

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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HEALTH MATTERS

**VISIT THE
BRAVES MUSEUM**

COWBOY BEAN RECIPE!



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

School is starting and so is the traffic. It is hard to believe we are done with summer already! The kids had a blast at all the various summer camps they attended – from art camp to the outdoor YMCA. They also had plenty of swimming and bike riding!

Jackson starts kindergarten this month, and he is so excited! I think he is the most excited to ride the bus, even though they are literally on the bus for maybe one mile! It will be nice to have both kids in the same place this year. I am sure Isabelle will do her typical “mother hen” to make sure Jackson finds his way and follows the rules. Isabelle will be in second grade, and she truly loves school. I am really looking forward to her getting back into the swing of things.

Jackson has started fall baseball, and he just loves it! Our weekends are becoming increasingly busy with his baseball and Isabelle’s cheer. Isabelle is cheering for a Cherokee County pee wee football league. It took her a bit to come out of her shell, but once she learned the cheers and chants, there was no holding her back!

It has been so incredibly hot this summer, so the communities haven’t had a whole lot of outdoor activities. We have even had lighter food at the meet and greets, because when it is this hot, a big full stomach doesn’t appeal to anyone! But everyone still manages to beat the heat and come out for the parties. Last month, we had our biggest crowd yet at Brannon – more than 65 people!

I hope you all had a chance to visit some of the local farmers markets around town this summer. Before we know it fall will be here, and we’ll all be making plans to go to North Georgia to leaf gaze. Don’t forget the various festivals that will be coming up in those North Georgia towns as well. I know I can’t wait for the Ellijay Apple Festival. One of the vendors has a “Santa Claus” that will finally come home with me this year after admiring him for the last two festivals! Yes, I am already thinking of Christmas! I collect Santas, and I am always on the lookout for that “one of a kind” find, even in July!

As always, happy reading!

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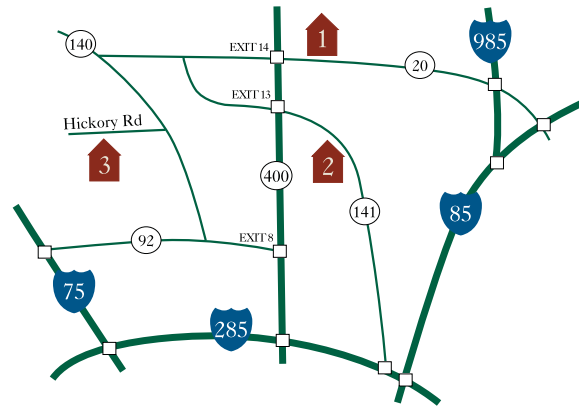


Isabelle at the Yellow River Game Ranch.

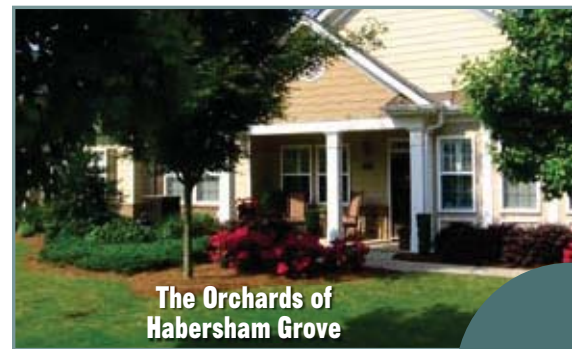


Jackson's First Fish.

1. The Orchards of Habersham Grove. Now from the Low \$200s! The Orchards of Habersham Grove. Final Homes! Take advantage of “Grand Closing” values on this fabulous neighborhood conveniently located near everything you need. Shopping, restaurants, entertainment, medical facilities and Ga. 400 are all minutes away from your front doorstep. **Save thousands** on any of our exciting finished inventory homes, all ready for immediate move in! Come see the new **Ashewood with Screened Porch** and Charleston floor plans. We have homes with bonus rooms, attic storage areas and sunrooms. Come visit today for incredible savings! 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. Welcome Home! **Sales Information: 678-513-8879**



2. The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm. WE ARE BUILDING EVEN MORE NEW HOMES! With a successful spring season behind us, we are proud to announce the start of our third building in less than six weeks. Without doubt, Brannon Oak Farm, with a combination of ranch-style condominiums; Master on the Main townhome Villas; and detached low-maintenance single-family homes; is the “busiest” active adult community in the area. Don’t be fooled by “bargain basement pricing” elsewhere. We offer the best value in North Atlanta. Additionally please come out and see our newest Villa home **The Cypress**. Featuring an exciting gourmet kitchen, large living room with vaulted ceiling and an extended dining room, this plan offers so much for your dollar. Upstairs features a loft, plus a very large guest bedroom and bath suite as well as considerable finished and unfinished storage areas. 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 Avenues of Forsyth. **Model Home: 678-513-8879**



Streetscape with Colorful Mature Landscaping

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3. The Orchards of East Cherokee. TWONNEW COURTYARDS BEING BUILT! We are proud to announce the start of construction on both a brand new Courtyard floor plan, the **Belmont**, as well as another **Ascot** with bonus room. If you have not seen these exciting new plans you need to come out and view them for yourself. The Courtyard concept is a wonderful balance of outdoor living space yet within a “cozy and private” setting. Finished inventory including Ranch Condominium Village Homes from \$199,900 and single family Gallery Homes from the \$270’s await your visit as well. Come see how this quiet, tree lined neighborhood is still convenient to everything you need. 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 brand new professionally decorated model homes. We’re right off the intersection of Highway 140 and Hickory Road. **Model Home: 770-345-5409**



The Brand New “Cypress” Villa Model



The “Grand Clubhouse” Activity Room



Hospital Hints

Has your doctor said you need a medical test that has to be done in the hospital? Do you need surgery? Most people worry when they have to stay overnight in the hospital. Learning more about what to expect and about people who work in hospitals can help.

What to Bring

It's best to bring as little as you can to the hospital. You will need:

- bathrobe and slippers (put your name on each item); most hospitals provide special hospital bed clothes
- comfortable clothes to wear home (they may be the same clothes you wore to the hospital)
- toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb and brush, deodorant, and razor
- your hearing aids or glasses
- a little cash (not more than \$10) to buy newspapers or magazines

Make sure you bring your health insurance card and updated information about:

- past illnesses and surgeries
- your medicines, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs
- your allergies
- names and telephone numbers (home and business) to contact in an emergency

What to Leave Home

Leave jewelry (including wedding rings, earrings, and watches), extra cash, credit cards, and checkbooks at home, or have a family member or friend keep them for you. Don't bring electric shavers, hair dryers, curling irons, or other equipment.

Admission

Your first stop at the hospital is the admitting office. You will sign forms that:

- give the hospital details about yourself, your doctor, and your insurance
- explain your surgery, test, or procedure
- give your okay for the medical staff to treat you

You also will be asked about advance directives. If you don't have health insurance, talk with the admissions staff about other payment methods and sources of financial aid.

A hospital bracelet will be put on your wrist by the admissions staff and checked by nurses. Look at your bracelet to make sure your information is correct.

Safety Tips

Because you may feel weak or tired, here are some safety tips to follow.

- If you are told to stay in bed, use the call bell or button when you need help.
- Use the controls to lower your bed before getting in or out.
- Sit on the edge of the bed for a minute or so before standing up.
- Watch out for the wires and tubes that may be around your bed.
- Try to keep the things you need within easy reach.
- Only take medicines given to you by nurses. Don't take medicine you brought from home without your doctor's permission.
- Hold on to grab bars for support when getting in and out of the bathtub or shower and when using the toilet.

SOURCE: National Institute on Aging



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At our Cow Party, over 60 homeowners enjoyed barbecue. Many came dressed as cowboys, and everyone wore black and white.



Hey, Batter, Batter...Swing

CURE BASEBALL FEVER AT THE BRAVES MUSEUM

Ivan Allen Jr. Braves Museum & Hall of Fame

The Ivan Allen Jr. Braves Museum & Hall of Fame (BMHF) is an education and entertainment venue featuring more than 600 Braves artifacts and photographs that trace the team's history from its beginnings in Boston (1871-1952) to Milwaukee (1953-65) to Atlanta (1966-present). It is located on the northwest side of Turner Field at Aisle 134.

HOURS

Baseball Season (April - September)

Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday 1 – 3 p.m.

Tours are not available on days when the Braves have afternoon home games.

The museum opens two and a half hours before each game and closes in the middle of the seventh inning.

Tours start at the top of each hour and last approximately one hour. No reservations are necessary for individuals or groups of less than 20 people. Tickets can be purchased the day of your tour at the main ticket window. Free parking is available in the Green Lot.

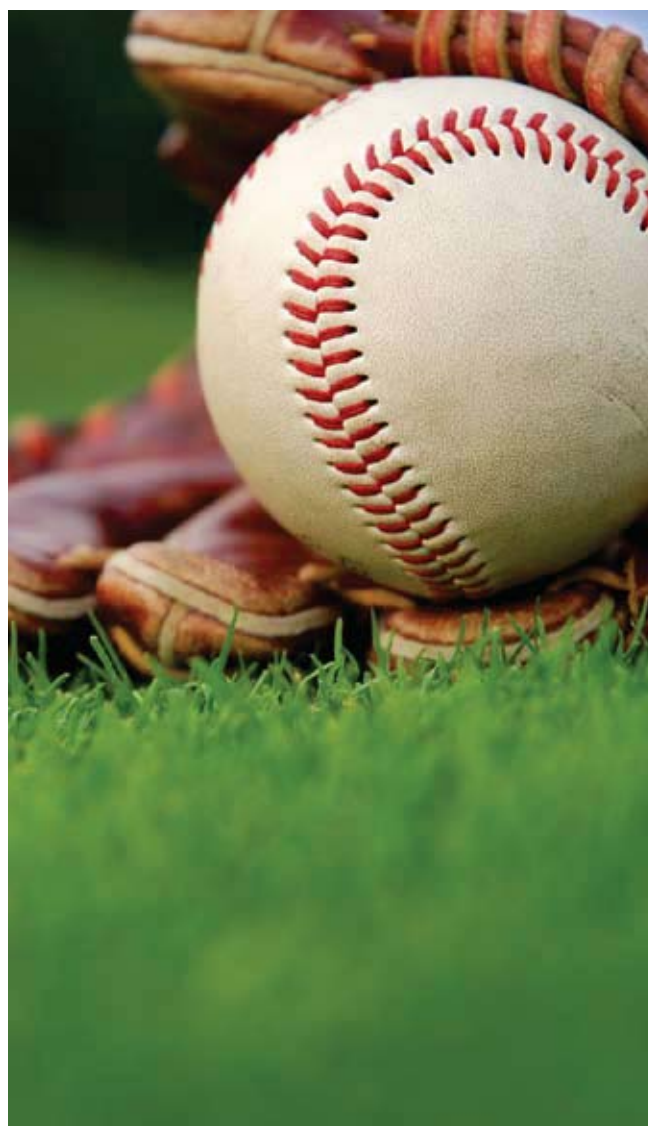
ADMISSION

Admission to the museum during games is one token (\$2) and \$5 on non-game days. Walk-up tour tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for children and \$10 for groups of 20 or more. Walk-up tickets can be purchased at the Braves ticket window at Turner Field, and groups of 20 or more must make reservations two weeks in advance by calling (404) 614-2311 or emailing turnerfieldtours@braves.com.

SPECIAL

In honor of Bobby Cox's last season as Braves manager, tours of Turner Field will be \$6 (half price) on the following days in 2010:

- August 28 - Bobby earned his 1,500th career win in 1999
- September 29 - Bobby earned his 2,000th career win in 2004





Cowboy Beans

Many homeowners have asked me to share my family's staple recipe for Cowboy Beans. Yee-haw!

COWBOY BEANS

- 1 can baked beans
- 1 can pinto beans
- 1 can great northern beans
- 1 ½ lbs ground sirloin
- ½ onion chopped
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 TBSP liquid smoke

Brown meat with onions. Drain grease. Put in crock pot. Add brown sugar and ketchup. Drain and rinse beans and add to crock pot. Stir in liquid smoke. Set crockpot on low and let cook at least 2 hours. Enjoy!

By Stacy Wheelus



The Orchards of Roswell
Sold out 2003
Another great event at The
Orchards of Roswell! "The
2 Guys" sang and shared a
comedy bit for a full house.

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

Window treatment for window size 110 3/4"W 75 1/4"H. Fits Great room window for Hampton floor plan. Colors: gold, green, red stripe. Paid \$1,000.00. Asking \$300.00. Never used.

Tassel Trim. 5 1/2 yds. Colors: soft gold, soft green and soft red. Never used. \$50.00. Original cost was \$18.00 a yd.

Queen size comforter & shams. Grey w/ silver trim. Like new. \$75.00.

Party/entertaining trays, platters, etc. Several to choose from. Make offer.

Full/standard size wrought iron head board w/frame. Cream color with brass/gold trim. Like new condition. \$150.00 or best offer.

Never used Floor rugs & runners. Three different rugs. \$50.00 each

2002 Hyundai XG350 Sedan - 6 cyl., 2-wheel drive, automatic, silver with black leather interior. Good condition.

Kitchen/work table. Walnut color. 60" x 40" with a 12" extension leaf. \$130.00

Call Eileen at 770-889-9454

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

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

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

Ethan Allen Queen Anne Wing Chair. Beige, excellent condition, \$100. Call Fred 850-621-5512.

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

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

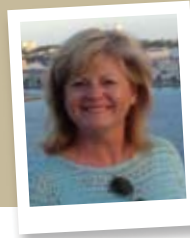
FOR SALE

The Orchards at Sweet Apple. 106 Sweet Apple Circle. Canterbury floor plan with third bedroom conversion. This home features granite countertops, designer paint, central vacuum and plantation shutters. Great price for sought after Sweet Apple community. \$249,900.

Orchards of Crabapple. 4437 Orchard Trace. 2-bedroom/2-bath Abbey floor plan. This unit is freshly painted, newer carpet and hardwoods in kitchen. Best deal in Roswell and you can walk to shopping. \$215,000.

FOR RENT

Orchards of Sweet Apple. Three-bedroom den conversion. Best lot in the neighborhood. Hardwoods, solid surface countertops, and recently painted. Perfection! Hard to believe this is for RENT. Call for details.



DEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS,

I hope everyone's summer is going great and that you are all able to keep cool. Many neighborhoods hosted Fourth of July parties. The weather was great, and the fireworks were spectacular. I know that the dog days of summer are still here, but it is a great time to sell your home!

After a very quiet June, my phone is ringing again. Buyers now have time to consider moving. Property is being shown and interest rates are at their lowest ever! Also, there are great deals on reverse mortgages. If you would like information please contact me, and I can get you in contact with a specialist.

I will be having open houses on the weekends. If you are looking for an Orchards resale, call me and tell me what properties you would like to view. The properties are priced well and are in fantastic condition.

I would also like to thank Stacy Wheelus for all the hard work she does on the Meet and Greets at the new subdivisions. This is a great time to visit if you are interested in meeting the neighbors and seeing what it's like to live in one of the new subdivisions. Just give me a call and I will give you the details. Have a great Labor Day holiday!

Best Regards,

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

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