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THE ORCHARDS GROUP FORMS
TEAM TO WALK IN **ATLANTA'S**
3-DAY FOR THE CURE.

See inside cover for details.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The year 2011 is off to a great start! I hope everyone had a wonderful New Year's Eve. My family is back into the swing of things and our normal routine. Spring is just around the corner, and again our schedule will become hectic and jammed packed between work, school, baseball, gymnastics and softball.

This month, Isabelle turns 8, and she is so excited. For her birthday she is getting her room redone. Gone are the days of princesses, and she is ready for a big girl room! Brad will be taking the kids away for the weekend while three girlfriends and I transform Isabelle's room. She knows it is happening and chose the color, but everything else is a surprise! I hope she loves it!

All of our properties continue to be successful, and the homeowners keep busy with all of their various social engagements. Now that the holidays are over, our meet and greets will continue every month and we hope to see a lot of new faces!

I look forward to hearing about any travels you and your neighbors may have done together over the holidays.

As Always, Happy Reading!

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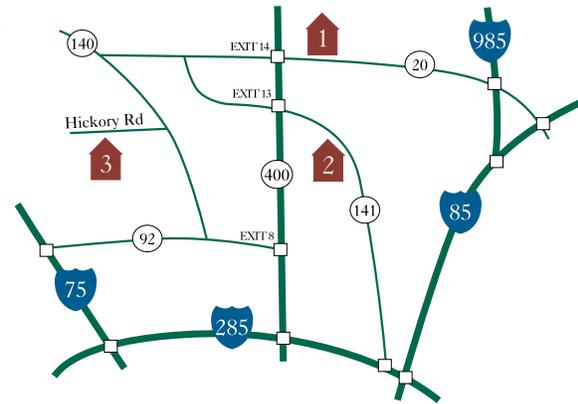
WALK FOR A CURE



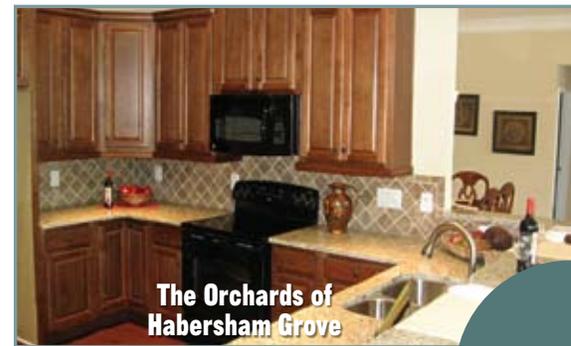
This year, I am walking in the Susan G. Koman 3-Day for the Cure. This event takes place October 21-23 in Atlanta. I will be walking about 60 miles throughout the three day event. I would love to have you be a part of The Orchards Group team! I hope to be walking with a group of wonderful Orchards homeowners and Orchards family members.

Please go to www.the3day.org for more information about the walk. Also, if you or one of your family members would like to join my team, please call me to find out specific details. I am really excited about the thought of a group of The Orchards women walking together in such an inspiring event! 678-795-0200 x210 or swheelus@orchardsgroup.com

1. The Orchards of Habersham Grove. LAST FOUR HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION! With a flurry of sales in the latter half of 2010, we are excited to announce the start of construction on the final building at Habersham Grove. Take advantage of Grand Closing prices now starting at \$196,900. **Save thousands** on any of our exciting finished inventory homes, all ready for immediate move in! The Charleston Model on Site #1804 has been recently updated and is ready for sale at a GREAT price. Call for details. We have homes with bonus rooms, attic storage areas and sunrooms. Tour the trademark of all The Orchards neighborhoods: The Grand Clubhouse, which provides the focal point for dinner parties, games and cards nights and so much more. Close to shopping, restaurants, Northside Hospital (Forsyth) and everything else you could ever need and just 1 mile from Ga 400, Exit 14. (Ga. Hwy 20). **Sales Information: 678-513-8879**



2. The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm. BASEMENT HOMESITES ON SALE! If you have been intrigued by one of our detached single family Gallery homes but desired an additional terrace level for a future media room, entertainment area or additional guest bedroom suite, then now is the time to come back to Brannon Oak Farm. We've announced a BASEMENT SALE! The opportunity to have an additional 1,800 to 2,200 square feet of unfinished walk out daylight basement has never been more affordable. But hurry, a limited number of basement ready homesites are available. And if a terrace level is not needed, come see the spectacular savings we have on current "Ready to Move In" inventory homes. All price ranges and styles are available. Come see all the excitement at Brannon Oak Farm. Prices range from the \$260s – high \$300s. (1.5 miles East of GA 400, Exit 13) in Forsyth County. Just 1 mile from The Avenue of Forsyth. **Model Home: 678-513-8879**



"The Beaumont" Villa 1904



"Master on the Main" Villas

3. The Orchards of East Cherokee. SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED HOMES READY NOW! Offering both ranch condominiums as well as nicely appointed detached single family Gallery homes, The Orchards of East Cherokee has something for everyone. Bonus rooms, sunrooms, covered and screened porches offer lifestyle flexibility. This is low maintenance living at its very best. The Orchards of East Cherokee is located in beautiful historic Hickory Flat and is less than 15 minutes from Roswell, Alpharetta, Woodstock and Canton, making this an ideal location. Easy access to I-575 and the North Georgia mountains. Come out to visit. We have an array of finished "Ready to Move In" homes in all price ranges and floorplans. Also featuring a limited availability of basement homesites. **Model Home: 770-345-5409**



"The Hampton" Homesite 128

About Anxiety Disorders

If you have an anxiety disorder, worry or fear becomes long-term and may get worse instead of better as time goes on. Doctors and older adults tend to view anxiety and fear as normal given the circumstances of aging. But developing an anxiety disorder late in life is not a normal part of aging.

Anxiety caused by stressful events like moving or losing a job is a normal part of life. But anxiety disorders are different. An anxiety disorder lasts a long time and can get worse if it is not treated.

Anxiety disorders commonly occur at the same time as other illnesses. In older adults, anxiety disorders often occur at the same time as depression, heart disease, diabetes and other medical problems. In some cases, these other illnesses need to be treated before a person will respond to treatment for the anxiety disorder.

There are several basic types of anxiety disorders. Although they share some characteristics, each is slightly different and may respond to different treatments. Different anxiety disorders include generalized anxiety disorder, social phobia, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and specific phobias.

In generalized anxiety disorder (GAD), a person becomes very worried about things like health, money, and family problems, even if everything is OK. A person may be very anxious about just getting through the day.

In social phobia, a person fears being judged by others or of being embarrassed. This fear can get in the way of doing everyday things such as going to work, running errands, or meeting with friends. People who have social phobia often know that they shouldn't be so afraid, but they can't control their fear.

In panic disorder, a person has sudden, unexplained attacks of terror, and often feels his or her heart pounding. During a panic attack, a person feels a sense of unreality, a fear of impending doom, or a fear of losing control. Panic attacks can occur at any time.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) develops after undergoing a terrifying ordeal like an accident or an act of violence. A person who develops PTSD may have been the one who was harmed, or have a loved one who was harmed or have witnessed a harmful event.

People with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) feel the uncontrollable need to check things over and over, or they may have certain thoughts or perform certain routines over and over. The thoughts and rituals of OCD cause distress and get in the way of daily life.

A specific phobia is an intense, extreme fear of something that poses little or no actual danger. Some of the more common specific phobias involve closed-in places, heights, escalators, tunnels, highway driving, water, flying, dogs, and the sight of blood.

To learn more about anxiety disorders talk to your doctor and visit <http://nihseniorhealth.gov/anxietydisorders/toc.html>. Treatments are available to help.

Source: NIH





Homeowners at The Orchards of Windward celebrated their annual holiday dinner in style at the clubhouse. They enjoyed a delicious spread of food and a champagne fountain.

All Roads Lead to Snow Mountain

Plan a Visit to Snow Mountain at Stone Mountain Park

After January's historic wintery mess, snow may be the last weather feature you want to think about. But we promise, this time it will be fun!

Atlanta's Stone Mountain Park transforms into a winter wonderland through March 6. Come early and make a day of it. With three football fields of deep, fresh snow, Snow Mountain has plenty for your whole family to do!

In acres of real snow, there's a family tube ride called Avalanche Alley plus 20 slides and lots of winter games. Little Angels is a special area reserved for young children under age 3.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

To enjoy Snow Mountain, make reservations and buy tickets in advance. Here's the Web site to tell you hours of operation and how to make your purchase. http://www.snowmountainpark.com/tickets_reservations/

Tickets: \$27 for ages 3 and older. Tickets include a two-hour tubing session plus access to the snow play areas. Combo tickets are available for access to other attractions.

Parking: One-day parking: \$10 per vehicle

What to Wear: You'll be playing in real snow! Wear warm, water-resistant clothes including gloves and boots. You might also consider covering ears with muffs or hats. Layering is also recommended. You might start out cold but end up breaking a sweat as you play in the snow. Also consider bringing a change of clothing. The snow park offers locker rentals.

Phone: 770-498-5690

Web site: www.snowmountainpark.com

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Sugarloaf Parc's annual holiday dinner was a great success. More than 50 homeowners celebrated at the clubhouse with a catered dinner.



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The Orchards of Roswell made merry at the annual December get together. They had a great turnout and a wonderful time.



Despite snow flurries and a cold wind, homeowners at The Orchards of Duluth were joyful at their holiday party, which featured a catered dinner and Christmas carols.

ORCHARDS GROUP REMODELING DIVISION EXPANDS

HAVING COMPLETED MORE THAN A DOZEN REMODELING PROJECTS IN THE ORCHARDS EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS, OUR REMODELING DIVISION IS NOW GROWING.

That's right! In addition to providing the most trustworthy and professional remodeling services to our current and past buyers, The Orchards Group Remodeling Division is expanding and offering its services to friends and family of The Orchards Group community homeowners. If you or someone you know desires to improve their existing home or is in need of remodeling services prior to putting their home on the market, we encourage you (or them) to give us a call.

- Trustworthy
- Dependable
- Respectful
- Competitive Pricing

We have the testimonials from satisfied clients. Give us a call today!

Call Stacy Wheelus
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Hutch addition in kitchen



The Orchards Group offers any of The Orchards homeowners a place to list classified ads for free. We will advertise personal items only; no real estate sales, please. This section will be offered on a first come, first served basis. We will need to know the item for sale, your asking price and your phone number. Due to production deadlines, we will need your information by the first of each month. Then your ad will appear in the subsequent month's new letter. It's easy! Just call Stacy Wheelus at 678-795-0200 ext 210. Or, if you prefer, you can e-mail your ad to swheelus@orchardsgroup.com.

In order to keep interest in the classified ad section, we will only keep an item in for 3 issues. After it appears in the third issue the ad will be pulled.

FOR SALE

Kitchen Counter Stools-
white with wicker top- \$50

Christmas tree 7'- Montgomery Pine. 6 layers of Branches includes tree stand excellent condition with assembly instructions \$75

Call Fred 850-621-5512

100% wool oriental rug (high pile). Excellent Condition. 11' by 13'. \$499 or best offer

3' by 4' Gold frame mirror. Bevel glass. \$75

Two Lazy-Boy. Rocker-Recliners. One Year Old. Excellent Condition. \$135 each

Call Elaine 770-205-9134

7' Christmas Tree. Excellent Condition. \$65.
Call Jim Patterson 678-947-8683

Lazy Boy Wallaway Recliner. Tan Double Stitch Leather. 1 1/2 Year Old. Paid \$800. 1st \$300 takes it! Call 678-242-0185.

Wheelchair. Like New, \$1,000.
Call Barbara: 770-851-7778

Custom made window treatment for window size 110 3/4 W x 75 1/2 H. Colors: Soft gold, green & red stripe on gold background. Had them made then changed mind. Never used. Paid \$1,000.00. Asking \$300.00.

Queen size comforter & shams. Gray with silver trim. Like new. Used in guest room. Paid \$450. Asking \$175.00

Tassel trim for pillow or window treatment. 5 1/2 yds. Color soft gold, green and red. Never used. Paid \$18.00 a yd. Asking \$50.00

Floor rugs & runners. Three different rugs. \$50.00 each.

Call Eileen 770-889-9454

China- service for 8.
Empress China "Cardinal". \$155
3 Bar Stools. Approx 30". Black and Cream Cloth Seats. \$99

AT&T Electronic Typewriter. \$40
Call Esther 770-205-4117

Twin size loft bed. White wood, with drawers and 2 doors. Great for storage. Includes new twin mattress. \$125.00.
Call Fred for information or pictures. 678-242-0185

Deluxe Hewlett-Packard LaserJet Printer. Does 2-Sided Printing. Includes by-pass for envelopes. Small Footprint. Excellent Condition. \$120.00. Call 770-645-9705.

2 Motor Chairs For Sale. Shop Rider Sprinter Scooter. Used less than 5x. retails for \$5-6K New. \$2,000.

Pride Mobility Jazzy Select.
Gently Used. \$1,500.

Call Rose 678-277-9900

Queen Bed Comforter Set. Includes skirt, 2 shams, fall colors reversible floral/ solid excellent condition. \$35. Call Carol 678-349-2206

WANTED

90's or newer auto with low miles, good condition. Call Bill 770-645-7824

Lazy boy type recliner. Brown or green fabric, no leather. Call Elizabeth at 678-352-1621

DINING DIVAS:

The Dining Divas of The Orchards Muirfield Windermere had their monthly luncheon in December and collected toys for Forsyth Firestation #15's Toy Drive.





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FEBRUARY RESALES & LISTINGS...

ALL OUR HOMES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ONCE A MONTH. CALL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING TO AN OPEN HOUSE.

FOR SALE

Orchards of Sweet Apple. 2306 Sweet Apple Circle. Two-bedroom Abbey floor plan, on a very private lot. Upgrades include extra cabinets in the kitchen and laundry room, hardwood floors and upgraded carpet. New unbelievably low price of \$215,000.

Orchards of Sweet Apple. 106 Sweet Apple Circle. This beautiful Canterbury floor plan with the third bedroom conversion sits on a very private lot. This unit looks brand new with new carpet and fresh paint. Other features include granite countertops and plantation shutters. \$249,900.

Orchards of Windward. 2985 Oakside Circle. Two master, Abbey floor plan. This home has beautiful hardwood floors, honed granite countertops, custom maple cabinets and marble floors in the baths. \$249,000.

Orchards of Habersham Grove. 2647 Grapevine Circle. Gorgeous Charleston floor plan with finished activity suite and upstairs bath. This unit has everything that the model has but offered at thousands less. Hardwoods, granite, French doors plus a great lot in the neighborhood. Now being offered at \$259,900.

CALL ME ABOUT A NEW OPPORTUNITY IN CRABAPPLE



DEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS,

Dear Friends and Clients,

January has always been a busy month in real estate as people get back to their businesses. This January was no exception. Not only are interest rates low, but some great opportunities exist to purchase maintenance-free ranch condos in Roswell, Alpharetta, Cumming and Lawrenceville. If you are interested, give me a call to begin the process of living a more carefree life!

With January come and gone, purchasers are thinking about making a move.

The New Year has started out with a bang. I have had numerous phone calls inquiring about The Orchards properties. Many buyers are just waiting for the right property to come on the market. If you are considering putting your home on the market, let me know. I'll give one of my many interested purchasers the opportunity to buy your home.

Thank you for all your continued business and support!

Sincerely,

Geri Beckmann, Resales Specialist
Orchards Development, LLC
404-290-2330

Remember if you want a Realtor with successful resales experience and a dedication to selling Maintenance-Free Ranch Orchards Condos, call Geri Beckmann at (404) 290- 2330.

SPECIAL OFFER TO NEW ORCHARDS CUSTOMERS

If you are interested in one of our three currently marketed new The Orchards neighborhoods and have a home to sell that is NOT currently on the market, contact me immediately to discuss our Special Listing Incentive Program designed for sellers just like you. **Call today: 404-290-2330.**