

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



SPRING 2016

**THE ORCHARDS  
OF BIG CREEK**

**WELCOME,  
SPRING!**

## GRAND OPENING: Welcome to The Orchards of Big Creek



*The Cypress Arbors Villa*

We are proud to announce the Grand Opening of The Orchards of Big Creek. Notwithstanding Mother Nature having thrown our teams a lot of “wet” curveballs over the past three to four months, our production crew has been very busy building the first phase of homes at The Orchards of Big Creek.

Phase One, comprised of 27 homes, is rapidly taking shape and is giving new and prospective home buyers a better opportunity to see just how well designed this new 89 home community is. Already we have sold 40 of the 89 homes.

“With winter darkness and rain, our ability to demonstrate the true beauty of Big Creek was somewhat challenging,” says Deborah Reahm,

sales counselor for The Orchards Group. “But now with lots of construction and our first home completions scheduled for later this month, we are finding it easy to show folks just how lovely this neighborhood actually is.”

With only 89 total homes, this neighborhood offers a cozy feel. 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 The 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, as well as private rear yards. These homes are also 25% to 30% larger than the Southern Heritage Collection.

**The Cottage Condominiums** 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. Only 12 of these homes will be offered, all featuring a full daylight basement and dense tree backdrops.

**NOTE: The sales center for The Orchards of Big Creek has now moved from The Orchards of Stoney Point and is located on site at Big Creek. We are located on Atlanta Highway (Highway 9) in Alpharetta, just south of Castleberry Road. For GPS use: 100 Fowler Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Or call us at 678-513-8879.**

We look forward to seeing you soon!



The Grand Clubhouse



Spa tub option in the Dogwood

## TAKE IN THE SPRING SUN

### Local Outdoor Spots Highlight the Season

#### Elachee Nature Center

Located in Gainesville, Ga., Elachee Nature Center is a regional environmental education center and recreation destination to unplug, reconnect with nature, and learn. The center offers family programming, conservation initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and more.

See Georgia's spring at its best during Elachee's First Saturday Hikes. The first Saturday of each month, hike and explore the Chicopee Woods with an experienced Elachee guide to learn more about local native plants and animals. Program fee includes admission to the Elachee Live Animal Room. Order tickets in advance at [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org).

#### Chattahoochee Nature Center

Roswell's Chattahoochee Nature Center includes a Wildlife Walk, Discovery Center, hiking trails, and a variety of native gardens. Plan to spend at least two hours at this natural destination, and don't forget your picnic! Go to [www.chattnaturecenter.org](http://www.chattnaturecenter.org) to view a calendar of events and plan your springtime visit.

#### JOIN A GARDEN CLUB

Exercise your green thumb by checking out local garden clubs in your area. The Cumming Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of each month. Club members work on community projects, enjoy educational presentations, and much more. For information, email [info@cumminggardenclub.org](mailto:info@cumminggardenclub.org).

#### WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT?

Tribble Farms represents four generations of beekeepers. The farm's apiaries are located in Forsyth, Dawson, and Union counties. The Forsyth apiary is in view of Sawnee Mountain and produces wildflower honey with a fruity taste from peaches, pear, apple, and blueberry combined with the earthy taste of buckwheat. Tribble Farms honey can be found at local farmers' markets as well as the farm store located at 3684 Canton Highway, Cumming. [www.tribblefarms.com](http://www.tribblefarms.com)



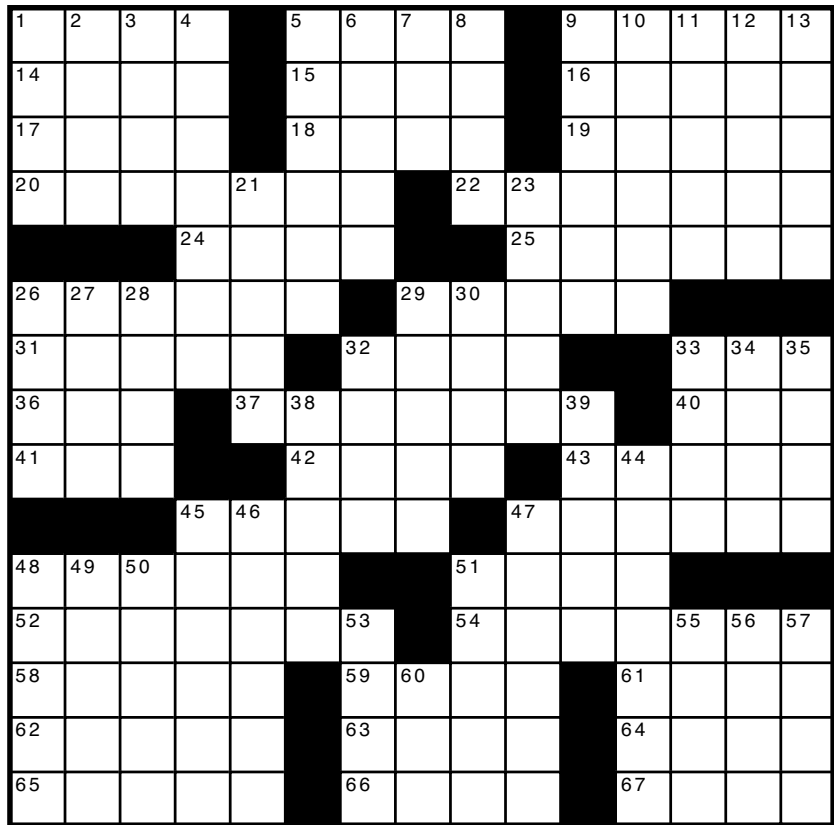
## Across

1. Nae sayer?
5. Spoiled child
9. Swiss city on the Rhine
14. Hindu lawgiver
15. Long fish
16. Diciembre follower
17. Dentist's request
18. Home of the Bruins
19. Mr. Moto portrayer
20. Ape
22. Multicolored
24. Smack
25. The beginning
26. Outcast
29. Kingdom
31. Water vapor
32. \_\_\_ shui
33. "As if!"
36. RR stop
37. Power plug transformer
40. Weep

41. Big bang cause
42. Iowa State city
43. Encore!
45. The Hilton, e.g.
47. Infuriate
48. Swindle
51. Not fooled by
52. Inhibit
54. Eyelash cosmetic
58. Accumulation of fluids
59. Side
61. ...\_\_\_ saw Elba
62. Beer mug
63. 1975 Wimbledon winner
64. Interpret
65. Emcees
66. Bluey-green color
67. Dextrous, lively

## Down

1. Problem with L.A.
2. Crime boss



3. Doozy
4. Republic in N Africa
5. The land of Israel
6. Summary
7. Everything
8. Nicholas II was the last Russian one
9. Satan
10. Assumed name
11. \_\_\_-Croatian
12. \_\_\_ the side of caution
13. Lerner's partner
21. South American ruminant
23. Proverb
26. Hey, you!
27. Env. notation
28. Hire
29. Drive away
30. Tolkien tree creatures
32. Renown

33. Final Four org.
34. Not a dup.
35. Actress Daly
38. Palm fruits
39. Tirades
44. Food store
45. Recluse
46. Vast seas
47. Tooth covering
48. Newly made
49. Resulted in
50. Fencing blades
51. D-Day beach
53. Sports figure
55. Carpeting calculation
56. The back end of something
57. Helper
60. End for Siam

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



# Fun Is in the Air!

April 8-10

## Atlanta Dogwood Festival

The Atlanta Dogwood Festival is Atlanta's annual celebration of the blooming of its native dogwood trees. For more than 75 years, the Dogwood arts festival has filled Piedmont Park with live music, arts and crafts, food booths and family-friendly activities. Don't miss the U.S. Disc Dog Southern Nationals starring top Frisbee dogs from around the country. [www.dogwood.org](http://www.dogwood.org)

April 24

## Taste of Marietta

Historic Marietta Square hosts more than 75 restaurants and caterers showcasing their best food. Tastes range in price from just \$1 to \$5. In addition, five live music stages and a sunset concert keep everyone entertained. Kids' activities, cooking demonstration, and much more. Admission is free. [www.marietta.com/taste-of-marietta](http://www.marietta.com/taste-of-marietta)

May 8

## Mother's Day Family Fun at the High

Starting at 1 p.m., you can pose for a professional portrait with your Mom or your whole family, and then make a keepsake frame for it with High Museum teaching artists! See the Atlanta Opera perform a 50-minute family performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular operetta, *The Pirates of Penzance*. Today only, admission is free. [www.high.org](http://www.high.org)

Through May 12

## Wild Africa IMAX at Fernbank

Fernbank Museum of Natural History show nature film *Wild Africa* in its five-story IMAX® Theatre. Narrated by Helena Bonham Carter, the enchanted film takes viewers on a spectacular ride across, over, and through the magical realms of the most dramatic continent on earth. [www.fernbankmuseum.org](http://www.fernbankmuseum.org)

# SCENE AROUND THE ORCHARDS



Mexican Fiesta at The Orchards of Windward



Final Preparation for the Pool at Big Creek



Blue Skies Equal GREAT Building Weather



12 Daylight Basement Homesites at Big Creek

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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RESALES & LISTINGS...



### FOR SALE

**THE ORCHARDS OF HABERSHAM GROVE**, 2706 Grapevine Circle. A great opportunity to become a homeowner in The Orchards of Habersham Grove. This bright Asheville home has two bedrooms and baths on the main floor. It has the extra bonus of having a full bedroom and bath upstairs. A great place for guests, caregivers, or grandchildren. The chef's kitchen has white cabinets and granite countertops. The kitchen is kept bright with a sun tunnel and extra light pendants. The homeowner added custom built ins in the great room. A great community close to all shopping and doctors' offices. **Offered at \$279,000.**

**THE ORCHARDS OF BRANNON OAK FARM**, 1170 Brook Knoll Lane. This home is a showcase. A Charleston floor plan loaded with amenities. Located with a lake view from three bedrooms it is one of the best condo lots. Lots of extra parking for guests. Very elegant with cherry cabinets with pull outs in the kitchen and extra custom cabinets in the den. Scraped hickory hardwoods in the kitchen and in the keeping room. Beautiful granite and tumbled marble backsplash and stainless appliances in the kitchen. The upstairs is finished with complete bath for visiting guests and grandchildren. This home is immaculate and looks brand new. **Offered at \$349,000.**

**THE ORCHARDS OF BRANNON OAK FARM**, 1975 Brannon Commons Circle. A beautiful Birch floor plan 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 counters, 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 \$395,000.**

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

### UNDER CONTRACT

1235 Creek Vista • 2212 Winslow Cottage • 1804 Village Lane

### SOLD

312 Shade Tree Circle • 131 Owens Farm Lane • 1330 Oak Meadows  
2994 Oakside Circle • 3704 Village Lane • 2007 Sweet Apple Circle  
2704 Village Lane • Please contact me if you would like the sold prices.

DEAR FRIENDS  
& NEIGHBORS,



Dear Neighbors,

Spring is on its way, and sales have been strong and steady all winter. Sales have continued to boom at The Orchards communities! House prices are expected to rise in part because of the limited property available.

According to the Atlanta Board of Realtors, prices have increased 8.7% in the 11 county metro area from last January. Some of the factors stimulating this growth are an increase of jobs in the market, a continued low unemployment rate, and low interest rates. We are expecting a strong spring market.

I have had great success selling in The Orchards communities. The type of buyer we are seeing in the active adult market is changing. They are looking for more updated features and convenience. The homes that are selling very quickly have these features and are priced correctly.

Typically they say the best time to put your home on the market is in the month of April. However, I have experienced selling in The Orchards communities and at these locations, any time is right. There is a high demand for the lifestyle and floor plans that The Orchards offer.

To sell your home quickly:

1. Make sure your home is in good condition and needs no repairs.
2. Present a clean and decluttered home.
3. Make your home fresh to compete with new home competition.

I have a growing list of active adults waiting to enjoy The Orchards lifestyle. Please contact me for a free market analysis or if you are ready to put your home on the market.

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I would love to match up some of my hopeful buyers to your beautiful home.