

The Recreation Connection



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Veterans Day Ceremony

Join the City of Acworth on Tuesday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Patriots Point at Cauble Park, home of the Veterans Memorial to honor our nations veterans.

The City of Acworth would like to say thank you to those who have faithfully served their country as well as those who are now serving. Acworth is honored to have these brave men and women living in our community and what better way to honor them than to host a Veterans Day Ceremony.

Colonel Heath J. Nuckolls will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Colonel

Nuckolls is the commander of the 94th Airlift Wing at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia.



If you have not seen the Veterans Memorial at Patriot's Point at Cauble Park, make sure you visit us on Tuesday, November 11.

Pavers can still be purchased

for the Veterans Memorial. Pavers are available in 4x4 or 8x8 sizes. With the 4x4, you get 3 lines, each with up to 18 characters engraved on the pavers. The 8x8 comes with 4 lines, each with up to 18 characters engraved on it. All pavers purchased before November 1, 2008 will be in the ground for the November 11 ceremony.

For more information about the ceremony or to purchase a paver visit www.acworth.org/aprd or call the Parks and Recreation Office at 770-917-1234.



Community First Aid/ CPR Class

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Community First Aid and CPR class on Saturday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Participants will learn the American Red Cross standards for basic first aid as well as adult, child and infant CPR. This course is for individuals 16 years of age and older. Class will be taught at the Acworth Beach House at Cauble Park. The class size



is limited to twenty participants.

The course fee is \$40 for City of Acworth residents and \$50 for non residents. All partici-

pants will receive a manual and skill cards for first aid, adult, child and infant CPR.

You can register online at www.acworthorg/aprd or you can register at our Logan Farm Park office, 4762 Logan Rd.

For more information please contact Jodi Mills at jmills@acworth.org or (770) 917 - 1234.



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Mark Your Calendars:

- 11/04 Election Day
- 11/11 Veterans Ceremony
- 11/15 First Aid/CPR Class
- 11/15 Merchant Holiday Open House
- 11/18 Senior Citizen Luncheon
- 11/27 - 11/28 City Offices Closed
- 12/05 Santa's Arrival

Visit us on the web at www.acworth.org/aprd for more details or call 770-917-1234.

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Acworth Special Needs Field to be Named Horizon Field

After much discussion, many recommendations, and monikers given by the media, the Special Needs Field which is scheduled to be completed by the year end has an official name. Horizon Field 'Where the sky is the limit' is the name and motto of the much anticipated fully handicap accessible portion of the Acworth Sports Complex.

Since breaking ground in mid July, construction has been full steam ahead as

many programs are scheduled to take place on the new field including a spring season of the new Horizon League, previously called the Special Needs League.

Horizon Field is the first facility of its kind in Cobb County and provides an opportunity for athletes of all abilities to participate.

For more information about the Horizon League please call the Acworth Parks and

Recreation Department at 770-917-1234. ◆◆◆



Tackle Hunger

For many of us the changing of the leaves marks the beginning of the Holiday Season, with Thanksgiving just around the corner, the thoughts of time spent with family eating turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce are on our minds. For some in our community having the resources for a Thanksgiving meal is a challenge.

Each year Tackle Hunger provides a bag of 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.

Last year Tackle Hunger teamed up with Acworth Elementary, Park Bridge Apartments, the Acworth Parks & Recreation Department, NorthStar Church, North Cobb Christian School and Allatoona Elementary to collect 8,000 food items and purchase 450 turkeys to help Acworth families.

Food is being collected through Friday, November 21. For more information about Tackle Hunger and how you can

help visit www.joyfoundation.org



2007 Acworth Elementary food collection champions!

Expanding Horizons

The Expanding Horizons program began in 2007 with an anonymous donor contributing \$25,000 to the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department to fund a program for the children of Acworth.

Expanding Horizons provides opportunities for specially selected children from Acworth to attend six educational field trips during the year that they may not otherwise be able to experience because of financial or family situations.

Past trips have included the Coca-Cola Space Science Center, the King Center,



the Tennessee Aquarium and a performance of the Nutcracker at Atlanta's historic Fox Theater.

In 2008, the same donor increased the amount of the gift to \$35,000. This additional funding has helped the program grow from fifty participants to over one hundred. Once again, the program has received funding for 2009 from the same generous individual in the amount of \$50,000. This increased funding, will allow for a trip to the Nation's Capital, Washington D.C., during spring break for a select number of members of the Expanding Horizons program in addition to the six scheduled field trips.



Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick

On Sunday, October 19, the local winners from the Northwest Georgia section of the National Football League (NFL) Punt, Pass, & Kick Competitions gathered at Logan Farm Park to compete in the sectional competition for a chance to advance and compete at an upcoming Atlanta Falcons football game.

The event was hosted by the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department for the second consecutive year. This free competition sponsored by Pepsi and the NFL allows youth from ages 8 -15 to display

their talent in punting, passing, and kicking while earning the chance to advance to a state wide competition and possibly the national competition at another NFL stadium.

There were 32 total participants competing for the top spot in their age group. The 8 winners from the sectional competition held in Acworth are now eligible to move on to the Georgia Dome.



PP&K Sectional Winners

Volunteer Spotlight— Lori Weatherford

This month's Volunteer Spotlight is on Lori Weatherford. Lori has worked for years to ensure people in the Acworth Community have food during the Holiday Season. In 1993 Lori helped start a program at the Gazebo Park Apartments in Acworth. That year the complex collected enough food to fill a dishwasher box and provided food for a family referred by Allatoona Charities for the Holidays. The following year Acworth Elementary was included in collecting food items. Each year the program continued to grow and by 1996 they were working with the Acworth Business Association and the Optimist Club.

In 1998 Lori and her husband Bob, along with Angela and Ron Papaleoni formed the Joy Foundation, a non-profit organization serving the children of the Ac-

worth 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.

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In true Holiday spirit Lori invests her time and her resources in the Acworth Community and its people. This holiday



Lori Weatherford

season we can all be thankful for Lori Weatherford and all she gives to Acworth.

For more information about Tackle Hunger and how you can help visit www.joyfoundation.org



Department Takes Home Three State Awards

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department recently won three awards from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association.

Recreation Coordinator Frank White received the 2008 Distinguished Professional Award. The Parks and Recreation newsletter, The Recreation Connection, received the 2008 GRPA Publication

Award and the Acworth Business Association won the volunteer organization of the year for the work they do with the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department.

The Department will receive their awards at the annual GRPA Conference on November 6 in Athens, GA.



Parks and Recreation Staff

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 November 18. Come join us for lunch, board games, cards, bingo, and other special activities. The luncheon is held at Roberts School Com-

munity and Education Center in Acworth. Lunch is served at noon and is FREE to anyone over 55. 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



Santa's Arrival

It's that special time again! Santa will be stopping at the Depot in Downtown Acworth on Saturday, 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.

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



Tap/Ballet Class

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Tap/Ballet Class for children ages 3 to 6 years old. The new class will begin January 6, 2009 at the Roberts School Community and Education Center. The class is on Tuesdays from 4:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$220 for this twenty week class.

This class is a combination class divided with 20 minutes of tap and 25 minutes of ballet. Since ballet is the basis for all dance technique, the combinations of both work hand in hand. The technical training is taught through ballet, which in turn helps teach the proper shifting of

weight and patterns in movement for tap. Since children naturally respond to music and movement, all of the activities are executed to fun music.

Class will be taught by Creative Movement and Dance (CMD), a mobile dance program which operates at locations throughout the Atlanta area. Heather Pace, CMD instructor, has spent many years studying dance. She received her BA in Dance Education from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama. She moved to Atlanta in 2002 and has been teaching dance around the Atlanta area for the past 6 years.

For more information about this class or other classes offered by the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department or to register online visit www.acworth.org/aprd or call 770-917-1234.



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