

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



MARCH 2011

**EAST CHEROKEE  
VALENTINE CELEBRATION!**

**WALK FOR A CURE**

**GIRLFRIENDS' GETAWAY!**

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We had a great February! Isabelle had the best birthday! Turning 8 brought her a new grown up room that she absolutely loves. She was able to show it off to 10 girlfriends who came over for a slumber party. We had 10 8-year-olds running crazy through my house until midnight when they finally collapsed! We also went to a special preview of the Justin Bieber movie. She is in love with Justin Bieber! He is the Elvis or The Beatles of today's generation! Isabelle is doing great in second grade, and creative writing is where we see her excelling. Her short story was selected to represent her class in a second grade competition!



*Isabelle and Jackson at Indian Springs State Park*

Jackson is literally back in the swing of things with baseball. The season officially starts March 5, and he is so excited! He really likes the coaches of his Orioles team. He continues to excel in kindergarten and is reading on a grade three level! We are so proud of him, and the best part is that he loves to read! I am glad both of my kids enjoy school, and I can only hope that continues on through high school!

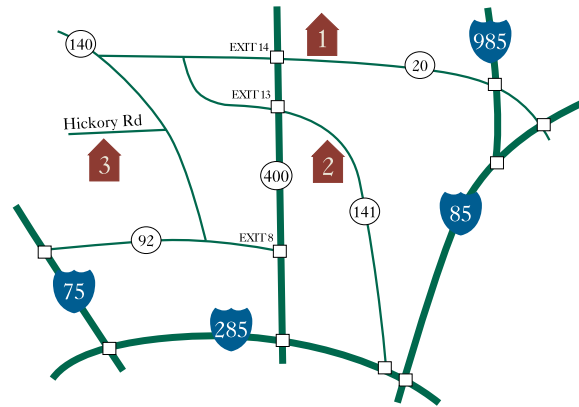
February was also the first time we had been camping since July! We headed down to Indian Springs State Park. It was nice getting back to what we enjoy as a family and being outside again after all the snow and cold! Our poor camper was neglected this past fall, but we already have many trips planned over the next few months!

I'll be glad when spring arrives and we can get back to having our meet and greets on the back patios of the clubhouses! I'm still looking for stories on our Orchards homeowners who may be traveling together. Give me a call if you would like to share your trip with us! I know we have a group of three ladies at The Orchards of Habersham Grove who will be traveling to Prague and other destinations this summer, so stay tuned for their fun trip!

As always, Happy Reading!

Stacy Wheelus  
678-795-0200 ext. 210

**1. The Orchards of Habersham Grove. ONLY 9 HOMES REMAIN. HURRY!** We are proud to announce that the curtain is slowly setting on The Orchards of 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. Just 1 mile from Ga 400, Exit 14. (Ga. Hwy 20). **Sales Information: 678-513-8879**



**2. The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm. ONE-OF-A-KIND VILLAS!** If you have been intrigued by one of our “Master on the Main” Villa plans but just don’t need any of the upstairs space, we have a new concept for you. For a limited time we are offering one villa building with our popular Cypressw and Dogwood plans but without any finished space upstairs. This is a great opportunity to enjoy true main level living within a maintenance-free home environment. And if your taste is more oriented toward a single family home, we have several value priced homes ready now. 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 Orchards of Habersham Grove*  
*Spacious Living Room in the Charleston*

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*The Orchards of Brannon Oak Farm*  
*Gourmet Kitchen in The Birch Villa*

**3. The Orchards of East Cherokee. NEW COURTYARD FURNISHED MODEL!** We have recently completed and professionally furnished our new Belmont courtyard plan on Homesite # 96. Come out to preview this exciting new home featuring two bedrooms plus den, formal dining room, decorative columns, a separate breakfast area and true walk up storage. 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 and 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 Orchards of East Cherokee*  
*The Elegant “Belmont” Courtyard*



Our January hors d'oeuvre party was a hit! Getting together after the holidays was so much fun.

## A Bargain Hunter's Dream: Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale

On March 11 and 12, experience “Georgia’s longest yard sale.” Established in 2005, the annual yard sale covers more than 200 miles from Barnesville and Culloden to Brunswick and the Golden Isles in Georgia.

If you are interested in traveling along the parkway to explore the Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale and would like some additional visitor information before your parkway visit, contact:

Golden Isles Parkway Association  
Karen Tharpe  
P.O. Box 175  
Hazlehurst, GA 31539  
912-367-7731  
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[www.peachestothebeaches.com](http://www.peachestothebeaches.com)



The men of East Cherokee spoiled the ladies of the The Orchards by cooking them a delicious breakfast in celebration of Valentine's Day. Each lady received a red rose. The men presented pancakes, French toast, bacon, eggs and sausage. A full "wait staff" was available, and they even cleaned up in the end!



Where's Stacy? Geri Beckmann and I had fun being silly at the January Meet and Greet! Stacy had to pose for every picture!

## Consider Creating a

# Family Health History

A family health history is a written record of a family's health. The history contains information about a family's medical conditions, lifestyle habits (for example, whether anyone in the family has smoked), and where and how family members grew up. It's like a family tree for health.

A health care professional can use a family health history to help assess a person's risk of certain diseases. The professional might recommend actions to lower the chance of getting those diseases.

Creating and sharing your family health history with your health care professional can help you be healthier. But perhaps the biggest benefit is providing information that may help your children and grandchildren live longer, healthier lives.

### Family History and Disease Risk

If you have a disease, does that mean your children and grandchildren will get it, too? Not necessarily. They may have a greater chance of developing the disease than someone without a similar family history. But they are not certain to get the disease.

Some diseases are clearly genetic. This means the disease comes from a mutation, or harmful change, in a gene inherited from one or both parents. Genes are small structures in your body's cells that determine how you look and tell your body how to work. Examples of genetic diseases are Huntington's disease, cystic fibrosis, and muscular dystrophy.

Genes are not the only things that cause disease. Lifestyle habits and environment also play a major part in developing disease. Diet, weight, physical activity, tobacco and alcohol use, occupation, and

where you live can each increase or decrease disease risk. For common diseases like heart disease and cancer, habits like smoking or drinking too much alcohol may be more important in causing disease than genes.

With some diseases, genes may be part of the cause, but there is no clear pattern of inheritance. For example, the more close relatives with breast cancer a woman has, the greater her risk of breast cancer. Having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles a man's risk of prostate cancer.

Creating a family health history helps you know about diseases and disease risks. It can also show the way a disease occurs in a family. For example, you may find that a family member had a certain disease at an earlier age than usual. That can increase other family members' risk.

Even if they appear healthy, people could be at risk for developing a serious disease that runs in the family. They could have risk factors that they cannot feel, such as high blood pressure.

The first step toward better understanding of your family's health is to learn more about the health of close relatives such as parents, brothers and sisters, and children. Creating a family health history is one way to do that.

For more information and printable worksheets to help get your family health history started, visit <http://nihseniorhealth.gov/creatingafamilyhealthhistory/toc.html>.

*Source: National Institute of Health, Senior Health*



We had a great time in January at an evening with light hors d'oeuvres! Seeing everyone after the holidays was nice.

## 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
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- Competitive Pricing

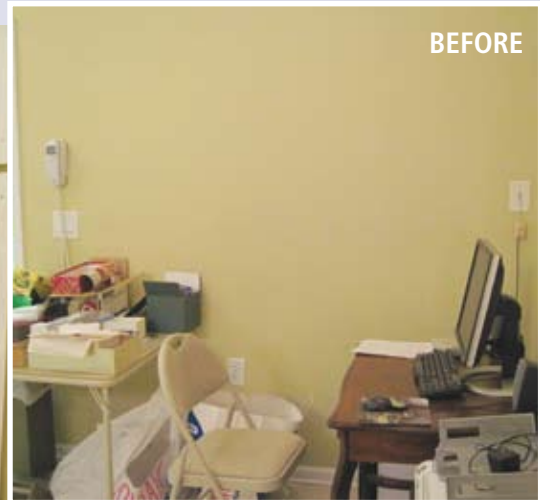
We have the testimonials from satisfied clients. Give us a call today!

**Call Stacy Wheelus**  
**678-795-0200 ext 210**

AFTER



BEFORE



*Hutch addition in kitchen*

AFTER



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](mailto: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

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

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

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

Haverty's walnut drop leaf dinette table.  
42" round (with both leaves open) table  
with two chairs great for small Orchards  
kitchens. Like new condition must see  
\$150. Call Harriet 770-772-6998.

## 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

## 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](http://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](mailto:swheelus@orchardsgroup.com)





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## MARCH RESALES & LISTINGS...

**ALL OUR HOMES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ONCE A MONTH. CALL  
678-795-0200, 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 \$210,000.

**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.

**Brannon Oak Farms.** 1975 Brannon Commons. Beautiful townhome with a finished room in the basement. This spectacular home has barely been lived in. Hardwoods grace all living areas. Beautiful granite and warm wood cabinets in chef's kitchen. Huge master with sitting area. Loft, two bedrooms and office are upstairs. All on a beautiful lot bordering greenbelt. \$399,000.

**Orchards of Windward.** 2933 Oakside Circle. Great two master Abbey floor plan. Beautiful hardwoods throughout. Extra cabinets and desk in the kitchen. Exterior has stone finish with a very private front yard area. This home is being offered at a great price. \$225,000.

**Orchards at Crabapple.** This three bedroom Canterbury floor plan has a beautiful front yard. Walk to shopping and enjoy many activities in the Grand Clubhouse. This home is priced to sell at \$184,900.

**Orchards of Sweet Apple.** 1606 Sweet Apple Circle. Absolutely gorgeous three bedroom Canterbury with third bedroom den conversion. Faces greenbelt in the rear of the subdivision. Granite countertops, stainless appliances and hardwood floors are just a few of this home's amenities. Freshly painted; ready to move in. \$259,000.



## DEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS,

Dear Friends and Clients,

I don't know about all you folks, but I am so glad to see that spring is here. I am having a very busy season so far. Some fabulous homes are on the market. The prices are great, and it's a wonderful time to be buying a home in any of The Orchards communities. With the warm weather we are having, it seems as if we are getting more and more out of town buyers looking for The Orchards style of carefree living. If you are considering making a change, now is a great time!

To ensure a quick sale of your home, consider these tips:

Freshen up that paint. Dingy, dirty walls turn off buyers. The best color is a warm neutral color, something that does not attract the buyer's attention to the walls. Don't use a different color in every room. This will make your home look chopped up and leave a bad impression with a buyer.

Make sure your windows are clean and are not obstructed. Remember clean, clean and clean! It is better to let all the natural light you can into a room. Welcome the buyer at the entry. Put out a new door mat. Make sure the storm door is spotless. Sweep all debris from your front porch. Polish the door knob and knocker. First impressions do count.

Have a great spring!

Sincerely,

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

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