

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



FALL 2016

**ORCHARDS OF  
BIG CREEK**

**APPLE PICKIN'  
SEASON**

**FESTIVE  
ATLANTA**



*The Dogwood - Kitchen and Breakfast Area*

Although our first purchase agreement was written only 13 months ago, we are excited to announce that more than 67 of the homes in the The Orchards of Big Creek (out of 89 total homes upon completion) have already been sold. Additionally, 26 homeowners have already moved in; we are welcoming an average of 7 more each month! The community's Grand Clubhouse and pool (open seasonally) are being enjoyed by our new homeowners, and the social activities are now in place and expanding each month.

Our construction team is quite busy with many homes now under construction. Thanks to our current sales pace, we expect to be SOLD OUT by year's end with the final homes being delivered next summer! This wonderful neighborhood has really started to take shape!

"Historically speaking, once we have this many homes sold in the neighborhood, we experience a rise in customer urgency; therefore sales increase primarily due to our running low on available homes and or homesites," explained Deborah Reahm, sales counselor for The Orchards Group.

The Orchards of Big Creek offers a more cozy and "intimate" feel than some of the larger Orchards properties. The overall site is not that large, making it even easier for residents to get to know their neighbors. In fact, it is very common in all Orchards Group communities to see several homeowners walking together and saying hi to new friends and neighbors and perhaps even stopping by for a cup of coffee or a glass of iced tea.

The Orchards of Big Creek offers three distinct product lines.

The Southern Heritage Collection of our award winning Ranch Condominium plans comprises 52 of the 89 homes. All homes offer a screened porch as standard (sunroom optional), gourmet kitchen, large owner's suite with walk in closet, and marble surround shower with seat. An abundantly sized activities suite / guest bedroom with full bath is featured upstairs.

The Arbors Collection represents a truly unique blend of both Condominium and Townhome living. With only 25 to build, all of these homes feature the owner's suite on the main level, but unlike the Southern Heritage Collection mentioned above, also feature private rear yards. These homes are also 25%-30% larger than the Southern Heritage Collection.

The Cottage Condominiums (one finished home available) take it a step further by offering fully detached individual homes, but with the condominium advantages of full exterior maintenance just as in the Southern Heritage and Arbors homes.

**The Orchards of Big Creek is open daily with five furnished model homes.**

**Monday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm**

**Saturday 11 am – 5 pm**

**Sunday 1 – 5 pm.**

**Or call 678-513-8879.**

We look forward to seeing you soon.  
Deborah, Craig, & Joannie



The Charleston - Kitchen and Dining Room



Big Creek - Basements Lined Up  
for Construction



The Ashewood - Kitchen and Breakfast Bar

## APPLE PICKIN' TIME IN NORTH GEORGIA

Apples are fun to pick and easy to eat! Maybe that's why each fall so many people head just north of Atlanta to fill baskets with this freshly picked fruit. If you want to gather the family this fall for a day in the apple orchard, check out these area farms:

### Red Apple Barn

Ellijay  
[www.redapplebarn.com](http://www.redapplebarn.com)

### B.J. Reece Orchards

Ellijay  
[www.reeceorchards.com](http://www.reeceorchards.com)

### Hillcrest Orchards

Ellijay  
[www.hillcrestorchards.net](http://www.hillcrestorchards.net)

### Mecier Orchards

Blue Ridge  
[www.mercier-orchards.com](http://www.mercier-orchards.com)

Plus, don't miss the Georgia Apple Festival, held **Oct. 8-9** and **Oct. 15-16**, at the fairgrounds in Ellijay. For more information, visit [www.georgiaapplefestival.org](http://www.georgiaapplefestival.org).



### How 'Bout Them Apples?

Now that you've got your delicious apples, what are you going to do with them?

### Potato-Apple Pancakes

Peel and shred 1 apple and 1 small russet potato; squeeze dry. Mix with 2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon kosher salt and a pinch of nutmeg. Fry heaping spoonfuls in butter in a skillet over medium heat, turning, 4 minutes per side.

### Sesame-Apple Slaw

Whisk 2 tablespoons sesame oil, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 2 teaspoons each rice vinegar and soy sauce, and 1 teaspoon grated ginger. Add 3 cups each shredded apples and napa cabbage, and salt.

For 48 more creative apple recipes, go to FoodNetwork's "50 Things to Make with Apples" article at [www.FoodNetwork.com](http://www.FoodNetwork.com).

*Source: [www.FoodNetwork.com](http://www.FoodNetwork.com)*

## FUN FACT

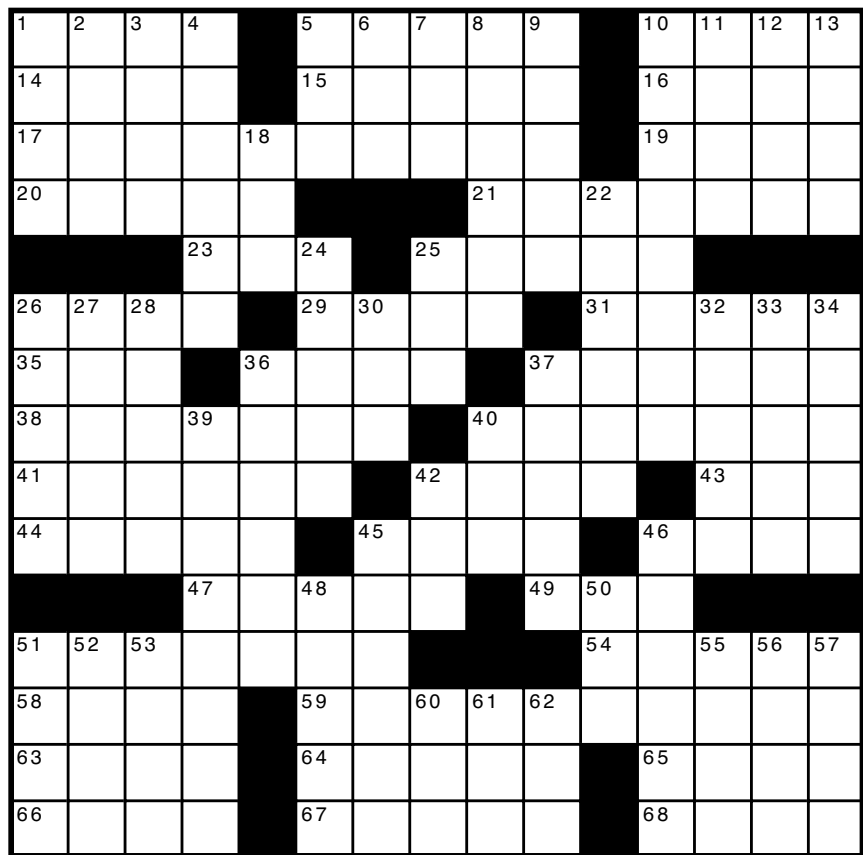
2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the United States.

## Across

1. Hollow cylinder
5. Horse locks
10. Strong cotton
14. A Baldwin brother
15. Bottomless gulf
16. Hydroxyl compound
17. Tower for the guidance of mariners
19. Switch ending
20. Person who dresses stones
21. Ear ornament
23. LAX posting
25. Sign up
26. Prejudice
29. Highland hillside
31. Rips
35. Everything
36. Sloop, yacht, or canoe
37. Mischievous person
38. Make confused
40. Exterior
41. Consecrate with oil
42. Brazilian soccer star
43. Female deer
44. Chairs
45. Uncover
46. "\_\_\_ She Lovely?"
47. Relaxes
49. Animal pouch
51. Pressed together
54. Sift
58. Mother of Hermes
59. Preoccupied
63. Perpetually
64. Old stringed instruments
65. Alley
66. Slippery
67. "Snowy" bird
68. Joie de vivre

## Down

1. Inner surface of the hand
2. Bones found in the hip



3. Clothes-pins
4. Resounds
5. \_\_\_-jongg
6. Blood letters
7. Big Apple sch.
8. Ancient ascetic
9. Campaign tactic
10. Unmatched
11. Calvary letters
12. Earth's satellite
13. Sleep like \_\_\_
18. Big bang cause
22. Take turns
24. Circa
25. Absorb, as a cost
26. Rum cakes
27. Actress Graff
28. Foil maker
30. Far out!
32. Litmus reddeners
33. Hazardous gas
34. Driving hazard
36. Dwarfed tree
37. Governs
39. Bookish
40. Not 'neath
42. Step in ballet
45. It bites you in your sleep
46. Winter hanger
48. Bobby of the Black Panthers
50. Simile center
51. Hook's helper
52. Gutter locale
53. Monetary unit of Cambodia
55. Footnote abbr.
56. \_\_\_ cava
57. Garden spot
60. Orch. section
61. Peg used on the first in golf
62. Queue after Q

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## FALL IS FESTIVE IN THE ATLANTA AREA!

### October 21 & 22

#### Owl-O-Ween Hot Air Balloon Festival

The fourth annual Owl-O-Ween Festival is Atlanta's only hot air balloon festival and largest costume party. Step into a mystical world for two nights filled with trick or treating, tethered balloon rides, Oktober Fest, live entertainment, and more. Adult admission: \$14. <http://owl-o-ween.com/>



### October 29 & 30

#### Wings Over North Georgia Air Show

In addition to the popular air attractions at this annual tradition in Rome, Ga., a Saturday concert series features headliner Travis Tritt and ends with a fireworks display. Enjoy exhibits, kids area, food, entertainment, and more. <http://wingsovernorthgeorgia.com/>

### November 5 & 6

#### Chastain Park Arts Festival

Featuring more than 180 artists and artisans, the Chastain Park Arts Festival will host its sixth annual event at Chastain Park, Atlanta. Free. <http://chastainparkartsfestival.com/>

### November 11

#### Free Entrance Day at National Parks

Enjoy a day at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area for free – or visit any other National Park today. [www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm](http://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm)

# Fall 2016

# SCENE AROUND THE ORCHARDS



*East Cherokee Flag Dedication Ceremony*



*July 4th Varsity Truck Party at East Cherokee*



*Orchards of Windward Ice Cream Social*



*Sweet Apple Ice Cream Social*

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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41	A	N	O	I	N	T		42	P	E	L	E		43	D	O	E	
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*Safety and Vial of Life Presentation at Stoney Point*



11660 Alpharetta Hwy  
Suite 515  
Roswell, GA 30076



## RESALES & LISTINGS...



### FOR SALE

**THE ORCHARDS OF BRANNON OAK FARMS**, 1165 Creek Vista Drive. Beautiful ranch home on a full basement. This home has everything. Elegant moldings and hardwoods on the main floor. Custom built-ins in the great room. The Chef's kitchen has warm cabinets, stone countertops and is open to the great room, so you are never far away from the action. The sunroom looks over a private natural area. The spacious master has an elegant bath with granite countertops and custom closet. Plantation shutters throughout the home. Every closet has been customized. All secondary baths have granite countertops. Full finished basement. \$489,000.

### UNDER CONTRACT

**THE ORCHARDS OF BRANNON OAK FARMS**, 1565 Oak Meadows Lane. This home could be a model. Gorgeous Ashewood floor plan with finished upstairs suite. Warm, dark hardwoods in the living areas. Custom built-ins in the great room. Plantation shutters throughout the home. Beadboard wainscoting in both downstairs baths. This home has beautiful appointments. Offered at \$349,900. Under Contract

**THE ORCHARDS OF WINDWARD**, 3055 Oakside Circle. A great opportunity to become a homeowner in the Orchards of Windward. This bright home has two bedrooms and baths on one level. In perfect condition with hardwoods in the living areas and new carpets in the bedrooms. Freshly painted and the master bath has been totally renovated. A great community close to all shopping and doctors' offices and easy access to 400. Offered at \$295,000. Under Contract

**THE ORCHARDS OF BRANNON OAK FARM**, 1975 Brannon Commons Circle. A beautiful Birch floor plan (Villa) on a basement located on a fantastic lot. This end unit backs up to a very private wooded area. Watch nature from your covered back porch. Warm hardwoods grace the first floor living areas. Granite and cherry cabinets and marble backsplash are in the Chef's kitchen. The great room offers a custom built in and a great view of the woods. This home has a huge master on the main level with a seating area. An upstairs loft overlooks the great room. There are also two full bedrooms and bath for guests. Another room upstairs is perfect for a media area. The basement allows you not to have get rid of those family heirlooms and have plenty of storage. Offered at \$376,000. Under Contract

To see any of these homes please visit my website at [www.orchardsgroup.com/resale/](http://www.orchardsgroup.com/resale/)

### SOLD

264 Orchards Circle • 231 Orchards Circle • 2402 Sweet Apple Circle  
1235 Bluestone Drive • 1402 Village Lane  
Please contact me if you would like the sold prices.

## DEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS,



It has been a great Summer Season selling in The Orchards communities. The new subdivisions are coming along but the resales consistently remain desirable. There is a definite shortage of homes, and my waiting list is growing. Low interest rates are still contributing to a growing buyer base and making the trend of buying instead of renting more desirable.

Fall is here, and the weather has cooled, but the politics have heated up. No matter which party you are backing, the market is always a little unsettled before an election. Buyers and sellers are both concerned that the interest rates may be affected by the election. Rates are now at a great low rate that is directing more senior buyers than ever to take advantage of low mortgage rates.

If you are thinking of selling your home, or know someone that wants to take advantage of the Orchard's lifestyle, please contact me. I would love to match the perfect buyer to your home and assist you in finding the home of your dreams.

Remember when selling your home, try to make it be the one home the buyer will remember.

- Make sure your home is sparkling clean!
- Do all repairs before you put it on the market!
- Let the light shine in. Make your home bright and sunny. Turn on all your lights.
- Declutter and remove all personal items, and get rid of the clothes you don't wear in your closet.

If you want to know the value of your home, I will be happy to come and do a comparative market analysis. The values have risen this year. It is a great time to be selling your Orchards home!

Geri Beckmann, Orchards' Resale Specialist

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Call me for a free market analysis and a worry free selling experience.  
I would love to match up some of my hopeful buyers to your beautiful home.