

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



DECEMBER 2009/
JANUARY 2010

**WINDWARD
HALLOWEEN**

**ROAD TRIP TO
TENNESSEE**

**HABERSHAM GROVE
HALLOWEEN**



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season and is getting ready to usher in 2010! We made it past Y2K, and here we are 10 years later. Forty years ago we thought 2010 was the year to begin wearing space suits, using flying saucers for cars and taking vacations to the moon. Looks like the moon will have to wait while we plan vacations for many years to come at Disney World and the beach.

Thanksgiving was a great feast with all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes. We stayed home, and it was a nice quiet day with just the four of us. We had a wonderful evening at Canton's Cherokee Theatre Company watching *The Nutcracker*. *The Nutcracker* has become our family holiday tradition. Isabelle loves the dance of the sugarplum fairies and Jackson always wants the Nutcracker to get the Mouse King.

The kids are gearing up for the visit from Santa Claus and can't wait until Christmas morning. The weekend before Christmas, we'll be heading down to Callaway Gardens with the camper to see the Festival of Lights. Brad and I went there before we were married, and I'm excited to take Isabelle and Jackson on their first visit.

All of the communities have had a relatively quiet November and December. I'm sure they'll be ready to kick it into high gear again after the New Year.

Remember that the next issue of *Neighborhood News* won't be in your mailbox until February 2010. Until then, I hope you and your families have a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Happy Reading!

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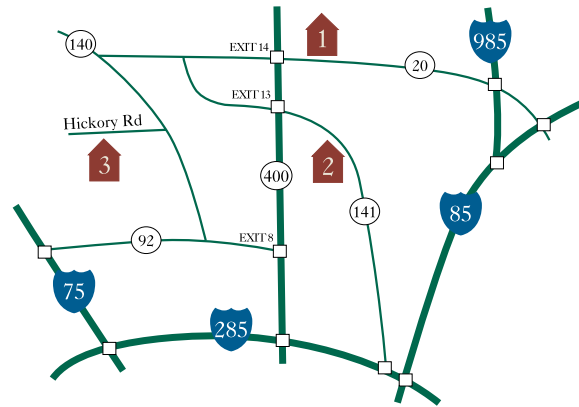
Geri Beckmann, the graduate, and Stacy Wheelus, the big eared banana



Craig Smith sumo wrestler

1. The Orchards of Habersham Grove. ALMOST GONE!

90% BUILT OUT! As we wind down on this extraordinary neighborhood, we invite you to consider our current inventory homes priced from the low \$200s. And once you've moved in, you won't find a nicer group of folks to call your "new friends" than here. Discover the fun lifestyle awaiting you at The Orchards of Habersham Grove. Enjoy the trademark of all 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). Call Deborah or Craig TODAY! **678-455-8101**



2. The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm. NEW MODELS UNDERWAY!

Due to positive sales activity and increased interest, we are now building a brand new Villa model home featuring a brand new floor plan: The Cypress. We invite you to come out to get a sneak preview of this fabulous new "master on the main" Villa. It's sure to impress! Brannon Oak Farm continues to be the most highly demanded active adult community in our area. The Grand Clubhouse features nearly 3,600 square feet of space, two fireplaces, two cards and games rooms, reading den, large pool with fire pit plus a recently completed Bocci Ball green. You can "Purchase with Confidence" at this flagship neighborhood. 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. Call Deborah or Craig: **678-513-8879**



Popular rocking chair front porch

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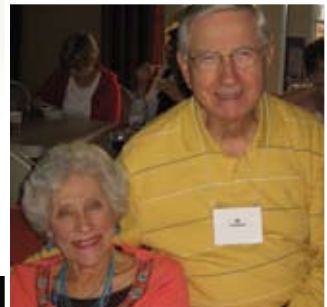
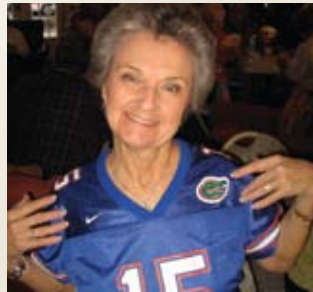
The Grand Clubhouse

3. The Orchards of East Cherokee. PRICED FROM THE VERY LOW \$200s!

With our affordably priced inventory, you won't find a better time to explore your options at The Orchards of East Cherokee. Come see this quiet, tree lined neighborhood and all that it has to offer. Also, while here, see the new Ashewood plan, featuring a large screened in porch. Also see the brand new Beaumont plan, one of our professionally decorated model homes. The Orchards of East Cherokee is centrally located between Roswell, Alpharetta, Woodstock and Canton, with the largest Kroger in Cherokee Country located directly across the street. And don't forget to see our two professionally decorated model homes. **LOW MAINTENANCE GALLERY HOMES and MAINTENANCE-FREE VILLAGE HOMES AWAIT YOUR VISIT.** We're right off the intersection of Highway 140 and Hickory Road. Call Craig or Deborah: **770-345-5409**



The Durham with bonus room



**The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm
Now Selling!**
We had a fabulous chili cook-off
with more than 20 chili entries!
A winner was selected, and
everyone went home with full
stomachs. See winning recipe
on page 15.

MAKE YOUR WAY TO Macon

About 90 minutes south of Atlanta, straight down I-75, Macon boasts historic Southern charm and grace with plenty of culture to go around.

Stop in at the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau for a peek at what Macon has in store. The outside of the bureau looks features black and white piano keys running along the width of the building.

The musical decor ties in perfectly to the city's melodic history (Otis Redding and Little Richard called Macon home as children.) Macon is home to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. The main exhibit hall features winding streets and themed venues housing instruments, career and personal items, performance costumes, videos and music. Venues include: Gospel Chapel, Rhythm & Blues Revue, Skillet Licker Cafe, Gretsch Theater, Vintage Vinyl Record Store, Coca Cola Soda Fountain, Backstage Alley and Memory Lane.

And while you're taking in fame, don't miss the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. The country's largest state sports museum includes 43,000 square feet housing more than 3,000 artifacts. From the old style ticket booths to the brick columns in the rotunda and special lighting, the museum invites visitors to experience the history of sports in Georgia with high-energy exhibit space and a Hall of Fame corridor that honors more than 300 inductees.

Find accommodations and delicious dining ideas by visiting www.maconga.org.



RESOURCES

Georgia Music Hall
of Fame, 888-GA-ROCKS,
www.georgiamusic.org

Georgia Sports Hall
of Fame, 478-752-1585,
www.gshf.org



The Orchards of Habersham Grove
Now Selling!

More than 50 spooky homeowners
showed up to our Spooky Spaghetti
Dinner.

Prizes were given to "Octomom"
and "Witchy Poo." It was a scary
night at Habersham Grove!

Off Balance

Having good balance means you are able to control and maintain your body's position, whether you are moving or still. An intact sense of balance helps you walk without staggering, get up from a chair without falling, and climb stairs without tripping.

Good balance is important to help you get around, stay independent, and carry out daily activities.

A balance disorder is a disturbance of the inner ear that can make people feel unsteady or as if they were moving, spinning or floating. Balance disorders are one cause of falls and fall-related injuries, such as hip fracture.

Balance disorders can have a serious impact on an older person's life. They are one reason older people fall. A fall or a life of limited physical activity due to balance disorders can lead to health problems, isolation, and loss of independence. Falls and fall-related injuries, such as hip fracture, are the leading cause of death and disability for older adults.

Some balance disorders are caused by problems in the inner ear. Others may involve another part of the body, such as the brain or the heart. Aging, infections, head injury, certain medicines or problems with blood circulation may result in a balance problem.

Your diet and lifestyle can help you manage certain balance-related problems. Ménière's disease is linked to a change in the volume of fluid in the inner ear. By eating low-salt or salt-free foods, and steering clear of caffeine and alcohol, you can make its symptoms, such as vertigo, less severe.

Eating less sodium, maintaining a healthy weight, and exercising can manage balance problems due to high blood pressure. Balance problems due to low blood pressure may be managed by drinking plenty of fluids, such as water, avoiding alcohol, and being cautious regarding your body's posture and movement, such as avoiding crossing your legs when sitting and standing up slowly.

Scientists are working to understand the complex interactions between the brain and the part of the inner ear responsible for balance. They are also studying the effectiveness of certain exercises as a treatment option for balance disorders.

Source: NIH Senior Health





**The Orchards of East Cherokee
Now Selling!**

**Chili and trivia were the main
event mid-October. It was a cool
evening, so the chili was just right
for a crisp fall night!**



The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm
Now Selling!
Halloween night was crazy at
Brannon Oak Farm this year. Live
music and great costumes and
fun had by all!

THE ORCHARDS GROUP KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELING DIVISION

HAVE YOU BEEN DREAMING OF A NEW ESPRESSO MAPLE KITCHEN WITH SPARKLING STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES AND STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, BUT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW TO FIND A TRUSTWORTHY AND RELIABLE CONTRACTOR?

Well, your worries are over!

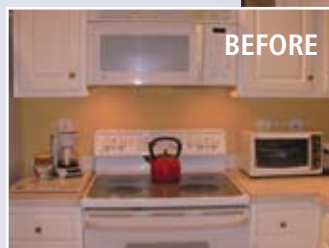
The Orchards Group is proud to introduce a unique and new "One Stop Shop" concept in kitchen and bath remodeling.

Specializing in existing The Orchards Group neighborhoods, there is no better company for you to consider than The Orchards Group to design and install your new dream kitchen and bath.

- Trustworthiness.
- Dependability.
- Competitive pricing.
- Respectful.

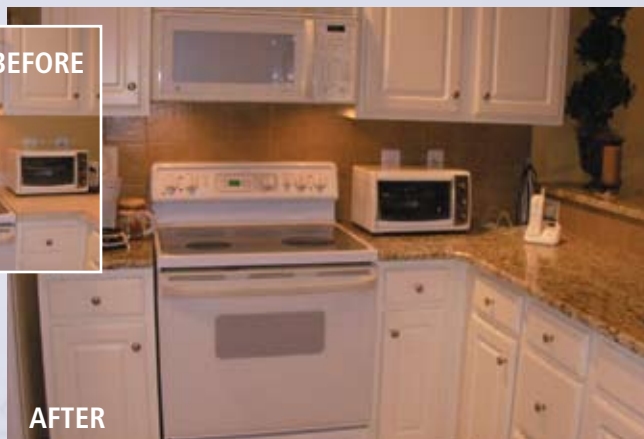
The same trademarks that have made us Atlanta's leading Active Adult Builder in Atlanta since 1998 shine through with our commitment to you in helping you realize your redesign desires and needs. Call today for more information about this exciting opportunity and let's get started!

Call Stacy Wheelus
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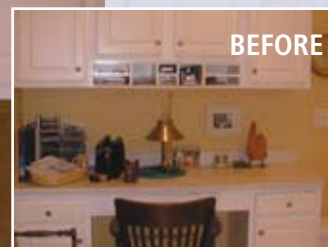
New granite kitchen countertops and backsplash.



AFTER



AFTER



BEFORE

Desk area with new granite countertops and custom backsplash.



BEFORE

Homeowner added a deeper, jetted tub in a bisque color to her master bath.



AFTER



The Orchards of Windward
Sold out in 2004
A Spooky Halloween Costume
Party at Windward was all
laughs as homeowners strutted
their stuff for first prize!



In **October, 16 couples from The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm took a road trip to The Lodge at Tellico in Plains, Tennessee.** Six car loads of homeowners, armed with walkie talkies in hand, made their way through Ellijay, Blue Ridge, Murphy, Tupton and Robbinsville for a beautiful, leaf gazing drive. The group stopped for a picnic lunch at Joyce Kilmer National Forest.

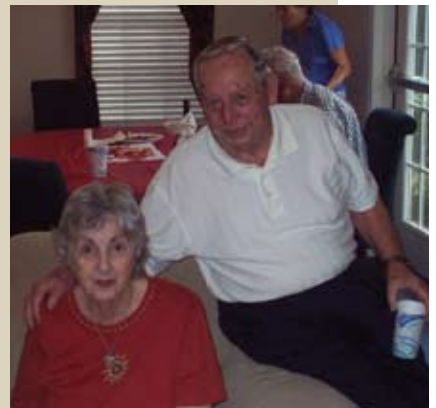
Once they arrived at the lodge they had a great barbecue dinner. Breakfast was served the next morning before the drive home through Ducktown, Turtletown, Ellijay and Dahlonega. The group had a fun time and made many lasting memories.





*The Orchards of Jones Bridge
Sold out in 2001*

*Jones Bridge had a great time
at their Halloween Party. More
than 40 homeowners came out
for dinner and dessert. A magician
entertained the group.*



Harris Orchards of Duluth
Sold Out 2002
Duluth homeowners enjoyed
homemade barbecue, great
weather and catching up with
friends and neighbors!

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

Pride Mobility Jazzy Select.
Gently Used. \$1,500.
Call Rose 678-277-9900

2002 Buick Rendezvous
100,700 miles - Good Condition
Asking \$6,000 or best offer.
Call Patti 770-888-5163

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

Unique chest/dresser with hanging mirror.
Great for foyer or bedroom. \$550.00.

Grandfather Clock.
Like new and works great. \$1100.00

Area Rugs: 1 - 8' octagon \$250.00. 1 - 4' x 6' \$150.00. Color: Black, cream & very light peach. Custom made by Richs/Macys.

Fine Bone China: Lenox "Kristy"
10 - 5 pcs. place settings - \$500.00
(Retail price \$1000.00)

Please call me to discuss price.
Call 770-889-9454

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

Hooker Entertainment Center.

67w-24d-58h—Video sect./2 Pocket doors.
36 7/8w—Audio sect./1 Glass door—5 shelves/22w—mahogany color. \$1500 new, put it in your living room for \$500.
Call Charlie 770-205-7612

2005 Toyota Sienna XLE Limited Van.
Parking Sensors & Dynamic Laser Cruise.
32K Miles- Excellent Condition. E/W Bruno VSL670 Curb Sider Super XL. Chair Lift and a Jet3 Ultra Wheelchair. \$16,000. Call John 770-345-9437

WANTED

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

THE ORCHARDS OF BRANNON OAK FARM CHILI COOK-OFF WINNING RECIPE

The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm had a fabulous chili cook-off with more than 20 chili entries! Here is the winning recipe from Ann and John Oleksinski.

1 1/2 lbs ground beef
3 cans drained chili beans
salt and pepper
2 cans diced tomatoes
1 can of Rotelle diced tomatoes with chiles
chili powder to taste
1 or 2 cans tomato soup with 1/2 can of water
2 stalks of celery
1 green pepper
1 medium onion

Brown ground beef and then saute the celery, green pepper and onion. Add the beans and tomatoes to meat mixture. Add soup with water and stir. Bring to boil and simmer on stove. Can be cooked in a slow cooker or crock pot, but is better on the stove.



John and Ann Oleksinski



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DECEMBER/JANUARY 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

The Orchards of Habersham. 2580 Grapevine Circle. Former Asheville model. 2-bedroom with activity room upstairs. Extra cabinets in the kitchen, surround sound and sun tunnels are just a few of the upgrades. Professionally decorated and furnished. All furniture is included at this great price. All you need is your tooth brush. \$258,000.

The Orchards of Windward. 2957 Oakside Circle. Very rare to come on the market Vanderbilt floor plan. Approximately 1950 square feet. Ten foot ceilings with beautiful crown molding welcomes you to this warm home. 3-bedrooms/2-baths and a spacious bright sunroom. Maple built-ins, computer area in Kitchen, solid countertops, hardwood floors are just a few of the appointments in this fine home. \$286,900.

The Orchards of Windward. 3005 Oakside Circle. Finally a Hamilton Floor Plan. Very traditional 2-bedroom floor with extensive molding. A Covered porch welcomes you to this home. Some of the features include cherry cabinets, a huge dining room and sunroom all in this gated community for \$225,000.

The Orchards of Roswell. 2704 Village Lane. 2-bedroom/2-bath Abbey floor plan in sought after Roswell neighborhood. Great location in this gated community. Additional desk in kitchen. Enjoy maintenance-free living in this active community. \$237,000.

UNDER CONTRACT

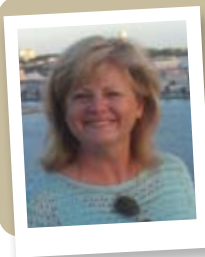
The Orchards of Windward. 3066 Oakside Circle. Two master Abbey floor plan. Great location in subdivision, close to clubhouse. Tile in kitchen and laundry room. Neutral colors; move right in. Stone exterior. A price you cannot beat. \$235,000.

SOLD

The Harris Orchards of Duluth. 3003 Orchards Ridge Circle. This immaculate 3-bedroom Canterbury floor plan sits in a park like setting trees and lawns on two sides. Some of the interior features are hardwood floors in all living areas and a heated and aired sunroom. All for an unbelievable price of \$225,000.

The Orchards of Crabapple. 2231 Orchards Place, Roswell. 2-bedroom/2-bath. Heated and cooled sunroom. New heat and air. ALL NEW APPLIANCES! Beautiful corner built-in in kitchen. Updated Corian countertops and tile backsplash. Ceiling fans throughout! \$225,000.

The Orchards of Habersham Grove. 2617 Grapevine Circle, Cumming. 3-bedroom/3-bath Charleston with all the upgrades. Hardwoods throughout, granite countertops, tile backsplash, 42-inch mocha cabinets, SunTunnel, French doors to den/office/third bedroom suite with bath. Beautiful private lot. Please welcome your new neighbor!



DEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS,

Dear Friends and Clients,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday. I know that several of the communities hosted parties and brought the season in with style.

Having a home on the market during the holidays can be a challenge. Here are some tips that might make the process a little easier.

1. Keep all pathways clear of obstructions. Keep decorations free from passageways.
2. Do not have valuable gifts on display during showings. Agents try to watch their clients but are not able to be with them all the time.
3. Decorate, but do not distract from the features of the home. Remember, the clients are looking at your home, not your decorations.
4. Even decorations collect dust. Be sure to dust prior to showings.
5. Use candles or potpourri to make your home smell festive.

This month I am sharing one of my favorite holiday recipes. I hope you enjoy it. Happy holidays to everyone and wishes for a very special New Year.

Spiced Lemon Apple Cider
½ gal apple cider
½ cup lemon juice
½ cup orange juice
3 cinnamon sticks
1 Tbsp cloves

Combine all ingredients together in a large pot and cook over med. Heat for 20 minutes. Tastes great and makes your home smell delicious!

Sincerely,

Geri Beckmann, Resales Specialist
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