

The Recreation Connection



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Santa's Arrival!

It's that special time again! Santa will be stopping at the Depot in Downtown Acworth on Friday, December 5 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. There will be a host of performances to help Santa kickoff the holiday season.

Bring the entire family to hear Mayor Tommy Allegood read *The Night Before Christmas* and watch the lighting of the Tree on Main Street.

Enjoy pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, eating candy



canes with all his elves, and filling the streets with the holiday spirit.

Appointments to have pictures taken with the Clauses start at 5:15 p.m at the Depot with pictures beginning at 6:30 p.m. Time slots for pictures are limited so arrive early to schedule your picture time.

For more information visit www.acworth.org/aprd or call the Parks and Recreation office at 770-917-1234.



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Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ 12/02 Election Run-off
- ◆ 12/05 Santa's Arrival
- ◆ 12/16 Senior Luncheon
- ◆ 12/20 Expanding Horizons Trip
- ◆ 12/24 - 12/26 City Offices Closed
- ◆ 1/01 City Offices Closed
- ◆ 1/03 Spring Baseball Registration
- ◆ 1/10 Spring Baseball Registration

Rock U

Who doesn't want to be a rock star? The City of Acworth Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the start of a new program for 2009-ROCK U.

Rock University is an after school program for students that have a desire to play in a rock band. Rock U staff will provide a turnkey instructional program for 90 minutes a week for 10 weeks. The program culminates with a live all-student concert at a local venue.

Students will learn how to be an effective member of a rock ensemble from professional musicians. This innovative program emphasizes teamwork, confidence and focus outside of an athletic



event. Students will learn how to dissect a song, practice their part, rehearse extensively with their band and participate in a rock performance, along with weekly group instruction on their instrument.

Rock University is a mobile program and will be held in the Beach House at Cauble Park. Rock U enhances private music instruction, as the students will have the opportunity to apply what

they have learned in their lesson to a live band rehearsal and full-blown performance at NorthStar Church.

This program gives kids in second through eleventh grades the chance to gain their 15 minutes of fame- as a full-fledged rock star!

This 10-week class begins the second Thursday in January and continues each Thursday into March. The cost for all 10 weeks is \$295 for city residents and \$300 for non-residents.

For more information or to register online visit www.acworth.org/aprd.



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Horizon Field Near Completion

The Acworth Special Needs Field Project, Horizon Field, is nearing completion! With the synthetic turf already in place the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008.

Horizon Field will be the first of its kind in Cobb County and will serve most of North Georgia. Equipped for recreational activities such as baseball, basketball, soccer and much more, the field will be capable of



offering therapeutic activities almost year around.

Though initial construction is near completion, donations are still being accepted to add field lights for evening activities and other site amenities such as a pavilion and picnic tables.

For more information please call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department at 770-917-1234.



Tackle Hunger

Each year Tackle Hunger provides a turkey and groceries to all the households in the Acworth Housing Authority as well as to selected referrals for people in the Acworth Community. The program, now known as Tackle Hunger, got its start in 1993 and for years has provided food during the Holiday Season to families in the Acworth Community.

In 2001 with the continued growth of the food collection and the desire for 501C3 status, so monetary contributions could be accepted, the project was placed under the Joy Foundation and Tackle Hunger was born.

This year Tackle Hunger teamed up with Acworth Elementary, McCall Primary, Russom Middle School, Pickets Mill Elementary, NorthStar Church, North Cobb Christian School and the Acworth Football and Cheerleading Association to collect 650 bags of groceries to help Acworth families. The Acworth Business Association and NorthStar Church partnered to purchase 150 turkeys.

During the month of November volunteers from the City of Acworth Parks and Recreation, NorthStar Church, Park Bridge Apartments, the Acworth Ward of the LDS Church and the Joy Foundation sorted and delivered the food to 110

units in the Acworth Housing Authority as well as 50 other families in need in the Acworth community.



Veterans Ceremony

The City of Acworth honored our nation's veterans with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Patriot's Point on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. The crowd of over 175 peo-



ple included multiple generations of America's servicemen and women.

The ceremony, officiated by Acworth Mayor Tommy Allegood, included comments by CPO Ron Papaleoni, U.S. Navy, Retired and the featured speaker, Colonel Heath J. Nuckolls, U.S. Air Force, as well as a flag folding demonstration by the Cobb County Civil Air Patrol.

Pavers for the Veterans Memorial to honor those who have served can still be purchased.

Visit www.acworth.org/aprd or call the



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The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department has been checking their “nice” list

Thank you to those listed below for their help and support of our events in 2008

Daddy Daughter Dance

Divas and Dames
Weatherford Family

Easter Egg Hunt

Freedom Church
Acworth United Methodist Church
Sweet Chocolat
North Cobb High School

Family Fun Day

Journey Church

Acworth Elementary 5th Grade Field Day

Kennesaw Optimist Club

Lake Cleanup

Lukas Chiropractic
Acworth Lake Authority
Boy Scouts of America
Girl Scouts of America

Halloween Carnival

Divas and Dames
Sunshine House
Synergy Medical
Kennesaw State University SMMC
North Cobb High School
Sweet Chocolat

Santa's Arrival

Great Gig Dance Co.
Barber Middle School
Awtrey Middle School
Acworth Church of God of Prophecy
Acworth United Methodist
Stanton Lanier
Harvest Baptist School
The Goddard School

*** Those organizations and individuals who contributed to the Acworth Special Needs Field will be recognized in a future publication upon the opening of the Field.**

Senior Luncheon

The City of Acworth Parks and Recreation Department hosts a Senior Luncheon on the third Tuesday of every month. This month's senior luncheon will be held on December 16.

Lunch is served at noon, but come early and join us for board games, cards, bingo, and other special activities. The luncheon is held at Roberts School Community and Education Center in Ac-

worth. Lunch is FREE to anyone 55 and over. Following lunch there will be several rounds of bingo with prizes for the winners.

For questions about the luncheon please contact Frank White at (770) 917-1234 or visit www.acworth.org/aprd.



Ballroom Dance Class

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department is offering a beginners ballroom dance class starting January 7. This class is intended to teach the basics of Ballroom Dancing with instruction in dances such as the Fox Trot, Meringue and Swing just to name a few.

The instructor, Mary Sue Singletary has 30 years experience in ballroom dancing.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Roberts School Community and Education Center. The course is \$80 for city residents and \$85 for non-residents.

For more information or to register online visit www.acworth.org/aprd.



Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 7 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at North Cobb High School's Cafeteria.

This dance is open to girls between the ages of 5 and 12. All girls must be accompanied by a male escort. Registra-

tion will begin Monday, January 5, 2009.

Please visit www.acworth.org/aprd beginning Monday, December 22 for more information, including this year's glittering theme!!



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