his move here with the same title.



Captain W. Wallace
(Credit: DeKalb County Police Department)

During his police career Captain Wallace has earned his criminal justice degree from Georgia State University and has also completed his master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Waldorf University. Most recently he has attended the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville in 2017.

Captain Wallace has packed a lot of experience into his 17-year career. Along with his wealth of police experience he is also intimately familiar with the inner working of the police department. This knowledge is invaluable in knowing how to get things done. The DeKalb County Police Department is lucky to have officers like Captain Wallace and I am glad to be able to call him my friend. I think that the citizens of Tucker can be glad that they have such a dedicated and experienced officer to help steer the ship through these uncertain and scary times.

BROCKETT'S IB PURSUIT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TAKING A DIFFERENT PATH ON THE WAY TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



For years, STEM has been a big buzz word in education. Not just here in metro Atlanta, but all across the country, schools have rushed to gain STEM certification. Right now thousands of schools in all 50 states are certified in the program that focuses on the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. It's gotten so popular, in fact, that schools are moving toward STEAM certification now (the "A" stands for Art).

Tucker's Brockett Elementary is not one of those schools.

When Antoinette Seabrook took over as principal in 2018, she talked with parents, teachers, and students and the feedback she got led her to one conclusion: STEM was not going to be the future for Brockett.

"There wasn't a passion for STEM," Seabrook said. "Brockett had been pursuing STEM for like five years and it was a lot of start and stop based on administration changes."

Seabrook says she sees a lot of merit in STEM-based learning, but as she got into the classrooms and observed the teaching that was happening, she decided that

Brockett would be better suited in pursuing the IB designation.

Founded in 1968, IB, which stands for International Baccalaureate, has been in existence longer than STEM. This movement has spread globally with the mission of creating a better world through education. Schools like Brockett that choose an IB path are ultimately prioritizing a more student-focused path rather than the academic-focused path provided by STEM. Same coin, two different sides.

"When we talk about education and what it means, what we really want to know is how to instill in our students the knowledge that will make them better learners and better people," the International Baccalaureate website states. "How can we be sure that we send them off into life with the skills they really need to grow and develop in a successful, happy way?"

Schools can't just ask for and be granted IB certification. The road to becoming certified is a grueling, labor-intensive process, which Brockett has been on for more than a year. The first major step Seabrook took when initially laying the

groundwork for IB certification was to reach out to a friend who knew a thing or two about the certification process, Midvale Elementary Principal Dr. Tara Dougherty.

As an assistant principal, Dougherty saw her school become the first elementary school in Georgia to become both STEM and IB certified. Now, Midvale is integrating tenets of both philosophies into their teaching and opening their doors to schools that want to model these achievements.

"Once I spent some time at Midvale and seeing what they were doing, I said 'we're doing a lot of these things already,'" Seabrook recalled. "[Dr. Dougherty] allowed myself and my teachers to come over and observe during IB planning days. We got to see that process. We observed the teaching, so a lot of our teachers have gotten to see their town hall meetings and how they incorporate the IB learner traits. My IB coordinator and her IB coordinator have been in close contact. They are helping us with what it looks like once it is implemented."

This fall, Brockett plans to take the next step in sending 20 of their staffers through IB training. In the meantime, they will be working with the DeKalb County School District to assess whether the school is ready to formally begin the certification process. Parents couldn't be more thrilled.

"We are very excited about IB at Brockett," said the school's PTA president Calista Allen. "This is the right program for the students and the school. We are so happy to have Midvale as our mentor. With IB programs at both Tucker Middle and Tucker High, IB certification at Brockett gives our children the opportunity to follow the IB curriculum through their school career," said Brockett PTA President Calista Allen.

For Seabrook, even with the prospect of IB certification looming, she sees bigger things ahead for her school.

"We may come back in a few years and do what Midvale did and pursue STEM."

Time will tell when Brockett gets its accreditation, but for now the students and teachers are gaining valuable insights and ways of looking at the world, building those young minds to become global thinkers as they prepare for the challenges ahead.



Brockett principal Antoinette Seabrook (left) and Midvale's Dr. Tara Dougherty (right) have worked closely to share best practices in helping Brockett along the road to IB certification.

IB LEARNER PROFILE

- INQUIRERS
- KNOWLEDGEABLE
- THINKERS
- COMMUNICATORS
- PRINCIPLED
- OPEN-MINDED
- CARING
- RISK-TAKERS
- BALANCED
- REFLECTIVE

TUCKER CLUSTER

Updates & News

IMPORTANT DATES

- **JUNE 8**
DeKalb Board of Education Meeting
- **JUNE 15-20**
DeKalb County Virtual Graduation Ceremonies
- **JUNE 18**
State Board of Education Meeting

THE BRAG SHEET

LIVSEY ELEMENTARY

- Staff worked closely with Camp Invention and offered a virtual platform that included STEM kits being mailed directly to campers. These kits included materials for a week of creating and inventing. By interacting with other participants on the digital platform, children realized that collaboration, creativity and STEM-based exploration can happen anywhere.

MIDVALE ELEMENTARY

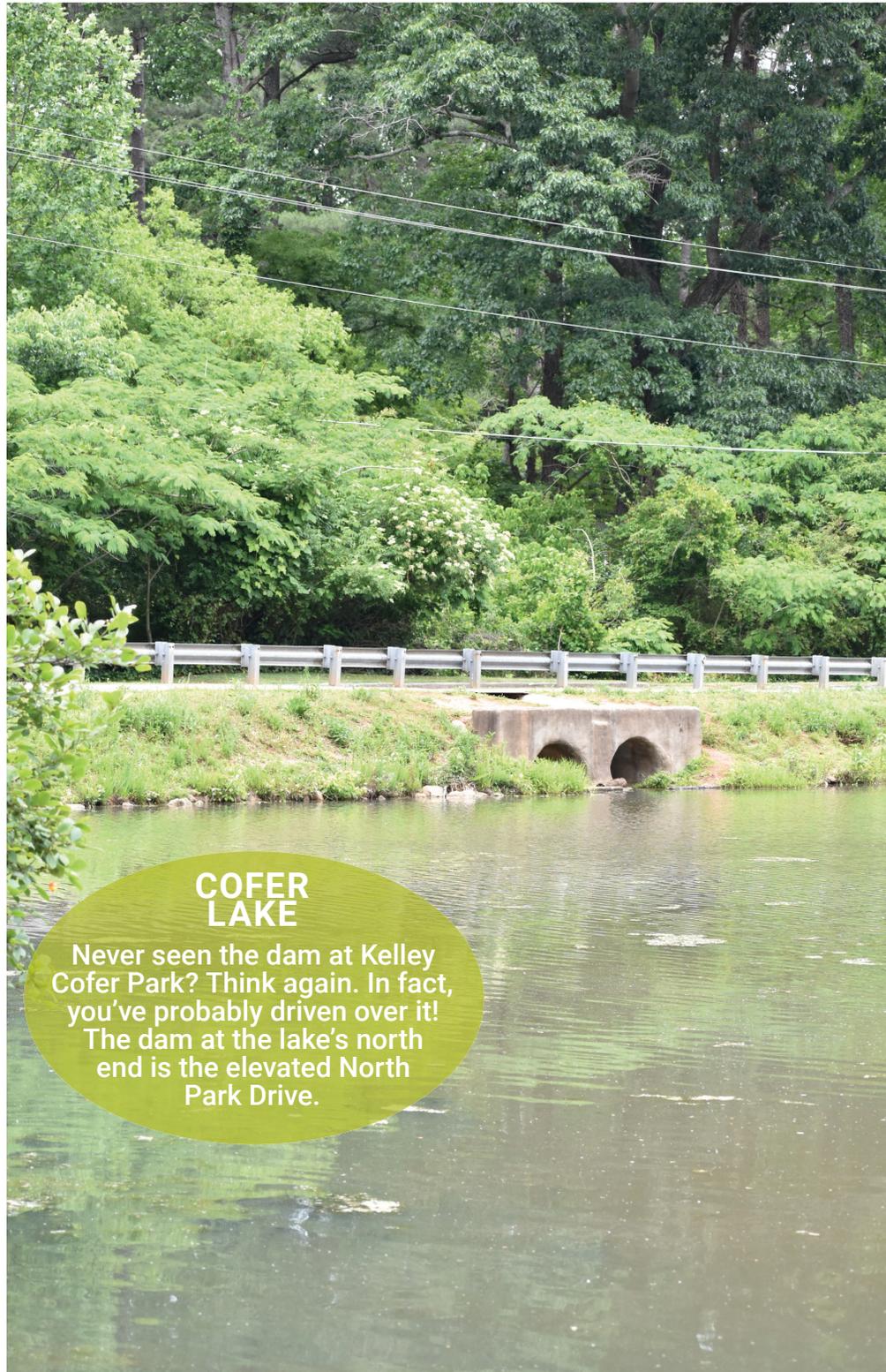
- With school officially out for the summer, Midvale is embarking on major renovations to its media center. By the time students are back in class, they will enjoy new flooring, new chairs and new desks as they come in and learn about the wonderful world of reading with Mrs. Konouck.

TUCKER HIGH

- Tucker High School was one of 25 schools in DeKalb County to receive a one-time grant from the State of Georgia. The grant will help bridge the technological divide, as this state program aims to address digital equity and access to digital learning resources.

DAM IT! TUCKER'S LAKES HELD I

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE FOUR DAMS WITHIN TUCKER'S CITY PARKS, SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS AND, IN SOME CASES



COFER LAKE

Never seen the dam at Kelley Cofer Park? Think again. In fact, you've probably driven over it! The dam at the lake's north end is the elevated North Park Drive.



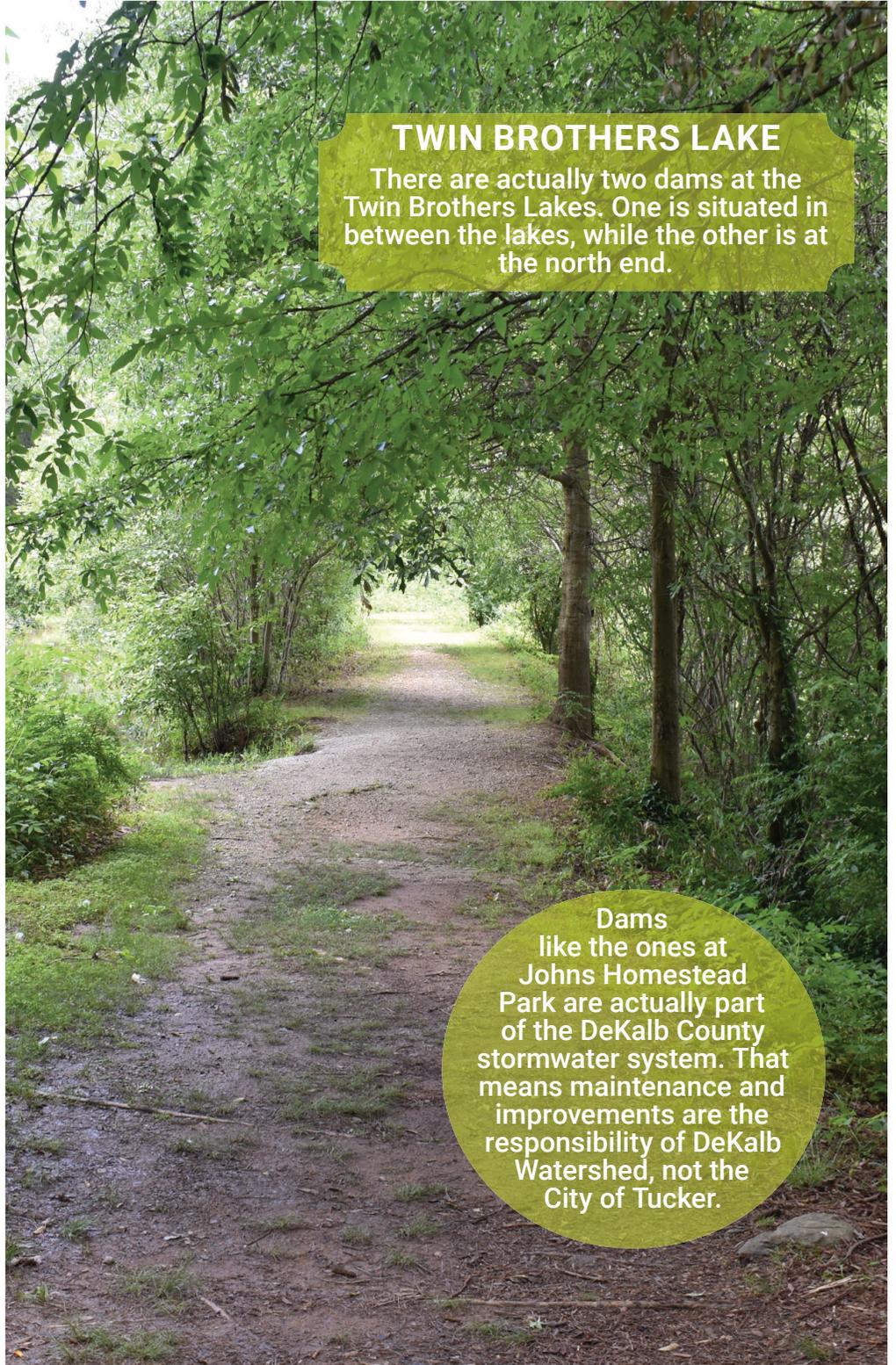
N CHECK BY DAMS

**Y PARKS? THESE STRUCTURES ARE CRITICAL TO PRESERVING OUR
, LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY. GET TO KNOW YOUR TUCKER DAMS!**



LAKE ERIN

Situated on the northwest end of the lake, this is Tucker's only Category One dam. That means loss of life and property are possible in the event of a breach.



TWIN BROTHERS LAKE

There are actually two dams at the Twin Brothers Lakes. One is situated in between the lakes, while the other is at the north end.

Dams like the ones at Johns Homestead Park are actually part of the DeKalb County stormwater system. That means maintenance and improvements are the responsibility of DeKalb Watershed, not the City of Tucker.

PROJECTS IN THE PARKS

WORK BEING DONE TODAY TO HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF OUR PARKS SYSTEM

Tucker has contractors working all across the City on big projects to improve the amenities and level of service residents are getting. Some of these projects you've read about here in *InTucker*, others you might not be familiar with. Consider this your primer!



IN PROGRESS

PARKING LOTS

- For years, users of Johns Homestead and Smoke Rise Park have had to either walk down a busy state highway to access the park or park their cars offsite. Soon, both those parks will have new parking lots onsite. This is expected to go a long way in increasing use of both of these Tucker gems.

PARK PAVILIONS

- As you read on page 4, the Mayor and City Council approved construction of a pair of pavilions, one in Smoke Rise Park and the other in Johns Homestead. While the pavilion at Smoke Rise will accommodate a small number of people, the pavilion at Johns Homestead could be the site of your next birthday party. It's slated to accommodate 25 people!

SOLAR ROOF

- Last month, crews got to work on the roof of Tucker Recreation Center, installing new solar paneling. The 133 solar panels are expected to generate 86 percent of the electricity needed to run Tucker's lone recreation center. The project will slash utility bills and was completed, in part, thanks to \$50,000 in grant money from the State of Georgia.



SUMMER 2020

PETERS PARK RENOVATION

- The City secured federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to bring an overhaul to this quaint neighborhood park. Look for new playground equipment, exercise apparatuses for adults and a new parking lot with easier access to one of Tucker's best kept secrets.

RESTROOMS

- Construction on a restroom at the Henderson Park tennis courts is slated to begin soon. This highly anticipated project is just another improvement to the tennis courts, following the courts' resurfacing, new fencing and state-of-the-art lighting.

BRIDGES AND BOARDWALKS

- If the rainfall we've experienced in the past several months has taught anything, it's the importance of elevated walkways along some of Tucker's park trails. Projects will begin soon to build new bridges on the red trail at Henderson Park and a new boardwalk on the trail at Kelley Cofer Park. Also be on the lookout for a bridge renovation at Smoke Rise Park.

LAKE ERIN DOCK

- The dock at Henderson Park's Lake Erin got a much-needed facelift last year thanks to a partnership between the City of Tucker and DeKalb County. This year, a second dock will be installed on Lake Erin, across the lake from the original dock. Prepare to enjoy a new place to sit and take in one of the most beautiful vistas in Tucker.



BUSINESS BOOM

by John McHenry, Community and Economic Development Director



TUCKER ASSISTS BUSINESSES DURING PANDEMIC

In my last column I shared an overview of the various state and federal efforts

such as the Paycheck Protection Program offered to ease some of the economic pain due to the pandemic. This month I want to share the City's local efforts to reach and further aid our business community with a personal, albeit socially distant touch.

First off, our Communications Department has created a centralized repository for information and resources for businesses and residents, which is updated as city, county and state orders continue to evolve. Please visit the Coronavirus Facts & Resources page for current details at tuckerga.gov/coronavirus.

Our initial outreach effort focused on ensuring our customer contact businesses such as restaurants, hair salons, barber shops, and nightclubs were aware of current state orders and potential impacts to their operating procedures. At the same time, we contacted over 50 senior and long-term care facilities to provide guidance and any assistance to our most vulnerable population. The City's Business Outreach Coordinator, Angela Brooks, jumped on this opportunity.

"It was extremely gratifying to be able to speak one-on-one with business owners, store managers, and staff at our nursing homes during this crisis," Brooks said. "To be able to

offer support, provide answers and show that City is here working for our businesses – that's my job."

One of the things we learned was there was a need for medical grade masks. The City promptly responded by distributing masks to senior and long-term care facilities and local businesses, in addition to three events specifically targeted for the public. We gave out 6,400 masks in all. The masks were purchased with budgeted money that had been earmarked for several projects cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus.

Clearly one of the sectors hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic is the restaurant industry. This is true from the tiny take-out only spots to giant chains. The City of Tucker is blessed with over 120 restaurants that range from down home Southern cooking to ethnic international cuisine. Our restaurants connect our community and increasingly expand and engage our downtown. To help, the City developed two key initiatives. Our mapping staff built an interactive web-based application that features all our restaurants and allow users to see whether restaurants are open for delivery, take-out, dine-in, or all three.

"This app will give users access to information about every one of the restaurants within Tucker's city limits," said app designer David Zeh, who serves as Tucker's Geographic Information System Analyst. "We've found that restaurants are in all stages of re-opening right now, so we hope

that this will help make it easier for people to patronize our great Tucker businesses."

The interactive map features a list of all restaurants grouped by their level of service where users can zoom in and select businesses in a certain area. Each entry provides links to the specific restaurant's website. Please take a test drive and let us know your thoughts by visiting the GIS page on our city website.

In addition, Mayor Auman issued an executive order that will allow restaurants in the City to expand their outdoor dining. The order will enable restaurateurs to apply for a Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit from the City's Planning and Zoning Department for al fresco dining in adjoining sidewalks and parking lots. Aside from allowing restaurants to expand their outdoor dining capacity, the order also gives mobile food vendors, like food trucks, the ability to apply for a Mobile Food Vendor Permit.

"We're a dining destination and we want to do everything we safely can to encourage employment and economic activity in Tucker, and to help these great restaurants to thrive during these tough times," Auman said.

Despite this continued economic strain, we still see a steady stream of building permits and new business license applications in Tucker. In the meantime, City staff is going to keep on working on innovative ways to support and advance our businesses.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

CAMP WOOF

Back in 2014, there weren't many options for doggy daycare in the Tucker area. When Pete Grossman found space in the heart of Tucker for such an operation, he jumped on it.

"[It is a] great location that we found here. A lot of customers from our Decatur location lived in Tucker so it was a good move for us," Grossman said.

It was something of a career change as Grossman had built a successful career as an accounts receivable manager. But when a neighbor asked him to pick up her dog from doggy daycare, he was intrigued at the business model. After some soul searching and convincing, Grossman and the neighbor eventually partnered to open up Camp Woof.

While Camp Woof's first location was in Decatur, they realized that many of their clients from Tucker wanted expanded services. Not only that, but Tucker offered a great location and a ready-made customer base. The decision to expand beyond Decatur was an easy one.



"We offer 50 different brands of dog and cat food," Grossman says, explaining the move to Tucker enabled them to add retail. "We also offer boarding, doggy daycare, self-wash. We have grooming and nail trimming. A little bit of everything."

With such great success, Camp Woof is growing again with a third location in Brookhaven. Grossman, however, would like to expand services at the Tucker location to include feline boarding and possible vet care.

Camp Woof is located at 4341 Hugh Howell Road. You can find them online at www.campwoof.com.



I have known Guy Van Ort for several years since first serving with him on the Tucker Civic Association's (TCA) board. We have worked together on many projects and have become friends over the years.

Guy held the position of Give an Hour chair for TCA, a program that identified and provided a number of services in Tucker, including cleaning up school yards, cemetery cleanup, painting fire hydrants, collecting food for the fire department, and providing holiday meals for the police department. And Guy has done much to support Midvale Elementary School and the neighborhood he lives in.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

GUY VAN ORT

He has worked tirelessly on the Yellow Dot project for the Tucker Civic Association's Lifelong Community Committee. A Georgia Department of Health and Human Services program that can save resident lives by helping first responders efficiently gather medical information in the critical moments following an automobile crash or a medical emergency in the home. Tucker was the first city asked to roll out the program.

Guy's calm and confident manner has been invaluable as the Lifelong Community committee works through the necessary steps to complete the Age Friendly Tucker action plan that will be submitted to the World Health Organization in December. He focuses on detail and works around the obstacles. He is an asset for us and for Tucker.

Nomination by Dr. Lois Ricci

TEAM TUCKER *Spotlight*

JANELLE LAW, FACILITIES COORDINATOR

Why were you interested in coming to work for the City of Tucker?

I had never worked in government before and the challenge was extremely interesting to me. Plus, having lived a few miles from the Tucker city limits for so many years (Lilburn), the chance to have a great position and be close to home was irresistible.

What are the day-to-day responsibilities of a Facilities Coordinator?

I take care of the offices and the people who work inside them. I order our supplies, handle safety and maintenance on the properties, and help get us ready for our upcoming move to the new City Hall.

What do you like best about your job?

I like the variety – every day is different – and I really enjoy the people I get to see, both my co-workers and the citizens of Tucker.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

Currently, the challenge is the same as it is for most people: working around the virus. We worked really hard to keep our city offices working during the crisis and I'm really proud that I was part of keeping them open.

Are there any big projects that you are working on?

I am currently helping with the team getting us ready to move into our new City Hall. It's going to be great to have all of our City resources together in one spot.



Off the Wall

What are your favorite hobbies?

My favorite hobby is reading. It always has been. I enjoy all types of books and read quickly, so most of my books I've read several times each. I also enjoy watching movies, live theater, soccer and Georgia Bulldog football.

Are you an outdoorsy person?

I am an outdoor person when I am at my family's homeplace in the mountains. I love being outside when the temperature is nice and the humidity is low. We do a lot of hiking and ATV riding up there.

What is your favorite childhood memory?

My extended family (aunts, uncles, 13 cousins) used to take trips together. We went camping, we rented a huge house that we all squeezed into at the beach, we went to the World's Fair. It was great to grow up with so many of my family members surrounding me.

What type of music do you listen to?

Classic Rock is my go to. It's a little weird that my favorite songs from high school are now "classics".

Where is your happy place?

My happy place is my family's homeplace in the mountains of West Virginia. It's land my family has owned for generations. I love being there where my whole family began.

“ASK RIP”

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.



In talking with one of our parks volunteers, it was suggested to me that I use this month's column to clarify some of the rules we have in our Tucker parks. With it being summertime and folks looking to get out and cool off, I thought that sounded like a pretty good idea. So,

read up and please help us spread the word by sharing these rules with a friend!

Is swimming allowed in Tucker's lakes?

Because of a number of uncertainties in our lakes, swimming is not allowed. The depth changes, there are unknown obstacles that pose danger, underwater growth, critters. Not to mention, these lakes are designed as runoff collection points for stormwater and debris can sometimes cause issues. So please, for your safety and the safety of your family, please, NO SWIMMING.

Is boating allowed in Tucker's lakes?

For many of the same reasons stated above, we do not allow boating of any kind in our lakes. Especially in the areas away from shore, there is sediment, growth, and debris beneath the surface that could entangle capsized boaters and rescue efforts would be dangerous. We are adding docks to our lakes to provide our many fisherman avenues to reach some of your favorite spots. We look forward to adding docks to Cofer and Johns Homestead parks in the near future.

Can you feed the ducks in Tucker parks?

We would prefer parkgoers to refrain from feeding any wildlife. This could endanger these animals by creating a dependency on your generosity and stunting their ability to feed naturally. Please, just enjoy our parks, the wildlife that is abundant there and let's create a clean, healthy environment for them to live their lives, as well.

And finally, I wanted to add a note on our summer camp program. We did a lot of studying, discussing and evaluating to come to a consensus on how to handle summer camp during this unprecedented time. As of June 1, we will begin expanded programming in all of our parks to provide a safe and fun experience for our community. There will be daily activities for the kids and even some programs, both day and evening, for our adults. We are excited about this opportunity to serve our community under these uncertain circumstances. Please give us a call or check our website for schedules. We've always said it, and I'll reiterate it now: the safety of our campers is the most important facet of our Tucker Recreation Center summer camp. Handwashing, social distancing and small groups will be hallmarks of this year's activities, even in the parks. We hope that by offering these activities, it will allow children in our community a much-needed opportunity for socialization and enrichment, and that it helps parents to get back to focusing on getting their lives a little closer to normal.



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TUCKER *Community Corner*



6/4, 11, 18 and 25 – Tucker Farmers Market

4-6 p.m., 4882 Lavista Road

The Tucker Farmers Market is in full swing, moving back to its home base at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the farmers market is a drive-thru this year. Patrons can order ahead by visiting www.tuckerfarmersmarket.com