



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from January 9, 2024**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from January 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
 - b. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from January 24, 2024**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission work session minutes from January 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**
 - a. **DIVISIONS**
 - i. **Community Services Division Monthly Report - February 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - ii. **Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - February 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - iii. **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - February 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - iv. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) - February 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for the parks located within the northern, southern, eastern, and downtown districts of the City of Alpharetta.
 - v. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) - February 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for Wills Park Proper, Wills Park Equestrian, and parks located in the western district of the City of Alpharetta.
 - vi. **Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report - February 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Senior Operations Manager of the Recreation, Park & Cultural Services Department.
 - b. **DIRECTOR**
 - i. **2023 Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department Year in Review**
Annual director's update on the prior year accomplishments of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department in the continued effort to meet the City's vision for recreation, parks, and culture.

8. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS
9. PUBLIC COMMENT
10. ADJOURNMENT



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amber O'Dwyer
Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

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Attendance – January 9, 2024, Recreation Commission Meeting:

Recreation Commission Members – Present

- Chairman Dennis Mitchell
- Vice Chairman Jit Saha
- Brad Bowers
- Derek Kaighin
- Paul Slavik
- John Norton
- Cheryl Rand
- Karla Piedrahita
- Shuntel Beach

Recreation Commission Members – Absent

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 01.09.24 - RC Minutes (Unofficial)



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2024

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I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

• Recreation Commissioners Present

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- Paul Slavik
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• Recreation Commissioners Absent

- None

• Staff

- James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Eric Milley, Park Services Manager (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Downtown Districts), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Matt Casey, Park Services Manager (Western District & Equestrian), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

- Chairman Mitchell introduced new commissioner, Paul Slavik.
- Paul Slavik explained how he grew up in Alpharetta playing in the well-known parks and at Wacky World Playground. He left for college and has since moved back, started a family, and looks forward to serving on the Recreation Commission.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Recreation Commission Minutes from July 11, 2023

- ❖ Commissioner Bowers offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from the July 11, 2023, Recreation Commission meeting.
 - Commissioner Saha seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (4-0-5 with Commissioners Norton, Beach, Rand, Slavik, and Piedrahita abstaining).

b. Recreation Commission Minutes from September 27, 2023

- ❖ Commissioner Norton offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from the September 27, 2023, Recreation Commission work session.
 - Commissioner Rand seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (5-0-4 with Chairman Mitchell and Commissioners Kaighin, Slavik, and Beach abstaining).

c. Recreation Commission Minutes from November 14, 2023

- ❖ Commissioner Piedrahita offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from the November 14, 2023, Recreation Commission meeting.
 - Commissioner Beach seconded the motion.
- ❖ The motion was approved (7-0-2 with Commissioner Saha, Slavik abstaining).

V. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of 2024 Chair and Vice Chair

- Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for nominations for chairman of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Rand nominated Commissioner Mitchell for the role of chairman of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Beach seconded.
 - ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a vote that all those in favor of Commissioner Mitchell for chairman, vote in approval.
 - ❖ The vote was approved unanimously (9-0).
- Chairman Mitchell announced that the Recreation Commission has voted in favor of Commissioner Dennis Mitchell as the chairman for calendar year 2024.

- Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Norton nominated Commissioner Saha for the role of vice chairman of the Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Rand seconded.
 - ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a vote that all those in favor of Commissioner Jit Saha for vice chairman, vote in approval.
 - ❖ The vote was approved unanimously (9-0).
- Chairman Mitchell announced that the Recreation Commission has voted in favor of Commissioner Jit Saha as the vice chairman for calendar year 2024.

VII. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. DIVISIONS

i. Community Services Division Monthly Report – January 2024

- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- CHS AG-Business students finished their first semester at Old Rucker Farm. They not only developed dried sweet potato powder but also holiday gift baskets and learned to make new added value items for their customers. This year they made candles with dehydrated flowers, recipe meal-kits (including ingredients for the whole meal), table centerpieces (including pumpkins, gourds donated by the Atlanta Botanical Gardens), and recipes for roasted pumpkin seeds with the donated gourds.
- The Community Agriculture Program began discussions with the North Fulton Master Gardeners and the Georgia Native Plants Society (GNPS) regarding the 2024 Garden Faire Plant Sale. The City's Community Agriculture Program will be joining these two organizations for an annual event at a new, singular, location (Wills Park). Staff believes this will help grow revenue and build awareness for the program. Hoping to hit a goal of \$10k in sales.
- The basement grow room in the house at Old Rucker Farm was prepped and renovated in December 2023, with (12) additional grow racks, providing (60) additional shelves for seedlings to sprout. This will enable the program to grow more products in 2024, including growing more seedlings for the Garden Faire Plant Sale, the Growers Membership Program, and North Fulton Community Charities donation garden. First of the seeds went into the trays today (and included stevia and lettuce).
- Crop planning was completed in December for the year, and staff will be transitioning half of the grow-a-row fields to a "cover crop" in the spring to help build the soil. Unfortunately, the grow-a-row fields are not as resilient and healthy as the education fields and require additional nutrients and care to be able to produce

better harvests. Chickens will also help fertilize the soil. The remaining upper half of the grow-a-row fields will undergo the same process in late summer.

- Winter classes were well attended, and hosting the evening classes at the Log Cabin was a great success in helping to provide an indoor space for programs when the weather is too cold for outdoor classes.
- In addition, more schools will be joining the Community Agriculture Program within the next year.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- The first seeds for the year will go into the soil trays on January 11, thus beginning growth for 2024 right away.
- March 5th marks the beginning of the spring plant and seed pick-up (combining the plant pick-up and February seed pick-up into one event).
- All the cool-weather plants need to be ready by then (collards, kale, cabbage, etc.).
- April 9th will be the warm season plant and seed pick-up.
- Staff plans to launch the seed library program in the spring (March) for the Milton and Alpharetta branches.
- Alpharetta's community compost program is slated to launch this year. Currently, the bid has not yet been awarded to the selected vendor for the in-house food-waste dehydrator and composting services.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

January Classes:

- Establishing a Vegetable Garden on 1/11
- Beekeeping Series on 1/14, 1/21, and 1/28
- Bug Hotel on 1/15 and 1/16 (self-serve)
- Birdhouse Gourds Craft on 1/17
- Seed Starting for Success: Part I on 1/24
- Book Club on 1/29

February Classes:

- Container Gardening on 2/7
- Seed Starting for Success: Class II on 2/21
- Garden Journaling on 2/22
- How to Grow: Leafy Greens on 2/24
- Growing an Herb and Spice Garden on 2/26

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Garden Faire

Q What is the date for the 2024 Garden Faire Plant Sale at Wills Park? (Norton)

A April 20th. (Musilli)

RE: Community Services Division Classes

Q Are all classes also available at the Log Cabin? (Beach)

A No. Most happen outside at Old Rucker Farm. Division will be offering one class virtually each month. Classes at night will take place at the Log Cabin. (Musilli)

Q Has staff figured out how to record the virtual classes for those that cannot attend live? (Saha)

A Yes. (Musilli)

RE: Community Services Division Title

Q Is the title of your division still "Community Services"? (Rand)

A For now, but there is discussion on changing the name. (Musilli)

ii. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – January 2024

- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item on behalf of Kim Manning, Cultural Services Manager.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The "Alpharetta Greenway Mural Trail" artists who completed the (9) murals on the raised sewers along the Greenway were recognized by the Cultural Arts Commission in December and will be recognized by City Council on February 19th.
- Staff strongly recommends touring the art in person as the pictures do not do justice.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- The Cultural Arts Division is also working on the crosswalks in the parks.
 - The crosswalk at the Alpharetta Community Center is complete.
 - The crosswalk at Wills Park Pool now also has an art sculpture to further enhance the art.
- The newest Play Me Again Piano is being recommissioned for Cogburn Park. A January unveiling is in the works.
- The Community Stage "The Spotlight" is still in the process of having the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) finalized between North Point Mall and the City of Alpharetta. Staff hopes for approval of the MOU by City Council at the next meeting.

- *The Visitor* Sculpture is under restoration and the Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau donated \$5k to help with the restoration.
- February is Black History Month and staff is working on a schedule of activities to be released soon highlighting the upcoming activities.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- *Arts & Culture Online Calendar*
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- *Alpharetta Music City – Live Music Calendar*
<https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>
- *Heartwarming Sights & Scenes by Tony Thomas* / Community Gallery at City Hall / November 15, 2023 through January 12, 2024
- *Atlanta Portrait Society Annual Exhibit* / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / November 21, 2023 through January 20, 2024
- *Antique & Vintage Quilt Turning* presented by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild / Alpharetta Public Library / January 20, 2024 at 2pm
- *Black History Month* – Coming Soon for the month of February
- *Eurydice* presented by ACT 1 Theater / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / February 9-18, 2024
- *Girls on Fire* presented by Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra / Alpharetta First United Methodist Church / February 23, 2024 at 8pm / Tickets <https://www.alpharettasympphony.org/girls-on-fire>

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Mural Project

- C The murals along the Greenway are impeccable and she and her family were exciting to see on New Years Eve when they rode the Greenway. (Piedrahita)

iii. Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – January 2024

- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item on behalf of Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The holiday season is wrapping up. The Season of Celebration was a huge success. There were 1500+ in attendance at the Tree Lighting which had (1) main stage, (7) performers, (16) snow machines, Santa, The Grinch, and Cindy-Lou Who.

- Breakfast with Santa at the Adult Activity Center saw approximately 90 attendees.
- At the December 18th City Council Meeting, two lifeguards were recognized for receiving lifesaving awards; Eli Haverdink & Adam Penn. The two were recognized for an incident that happened at the pool over the summer resulting in the saving of a life. The two were also recognized by the Red Cross.
- The Athletic Division hosted "Homers for the Holidays: Home Run Derby" at North Park on December 19th which was a great donation event for Toys for Tots.
- All lower tennis courts at North Park were successfully converted to pickleball courts. The ribbon cutting will be January 29th.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Lyndsey Macon, is our new Special Events Coordinator and will begin within the next few weeks.
- Youth basketball is in full swing with 324 players coming out of the holiday break.
- The Recreation Summer Guide is in the works and should be available online February 9th. Registration begins February 28th for residents and will be open to all March 13th.
- Upcoming Events include the Polar Plunge on February 3rd and the Annual Family Dance, "Tropical Paradise" on February 10th.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: North Park Pickleball Courts

Q Why did the height of the fence get lowered? (Rand)

A Pickleballs do not travel as high as tennis balls and the lower height also aids in spectator viewing. (Kirby)

Q Do we know how many people play pickleball versus tennis? (Norton)

A Staff does not have a number, but it is definitely not a fad. It proves popular because the activity proves multi-generational and as much a social activity as a sport and that might add to the appeal and attraction. (Kirby)

C Welcome to come out tonight to see open-play and how popular the activity is. (Saha)

Q Do you have to have a reservation for open-play? (Bowers)

A There are only a few sessions a week scheduled for open-play. If you wish to confirm your court, it is best to reserve it for practices, etc. Courts are reserved through Kevin McDonald in Recreation Services. (Saha)

C Tuesday nights are open-play so you can just come on your own. (Rand)

Q How many pickleball courts are there in the city? (Mitchell)

A 16. (Kirby)

iv. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) – January 2024**

- Eric Milley, Park Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Staff has (3) vacant park technicians due to retirements and promotions and staff has been interviewing to fill the vacancies and are in the process of background checks.
- Staff is currently in the process of scheduling the annual pine straw and mulch replacement at all parks, City Center, and Main Street and Haynes Bridge medians.
- Staff is also currently working on the replacement of the (6) missing Main Street trees. They were declining trees that have already been removed.
- Over at Innovation Academy, staff is selectively pruning and removing trees and branches that are encroaching on playing fields and are trying to promote growth of the more structured and healthier trees.
- Staff is currently in phase two of the actual building of the approved Webb Bridge Dog Park addition at Webb Bridge Park. The tree removal and pruning has been complete and now staff is working on the construction of the walking trail.
- At the ballfield complex at Webb Bridge Park, staff has removed (12) declining maples and replaced them with a different variety of maple that will be more narrow and not as wide which will be better suited for the area.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- The next two months selective pruning, removal, and tree and shrub replacement will continue in all parks.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: North Park Light Poles

Q Can you provide an update on the light poles being replaced at North Park?
(Mitchell)

A I will provide an update during my staff presentation. (Kirby)

v. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) - January 2024**

- Matt Casey, Park Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Equestrian Center finished the year strong with (3) nationally rated horseshows in December. Horse show season started back last weekend.

- Staff has added infield mix to all ballfields in preparation for the upcoming baseball season and enhancing the common areas.
- Entrances to park facilities have been pressure washed. The Wills Park Recreation Center playground and the tennis court bridge have also been pressure washed and sealed. The covered arena was going to be pressure washed next week but will be laser graded tomorrow.
- At Mid Broadwell Park, a large section of underbrush has been cut and removed from the middle of the property. Staff will be looking into adding some natural passive trails in the near future.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- The nets at the Wills Park batting cages are torn and ripped. Staff will be replacing the netting with the help of AYBA prior to the start of the spring season.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Batting Cage Damage & Repair

Q Is that due to vandalism? (Rand)

A Heavy wear. (Casey)

Q Could the batting cage netting be replaced with fencing? (Norton)

A The batting pavilion is broken into (8) lanes and fencing would not be a better option. To add, AYBA is leading the charge and reconfiguring the layout for player safety. February. (Casey)

RE: Pressure Washing at Wills Park

Q Will the pressure washer hit the Community Garden fence? (Rand)

A We can ensure that. (Casey)

RE: Baseball Season

Q When does the baseball season start? (Norton)

A February. (Casey)

RE: Athletic Field Banners

Q What is the status of the replacement/replenishment of the sponsored athletic banners? (Saha)

A AYBA is on a different rotation for replacement, but park wise, all backstops and sunshades with the City logo and AYBA are being replaced now. (Casey)

vi. Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report – January 2024

- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

- Happy to report that fall capital initiatives were completed before the end of 2023.
 - Webb Bridge Park Dog Park: Work began in November and should be completed in the spring.
 - Sewer work along Greenway was completed December 15th with Fulton County. The county completed all restorations and repairs so hopefully there will be no more trail closures.
 - The Mansell Boardwalk is being replaced. It is being completely torn out and is scheduled for completion in 2nd quarter of 2024 (weather permitting).
 - North Park Turf 2 Pole Removal and Lighting Upgrades:
 - Wooden poles were taken down in December 2023 due to damage caused by woodpeckers.
 - What was one or two poles is now nearly every pole on the field.
 - The poles posed a safety issue and needed to come down, so fields were shut down for play while the poles were removed.
 - Fields are currently open but have no lighting. Staff is working with on-call vendor to have lights orders installed, and operational before March.
- Bond updates are scheduled for the January 24, 2024, Recreation Commission Work Session after the 2024 City Council Retreat. The work session report will be the exact same information presented during the retreat to ensure the same information is shared.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Light Poles

Q Ordering new wood poles? (Kaighin)

A Plan to install concrete poles and new LED lighting. (Kirby)

Q Is that the only park at risk of woodpeckers? (Kaighin)

A Yes. Other parks have poles that are aging and need replacing, but North Park seems to be the prominent area affected likely due to the way they were treated and therefore more appealing to woodpeckers. (Kirby)

RE: Mansell Boardwalk

Q Is the boardwalk being fixed part of the DOT project? Behind the Wild Wings? Is the City paying for the repair? (Rand)

A While not tied to the DOT project; it is the area. Yes, the City is paying for the repair of the boardwalk which will have the same footprint but different material. The current material does not have a long lifespan but continues to fall into disrepair and accrued over \$200,000 in boardwalk repairs in the last (5) years. Council has now decided to invest in a long-term, permanent solution to the boardwalk. (Kirby)

Q The new installation will be planks laying in a different orientation? (Rand)

A No. It will be helical piers with a metal structure and form concrete similar to that at Union Hill Park. (Kirby)

RE: Partner Associations

Q Could we hear from representatives from the partnered organizations for updates at our meetings? Morgan Rodgers mentioned an emphasis on having representatives come. (Rand)

A Agreements are in place for the (5) athletic associations which require they present an annual update. For those who do not have a formalized partnership, we can certainly reach out to any partnered organizations to have them present at The Commission's request. (O'Dwyer & Kirby)

Q Would love to review the list of well-known versus not so well-known partnerships to see who could come and deliver an update. Perhaps the list could be reviewed at the workshop. (Rand)

RE: Usage of Mulch vs Pine Straw

Q How does the City discern between the use of mulch versus pine straw? (Kaighin)

A If the beds have pine, staff uses pine straw. If the beds contain hardwoods, staff utilizes mulch. (Milley)

VIII. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Vice Chair Saha, of all the minutes throughout the years, these have been his favorite.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Commissioner Rand made a motion to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Kaighin seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).
- ❖ Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber O'Dwyer

Administrative Office Coordinator



STAFF REPORT

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Submitted By: Amber O'Dwyer
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Recreation Commissioners Present

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)
- Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
- Derek Kaighin
- Paul Slavik
- John Norton
- Cheryl Rand
- Karla Piedrahita
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Recreation Commissioners Absent

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- Recreation Commissioners Absent

- Brad Bowers

- Staff

- Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. WORK SESSSION ITEMS

a. 2024 Bond Projects Update

- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department introduced the item.

- Staff referenced the detailed report within the agenda packet provided to the Recreation Commission that was produced by City staff overseeing the Park Bond Projects.
- 2024 is an exciting year for the projects as staff is seeking procurement on multiple projects, seeing the completion of a few, (Waters Road Park and Mid-Broadwell Park), and the beginning of construction on others.
- The report also conveys that as construction costs increase, staff must revisit each project's scope and budget and determine the best options available to complete the bond projects as intended.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Farmhouse

Q How long does the City have to spend the funds that were encumbered in 2021/2022? (Rand)

A (5) years. (Kirby)

Q Do you see any progress happening at the Farmhouse in the next two years? With GDOT listed as a variable, the concern is if the project will be completed by the time the funding must be expended. (Rand)

A Yes. And there is flexibility in the bond agreement for the timeline related to the spending of the funds. (Kirby & Rodgers)

RE: Rucker Park Restrooms

Q What about the restroom design at Old Rucker? (Rand)

A They will be similar in design to those at Waters Road Park and Windward Park. (Kirby & Rodgers)

Q What about the renovation of the house at Old Rucker? (Rand)

A The house is not part of the bond project. (Kirby)

Q What about the park closure and limited accessibility due to GDOT and City construction? Will it be limited to staff only? How will programs continue? (Rand)

A Yes, it will impact operations, but staff has plans to mitigate the loss of Community Agriculture programming. (Kirby)

RE: Webb Bridge

Q What is the current status of Webb Bridge and the septic/sewer issue? What is the timeline? (Norton)

A The septic/sewer concern is being funded by a separate Public Works account and not as part of the bond funds. Staff anticipates the sewer work will be completed by mid-2024. As construction starts, design/build will begin for the field and construction will begin when AMBUSH's athletic season ends.

Q We are over budget for Webb Bridge as well? (Mitchell)

A Yes, but this will be addressed under the Council Retreat 2024 Updates item on tonight's agenda. (Rodgers)

Q When will wayfinding signage be updated for Webb Bridge Park? Signage is lacking in properly directing people to tennis courts, the playground, and other major park features. (Saha)

A Do you mean on trails or at the park? Signing was updated at the beginning of 2023. (Kirby)

Commissioners commented that there is only one way into the park that would naturally direct people to park amenities. Others reminded that a small loop exists to direct park patrons to parking only or towards other areas of the park.

Current wayfinding signage is easy to revise. Staff will visit the park to determine if additional signage is needed. (Rodgers)

RE: Waters Road Park

Q Only \$780 remains for Waters Road Park but it looks as if the work still needed would exceed that balance. Is that not so? (Rand)

A \$780 remains unencumbered, but more is encumbered for the retainer of the work for the company who is building the park. (Rodgers)

Q What is the story with the diesel tank? (Kaighin)

A Staff had to dig until all remaining diesel fuel was removed and remediated before construction could continue. (Rodgers)

Q Could the \$780 be reapplied to Mid-Broadwell Park? (Piedrahita)

RE: Equestrian Center

Q Is all going well with the equestrian center as funding appears in place between the City and Foundation? (Mitchell)

A The house at the equestrian center must be demolished to make room for Arena 2. Arena 4 will be placed between Arena 3 and the covered Arena. Staff hoped \$10M would be enough to get everything accomplished including the barns but this is not likely.

b. Council Retreat 2024 Updates

- Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department introduced the item.
- At the 2024 Council Retreat, events at Brooke Street Park was a hot topic due to the increased request of events at the park.
 - Some council members felt too many took place, others felt there were not enough.
 - The topic was deferred from the Council Retreat to be discussed at an upcoming work session on February 5.

- All 2022 Bond Series Park Projects approved in November 2021 are 25% over budget. This is mainly due to 2019 pricing applied to 2024 projects.
- City Council has stated that bond projects need to stand on their own without supplemental funding unless previously agreed upon.
 - No additional funding will be applied so staff must decide where cutbacks will take place.
 - Thankfully, bond interest has accrued totaling between \$3-\$3.5M that will be applied to the projects.
- Council is hoping for a proposed plan from staff at the February 19 Council Meeting.
- Caveats include the equestrian center as the agreement with the Equestrian Foundation is a 50/50 match. Therefore, any additional funding the City applies obligates the foundation to an increase commitment. The Foundation has been notified of this requirement and is content with maintaining the current budget to achieve what is possible.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Bond Project Funding (General)

Q Is there another bond issuance occurring in the next few years? (Kaighin)

A The City has a AAA rating so it is always open to bond issuances, but the City Council has made it clear that future bonds would need to be applied to other high level City priorities including fire station repairs, etc. (Rodgers)

Q Could parks be prioritized within the current funding and then future bonds be acquired for lower priority bond projects? (Kaighin)

A City Council has informed staff that the City needs to deliver on what was promised to the public when the 2021 Bond Referendum was voted for approval and not to seek future bond funding for the time being.

Some projects that are currently at a standstill may be funding sources for other projects. For example, the Farmhouse / Heritage Park is completely reliant on parking accessibility only made possible through the private development neighboring Quick Trip. Should parking not be possible, the park project can no longer be explored, and the funds can be reallocated for other projects under the scope of the bond series. (Rodgers)

Q Is the work session that Council has similar to ours? (Piedrahita)

A Yes but they have theirs in the Council Chambers at the dais. (Rodgers)

Q What are the top priority bond projects according to staff? (Slavik)

A Webb Bridge, Wills Park, Mid-Broadwell, and Old Rucker. (Rodgers)

RE: Wacky World, Wills Park & Equestrian Center

Q Are we still getting funding from impact fees and hotel/motel for Wills Park? (Mitchell)

A We do still get funding, but impact fee funding is very specific as to the types of projects for which the funding can be applied. Wills Park is one of them. (Rodgers)

Q What are impact fees? (Kaighin)

A Fees paid by a developer for each projected resident "impacting" the community based on the size of the residential development being constructed. (Rodgers)

Q Do we not have enough funding for Wills Park Proper if the project is \$5.1M and we have \$5.2M committed? (Mitchell)

A The \$5.1M is the cost of the Wills Park Proper project when trimmed back to meet the \$5.2M allotment. (Rand)

Q The Wacky World playground is a two-week build? (Mitchell)

A Yes and is scheduled to be built in October with demolition in March. (Kirby)

Q Having Wacky World demolished in March seems like a high-time for playground patrons, no? (Saha)

A Staff understands, but the entire area must be resurfaced, rebuilt, trees removed, restroom built, etc. (Rodgers)

Q Looking at the cost of the equestrian center barns, the cost has quite a discrepancy. Why? (Norton)

A That's the difference in cost paid due to location. Staff is considering renovations versus complete rebuilds. This also allows staff to complete items under grandfathered parameters versus new development codes. (Rodgers)

Q Does having people pay for benches, etc. for placement at Wacky World help aide the bond projects? (Kaighin)

A No, it goes to a non-profit organization supporting the project. (Rodgers)

RE: Webb Bridge Park

Q Is Webb Bridge deemed high priority? (Norton)

A Yes, and this project will be completed. (Rodgers)

Q What vendor did the City select for the turf? (Beach)

A SprintTurf. (Rodgers)

c. Archery Program at Innovation Academy

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department introduced the item.
- The Atlanta Archery Club approached the city about moving its existing program to a new location that would enhance programming and serve the club.

- Recreation Services saw this as an opportunity to bring on a unique program that very few agencies in the state of Georgia offer and that will provide the community with a new and exciting sport.
- Staff recognizes that pricing may seem steep but there is a lot of training time offered within the pricing structure.
- After much discussion, staff offered Innovation Academy's old softball field as a location for the club to operate out of and to provide programming through classes and camps for the City. The club will also continue their clinics, events, and private instruction at this new location.
- Safety is being ensured through the installation of fencing, netting, a covered archery line (all to be procured and supplied by the club), and via the placement of the location at the back of the park. That said, staff believes that the club has exhibited a professional, safe set-up plan.
- The hope is to kick off the new programming in March.
- The principal at Innovation Academy is excited to partner with Atlanta Archery Club for intramural and after-school activities for their student body and has been very supportive throughout the process.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Archery Program at Innovation Academy

Q Is the vendor securing all costs? (Mitchell)

A Yes. (Young)

Q What is the cost? (Beach)

A Staff has not asked since there is no fiscal impact to the City. (Young)

Q Is the covered archery line a permanent structure? (Saha)

A While it may not be considered "permanent" is it immovable, and the structure seems aesthetic and safe. (Young)

Q How popular is the program? (Piedrahita)

A The club has a good following, and the owner/lead instructor is being offered the opportunity to provide private instruction as well as public instruction via the City as has been done with other recreational instructors (i.e. gymnastics). (Young)

Q Will the space be rentable for experienced archers? (Rand)

A Yes, the club has a membership program but that is facilitated directly through the club and not through the City. There were talks of making them a City partnered association, but staff would like to gauge the success of the program first. (Young)

Q What happened to the archery line at Sharp Shooters? (Kaighin)

A Sharp Shooters is closing. (Young)

Q Is there good parking to support the program? (Piedrahita)

- A Staff is working on available parking at Innovation as currently daylight parking is not permitted. (Young)
- Q Is Fulton County okay with this? (Mitchell)
- A The principal at Innovation is in support. (Young)
- Q How many instructors? (Saha)
- A There are at least (5) instructors.
- Q What about the certification process for those sub-instructors? (Saha)
- A Certification is required by all recreational instructors and sub-contracted instructors and will be required for the archery instructors as well. (Young)
- Q How does open shooting work for those who have taken only a few classes and wish to practice? (Mitchell)
- A This is something staff has to revisit. (Young)
- Q Will powerful crossbows be permitted? (Norton)
- A Rules and regulations would be put in place and the instructor would be present to prevent the use of unauthorized items such as powerful crossbows. (Young)
- Q What is the liability to the City should someone accidentally shoot another? (Saha)
- A Liability would be no different than a kid who hits a kid with a baseball. In addition, the program owner/instructor has to be insured. Liability is \$1M for the City. (Rodgers & Young)
- Q Does Council need to approve this? Do we? (Slavik)
- A No, this is more informative and to make the Rec Commission aware of a new program being onboarded. (Young)
- Q No bid is required? (Slavik)
- A No. (Rogers)
- Q What of the park rules recently approved that meant no projectiles? (Saha)
- A That rule applies in terms of an "open to the public" setting. This is an organized, contained setting. (Rogers)
- Q Are targets removed and locked away each night? (Norton)
- A Yes. (Rodgers)
- Q How many lanes will the archery line have? (Piedrahita)
- A 16. (Young)
- Q Does this open the door to axe throwing, flame throwing? (Kaighin)
- A Programs considered by the City would have to have enough of a following and interest to be truly considered. Axe throwing and flame throwing likely not have as much interest as archery which is recognized as an Olympic sport.

IV. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Commissioner Rand wished to ensure that the request was heard to have various organizations, beyond the major athletic associations, deliver updates at Recreation Commission meetings.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber O'Dwyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amber O'Dwyer
Administrative Office Coordinator



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By:

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Community Services Division Monthly Report - February 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The spring and some of the summer plants are sprouting. All germination is taking place in the greenhouse this season. Some electrical updates have been made to the greenhouse to enable this. First plant pick up for 2024 begins March 5th.
- January classes were a hit!
 - Establishing a Vegetable Garden on 1/11
 - Beekeeping Series on 1/14, 1/21, and 1/28
 - Bug Hotel on 1/15 and 1/16 (self-serve)
 - Birdhouse Gourds Craft on 1/17
 - Seed Starting for Success: Part I on 1/24
 - Book Club on 1/29

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- **The Think Globally. Plant Locally.** Grant program launched Feb 1. This program will offer participants a grant for their yard to become a certified wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. In addition, we will offer tailored workshops, purchase their sign for them from NWF, and they will receive a 20% discount to a local birding store to purchase feeders or other habitat supplies for local birds. Each participant will have from April 1-October 1 to complete their habitat requirements to become certified. Emily Dillard has taken the lead on this one, and she has thought of everything to make this a great program for our residents!
- **The Alpharetta Community Compost Program** will launch in April! We are taking a unique approach to community composting, utilizing home food waste dehydrators to stabilize the waste before it's transferred to Old Rucker Farm for composting. Our vendor partner offers a robust and very supportive municipal program, which will really help us be successful. Each participant will purchase a machine, which will be heavily subsidized by the vendor as part of their program. They will receive two 5 gal buckets, which will be branded with the program marketing collateral. We will have 96 gal. totes at the Farm, which program participants will be able to drop off their dehydrated food waste (DFW), and we will either feed it to the chickens or add it to our Compost Knox system for finishing. We are really looking forward to launching this one!
- We met with our two local Fulton County Library branches (Alpharetta and Milton) last fall, and we are on track to launch the seed library in April. We have volunteers packing seeds into coin envelopes at home, and we are finalizing the design of the seed labels this month. We will offer seasonal flower, herb and vegetable seeds, rotating them out appropriately with each season. Each seed packet includes a QR code

that takes the view to a page on how to plant/tend that particular species, offering a bit more information than we could fit on the seed envelope.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed in the previous meeting.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

February Classes:

- Container Gardening on 2/7
- Kids Winter Birding on 2/19 and 2/20
- Seed Starting for success: Class II on 2/21
- Garden Journal Making on 2/22
- How to Grow: Leafy greens on 2/24
- Growing an herb and spice garden on 2/26

March Classes:

- Compost in a Jar (self-serve for no school days) on 3/11 and 3/12
- All About Compost on 3/12
- Pollinator Garden with NWF on 3/16
- Pollinator Garden (Virtual) on 3/19
- How to Grow: Root Vegetables on 3/21
- Book Club on 3/25

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Kim Z. Manning
Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - February 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for the Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Public Art in Parks - "Alpharetta Greenway Mural Trail"– Mayor Proclamation for Rotary of North Fulton & Cultural Arts Commission Artist Recognition
- Play Me Again Pianos – Cogburn Park Piano Unveiling
- Girls On Fire Exhibit – Community Gallery at Alpharetta City Hall on Jan 20
- Earthbound Gallery Reception – Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery on Jan 27
- New – 2024 Arts & Culture Spring Guide

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Black History Month

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission to the Cultural Services Division that warranted a follow-up response.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- *Arts & Culture Online Calendar*

<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>

- Alpharetta Music City -- Live Music Calendar

<https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>

- *Earthbound* Gallery Exhibit / Alpharetta Arts Center now through March 9
- *Girls on Fire* Gallery Exhibit in coordination with Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra / Community Gallery in Alpharetta City Hall now through March 1
- *Eurydice* presented by ACT 1 Theater / Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box / Feb 9 -18
- *Music Match Performance* – Musician Riley Dennis / Jack's Feed Store / Feb 17 at 6pm
- *Celebrating Black History Month with Afro Latin Sounds* Concert / Alpharetta Arts Center / Feb 23 at 7pm / Free

- *Girls on Fire* presented by Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra / Alpharetta First United Methodist Church / Feb 23 at 8pm / Tickets <https://www.alpharettasympphony.org/girls-on-fire>
- *Celebrating Black History Month with Alpharetta Soul Train Experience* by Cultural Arts Commissioner Gene Andrews / Alpharetta Arts Center / Feb 24 at 6pm / Free
- *Music Match Performance* – Musician Frank Houston / Colletta / 7pm
- Studio Gallery Exhibit: Artists Broderick Hester / Alpharetta Arts Center now through March 5

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AAC Guide - Spring & Summer 2024
2. Cultural Services Presentation - February 2024



SPRING-SUMMER

FEBRUARY-AUGUST 2024

Art Classes
Performing Arts
Workshops
Cultural Happenings
Events
Gallery Exhibits

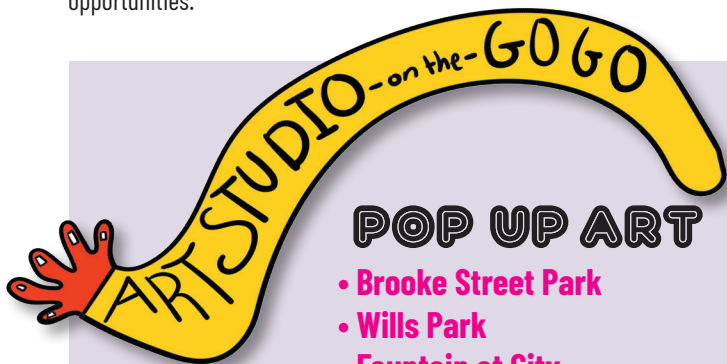




Cultural SERVICES

The City of Alpharetta provides a diverse and vibrant environment that advances art and promotes local history to create connections and roots in the Alpharetta community.

Public opportunities to engage with our community culture include the Alpharetta Arts Center, the Alpharetta & Old Milton County History Museum, art galleries featuring rotating exhibits, temporary and permanent public art projects, a walking historical marker tour, educational programming, curated music experiences, creative partnerships, and unique volunteer opportunities.



- Brooke Street Park
- Wills Park
- Fountain at City
- Center Green

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ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER & GALLERY

238 Canton Street Alpharetta, GA 30009

678-297-6135

arts-culture@alpharetta.ga.us

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-8:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday & Evenings:

Open during events

(Closed for City holidays and inclement weather)



PLAY ME AGAIN PIANOS

In partnership with the City of Alpharetta Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services are excited to announce the artist that was chosen to design and paint the new Cogburn Park piano. Alexa Bancroft Radock the creative genius behind Lexicon of Love Music Art, is a multi-talented artist with a diverse background. With over 12 years of experience as a passionate music educator. Alena states her concept is "a tribute to the state's vibrant musical legacy, celebrating both my students and the renowned musicians nurtured by Georgia"

The new piano is expected to be installed Mid-January. Be sure to look at the city calendar for the unveiling date.

FRONT COVER ARTIST

Angelika Domschke is a self-taught artist, born in Hamburg, Germany. She expresses her talent across several art forms: Illustration, painting, photography and sculpture. Having received a doctorate degree in Polymer Chemistry from the University of Hamburg, Angelika is also a scientist, which provides her with special skills for her art and rounds out her truly renaissance lifestyle. When not creating art, she devotes her time to biomedical innovations for health.

It is my wish that my art may bring joy and beauty to the world.

"Kingly Frog" : A tiny frog, so very contently seated on its flower throne, with an expression royalty indeed. May he inspire all those wonderful artists in the year to come.

Warmly, Angelika Domschke

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have many projects and art events throughout the year. Support from volunteers like you can help make them a huge success. [Click here to download the Volunteer Form.](#)

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Alpharetta Cultural Services, in partnership with Arts Alpharetta, have several opportunities throughout the year for artists to submit their work to be displayed in one of our three Galleries. We also seek artists for Public Art Projects throughout the City. Inquiries for both: [Call-for-artists arts-culture@alpharetta.ga.us](mailto:arts-culture@alpharetta.ga.us).

WANT TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR?

Throughout the year, Alpharetta Cultural Services Division and partners seek visual, musical, literary, performing artists and more to participate in programs, projects, and art-related opportunities. We offer workshops, short session classes (2-3 classes) and longer sessions (6-8 weeks) as well as virtual opportunities. Applications can be found at: www.alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture
[Instructor Application](#)
[Instructor Proposal](#)



LOOKING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ART CLASSES?

ART PALS

The Alpharetta Arts Center is offering Art Pals for art students with special needs. Through a partnership with Lionheart Life Center, Inc., we can offer you a one-on-one Art Pal to assist while taking a scheduled art class of your liking. To participate in the Art Pal program, reach out to the Alpharetta Arts Center directly so we can match an art student with an Art Pal based on needs and type of class you wish to take. Art pals are based on availability. Please allow 2-3 weeks to assign a pal for you. arts-culture@alpharetta.ga.us.



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Online registration will process faster than mail or walk-in.

Classes with low registration are subject to cancellation up to one week prior to class. If you are interested in a class, please sign up early! Multi-discipline classes and workshops available year round for all ages.

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Register For Spring Camps and Classes

Residential Registration Opens January 17, 2024

Non-Residential Registration Open January 31, 2024

Register For Summer Camps and Classes

Residential Registration Opens February 28, 2024

Non-Residential Registration Open March 13, 2024



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YOUTH & TEEN

ART CAMPS & SCHOOL BREAK DAY CLASSES

CRAFTY ROBLOX with Kidcreate

Calling all Robloxians! Take a step out of the virtual world and into the coolest art class ever! We'll create with clay, paint, (and more) as we sculpt a classic Roblox Noob. Whether you're a hardcore gamer (or more of a Noob), this is the perfect class for you. Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

AGE: 5-10

COST: \$150 Resident / \$225 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 19-20	M-Tu	9am-12pm	32010

SPRING CAMP: THE HOW TO'S OF DRAWING with Kidcreate

Does your young artist love to draw? This introductory drawing camp teaches kids the basic techniques and principles of drawing. We'll encourage creativity and imagination while experimenting with a variety of drawing materials and techniques. The kids will even receive their own sketchbook that they will get to keep and draw in throughout the camp! In Kidcreate's fun and supportive environment, your young artist will be eager to get drawing!

Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

AGE: 5-10

COST: \$225 Resident / \$337.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 1-Apr 4	M-Th	9am-12pm	32014

SPRING CAMP: BEGINNER CERAMICS ON THE WHEEL CAMP with Libby

Learn to create ceramic works of art on the potters' wheel this spring break! Each student will learn the basics of wheel thrown pottery while creating and glazing multiple ceramic pieces this week.

AGE: 9-12

COST: \$240 Resident / \$360 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 1-Apr 5	M-F	9am-12pm	32068

SPRING CAMP: BREAKING FREE with A Time to Create

A transformative journey to experience the freedom that comes from creative expression. In this self-expression camp, participants will explore creative ways to express a range of feelings and emotions while learning to respond in a healthy and positive way to negative circumstances. Activities consist of songwriting, art, and dance, among others.

AGE: 7-13

COST: \$300 Resident / \$450 Non-Resident

FEE: \$10 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 1-Apr 5	M-F	9:30am-1:30pm	32025

MONET UP CLOSE with Kidcreate Studio

Come get up close and personal with Monet! In this class, artists will learn about the master Impressionist painter Claude Monet. We'll paint, layer, collage, and more as we recreate one of Monet's most iconic images. Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

AGE: 5-10

COST: \$150 Resident / \$225 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 11-12	M-Tu	9am-12pm	32013



CREATIVE EXPRESSION! with a Time To Create

In this 2-day creative expression camp, participants will explore various ways to express emotions and respond positively to challenges. The main focus is on songwriting, complemented by other engaging self-expression activities.

AGE: 7-13

COST: \$150 Resident / \$225 Non-Resident

FEE: \$10 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 11-12	M-Tu	9:30am-1:30pm	32024

YOUTH & TEEN ART WORKSHOPS



CREATIVE PLAYGROUND

Little artists create a special piece of art each month! An adult must attend and participate with the child. All supplies provided. No fee: pre-registration required.

AGE: 3-5

COST: Free (Registration required)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 4	Mon	10:30-11:30am	32485
Apr 8	Mon	10:30-11:30am	32486
May 6	Mon	10:30-11:30am	32487



CREATING ART WITH COPIC MARKERS with Tina Willoughby

Come enjoy creating amazing art with copic markers in this encouraging classroom! Copic Markers are professional-quality markers that are highly regarded by artists for their smooth application and wide range of brilliant colors. Copsics can be layered and blended, they're streak-free, and they're permanent, which makes them a wonderful tool for creating art. We will do different styles of work to celebrate you! If you have copic markers, please bring them. I will have extra supplies for everyone to use.

AGE: 13-16

COST: \$20 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 16	Sat	10:30am-12:30pm	32091

MOMMY AND ME SCULPTING BUNNIES with Libby Dunkin

Little artists will play with clay while creating a ceramic bunny during this step-by-step workshop. After sculpting, we will glaze our pieces and they will be kiln-fired and ready for pickup in about 2 weeks.

AGE: 3-7

COST: \$25 Resident / \$37.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 16	Sat	10:30am-11:30pm	32065

GIRL SCOUT POTTERS BADGE WORKSHOP with Libby Dunkin

Calling all Girl Scouts! Earn your potter's badge while creating a ceramic piece of art. Girl Scouts will learn the basics of clay and the firing process and will sculpt and glaze a clay coil pot. Pieces will be fired and ready for pickup in about 2 weeks!

AGE: 6-9

COST: \$30 Resident / \$45 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 16	Sat	12-1:30pm	32066

EASTER PRINTS with Greg Stone

With the Easter season comes traditions of decorating eggs, the Easter bunny, egg hunts and Easter baskets, pastel colors, and the warmth of spring around the corner. In this printmaking class, students will use foam plates to draw eggs with decorative patterns to be inked up in fun, bright colors and printed! Students will walk away with a basket full of handmade, technicolor egg prints! Adult must accompany the student and participate with the child.

AGE: 3-5

COST: \$60 Resident / \$90 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 30	Sat	11am-1pm	32050

SLIME TIME: MASTERING THE GOOEY CRAFT with Ashley King

Unlock a World of Squishy Fun: Slime-Making Workshop for Kids! Dive into an hour of hands-on, gooey goodness where your child will master the art of slime creation. Perfect for budding scientists and curious minds, our workshop encourages creativity, sensory play, and even a touch of science. Not only will they take home their custom-made slime, but also memories of a fun-filled session. Let them enjoy a playful break from screens, because sometimes, the best memories are a little sticky!

AGE: 6-14

COST: \$55 Resident / \$82.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 3	Wed	1:30-2:30pm	32074
Aug 17	Sat	12:30-1:30pm	32079

YOUTH & TEEN ART WORKSHOPS

ZINE MANIA with Greg Stone

"Zines" are small, DIY, self-published books. In this workshop, students will learn how to turn a single sheet of paper into an 8-page zine! Zines, books, and comics will be discussed as students create their own small zines that can be duplicated on a copy machine! By the end of the workshop, students will walk away with a small edition and be able to trade their zines with fellow classmates!

COST: \$55 Resident / \$82.50 Non-Resident

AGE: 6-12

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 27	Sat	11am-1:30pm	32052

AGE: 13-16

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jun 22	Sat	11am-1:30pm	32059

MAY FLOWERS FOAM PRINTS with Greg Stone

As the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers! In this beginner's youth printmaking class, students will create floral relief prints using foam plates. Students will learn the basics of creating a relief plate and how to print on a press and by hand to create colorful floral prints! No experience necessary! An adult must require to accompany the student and participate with the child.

AGE: 3-5

COST: \$60 Resident / \$90 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
May 18	Sat	11am-1:30pm	32056

POSTCARD PRINTS with Greg Stone

Have you gone on a road trip or family vacation this summer but forgot to send a postcard? Don't fret! Join this Postcard Printing workshop and make your own postcards to send to friends and family! Students will use stamps, stencils, and more to make their own unique postcards they can keep or mail!

AGE: 6-12

COST: \$45 Resident / \$67.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jul 13	Sat	10:30am-12:30pm	32061



YOUTH & TEEN ART CLASSES

MAGICAL MYSTICAL CREATURES with Kidcreate Studio

Mystical Creatures fans, you're in luck, because we have the perfect class for you! We'll make adorable mystical creatures that dazzle, sparkle, and shine as we explore a wide array of materials and techniques.

AGE: 5-10

COST: \$150 Resident / \$225 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 22-Mar 28	Thu	4:30-5:30pm	32012

SEW PLUSH with Fashion Workshop

Students will create all things plush while learning to hand sew. We will create a Pretzel Pillow, Stuffed Turtle, and Hat along with other fun projects. Projects may change upon the discretion of the instructor. This is a great class to practice focus, and patience, enhance creativity, and build self-confidence.

AGE: 6-12

COST: \$235 Resident / \$352.50 Non-Resident

FEE: \$25 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 4-May 20 (Skip 3/11, 4/1)	Mon	4-5pm	32022

COMMUNITY ART GARDEN: "Birds of a Feather" with Marianne Casey Spring

Community Art Garden Class: "Birds of a Feather" This class will create bird and birdhouse-themed projects out of various art media. Join us as we explore different art mediums each week covering a central theme to be displayed in our Community Art Garden. Projects will be on display outside in the Art Garden until the next themed class is implemented at which time students may retrieve projects that have endured, and that they wish to keep.

AGE: 10-14

COST: \$125 Resident / \$187.50 Non-Resident

FEE: \$25 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 5-May 14 (Skip 3/12, 4/2, 5/7)	Tue	5-7pm	32028

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INTRODUCTION TO MANGA AND ANIME ART with Joanne Easlick
During this 6-week session, students are introduced to basic anime and manga techniques. Beginning with simple step-by-step drawings students will learn facial expressions, body proportions, and coloring techniques. Students will create a character that will be used in the creation of their own image.

AGE: 8-12
COST: \$185 Resident / \$277.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Mar 14-Apr 25 (Skip 4/4)	Thu	6-7:30pm	32071

CREATING COMICS with Morgan Hayes

Students learn how to tell a story through pictures, inking techniques, and using perspective and emphasis to make their story more interesting. Students will design their own characters and study how to draw different poses and expressions.

AGE: 7-12
COST: \$90 Resident / \$135 Non-Resident (6 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar18- Apr 29 (Skip 4/1)	Mon	4:30-5:30pm	32085

COST: \$60 Resident / \$90 Non-Resident (4 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Aug 5- Aug 26	Mon	4:30-5:30pm	32087

PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS with Morgan Hayes

Students learn beginning techniques in acrylic, gouache, and watercolor. We will learn color theory, lighting, and shading, as well as the basics of drawing from life. Students will have multiple small projects and will finish the class with a finished still life on a wood canvas.

AGE: 8-15
COST: \$100 Resident / \$150 Non-Resident (6 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar18- Apr 29 (Skip 4/1)	Mon	5:45-6:45pm	32086

COST: \$70 Resident / \$105 Non-Resident (4 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Aug 5- Aug 26	Mon	5:45-6:45pm	32088

WATERCOLOR+ PEN+ INK with Tina Willoughby

Come enjoy painting with watercolor, pen, and ink in this fun, uplifting class. All skill levels are welcome!

AGE: 13-16
COST: \$75 Resident / \$112.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Aug 5-Aug 26	Mon	5-7 pm	32092

EXPRESSIVE COLORS: AN ART JOURNEY with Beuté Aïress

Learn and explore the Art masters and their techniques. These classes are a perfect way for your young explorer get exposure to different styles and mediums of Art.

AGE: 6-12
FEE: \$40 supply fee is payable to instructor at the time of the first class.
COST: \$110 Resident / \$165 Non-Resident (6 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 10-May 15	Wed	4-6pm	32097

COST: \$75 Resident / \$112.50 Non-Resident (4 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Aug 7-Aug 28	Wed	4-6pm	32098

SPRING GARDEN CLAY SCULPTING CLASS with Libby Dunkin

Students will learn the basics of clay hand-building while creating simple clay pots and garden art! We will be sculpting and glazing all pieces and then planting in our clay pots on the last day of the session!

AGE: 5-7
COST: \$130 Resident / \$195 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Apr 11-May 16	Thu	3:30-4:30pm	32069

TEEN & ADULT ART WORKSHOPS

ART ACADEMY with Kidcreate Studio

Does your child love art? Painting, drawing, clay- it's all awesome! We will experiment with many techniques, materials, and styles as we make snow globes, paint on canvas, create clay characters, and more. Come ready to have an artsy good time in this highly anticipated class!

AGE: 5-10

COST: \$150 Resident / \$225 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 11-May 16	Thu	4:30-5:30pm	32015

KIDS CLAY SCULPTING with Libby Dunkin

Students will learn about clay, hand building techniques, glazing, and the firing process while creating a variety of ceramic pieces. Pieces will be glazed, and kiln fired and ready for pick up about 2 weeks after the last class.

AGE: 8-12

COST: \$145 Resident / \$217.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 11-May 16	Thu	4:45-6pm	32070

SUMMER COMMUNITY ART GARDEN with Marianne Casey

Join us as we explore a new art medium each week covering a central theme to create projects to be displayed outside in our Community Art Garden. Previous themes: Flower Power, Getting Buggy and Creepy Critters. All art will be on display for the duration of the class and desired items that endured may be retrieved when the Garden turns over to the next theme. Let's create some summer art to share together!

AGE: 10-14

COST: \$125 Resident / \$187.50 Non-Resident

FEE: \$25 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jun 4-Jul 30 (Skip 7/2)	Tue	6-8pm	32029



SECOND LIFE STATIONARY: ART OF REPURPOSED PAPER with Ashley King

In this immersive and engaging workshop, you'll learn the timeless art of papermaking, revamped for the modern, environmentally conscious age. We'll guide you through the process of turning your seemingly ordinary paper scraps into beautiful, unique, and handmade paper - ideal for gift tags, scrapbooking, journaling, note-making, watercolor art projects, and much more.

AGE: 13+

COST: \$47 Resident / \$70.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 23	Sat	11am-12pm	32073
Aug 17	Sat	11am-12pm	32080

PAINT AND PROPAGATE with Ashley King

In this hands-on workshop, you'll have the opportunity to express your artistic flair by painting your own plant pot, transforming it into a unique masterpiece that reflects your style and personality. Whether you're a seasoned painter or haven't touched a brush in years, you will be guided through the process, ensuring that your vision comes to life. But the magic doesn't stop there! You'll also learn the art of propagating a mint plant, one of the most versatile and aromatic herbs out there. Discover the secrets to nurturing and growing this delightful herb, perfect for adding fresh flavor to your culinary creations or simply enjoying its soothing fragrance.

AGE: 13+

COST: \$67 Resident / \$100.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 27	Sat	12:30-1:30pm	32076
Jun 22	Sat	12:30-1:30pm	32078

PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS with Jeremy Rogers

Complete a Bob Ross painting in just one class—even if you've never painted before! That's the magic of the techniques used by Bob Ross in his popular TV series, The Joy of Painting®. Bob Ross Certified Instructor Jeremy Rogers walks you through step by step how to paint a beautiful Ross landscape (or seascape), complete with "happy trees"! This light-hearted painting class is totally focused on creating beauty and having fun! (Only Bob Ross paints and brushes are used to give you an authentic experience.)

AGE: 13+

COST: \$52 Resident / \$78 Non-Resident

FEE: \$20 supply fee is payable to instructor on the of the first day of class.

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 20	Sat	10:30-2pm	32081
Jun 1	Sat	10:30-2pm	32082
Aug 3	Sat	10:30-2pm	32083



ONE-DAY SKETCHBOOK JOURNAL WORKSHOP with Carrie Willard
Learn how to overcome the fear of a blank sketchbook by learning various techniques to get your creative energy flowing.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$60 Resident / \$90 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar7	Thu	5-8pm	32093
Jul 25	Thu	5-8pm	32095

WATERCOLOR ONE-DAY WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE
with Leena Joshi
Learn the basic skills of watercolor (i.e. consistencies, washes) and more. Join the workshop designed for those who wish to improve watercolor. Our step-by-step demonstrations will help you understand how to paint well with watercolors! For beginner and intermediate skill levels.

AGE:	18+		
COST:	\$40 Resident / \$60 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 9	Sat	10:30am-1:30pm	32036
Mar 30	Sat	10:30am-1:30pm	32038
Apr 13	Sat	10:30am-1:30pm	32039
May 11	Sat	10:30am-1:30pm	32040

SCRATCHBOARD WORKSHOP with Debra Yaun

Attendees will learn the basics of starting a scratchboard and the use of different tools with Debra Yaun. Ampersand will provide free sample boards to practice on as well as a 5 x 7 board to do a project. Color application will also be covered.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$85 Resident / \$127.50 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 9	Sat	10:30am-3:30pm	32532

MONOTYPE MADNESS with Greg Stone

Forget brackets in this down-and-dirty beginning printmaking course where you will learn fun and simple techniques for creating unique, one-of-a-kind prints! From stencils to image transfers, additives and subtractive methods, trace monotype, and more, students will leave with a variety of handmade prints and the know-how to continue making prints at home! March Madness is not exclusive to the basketball court, as students in this workshop will experience the inky, fun, chaos that is Monotype Madness! No printmaking experience is necessary!

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$80 Resident / \$120 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Mar 11	Mon	5-8pm	32046
Mar 12	Tue	5-8pm	32047

ACCORDION BOOKS with Greg Stone

Curious about book forms? This beginning course will discuss various structures books can take while specifically exploring the Accordion Book form. Students will learn the basics of creating hardcovers and variations on the accordion structure while walking away with their own hand-made books! No experience necessary!

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$80 Resident / \$120 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 23	Tue	5-8pm	32051
May 2	Thu	5-8pm	32053

FROM WRITER TO PUBLISHED AUTHOR: THE ROADMAP WORKSHOP with Ashley King

Unlock Your Author Dreams! Discover the A-Z of Self-Publishing in our workshop. Learn to write, publish, and market your book with confidence. From crafting your manuscript to navigating publishing platforms and promoting your work, our expert guidance empowers you every step of the way. Join us to turn your writing dream into a published reality. Don't miss this opportunity to become an author and share your story with the world!

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$67 Resident / \$100.50 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 27	Sat	11am-12pm	32075
Jun 22	Sat	11am-12pm	32077

ADULT ART WORKSHOPS

MAY FLOWERS - Beginning Linocut with Greg Stone

As the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers! In this beginner printmaking class, students will use the onset of Spring as inspiration to create floral relief prints using linoleum. Students will learn the basics of carving, registration, and printing in black & white as well as exploring color. Fill your home this Spring with beautiful May Flower prints! No experience necessary!

AGE: 16+

COST: \$80 Resident / \$120 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
May 7	Tue	5-8pm	32054
May 16	Thu	5-8pm	32055

LINOCUT LANDSCAPES with Greg Stone

Have you visited a special place you'd like to turn into a work of art? Bring your inspiration and make a print in this beginning printmaking workshop! This class will cover the basics of carving, registration, printing with and without a press. This workshop will focus on printing in black and white. Students will carve a block and print in class leaving with a small edition of their piece!

AGE: 16+

COST: \$80 Resident / \$120 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jun 3	Mon	5-8pm	32057
Jul 10	Wed	5-8pm	32060

STENCIL PRINTING POSTCARDS with Greg Stone

Have you gone on a road trip or family vacation but forgot to send postcards!? Fret not! In this beginning printmaking class, students will learn about pochoir, or stencil printing, creating their own stencils to print multi-color postcards!

AGE: 16+

COST: \$80 Resident / \$120 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jun 18	Tue	5-8pm	32058
Jul 18	Thu	5-8pm	32063

WET & WILD: MONOTYPE PRINTING with Greg Stone

Feeling the Summer heat? Come cool off in this beginning class exploring monotype printing! Students will learn fun and simple techniques for creating unique, one-of-a-kind prints. From stencils and image transfers to additive and subtractive methods, to trace monotype and more, and the know-how to continue making prints at home! Printing monotypes requires soaking paper in water, so students should expect to get little wet in this workshop.

AGE: 16+

COST: \$80 Resident / \$120 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jul 17	Wed	5-8pm	32062

DOG DAYS- BEGINNING LINOCUT with Greg Stone

The dog days of Summer are here! Do you have a cuddly furball at home that you like to keep cool inside or take to the river or lake for a refreshing dip on a hot Summer day? Honor your fur babies with a handmade pet portrait! Students will learn the basics of carving and printing linoleum in this down-and-dirty relief workshop. Transfer techniques, registration, as well as printing with and without a press will be covered! No previous experience necessary.

AGE: 16+

COST: \$80 Resident / \$120 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Aug 7	Wed	5-8pm	32064



Intensive Workshop

INTRO TO TRADITIONAL OIL PAINTING Intensive workshop with Beth Smith
Learn techniques and concepts from the Renaissance to the present. Learn the work inspired by nature, music, and the human experience. Explore the beauty of the natural world and connect with others to create something that is both beautiful and meaningful.

AGE: 18+

COST: \$425 Resident / \$637.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Aug 12-14	M,Tu,W	9am-4pm	32084

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INSPIRATIONAL ACRYLICS, OILS, PASTELS, AND DRAWING with June Oros
Let's inspire each other! As the beginning student starts their journey in painting and drawing, they will learn about the basics of composition, value, shapes, etc., while reminding the more experienced students of the basic rules and styles.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$110 Resident / \$165 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 21-Mar 27	Wed	10am-12:30pm	31568
Apr 10-May 15	Wed	10am-12:30pm	31569

SILK PAINTING AND BATIK TECHNIQUE IN SCARVES & FINE ART with Leslie
This class is appropriate for all levels from beginners to established artists seeking to explore the use of professional steam set dyes to create luminous, vibrant artwork on silk. Students will apply dye using techniques including water-based resist, soy wax batik, and thickened dye. Imagery and templates are available for reference. Students are also encouraged to develop their own expressive design. The supply fee includes dyes, brushes, and frames needed including one 22x22" scarves. Students will work at their own pace but will likely be able to paint additional scarves that can be purchased for \$8-\$15 depending on the size and type of silk used.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$150 Resident / \$225 Non-Resident		
FEE:	\$30 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 5-Apr 16 (Skip 4/2)	Tue	6-8pm	32031
Apr 23-May 28	Tue	6-8pm	32032
Jul 9-Aug 13	Tue	6-8pm	32033

KNITTING BASICS with Allison Saunders

This class is for new or experienced knitters. Those new to knitting will be provided yarn and needles by the instructor and learn knitting basics including casting on, binding off, knitting, purling, increasing, and decreasing. The goal is to finish a scarf before the end of the class session. For those who have experience or are returning to knitting after a break, the instructor will work with them on projects they have started, help them read patterns, and learn new stitches and techniques/solve problems.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$85 Resident / \$127.50 Non-Resident		
FEE:	\$22 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 5-Apr 16 (Skip 4/2)	Tue	6-8pm	32030

PAINT YOUR PET IN OIL (Semi Realistic) with Ben Herrington

Join us at the Alpharetta Arts Center and allow Ben Herrington to be your creative guide in this artistic adventure. Whether you're looking to refine your painting abilities or embark on a new artistic journey, Ben's class is an opportunity to explore the world of oil painting, capture the essence of your beloved belongings, and create art that you'll cherish forever.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$125 Resident / \$187.50 Non-Resident		
FEE:	\$35 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 6-Apr 17 (Skip 4/3)	Wed	6-8pm	32089

WATERCOLOR FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE With Leena Joshi

Learn the tips and tricks that will make watercolor painting a lot easier! Learn about value study, color mixing, washes, wet-on-wet, wet-over-dry, and more. For beginner and intermediate skill levels.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$120 Resident / \$180 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 6-Apr 10 (Skip 4/3)	Wed	6:30- 8:15pm	32037

FUN WITH FIBER with Sarika Jaswani

This crochet class includes learning of beginning, intermediate to advanced levels of crochet courses with guidance from an American Craft Council-certified instructor.

AGE:	All		
COST:	\$50 Resident / \$75 Non-Resident		
FEE:	\$15 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the time of the first class.		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 16-May 4 (Skip 4/6)	Sat	1:15-2:15pm	32072

BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE PASTEL ENTHUSIASTS with Randie LeVan

This is everything you wanted to know. If you love color & desire to learn about the fundamentals of the medium, various uses, surfaces, applications, tools & history; and a place to safely understand and experiment, this is the class for you! It's an intimidation-free zone.

AGE:	18+		
COST:	\$240 Resident / \$360 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 19-Apr 30 (Skip 4/2)	Tue	9:30am-12pm	32291

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SKETCHBOOK JOURNAL with Carrie Willard

Learn how to overcome the fear of a blank sketchbook by learning various techniques to get your creative energy flowing. In this 4-week series, you will learn how to use different mediums to enhance your creative journey.

AGE: 16+

COST: \$150 Resident / \$225 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 21-Apr 18 (Skip 4/4)	Thu	10am- 12:30pm	32094
Aug 8-Aug 29	Thu	10am- 12:30pm	32096

PAINT YOUR HOUSE IN WATERCOLOR (Semi Realistic) with Ben Herrington

Ben's warm and friendly approach to teaching ensures a welcoming atmosphere for both beginners and seasoned artists. If you're looking to refine your painting abilities or embark on a new artistic journey, Ben's class is an opportunity to explore the world of watercolor, capture the essence of your beloved belongings, and create art that you'll cherish forever.

AGE: 16+

COST: \$125 Resident / \$187.50 Non-Resident

FEE: \$35 supply fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jul 24-Aug 28	Wed	6-8pm	32090

ADULT CERAMIC ART CLASSES

INTRO TO WHEEL THROWN POTTERY with Rosita Czekala

Students will be introduced to throwing on a pottery wheel to create functional pottery, as well as various decoration techniques. Each student will be able to go home with a finished piece of their own creation.

AGE: 16+

FEE: \$40 supply fee payable at the time of Registration to cover the cost of clay, glazes, tools, firing, and open studio hours

COST: \$156 Resident / \$234 Non-Resident (6 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 20-Mar 26	Tue	6:30-9pm	31555
Apr 9-May 14	Tue	6:30-9pm	31560

COST: \$130 Resident / \$195 Non-Resident (5 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jun 4-Jul 16 (Skip 6/25, 7/2)	Tue	6:30-9pm	31565
Jul 23-Aug 20	Tue	6:30-9pm	32006

WHEEL THROWN POTTERY FOR ALL with Rosita Czekala

Learn new skills or advance your technique in this wheel class for all levels.

AGE: 16+

FEE: \$40 supply fee payable at the time of Registration to cover the cost of clay, glazes, tools, firing, and open studio hours

COST: \$156 Resident / \$234 Non-Resident (6 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 21-Mar 27	Wed	11am-1:30pm	31556
Feb 21-Mar 27	Wed	6:30-9pm	31557
Apr 10-May 15	Wed	11am-1:30pm	31561
Apr 10-May 15	Wed	6:30-9pm	31562

COST: \$130 Resident / \$195 Non-Resident (5 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
June 5-July 17 (Skip 6/26, 7/3)	Wed	6:30-9pm	31566
July 24-Aug 21	Wed	6:30-9pm	32007



HANDBUILDING IN CLAY with Rosita Czekala

Learn clay handbuilding techniques and create a variety of projects using slabs, coils, stamps, and more. Hands-on instruction.

AGE: 16+

FEE: \$40 supply fee payable at the time of Registration to cover the cost of clay, glazes, tools, firing, and open studio hours

COST: \$156 Resident / \$234 Non-Resident (6 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 22-Mar 28	Thu	11:30am-2pm	31558
Feb 22-Mar 28	Thu	6:30-9pm	31559
Apr 11-May 16	Thu	11:30am-2pm	31563
Apr 11-May 16	Thu	6:30-9pm	31564

COST: \$130 Resident / \$195 Non-Resident (5 sessions)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Jun 6-Jul 18 (Skip 6/27, 7/4)	Thu	6:30-9pm	31567
July 25-Aug 22	Thu	6:30-9pm	32008

ADULT CERAMIC WORKSHOPS



BEGINNER MOSAIC WORKSHOP with Libby

Learn the basics of cutting, shaping, and arranging glass to create a mosaic design, then grout your piece to finish!

AGE: 16+
FEE: \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class.
COST: \$40 Resident / \$60 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 23	Sat	1-4pm	32067

CERAMIC/HANDBUILDING WORKSHOP with Rosita Czekala

Students will make a different seasonal ceramic art project. This workshop is perfect for all skill levels. We will come back in 3 weeks to glaze.

AGE: 16+
COST: \$100 Resident / \$150 Non-Resident
FEE: \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 23	Sat	11am-3pm	32004
May 4	Sat	11am-3pm	32005
Aug 10	Sat	11am-3pm	32009

MOLD MAKING with Rosita Czekala

In this two-day workshop, we will life-cast our faces with skin-safe, life-casting silicone rubber. You will then have a rubber mold that you can press clay into, to form the face in clay. You can make a mask to hang on the wall or make a head from the mold. You will be able to use the mold repeatedly. The process of silicone and plaster on the face will be approximately 30 min. If you're claustrophobic this might cause a little discomfort.

AGE: 16+
COST: \$225 Resident / \$337.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 10-11	Sat-Sun	11am-3pm	32002

OPEN STUDIO

PAINTER'S OPEN STUDIO: ALL MEDIA with June Oros

Looking for a creative environment to work on your projects and be creative with fellow artists? We are now offering an open studio for painters of all media. Students will work alongside June Oros, who will monitor the studio sessions and be available if needed. Open studio is not an instructor-led class.

AGE:	16+		
COST:	\$45 Resident / \$67.50 Non-Resident		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 21-Mar 27	Wed	1-3:30pm	31570
Apr 10-May 15	Wed	1-3:30pm	31571

OPEN STUDIO (FOR EXISTING CLAY STUDENTS)

Join us for Open Studio for (existing clay students only). This is a time to finish work started in class and gives students an opportunity to practice skills learned in class. This time is not intended as a free time to start new work/projects. There will be no formal instruction, but instructor/volunteer will be present to answer simple questions and assist in keeping the environment safe and organized.

AGE:	18+		
COST:	Free to currently enrolled clay students		
DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	
Mar 1- May 24 (Skip 4/5)	Fri	9am - 2pm	
Mar 5- May 21 (Skip 4/2)	Tue	3-6pm	
Aug 9-Aug 30	Fri	9am - 2pm	
Mar 9-Jul 13	Sat	10:30am-3:30pm	
		(2nd Sat of the month)	



YOUTH & TEEN PERFORMING ARTS

SELF-EXPRESSION SONGWRITING CLASS with A Time to Create
 In this songwriting class, participants will discover the art of expressing their emotions and feelings through the creation of unique songs. This class empowers them to articulate their feelings rather than suppressing them or reacting negatively. Additionally, they will acquire valuable skills including personal growth, self-assurance, and self-awareness.

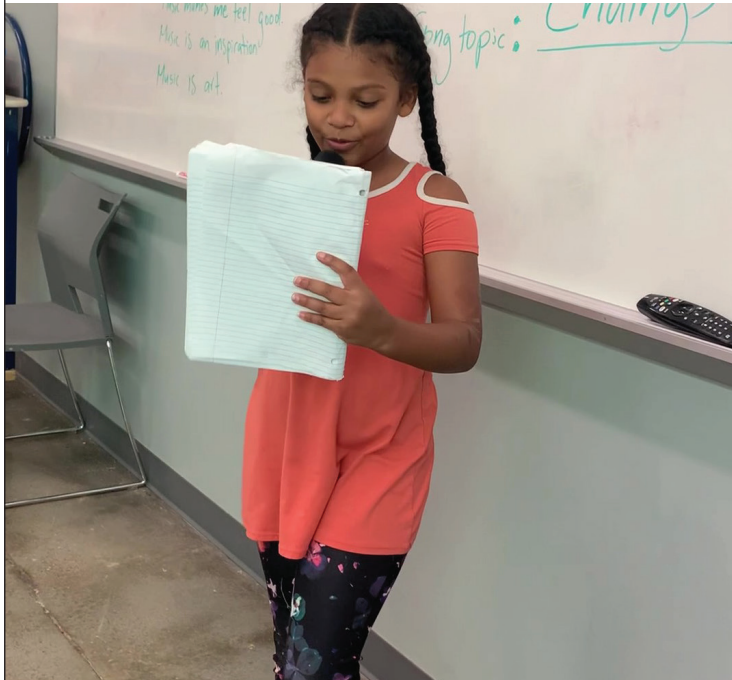
AGE: 7-13
 COST: \$230 Resident / \$345 Non-Resident
 FEE: \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 5- Apr 16 (Skip 4/2)	Tue	3-4:15pm	32023

SONGWRITING- ENRICHMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM A Time to Create
 This class will work to transfer emotions into inspirational creative songs that help build confidence and personal development while helping generations to come.

AGE: 7-13
 COST: \$190 Resident / \$285 Non-Resident
 FEE: \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 23-May 21	Tue	3-4:15pm	32026
Jul 20-Aug 17	Sat	10:30-11:45am	32027



ADAPTIVE ARTS

ADAPTIVE PHYSIO JAZZ with Sideways Dance Company
 The Physio Jazz program is dedicated to giving everyone an opportunity to dance. Class is offered for its participants and to help individuals with developmental disabilities work on muscle tone, balance, and coordination. The class also increases opportunities for social interaction and promotes awareness about the benefits of dance for all people – regardless of their abilities or disabilities. The class is meant to be a way for students to increase their dance and coordination skills to the highest possible level.

AGE: 8+
 COST: Free (Pre-registration required)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 9	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32041
Apr 20	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32042
May 18	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32043
Jun 1	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32044
Aug 3	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32045

ADAPTIVE ART with Lionheart Works
 Art class using a variety of mediums geared specifically towards young adults with autism and other neurodevelopmental differences.

AGE: 16+
 COST: Free (Pre-registration required)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 7- Mar 28	Thu	1:30-2:30pm	32034
June 6- June 27	Thu	1:30-2:30pm	32035

FREE Jammin Concert
Each Month!

2nd Annual

Eclectic Lawn

summer concert series

FRIDAY NIGHTS, 7-9:30pm
June 14 • July 12 • Aug 9
 Enjoy a mixed bag of groovy, live music.
 Bring your picnic blankets, chairs and snacks.

ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER
 FOR MORE INFO GO TO: ALPHARETTA.GA.US/ARTS-CULTURE
678.297.6135

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SUMMER

Kids can explore their creative side in this full day art camp. Choose your classes from 2 options in the AM and 2 options in the PM.
Cost includes optional Early Drop-Off and Extended Care Pick-Up. Register online or in person at the Alpharetta Arts Center.

AGES 7-12 • COST: \$200 Resident / \$300 Non-Resident • FEE: A non-refundable \$50 supply fee is due at the time of registration.

Full day camps include 8am-9am: Early drop off. 4:30pm-6pm: Extended care pick-up.



CAMP CREATIVE

Camp Day Schedule:

8am-9am: Early Drop-Off

9am-12pm: AM Class

12pm-1:30pm: Supervised Lunch Break

1:30pm-4:30pm: PM Class

4:30pm-6pm: Extended Care Pick-Up



SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 1:	Jun 3-7	9am-4:30pm	#32099

AM Class A: The Life Of An Artist With Sonia Emore

AM Class B: Art And Beyond! With Leena Joshi

PM Class C: Bob Ross Kids' Painting Camp! With Jeremy Rogers

PM Class D: Monet, Matisse, And Impressionism With Sue Miller

SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 2:	Jun 10-14	9am-4:30pm	32113

AM Class E: Creating From Within with Sonia Emore

AM Class F: Seurat, Monet & Pointillism with Sue Miller

PM Class G: Bob Ross Kids' Painting Camp! with Jeremy Rogers

PM Class H: Learn Crocheting with Sarika Jaswani

SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 3:	Jun 17-21	9am-4:30pm	32123

AM Class I: Sculpture Camp with Libby Dunkin

AM Class J: Van Gogh & Munch- Art In Motion with Sue Miller

PM Class K: Sewing For Artists: Painting And Sewing Bags & Aprons with Sarah

PM Class L: Vacation Printmaking with Greg Stone

SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 4:	Jun 24-28	9am-4:30pm	32134

AM Class M: The Life Of An Artist with Sonia Emore

AM Class N: Exploration Of Mediums with Sue Miller

PM Class O: Bob Ross Kids' Painting Camp! with Jeremy Rogers

PM Class P: Hand Painted Silk Scarves Using Resist And Dyes with Leslie Todder

SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 5:	Jul 8-12	9am-4:30pm	32140

AM Class Q: Resin Camp with Libby Dunkin

AM Class R: 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea! with Leena Joshi

PM Class S: Bob Ross Kids' Painting Camp! with Jeremy Rogers

PM Class T: Print-A-Wonga with Greg Stone

SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 6:	Jul 15-19	9am-4:30pm	32146

AM Class U: Painting Camp with Libby Dunkin

AM Class V: Hungry For Art with Leena Joshi

PM Class W: Fashion Basics For Aspiring Fashionistas with Sarah Lyons

PM Class X: Vacation Printmaking with Greg Stone

CAMPS

Learn how to make arts & crafts like back in the old days in the Log Cabin. Country Living Arts & Crafts Camp offer you the chance to explore a different more hands on side of art. Let's get creative this summer with this full day fun and exciting day at the Historic Log Cabin.

AGES 7-12 • COST: \$200 Resident / \$300 Non-Resident • FEE: A non-refundable \$50 supply fee is due at the time of registration.

Full day camps include 8am-9am: Early drop off. 4:30pm-6pm: Extended care pick-up.

COUNTRY LIVING ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP

FULL DAY
CAMPS

Camp Day Schedule:

8am-9am: Early Drop-Off

9am-12pm: AM Class

12pm-1:30pm: Supervised Lunch Break

1:30pm-4:30pm: PM Class

4:30pm-6pm: Extended Care Pick-Up



SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
SSession 1:	Jun 3-7	9am-4:30pm	32155

AM Class: Country Living at Home: Handmade Candles, Floral Arrangements, Soaps, and More!

PM Class: Camp- Print-A-Wonga: Learn Printmaking

SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 2:	Jun 10-14	9am-4:30pm	32156

AM Class: Reisin Camp: make jewelry, keychains, geodes, and sculptures

AM Class: Fashion Basics For Aspiring Fashionistas: Learn sewing.

SESSION:	DATES:	TIME:	ACTIVITY#:
Session 3:	Jun 17-21	9am-4:30pm	32157

AM Class: Creating From Within: express your feelings and emotions through art forms.

AM Class: Learn Crochet: Make soap sacks and more!



Create!
Make Friends!
Have Fun!



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP



CANVAS & CLAY with Kidcreate Studio

Creating with clay and painting on canvas- it just doesn't get any better than that! In this camp, your child will experiment with many different types of art while learning simple step-by-step painting and clay techniques. They will make 3D bears, owls that glow in the dark, a scratchboard painting of a cat and so much more! What a great way for your child to explore the incredible world of art! Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

Ages 5 to 7

Cost: \$225 Residents / \$337.50 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
May 28-31	Tue-Fri	9am-12pm	32172

AMERICAN ART GURUS with Kidcreate Studio

In this camp, children will learn and get inspired by the greatest American artist of all time with their stories, struggles, and achievements including Jeff Koons, Jackson Pollock, Jasper Johns, and Georgia O'Keeffe (among others). Kids will create their own artwork taking inspiration from them. Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

Ages 7 to 12

Cost: \$225 Residents / \$337.50 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
May 28-31	Tue-Fri	9am-12pm	32174

MARVELOUS MASTERS with Kidcreate Studio

We will be inspired by art created by Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, Rembrandt, and Pablo Picasso. We will recreate famous works of art like Van Gogh's Starry Night, Monet's Water Lilies, Rembrandt's The Mill, and many others, all on real canvas boards. Make room on your walls! Your child is going to be very proud of these masterpieces!

Ages 7 to 12

Cost: \$225 Residents / \$337.50 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
May 28-31	Tue-Fri	1-4pm	32173

LET'S MAKE A SKIRT with Fashion Workshops, LLC

Learn how to sew while making a summer skirt collection. Campers will pick from our collection of skirt designs and fabric. This is a great camp for students who are interested in Fashion Design and Sewing. Learn how to encase elastic to make a waistband, straight stitching, and hemming. Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine and create a bonus matching accessory. Campers can make up to 2 skirt variations during this camp.

Ages 7 to 13

Cost: \$230 Residents / \$345 Non-Residents

Fee: \$40 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
May 28-31	Tue-Fri	9am-12:30pm	32158

THAT'S SEW PLUSH with Fashion Workshops

Campers will learn how to sew and decorate cool plush items. Campers will make a mermaid blanket, stuffed friend, decorate a mini ottoman, and make a reading pillow. This is a great camp for students who are interested in design, sewing and decor. Learn basic sewing, hemming, make cute plush items.

Ages 7 to 13

Cost: \$240 Residents / \$360 Non-Residents

Fee: \$40 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
May 28-31	Tue-Fri	1-4:30pm	32159

ROCK BAND CAMP with Metro Music Makers

Campers will learn the basics of performing in a rock band, including stage presence and how to work together. Campers will rehearse songs as a group and individually. Students are encouraged to bring their own instruments (guitar, bass, etc); drums and keyboards will be provided. All instruments will be provided if you do not have one. Campers should bring a sack lunch. Camp concludes with a Rock Show on Friday afternoon.

Ages 8 to 13

Fee: \$12 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Cost: \$290 Residents / \$435 Non-Residents (4 Sessions)

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
May 28-31	Tue-Fri	9am-3pm	32163

Cost: \$325 Residents / \$487.50 Non-Residents (5 Sessions)

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 22-26	Mon-Fri	9am-3pm	32164

• ROCK BAND CAMP •

Bring a sack lunch and your instrument if you have one, (guitar & bass). All instruments are provided including drums and keyboard if you don't have one.

WHEEL THROWN POTTERY CAMP for Kids with Rosita

Students will be introduced to throwing on a pottery wheel to create functional pottery, as well as various decoration techniques. Each student will be able to go home with a finished piece of their own creation.

Ages 9 to 13

Cost: \$245 Residents / \$367.50 Non-Residents

Fees: \$25 supply fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
Jun 3-7	Mon-Fri	11am-2pm	32165
Jul 8-12	Mon-Fri	11am-2pm	32168
Jul 22-26	Mon-Fri	11am-2pm	32170

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

HANDBUILDING IN CLAY CAMP for Kids with Rosita

Artists will develop an understanding of working in 3-D by exploring basic forms and principles of art using clay. Students will be introduced to handbuilding techniques to make pottery and sculptures, and various decoration techniques. Each student will be able to go home with a finished piece of their own creation.

Ages 9 to 13

Cost: \$245 Residents / \$367.50 Non-Residents

Fees: \$25 supply fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
Jun 10-14	Mon-Fri	11am-2pm	32166
Jun 17-21	Mon-Fri	11am-2pm	32167
Jul 15-19	Mon-Fri	11am-2pm	32169

MASTERS IN CLAY with Kidcreate Studio

Be inspired by art created by Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, Edward Munch and Claes Oldenburg. We will recreate famous works of art like Monet's Water Lilies, Munch's The Scream, Oldenburg's Spoon Bridge and Cherry and many others, all in clay. Make room to display these masterpieces! The projects your child creates in this camp are going to be amazing! Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

Ages 7 to 12

Cost: \$265 Residents / \$397.50 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
Jun 24-28	Mon-Fri	9am-12pm	32177

LET'S DRAW, PAINT & SCULPT with Kidcreate Studio

You asked for it, so here it is—a camp with all that art has to offer and more! Your child will love experimenting with many different materials while learning lots of new techniques. We'll learn to draw a wacky llama, and we'll sculpt and paint a box full of delicious-looking donuts. We'll even create one of our most popular projects—a snow globe! Parents, you'll need to make space on the fridge and the mantle for these amazing works of art! Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

Ages 5 to 7

Cost: \$265 Residents / \$397.50 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
Jun 24-28	Mon-Fri	11am-2pm	32175

FASHION DESIGN ILLUSTRATION with Fashion Workshops LLC

Campers will learn how to take their design ideas and translate them onto paper. We will demonstrate the 9 head figures, grouping, and drawing of clothing details. We will discuss design details such as necklines, collars, sleeves, and more. We will spend 3 days creating an inspirational booklet and campers will be introduced to design themes. This is a beginner's camp, and no prior design experience is needed.

Ages 7 to 14

Cost: \$230 Residents / \$345 Non-Residents

Fee: \$20 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 1-3	Mon-Wed	1-4pm	32386

LITTLE ARCHITECTS with Fashion Workshops, LLC

Campers will learn how to design, imagine and build various structures using geometric forms and connectors. With basic shapes children will be able to use independent thought to inspire complex thinking. The group will have projects that encourages imagination, community, creativity and environment. Our little engineers will create playrooms, zoos, neighborhoods, buildings, homes, gardens and more!

Ages 4 to 8

Cost: \$210 Residents / \$315 Non-Residents

Fee: \$20 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 1-3	Mon-Wed	9am-12:30pm	32385

MAD ABOUT MASTERS with Kidcreate Studio

Go mad for the masters in this fun-filled and educational camp! We will recreate famous works of art like Van Gogh's Sunflowers, da Vinci's Mona Lisa, Degas' Ballerinas and many others all while using a variety of different art materials and techniques. We'll even make a snow globe inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night! These magnificent works of art are sure to inspire your young artist! Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child.

Ages 7 to 12

Cost: \$265 Residents / \$397.50 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
Jul 8-12	Mon-Fri	1am-2pm	32176

ACOUSTIC JAM FEST! with Metro Music Makers

Jam out with us this summer in the FFA Log Cabin! This is the perfect setting for an acoustic version of our rock band camp. We will be rockin' out on ukes and acoustic guitars. Campers will learn how to collaborate with fun musical styles and will rehearse songs as a group. Campers must bring their own ukulele or acoustic guitar, a water bottle, and snacks. Family members will be invited to a performance on the last day of camp.

Ages 7 to 12

Cost: \$195 Residents / \$292.50 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
Jul 8-12	Mon-Fri	9am-12pm	32162

• ACOUSTIC JAM FEST •

Kids are required to bring their own uke or acoustic guitar for the camp.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

MATILDA, Jr. with City Center Players

Join the City Center Players this summer for an immersive two-week journey! In just fourteen days, witness your child transition from the initial audition to a full-scale performance, equipped with professional lighting, sound, sets, props, and costumes. Every day, students will be engaged in mastering the music, choreography, and scenes from the show.

Our standout feature is the City Center Players Children's Theater experience. We pride ourselves on taking care of all aspects, so parents never have to volunteer. From detailed costumes to elaborate sets and props, we handle it all. For insights and highlights from our past productions, please visit our website: CityCenterPlayers.com.

Please Note: This program caters specifically to children with prior stage experience and a genuine passion for musical theater. We expect a high level of commitment and professionalism, as each session is filled with singing, dancing, and learning.

Ages 10 to 18

Cost: \$250 Residents / \$375 Non-Residents

Fees: \$250 supply fee is due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
Jul 8-19	Mon-Fri	2-6 pm	32178

CAMP POP STAR with Fashion Workshops LLC

Campers will be divided into groups and given a popular song melodies to write new lyrics. All campers will create a unique song as a group. They will then create their own dance routine choreography and produce a music video. Campers will participate in a mock music video where they will style their own group looks and perform their song. This is a great camp to strengthen speech, confidence and writing skills. The experience will be recorded and uploaded for parents to see. No singing or previous musical experience is required.

Ages 7 to 14

Cost: \$240 Residents / \$360 Non-Residents

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 22-26	Mon-Fri	1-4pm	32382
July 29-Aug 2	Mon-Fri	1-4pm	32384

SALON STYLIST CAMP with Fashion Workshops LLC

Campers will get an amazing opportunity to learn about hair care and styling. We will use a portable mannequin and wash bowl to practice washing, conditioning and blow drying. Campers will also learn 3 washing techniques without shampoo. We will demonstrate hair coloring with kid friendly dye. Stylist will then practice blow drying and diffusing on low heat with heat less styling, braiding and curling techniques. Campers will learn about buns, twist, and ponytail styles while learning to use barrette and hair pins. Materials: A separate fee of \$40 is payable to the instructor on the first day of camp for mannequin head, hair bundle/wig and hair accessories for camper to use and take with them after the camp.

Ages 8 to 14

Cost: \$240 Residents / \$360 Non-Residents

Fee: \$40 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 22-26	Mon-Fri	9am-12:30pm	32381
July 29-Aug 2	Mon-Fri	9am-12:30pm	32383

FASHION DESIGN EXPERIENCE with Fashion Workshops

Fashion Design Camp introduces campers to the task of a Fashion Designer through Sewing and sketching activities. Learn how to conjure up design inspiration and learn sketching techniques through design games and worksheets. Also learn about fabric, cutting, and sewing and will create 1-2 design ideas. As a bonus campers will learn about design and mood boards. Ages 7 to 13

Cost: \$240 Residents / \$360 Non-Residents

Fee: \$40 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 22-26	Mon-Fri	9am-1pm	32160
July 29-Aug 2	Mon-Fri	9am-1pm	32185

SEW IT ALL with Fashion Workshops LLC

Campers will learn valuable skills that can be utilized throughout their life. Learn how to use a sewing machine while learning basic sewing skills. We will discuss threading the bobbin, upper thread, and sewing straight seams. Campers will create items for home, apparel, and play. This camp will give campers the opportunity to practice while creating multiple useful projects such as organizers and pillows.

Ages 7 to 13

Cost: \$230 Residents / \$345 Non-Residents

Fee: \$40 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 22-26	Mon-Fri	1:30-4:30pm	32183
July 29-Aug 2	Mon-Fri	1:30-4:30pm	32186

MOVIE STAR CAMP with Popcorn Media

Experience the fun of starring in a movie! Students learn the art of on-camera acting, improvisational acting, and scriptwriting while starring in a short, professional, and imaginative family movie. Developed by a Disney and Nickelodeon producer, the curriculum focuses on developing core elements to an actor's palette. In addition, the Oscar class will be given an opportunity to write, storyboard, and direct their own short movie. Family and friends are then invited to attend our annual VIP, red carpet movie premiere starring your children up on the big screen!

Ages 7 to 14

Cost: \$295 Residents / \$442.50 Non-Residents

Fee: \$55 supply fee due at the time of registration online

Dates:	Day:	Time:	Activity#
July 29- Aug 2	Mon-Fri	10am-4pm	32171



EXHIBITS & MUSEUMS

ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER GALLERY

238 Canton Street

Curated in partnership with Arts Alpharetta.

Gallery schedule: artsalpharetta.org

Gallery hours: alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture

STUDIO GALLERY AT ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER

238 Canton Street

The Studio Gallery is along the studio halls of the Alpharetta Arts Center. Studio Gallery exhibits may include works by students and class participants, instructors, local artists, or special interest arts groups.

Gallery hours posted at: alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture

COMMUNITY GALLERY AT ALPHARETTA CITY HALL

2 Park Plaza

Curated in partnership with Arts Alpharetta artsalpharetta.org.

Exhibitions include displays of artistic, historical or cultural interest, and may include local or regional exhibitors.

Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30am – 5pm/

Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm/Saturdays & Sundays by Appointment/Open during Public Meetings

MINI FREE LIONHEART GALLERY

Old Roswell Street Downtown Parking Lot

The gallery offers small works created by students and participants in partnership with The Lionheart Works Program.

thelionheartschool.com/lionheart-works

ALPHARETTA HISTORY WALK

Explore the early days of Alpharetta through a self-guided tour of historical markers. [Visit our online interactive story map](#)

ALPHARETTA STORIES

A unique feature of the museum is Alpharetta Stories Project where you can hear the firsthand interviews and memories of long-standing Alpharetta citizens. For easy listening, each interview timeline is tagged by subjects. You may listen at the museum kiosk or from home at: vimeopro.com/mjimpro/alpha-stories

ALPHARETTA & OLD MILTON COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

Alpharetta City Hall, 2 Park Plaza

The history museum is comprised of a permanent collection of artifacts and interpretative displays which guides the viewer through a chronological timeline of Alpharetta's past. The City's history is deeply connected with the neighboring cities in North Fulton, therefore the museum reaches beyond the current boundaries of Alpharetta.

Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:30am – 5pm/ Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

/Saturdays & Sundays by Appointment/Open During Public Meetings.

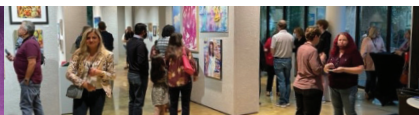
For information, visit the Alpharetta & Old Milton County Historical Society website at aomchs.com.

FFA LOG CABIN

Classes now being offered at the historical FFA Log Cabin. Immerse yourself in history while enjoying art and cultural related classes.

For information on the FFA Log Cabin, visit the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society website at aomchs.com.

GALLERIES



The City of Alpharetta has five art galleries that feature rotating exhibitions throughout the year. All our galleries are free and open during business hours with varying weekend and night hours. For list of current gallery exhibits, to verify gallery hours or to participate in an art exhibit contact: arts-culture@alpharetta.ga.us

Visit our website for more information: alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture

Music Match

Music Match Application

was created to bring original musicians and songwriters to businesses to create a vibrant music scene year round in Alpharetta. Music can be heard year round inside and on patios of local businesses. Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming free shows at: [EVENT CALENDAR](#)



Visit our website for more information: alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture

POCKET PARK PERFORMANCE PERMIT



Get Your Permit TODAY!

Now accepting applications for a Temporary Performance Permit! Want to perform in Downtown Alpharetta's four pocket parks? All interested shall first apply for and obtain a permit from the City of Alpharetta.



Visit our website for more information: alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture

Learn Local HISTORY



Preserving the Cultural Heritage & roots of Alpharetta & Old Milton County. Learn more about our local history, visit our history museum or take a history tour. Go To: [HISTORY](#)

Visit our website for more information: alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture

Cultural HAPPENINGS

For more events go to: alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture



Explore Arts & Culture Throughout Alpharetta!

Jan 5. Monthly Used Book Sale with the Friends of the Library

1st Friday of every month. 10am – 4pm. Alpharetta Library. fotal.org

Jan 21-Mar 9. Earthbound Gallery Exhibit

Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free

Jan 15-Mar 1. Girls On Fire Exhibit

Community Gallery at Alpharetta City Hall, 2 Park Plaza. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free



Jan 27. Artist's Talk: Eric Albright Wildlife Photographer on Conservancy in Kenya

10:30am-11:30am. Alpharetta Arts Center. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

Jan 27. Earthbound Gallery Reception

5-7pm. Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

Feb 5. Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild Monthly Meeting

6pm. Alpharetta Adult Activity Center. \$5 for nonmembers, free for members. Nonmembers are asked to email info@cesquiltguild.com if you are attending.

Feb 10. Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild Workshop

9am-2pm. Preston Ridge Community Center. Email info@cesquiltguild.com to register.

Feb 10-18. Eurydice presented by Act 1 Community Theater

Fri/Sat 7:30pm. Sun matinee 2pm. Alpharetta Arts Center Black Box Theater. Ticketed: act1theater.org/eurydice

Jan 20. Girls on Fire Art Gallery Opening Reception presented by the Alpharetta Symphony, Arts Alpharetta, and The Merge Collective.

Alpharetta City Hall, 2 Park Plaza. alpharettasympphony.org/girls-on-fire Free

Feb 21. GNPA Alpharetta Chapter Monthly Meetings

7:30-8:45pm which include speaker presentations, at the Alpharetta Arts Center are open to the general public to join at no cost. gnpa.org

Feb 23. Girls On Fire presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra

8pm. Alpharetta First United Methodist Church. Ticketed: alpharettasympphony.org/girls-on-fire

Mar 4-Apr 19. Movement in Motion: Exploring the Artistry of Models and Dancers Exhibit

Community Gallery at Alpharetta City Hall, 2 Park Plaza. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free

Mar 8-24. The Ruby Sunrise presented by Act 1 Community Theater

Fri/Sat 7:30pm. Sun matinee 2pm. Alpharetta Presbyterian Church. Ticketed: act1theater.org/ruby-sunrise

Mar 10. Travel Blog Concert presented by Alpharetta Symphony Youth Orchestra

5:30pm. Preston Ridge Community Center. alpharettasympphony.org Free Event

Mar 13-May 4. The Art of Movement Exhibit

Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free

Mar 16. The Art of Movement Gallery Reception

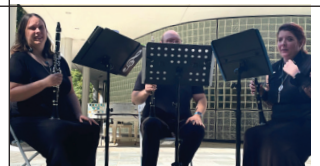
5-7pm. Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

Apr 19. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra

8pm. Alpharetta First United Methodist Church. Ticketed: alpharettasympphony.org/tchaikovskys-symphony-no-5

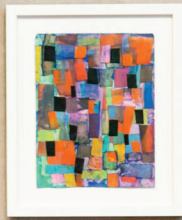
Apr 26-27. Restless in Resthaven presented by Act 1 Community Theater and the Alpharetta and Old Milton Historical Society

6-9pm. Ticketed: act1theater.org



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for more info



Apr 28. Dr. Esther Morgan-Ellis Workshop hosted by the Alpharetta Symphony Youth Orchestra Free public workshop. 5:30 pm. Preston Ridge Community Center. alpharettasympphony.org

PAINT THE TOWN

May 7-11. Paint The Town 2024

A plein air painting competition presented by Arts Alpharetta. Various locations around Alpharetta. Apply: artsalpharetta.org/paint-the-town-2024

May 11-June 8. Paint the Town 2024 Gallery Exhibit

Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free

May 11. Paint the Town 2024 Award Ceremony & Reception

5-7pm. Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

May 12. Dance Party Concert presented by Alpharetta Symphony Youth Orchestra

5:30pm. Alpharetta High School. alpharettasympphony.org Free Event

May 27. An Ode to America presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra

8pm. Alpharetta First United Methodist Church. Ticketed: alpharettasympphony.org/an-ode-to-america

Jun 6-Aug 3. Take Me Away Gallery Exhibit

Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free

June 14. Eclectic Lawn Summer Concert Series

7-9pm. Alpharetta Arts Center alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

June 15. Take Me Away Gallery Reception

5-7pm. Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

Jun 7-23. The Secret Garden presented by Act 1 Community Theater

Fri/Sat 7:30pm. Sun matinee 2pm. Alpharetta Presbyterian Church. Ticketed: act1theater.org/secret-garden

Jun 24-Aug 2. Georgia Artists with Disabilities Annual Traveling Exhibit

Community Gallery at Alpharetta City Hall, 2 Park Plaza. alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free

July 12. Eclectic Lawn Summer Concert Series

7-9pm. Alpharetta Arts Center alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

Aug 7-Sept 28. Layers Gallery Exhibit

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Aug 9. Eclectic Lawn Summer Concert Series

7-9pm. Alpharetta Arts Center alpharetta.ga.us/arts-culture Free Event

Aug 10. Layers Gallery Reception

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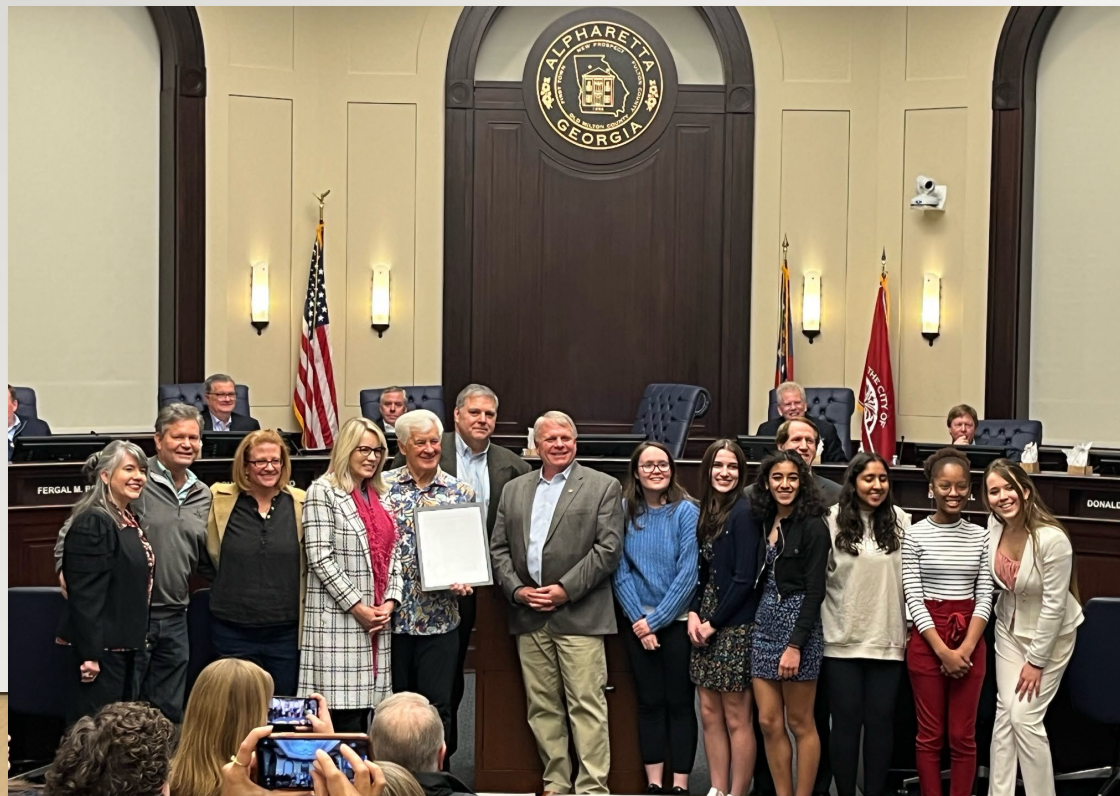
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Alpharetta Recreation Commission Cultural Services Report February 2024



Alpharetta Greenway Mural Trail



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December 8, 2023 · 🌐

The Cultural Arts Commission recognized nine Alpharetta and Milton high school students for their work on the North Fulton Rotary Club's Greenway Mural Trail Dec. 5.

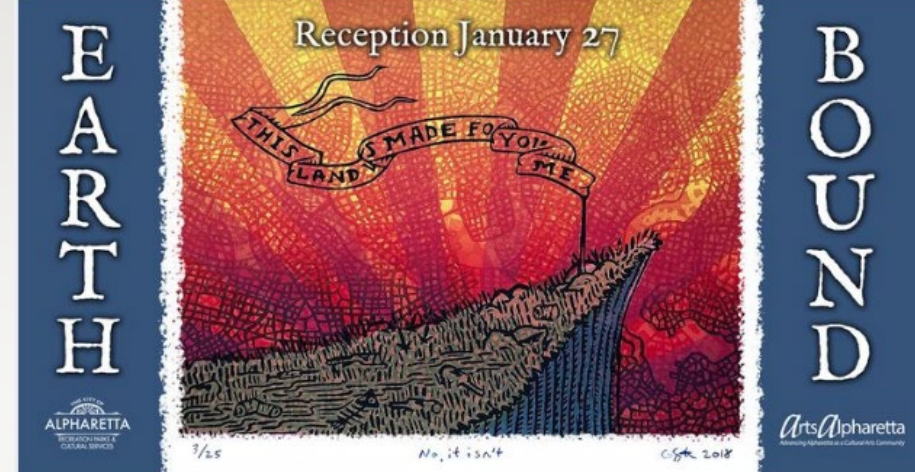


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Alpharetta recognizes students for Greenway mural

The Cultural Arts Commission recognized nine Alpharetta and

Opening reception tonight for Girls on Fire, a collaboration of Art and Music with [@alpharettasympphony](#) @remerge.artistcollective [@arts_alpharetta](#) ..Join us tonight as we celebrate women in the arts! Community Gallery at City Hall, 5-6:30. Live music, light food & beverage, and artwork available for purchase!!



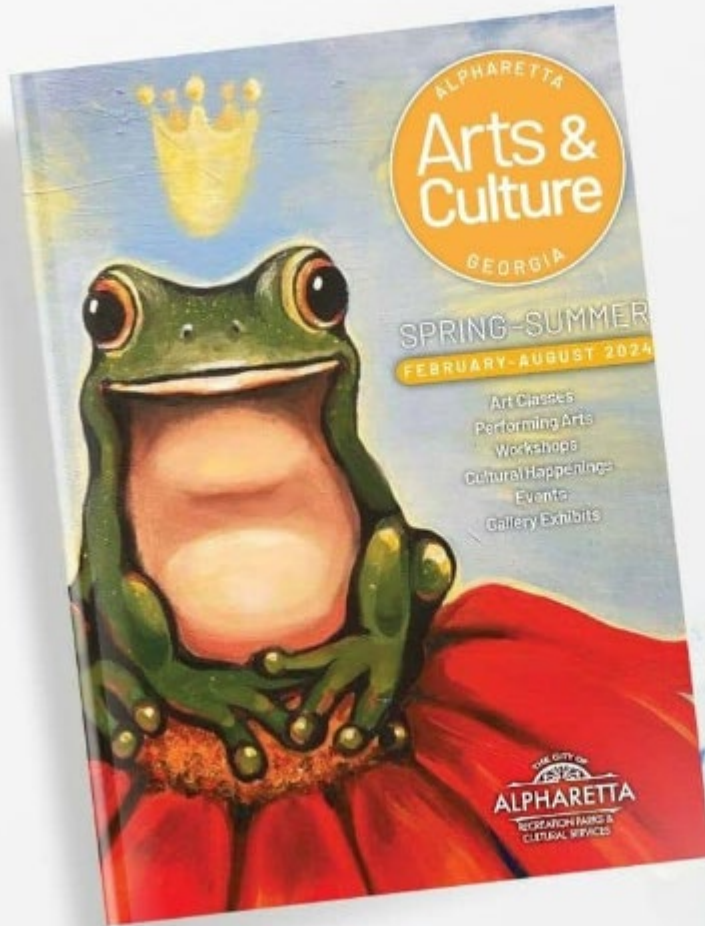


"Georgia" Piano Songs

Listed in alphabetical order

- "Georgia on my mind" - Ray Charles
- "Ain't life grand" - Widespread Panic
- "Accentuate the positive" - Johnny Mercer
- "Be young, be foolish, be happy" - The Tams
- "Bring 'em out, Bring 'em out" - T.I.
- "Closer I am to fine" - Indigo Girls
- "Dirty south" - Goodie boy featuring Big Boi
- "Don't go chasing waterfalls" - TLC
- "East Atlanta Day" - Gucci Mane
- "Forget You" - CeeLo Green
- "GA Peaches" - Lynyrd Skynyrd
- "Gotta let your soul shine" - The Allman Brothers Band
- "Love Shack" - B52's
- "Highway 20" - Zac Brown Band
- "Heaven let your light shine down" - Collective Soul
- "I been to Georgia on a fast train" - Billy Joe Shaver
- "I wanna see the dance you call the black bottom" - Jelly Roll Morton
- "I was born a ramblin' man" - The Allman Brothers Band
- "I've got you under my skin" - Johnny Mercer
- "In the A" - Big Boi
- "Little bit of chicken fried" - Zac Brown Band
- "Lonely night in Georgia" - Brook Benton
- "Moon river" - Johnny Mercer
- "My baby don't mess around because she loves me so" - Outkast
- "My kinda party" - Jason Aldean
- "Oh, Atlanta" - Alison Krauss and Union Station
- "On that midnight train to Georgia" - Gladys Knight and the Pips
- "Peace up, A-town down" - Ludacris
- "Rainy night in Georgia" - Tony Joe White
- "Shiny, happy people holding hands" - REM
- "Sitting at the Dock of the Bay" - Otis Redding
- "Soul brother" - Bobby Womack
- "Sweet August darlin'" - Tony Joe White
- "Sweet GA Brown" - Brother Bones and His Shadows
- "Sweet Nothin'" - Brenda Lee
- "The devil went down to Georgia" - The Charlie Daniels Band
- "The moon over Georgia" - Shenandoah
- "The older I get, the more thankful I feel" - Alan Jackson
- "The tracks of my tears" - Smokey Robinson
- "Way down yonder on the Chattahoochee" - Alan Jackson
- "Welcome to Atlanta where the playas play" - Ludacris
- "Why Georgia Why" - John Mayer
- "With yo bad self" - James Brown





ADULT CERAMIC WORKSHOPS



BEGINNER MOSAIC WORKSHOP with Libby
Learn the basics of cutting, shaping, and arranging glass to create a mosaic design, then grout your piece to finish!

AGE: 16+
FEE: \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class.
COST: \$40 Resident / \$60 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 23	Sat	1-4pm	32067

CERAMIC/HANDBUILDING WORKSHOP with Rosita Czekala
Students will make a different seasonal ceramic art project. This workshop is perfect for all skill levels. We will come back in 3 weeks to glaze.

AGE: 16+
COST: \$100 Resident / \$150 Non-Resident
FEE: \$20 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 23	Sat	11am-3pm	32004
Apr 20	Sat	11am-3pm	32005
May 4	Sat	11am-3pm	32009

MOLD MAKING with Rosita Czekala
In this two-day workshop, we will life-cast our faces with skin-safe, life-casting silicone rubber. You will then have a rubber mold that you can press clay into, to form the face in clay. You can make a mask to hang on the wall or make a head from the mold. You will be able to use the mold repeatedly. The process of silicone and plaster on the face will be approximately 30 min. If you're claustrophobic this might cause a little discomfort.

AGE: 16+
COST: \$225 Resident / \$337.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 10-11	Sat-Sun	11am-3pm	32002

OPEN STUDIO

PAINTER'S OPEN STUDIO: ALL MEDIA with June Oros
Looking for a creative environment to work on your projects and be creative with fellow artists? We are now offering an open studio for painters of all media. Students will work alongside June Oros, who will monitor the studio sessions and be available if needed. Open studio is not an instructor-led class.

AGE: 16+
COST: \$45 Resident / \$67.50 Non-Resident

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Feb 21-Mar 27	Wed	1-3:30pm	31570
Apr 10-May 15	Wed	1-3:30pm	31571

OPEN STUDIO (FOR EXISTING CLAY STUDENTS)
Join us for Open Studio (for existing clay students only). This is a time to finish work started in class and gives students an opportunity to practice skills learned in class. This time is not intended as a free time to start new work/projects. There will be no formal instruction, but instructor/volunteer will be present to answer simple questions and assist in keeping the environment safe and organized.

AGE: 18+
COST: Free to currently enrolled clay students

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 1-May 24 (Skip 4/5)	Fri	9am-2pm	
Mar 5-May 21 (Skip 4/2)	Tue	3-6pm	
Aug 9-Aug 30	Fri	9am-2pm	
Mar 9-Jul 13	Sat	10:30am-3:30pm	
		(2nd Sat of the month)	



YOUTH & TEEN PERFORMING ARTS

SELF-EXPRESSION SONGWRITING CLASS with A Time to Create
In this songwriting class, participants will discover the art of expressing their emotions and feelings through the creation of unique songs. This class empowers them to articulate their feelings rather than suppressing them or reacting negatively. Additionally, they will acquire valuable skills including personal growth, self-assurance, and self-awareness.

AGE: 7-13
COST: \$250 Resident / \$345 Non-Resident
FEE: \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 5-Apr 16 (Skip 4/2)	Tue	3-4:15pm	32023

SONGWRITING- ENRICHMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM A Time to Create
This class will work to transfer emotions into inspirational creative songs that help build confidence and personal development while helping generations to come.

AGE: 7-13
COST: \$190 Resident / \$285 Non-Resident
FEE: \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Apr 23-May 21	Tue	3-4:15pm	32026
Jul 20-Aug 17	Sat	10:30-11:45am	32027

ADAPTIVE ARTS

ADAPTIVE PHYSIO JAZZ with Sideways Dance Company
The Physio Jazz program is dedicated to giving everyone an opportunity to dance. Class is offered for its participants and to help individuals with developmental disabilities work on muscle tone, balance, and coordination. The class also increases opportunities for social interaction and promotes awareness about the benefits of dance for all people – regardless of their abilities or disabilities. The class is meant to be a way for students to increase their dance and coordination skills to the highest possible level.

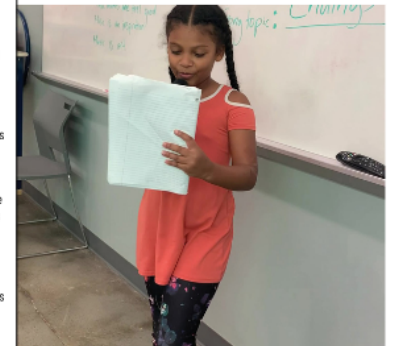
AGE: 8+
COST: Free (Pre-registration required)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 9	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32041
Apr 20	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32042
May 18	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32043
Jun 1	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32044
Aug 3	Sat	11:30am-12:30pm	32045

ADAPTIVE ART with Lionheart Works
Art class using a variety of mediums geared specifically towards young adults with autism and other neurodevelopmental differences.

AGE: 16+
COST: Free (Pre-registration required)

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	ACTIVITY #:
Mar 7-Mar 28	Thu	1:30-2:30pm	32034
June 6-June 27	Thu	1:30-2:30pm	32035



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FEB 2024 SCHEDULE 

ALL AGES - DROP IN

6 TUE
4-6PM

7 WED
10:30AM-12:30PM

14 WED
10:30AM-12:30PM

17 SAT
10:30AM-1:30PM

21 WED
10:30AM-12:30PM

28 WED
10:30AM-12:30PM

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CREATE YOUR OWN AFRICAN MASK

CELEBRATE VALENTINES WITH BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART

BHM COMMUNITY ART GARDEN PROJECT

CHALK-A-THON

CREATING SILHOUETTES INSPIRED BY
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Celebrate this month with Art Studio on the go go! Alpharetta Arts Center offers free art activities for everyone this month, so be sure to check them out and get creative. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking to try something new, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Get ready to unleash your inner artist and have some fun!

Location: Alpharetta Arts Center

· Drop-in Art Studio on the Go Go at Alpharetta Arts Center, Free for all.

o Feb 6- Creating Silhouettes inspired by Kara Elizabeth Walker
Tue, 4-6 pm

o Feb 7 -Create your own African Mask
Wed, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

o Feb 14- Celebrate Valentines with Black History Month Art
Wed, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

o Feb 17- CHALK-A-THON (Weather permitting)
Sat, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

o Feb 21- BHM Community Art Garden project
Wed, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

o Feb 28- BHM Community Art Garden project
Wed, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Come, participate, and celebrate this month with art. 🎨

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH




FEB 24

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11AM-12PM

OUR HISTORY, OUR VOICES:
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Our History, Our Voices with Ashley King
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Students are encouraged to bring a notebook or laptop to take notes. If students would like a workbook that walks them through the steps of self-publishing.

Feb 24, 2024
Sat11:00 AM - Noon
Ages 14+

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Meet Ashley King!



Writer and Self Publishing Strategist, better known as the "Get it Done" Queen, Ashley King is coming back to the Art Center for Spring and Summer!



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**Create Silhouettes inspired by
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Feb 6
Tue, 4-6 pm
All ages



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SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF LIFE IN ALPHARETTA



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The City of Alpharetta, in partnership with the Alpharetta & Old Milton County Historical Society, is requesting loaned documents, copies of photos, and general historical information for an upcoming documentary. We plan to share the Bailey-Johnson School & Community story, an essential part of Alpharetta's history.

An excerpt from the school's future historical marker reads: "In 1950, Bailey-Johnson School opened as the Alpharetta Colored School to serve African American students in grades 1 through 12 from Sandy Springs northward. Before the opening of this new school, African American students in north Fulton who wished to attend high school had to enroll in Atlanta City Schools at their own expense. When Bailey-Johnson School closed on this site in May 1967, segregation officially ended in north Fulton's public schools."

If you'd like to share information about the school or community, please contact the Cultural Services Division at arts-culture@alpharett.ga.us.

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at the **Alpharetta Art Center**

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Alpharetta Methodist Church



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Christine Young

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - February 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for the Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2024-2029 Recreation Strategy

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- Commissioner Rand asked if a list of various partnered (official and unofficial) organizations could be provided to the Recreation Commission in the hopes organizations beyond the Athletic Associations could present their initiatives.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Recreation Strategy 2024-2029

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2024-2029 RECREATION SERVICES STRATEGY



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1.HELLO!

Welcome to the City of Alpharetta Recreation Services Division, the place where FUN begins! Along with the City of Alpharetta community, the Recreation Services Division has continued to have unbelievable growth, changes and excitement.

Through the 2017 Department Master Plan process, areas of exceptionalism, as well as improvement were identified and Recreation Services guidelines were given a path to take as we move forward. The future of the Recreation Services Division is dependent upon the involvement of the community and determining the scope of what the interests of the participants are in the programs we offer, as well as keeping up with trends and introducing our community to new and exciting activities. This plan creates a road map to the "New Standard" of recreation in the city: one that exemplifies quality experiences, promotion of healthy lifestyles and most of all, fun.



RECREATION SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT

"WE ARE CALLED TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUALITY RECREATION EXPERIENCES FOR THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY WE SERVE, THROUGH INTENTIONAL PROGRAMMING AND ACTIVITIES WHICH IN TURN, WILL CREATE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WITH PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF ALIKE."

WHAT OUR MASTER PLAN SAYS

The 2017 Master Plan provided the Alpharetta Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services Department a road map that gave a clear pathway of guidance through 2027. The 2017 Master Plan found that the City needed more multi-use rectangular fields, play fields, a new recreation center and a second active adult center. These needs are still relevant today and have been incorporated into this Recreation Services Strategy to align with the 2017 Master Plan. The City of Alpharetta's Recreation Services Division is known for providing year-round sports, activities and special events and has been nationally accredited and recognized for its outstanding programs for children, adults, seniors and the community as a whole. Keeping that standard in mind, this strategy will focus on the following moving forward in the next five years:

- Discover what the interests and needs are of the community.
- Improve existing programs, including expanded evening and weekend scheduling.
- Keep up with local and national trends.
- Adjust programming due to fluctuations in population and interest levels and ensure what is offered is relevant to the citizens of Alpharetta.
- Efficient utilization of field, facility and park space, including reallocation of under-used fields and installation of multi-use fields.
- Continued expansion of programming to the eastern part of the city through partnerships with the YMCA and utilization of city parks.
- Development of community engagement through partnerships.
- Prepare for future residents.
- Evaluate Service Goals and Performance.
- Make it FUN!

DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:
The Alpharetta Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services Department strives to promote the highest quality recreation programs and park facilities to our citizens consistent with our core values of Excellence, Stewardship, Integrity, Service and Loyalty.



A photograph of two women walking away from the camera on a paved path in a park. The woman on the left is wearing a white t-shirt, dark shorts, and a light blue cap. The woman on the right is wearing a bright green athletic shirt and black leggings. They are surrounded by lush green trees and grass. The title 'THE MASTER PLAN' is overlaid in white text at the top right.

THE MASTER PLAN

2017 Master Plan Summary

The City of Alpharetta's Recreation Services Division offers a wide range of activities and special events for the community. The challenges facing the Division are:

- The best way to get these services to citizens in the most efficient and cost-effective way
- Discovering what the actual needs and wants of the community may be.

CHANGES IN THE PAST TEN YEARS....

- In 2016 the City passed a bond referendum that included \$25 million for Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services; seven projects are in the works.
- Alpharetta continues to see unprecedented growth in population, housing and business.
- The City of Alpharetta hired a new Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services Director, April 2017. The department underwent a reorganization in December 2017, creating six divisions with the same number of managers overseeing those divisions; three existing managers and three new.
- In January 2018, the Recreation Services Division reorganized, moving programs and staff to different facilities, adding a part-time coordinator, and promoting two coordinators to supervisor level.
- Wills Park Pool renovation was completed May 2018 and open to the public on Memorial Day. The facility welcomes over 30,000 guests annually.
- The addition of Health & Wellness programming in early 2018 provided the community free fitness classes, special events and activities for all ages. This program continues to grow annually with the newest addition of the Alpha 5K series starting in 2024.
- 2019 brought five agencies together with the development of the North Fulton Special Needs Task Force; comprised of the cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Roswell and the YMCA, expos and field days were programmed for the public.
- In 2021, Preston Ridge Community Center opened it's doors to the community, in partnership with the YMCA. Active Adult programming and facility rentals are the main activities at our newest facility.
- Also in 2021, Innovation Athletic Complex was added to the existing field inventory through an IGA with Fulton County Schools. This added three rectangular fields to existing association use and programming.
- The Division added two new Youth Athletic Associations; Alpharetta Ambush in 2021 and Alpharetta Phoenix Rugby in 2023.
- 2022 saw Union Hill Park and The Grove activated for special event programming, concerts and summer camps.
- In 2023 Gym 2 in the Alpharetta Community Center was repurposed to meet the growing demand for recreational and team gymnastics.
- 2023 saw a reorganization that moved the Special Events team to the Division.
- Special Events began a successful downtown business meeting series now hosted by Economic Development & special interest committees (committees were disbanded in the pandemic).
- New Special Event venues were added: 1) Webb Bridge Park trails identified for small 5K fundraisers, 2) The Grove at Wills Park added for large, outdoor events not needing cityscape, 3) Union Hill Park added for mid-size private or ticketed events.
- New City Administrator, new legal team, one Special Events Coordinator promoted to Supervisor.



PROGRAM ASSESSMENT RESULTS: CHANGES IN THE PAST THREE YEARS

 Programming Strengths	 Programming Weakness
Aquatics	Fitness/Wellness*
Active Adults	Outdoor Education/Recreation
Gymnastics	Special Needs*
Youth Sports	Education
Adult Sports	General Interest
Summer Camps	Teens
City & Facility Special Events	Performing Arts, Pre-school/family based programming

The results of the Master Plan recreation program assessment, which identified current programming strengths and weaknesses has shifted in the past three years. Since the development of the 2020-2023 Recreation Strategy, several areas of programming have improved and migrated closer to being strengths in the programming line-up. Health & Wellness has continued its growth and has become one of the strongest programs in the Division. Three program areas have shown improvement due to additional staff and increased collaboration with neighboring cities and corporate partnerships.* The addition of two new programming areas are expected to see growth over time as the programs become better known to the community. Education has been removed as many aspects of learning occur naturally within the programs themselves. The movement of the Special events team to the Division has created a learning curve for the team.

OUR PARKS AND FACILITIES– Master Plan Goals

How good are the amenities that the Recreation Services Division utilizes? What's being done well and what needs to improve? The projects recommended in the next 10 years will enhance the quality and experience of the citizens of Alpharetta participating in programs, leagues, and events.

Overall our parks and facilities are...

- + High quality and well-maintained
- + Have great outdoor facilities, especially the sports fields
 - + Enjoy strong support from users
 - + Lack strong entries and signage
- + Lack wayfinding signage- Installation in parks/greenway/facilities began in 2021
- + Have indoor facilities that look institutional and dated

LOCATION	WHAT'S GOOD	IMPROVEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS	PROJECTS
CRABAPPLE GOVERNMENT CENTER	- Co-location with City of Milton, other public services - Well maintained - Lionheart WORKS - North Fulton Senior Services - Public Safety upstairs	- Facility is old and tired feeling - Location is remote - Rooms & Gym feel small and dark - No outdoor recreation space	- Discuss joint usage and management with City of Milton - Continue partnerships with existing outside programs	- Joint study with City of Milton - Entrance upgrades
FITNESS PARK AT WESTSIDE	- Very visible location on Westside Parkway - New equipment	- Lacks neighborhood connections - Lacks variety	Talk to nearby residents to see if they want a direct pedestrian connection	Entrance upgrades
NORTH PARK	- Beautifully maintained - Adult Center popular & loved - High field usage - Miracle League Field (replacement 2024) - Resurfaced tennis courts 12 permanent Pickleball courts - Turf 2 replacement 2022 - New softball field playground - Improved trail system - Wayfinding signage	- Poor location– outside of Alpharetta - Adult Center is small, not laid out well - Bathroom facilities undersized - No flexible green space - Heavily wooded, not managed or used as a recreation asset	- Development of new Master Plan that addresses circulation, better use and management of wooded areas, upgrades to existing facilities, better connections to surrounding areas - AAAC entry and circulation areas should be redesigned & arts building attached - AAAC new outdoor facilities considered; bocce ball court, covered patio	- Entrance Upgrade - Softball field restroom/ concession facility replacement/ expansion - Football field #1 restroom/ concession facility replacement



LOCATION	WHAT'S GOOD	IMPROVEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS	PROJECTS
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UNION HILL PARK	- Bond project: addition of skate park, playground, parking lot resurfacing, greenway connection. - Greenway completion in 2022; extension to Forsyth greenway in 2024-2025 - Refurbished existing pavilion into event space; added electricity, bathroom renovation, fans installed, floor resurfaced. - Created programming, camps and special events	Anticipated McGinnis Ferry construction may delay connection to Forsyth greenway	Look for additional parking options to accommodate event participants	Bond project completion 2025
WEBB BRIDGE PARK	- Well loved, highly used - Turf soccer seating area is unique and beautiful - Well maintained park - Resurfaced tennis courts 2022 - Repurposed two tennis courts into six pickleball courts - Entrance upgrade to the park. - Trails are used frequently and some of the best in the city.	- Flexible green space and bathrooms are hidden and underused. - Lack of surrounding connections	- Maintain Webb Zone - Consider a new multigenerational community center, community gardens, outdoor track, challenge courses and universal playground.	- Soccer field restroom/ concession facility replacement/ - Upper field turf replacement- 2024 - Webb Zone playground replacement 2024 - New Dog park 2024



LOCATION

WHAT'S GOOD

IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROJECTS

WILLS PARK

- Large diversity of activities & facilities
- Beautifully maintained
- ACC highly used
- Sports fields well used
- Outdoor recreation facilities in excellent condition
- Newly renovated outdoor pool and facility
- Cross scheduling of programs throughout the park
- BrewAble moved into ACC 2018
- ACC Lobby renovation 2018
- Wayfinding signage
- Tennis court resurfaced 2021, pickleball lines added
- Basketball court resurfaced 2022
- Repurposing facilities
- Large pavilion in the Grove
- Field 4 replacement 2023

- Recreation Center is small and limited in its uses
- Presence of two centers is confusing and not efficient distribution of resources
- Desire to expand Community Center
- Repurposing/renaming spaces
- Power to Grove and Grand Pavilion
- Food truck access/pad

- Feasibility study for indoor aquatics
- Perimeter loop/trail around the park
- Location for centralized administrative office
- Challenge course
- Community Center: add full-size gym to the back, additional classroom space.

- Bathroom renovation/ expansion field A-D & Wacky World-**2024**
- Community Center renovation-**In process; made improvements 2018-2021**



WHAT WE OFFER

The City of Alpharetta's Recreation Services Division offers a wide range of recreation activities and special events for the community. Approximately 70 percent of the participants are residents and over 70,000 participants were served in FY2023.

Programs and events take place in multiple locations around the city; including indoor and outdoor facilities, athletic fields complexes, and specialty locations.

The programming currently offered meets the needs of a wide range of abilities and interests in the community and there is always something for everyone to participate, enjoy, learn and have FUN!.



Program Areas	Programs
Active Adults	Monthly programs: Clubs, Movies, Bingo, Trips, Special Events; Weekly programs: Fitness, Health & Wellness, Games, Line-dance, Ping Pong, Pickleball, Fine Arts, Bocce
Athletics	Youth programs: Baseball, Softball, Football, Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Volleyball, Karate, Golf, Tennis, Rugby Adult programs: Softball, Basketball, Pickleball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Soccer, Karate, Tennis
Aquatics	Sharks Swim Team, Master Swim, State Swim Team, Lifeguard Training, Lap Swim, Water Aerobics, Adaptive Swim Nights, Special Events, Water Therapy, SUP Yoga, Pool Passes, Public Swim
Health & Wellness	Free Fitness Classes, Aerobics, Babysitter Bootcamp, Alpha 5K, Walking Events, Silver Spokes, Bike Month, Yoga, Walking Trail Development, Tree Climbing, Kilometer Kids
Programming	Gymnastics Classes, Gymnastics Team, Dance, School Break Camps, LEGO, Little Vet School, Tot Time, Music & Movement, STEM, Spanish Classes, Special Needs
Special Events	FACILITY BASED: Family Dance, Jolly Jingle Jam, Santa's Mailbox, 4th of July, Boo Bash CITY EVENTS: Taste of Alpharetta, Wire & Wood, Scarecrow Harvest, Season Of Celebration, Partnered Events
Special Needs	BrewAble Partnership, Lionheart WORKS Partnership, BEE BRAVE Gymnastics, Adaptive Swim Nights, North Fulton Special Needs Services and Expo, Special Needs Think Tank, Camp Happy Hearts
Summer Camps	Wills Park Day Camp, EXTREME Day Camp, Teen Adventure Camp, School Break Camps, Specialty Camps
Teens	Adventure Summer Day Camp, Basketball, Gymnastics, Soccer, Football, Softball, Karate, Tennis, Pickleball

NAVIGATING THE RAPIDS

SWOT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- Creativity
- Teamwork
- Adaptability
- Professional Knowledge
- Varied quality programs
- New, innovative programs
- Customer Service
- Facility Management
- Quality Facilities and Parks
- Fees
- Instructors
- Associations
- Special Events, Gymnastics, Summer Camps, Adult & Youth Sports, Active Adults, Aquatics
- Partnerships
- Communication/Lack of collaboration between Divisions
- General knowledge of programming in all areas
- Marketing
- Fitness/Wellness
- High Public Safety standards
- Highly capable Special Event team with initiative
- Budget for essentials

STRENGTHS CON'T

- Healthy rate of new event requests
- Vendor relationships & 5 yr contracts
- Balanced spacing of events & limited opportunity to vet new events

WEAKNESSES

- Space-facility & fields
- Stale instructors/programs
- Cultural programming
- Special Needs Programming
- Outdoor, Special Needs, General Interest, Teens
- Programming outside of one's own facility; being creative in utilizing all amenities available.
- Limited event resources in parks
- High labor costs for outside events
- City staffing issues & "Volunteers"
- Parking at The Grove & Union Hill

OPPORTUNITIES

- Partnerships
- Increase marketing efforts
- New & Stronger programs
- Collaboration with neighboring cities
- Different ways to use resources
- Increase in population
- Economy
- Determine what the community wants in order to improve programming
- Collaboration with the schools
- Provide programming for the changing population
- Sampling programs for free or a small fee
- Attracting instructors
- Better graphic designer/stronger & more cohesive branding
- Utilizing available resources for advertising
- Reduce operational costs for barricades
- Volunteer relationships
- Use of Innovation Academy

THREATS

- Outside forces influencing programs and event structure
- Economy
- Lack of understanding community needs
- Mismanaging resources
- Competition from similar programs
- Lack of connection and understanding between Divisions
- Not tracking recreation trends and staying "fresh"
- Not adjusting to the changing population

WHAT'S ON THE ROUTE?

KEY ISSUES

- Community population growth
- Diversify offerings due to competition
- Change in Staff
- Lack of ability to increase facility space
- Change of demographics and facilities to accommodate needs
- Competition
- Streamlining the film permit process
- Complacency
- Staff involvement in free programs
- Temporary spaces

PRIORITIES

- Keeping up with growth
- Community's changing needs
- Facilities
- Calculated changes and adjustments
- MOU and/or collaboration with neighboring cities
- Accessibility
- Partnerships
- Event Management
- Keeping City Events “fresh”
- Producing high quality programming and events
- Reliable Vendors
- Storage
- Growing the next Recreation user
- Investing in personnel
- Produce high-quality events
- Ensure safety of events
- Identify & contract with reliable vendors
- Maintain balance between novelty & nostalgia
- Push content & marketing that meets full breadth of demographics

GAPS

- Special Needs
- Non-resident affordability
- Serving low-income residents
- Seasonal outdoor programming
- Adult Athletics
- 50-65 Age Programming
- Year-round adult programming
- Pre-school Programming
- Teens
- Diverse events catering to cultural groups
- Elevate kids events from Facilities

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Knowledge of changes
- Knowledge of demographics
- Empty nesters
- Seniors- baby boomers
- Downtown housing growth
- Customer Service Training
- Cultural Training

RECREATION SERVICES

WE BELIEVE IN

- A Sense of Community
- Quality
- Programs for All
- Variety
- Stewardship
- Relationships/Partnerships
- Opportunities for an Active Lifestyle
- Flexibility
- Innovation
- Exceptional Customer Service

WE VALUE

- We will provide a variety of programs, times, offerings and teach new skills
- We will create opportunities to connect the community through classes, programs and events
- We will have high standards and expectations to meet the needs of the community
- We will provide programming, to the best of our abilities, that is all-inclusive
- We will program in a way that meets the needs of a variety of interests in our community
- We will form partnerships and sponsorships in collaboration with programs and events.
- We will create environments for both participants and staff that foster a sense of FUN!
- We will seek to fill programming and event gaps with those diverse populations in our community
- We will be flexible in our work to be open to new ideas and keep up with trends in the industry and in the interests of our community.

ON WE GO WITH THE PLAN....



PROGRAM AREA GOALS

ACTIVE ADULTS



- Increase participation and encourage more outdoor activity by adding amenities such as shuffleboard and an adult fitness playground, in order to improve health, develop a new hobby and increase socialization.
- Continue programming for the Baby Boomer wave that is increasing the retired population in the years to come by researching needs and interests to provide quality programming for this active, incoming group.
- Grow the drama program by creating a partnership with the Art Center, to include acting classes and quarterly performances in order to encourage participants to step out of the box, try something new, increase self-esteem and provide entertainment for the community.
- Collaborate with Art Center and Old Rucker Farm Park to take classes to the community using contracted instructors and senior volunteers to facilitate experiences for memory/assisted care residents, that culminate in an art show in the gallery at the Art Center and a Farm to Table meal at the Farm.
- Increase senior wellness through collaboration with Health & Wellness staff to offer active choices that promote senior fitness, stress reduction and a healthy lifestyle.
- Increase programming through utilization of the center after Active Adult regular hours, especially in the fine arts area and special needs programming.



ATHLETICS



- Increase participation through marketing to improve quality and enhance participants' experience.
- Expand programming for all ages by creating new programs, tournaments, clinics and additional sports programming.
- Collaborate with organizations to provide opportunities for special needs athletics programs.
- Improve quality of program delivery by expanding/improving facilities and maintaining quality staff through training and expectations.
- Retain participants through advancement in skill level in all youth sports by contracting quality instructors and programs.
- Program additional open-play opportunities through single day classes and events for a less committed time frame.
- Improve the Athletic website through Quickscores.



AQUATICS



- Increase community water safety and awareness through education and free or reduced rate classes and lessons for teens and adults.
- Evaluate the efficacy of City of Alpharetta Swim Team (COAST) and compare participation numbers over the last 5 years. Explore the possibility of collaboration with neighboring cities to combine teams.
- Increase year-round programming by scheduling activities/classes past the end of the regular swim season.
- In the off -season, create water safety awareness through the schools by providing education sessions for both youth and parents.
- In collaboration with Health & Wellness, program additional activities, especially those for ages 50+
- Continue to seek out opportunities to train and challenge aquatics personnel.



HEALTH & WELLNESS



- Provide free fitness classes at a variety of times and locations to increase participation and create relationships with local businesses, as well as socialization with participants within the classes.
- Create fitness through play, free classes for children and families to increase healthy & active lifestyles, and enhance relationships between parents and children.
- Program wellness events, such as the Alpha 5K Series, Walktober, Yo-Glo and Kilometer Kids to effectively utilize partnerships, increase participation and awareness of healthy habits, and connect the community to the parks through fun, healthy activity.
- Through partnerships with the local schools, provide the opportunity for wellness programming during and after school in order to increase activity, create healthy habits and reduce stress through recreation activities that are fun and beneficial to children and families in the community.
- Increase senior wellness through collaboration with the Adult Activity Center to offer active choices that promote senior fitness.
- Collaborate with Old Rucker Farm to offer Health & Wellness offerings at the Farm Park.



OUTDOOR/GENERAL INTEREST



- Evaluate the community need for outdoor programming to best utilize the parks in the community.
- Offer disc golf classes for those who want to learn the game and introduce participants to the benefits of playing in the great outdoors in beautiful Wills Park.
- Increase marketing for tree climbing, creating affordable packages for scouts and corporate building events in order to promote healthy activity while challenging participants to try something new.
- Develop a series of general interest programming, such as dog obedience classes, genealogy, movie club, international nights, etc. in order to create common interests and provide information for the community.
- Create a schedule of self defense classes for varying ages, as well as specific classes such as a teen self defense class for those going off to college.
- Increase family programs.
- Create specialty events for targeted groups such as Young Adults or Empty Nesters.



PROGRAMMING



- Expand daytime indoor space at the Alpharetta Community Center by offering new programs for ages 2-5.
- Provide dance opportunities that address multiple cultures while increasing the participation by offering a wide variety of dance techniques that are fun, interesting and professionally taught.
- Teen program offerings will increase by the implementation of an Adventure summer day camp for ages 12-15 which will offer parents an option for their tweens in the summer months.
- Create a special needs strategy to span five years and include collaborations with neighboring agencies, and continue to determine the needs of the community in order to expand programming.
- Evaluate facility special events in order to determine cost efficacy, including cost per participant, supplies, staff and viability of the event from year-to-year.
- Create additional programming offers, such as: Pre-School Programming, Mobile Kitchen, Foreign Languages, Adult Dance, etc.
- Utilize underused space throughout the department for expanded programming.



SPECIAL NEEDS



- Continue to meet with Special Needs Task Force in order to collaborate with neighboring cities and agencies in North Georgia on special needs programming and events.
- Collaborate with City of Milton's Camp Joyful Soles and Lionheart School to incorporate programming with Camp Happy Hearts.
- Offer adaptive programming in gymnastics Bee BRAVE program, adaptive swim family nights; continue to work with instructors to expand special needs programming within existing programs as well as adding specialty adaptive programming.
- Offer social activities for 16+ participants.
- Explore options to collaborate in creating activities at the Art Center, Log Cabin and Old Rucker Farm.
- Explore involvement in the Special Olympics and other organizations that currently provide programming for special needs populations.
- Create a five year strategy to increase programming.



CITY SPECIAL EVENTS



- Build stronger attendee relationships with citizens and affinity for Alpharetta so visitors return.
- Include more opportunities for lasting benefits (education/community involvement).
- Collaborate with other divisions on content, marketing, and staffing, while also clarifying lanes for events.
- Develop measurable criteria for event category qualifications.
- Maintain free events with optional elevated experiences for various income/special interest groups.
- Grow sponsorships and seek revenue streams to offset City operational costs.
- Research and identify sustainable event practices, such as reducing short term use purchases, seeking reusable materials and recycling old equipment.
- Strengthen recognition of City, Partnered, Assisted, and Outside events to public.
- Maintain a balanced cadence of events for consistent staffing & attendance.
- Build out film permitting process based on leadership consensus.
- Work with IT to secure Special Events digital assets.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

INTERNAL TO-DO LIST

The key to executing the goals and recommendations is to have a strong administrative process in place, which the Recreation Services Division has. A timeline will be established to ensure the following are activated and accomplished.

1. What do the citizens of Alpharetta want and need?

- Engagement with the schools; talk to students
- Community surveys, for both programs and general interests
- Continue to develop community relationships with existing specialty groups in order to gain understanding of needs.



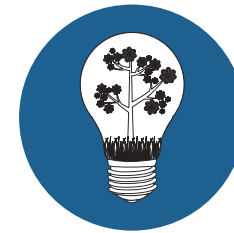
2. Prioritize Programming opportunities and develop areas of specific focus

- Clearly identify areas of programmatic responsibilities
- Minimize overlaps and ensure no gaps in service
- Match department programming efforts with available staff and financial resources
- Collaborate with other Divisions



3. Educate the team on emerging program/event trends

- Regional and National basis, keeping with current offerings and reflect what the community wants/needs
- Provide staff training for professional development and certification.



4. Improve evaluation methods

- Determine necessary reports for participation numbers, rate of fill, cancellations, event attendance
- Create process for end of season, session/different points of sessions, camp, event evaluations
- Evaluate marketing strategies and results through Community Services Division
- Compile all information into end of year report



GETTING TO OUR DESTINATION

The continuation of the Recreation Strategy will bring about positive changes and, as par for the course, some unintended consequences. Once a year, the Strategy will be evaluated and necessary changes will be noted and incorporated into the overall plan. White water, boulders, river side attractions...they are all part of the ride.

Good or bad, these events present an opportunity to make our Recreation Services Division even better than it was yesterday.

The City of Alpharetta Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department strives to provide only the best for the citizens of Alpharetta!

Live Well, Be Cool and Have FUN!

RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

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STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Eric Milley

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) - February 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for the parks located within the northern, southern, eastern, and downtown districts of the City of Alpharetta.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- We have one vacant park technician position we are currently in the onboarding process of hiring.
- We are currently in the process of scheduling the annual pine straw and mulch replacement in all park's common areas and entrances, City Center, and Brooke Street Park.
- We are currently working on basic athletic field maintenance to prepare for the upcoming season filling holes, cutting down high areas on baseball infields, adding infield mix, leveling fields for drainage, and batter's box maintenance.
- Over at Innovation we are selectively pruning and removing trees and branches that are encroaching on playing fields and trying to promote growth on the more structured and healthier trees.
- We are currently continuing to selectively prune and replace declining plant material in the landscape.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- We will continue to prune and plant through February, drainage and ballfield maintenance will be ongoing throughout the spring season.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission at the last meeting that warranted a follow-up response from staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Matt Casey

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) - February 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for Wills Park Proper, Wills Park Equestrian, and parks located in the western district of the City of Alpharetta.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Staff are currently in the process of enlarging the footprint of the Recreation center playground. We will be adding some additional seating and picnic space for spring/summer.
- Athletic fields have been edged, infield mix added, and field conditioner blended for spring league. New windscreens have been ordered and will be installed when delivered.
- WPEC has a new concessionaire which will be starting this month. We have removed all dated counters/cabinets and had space professionally cleaned. Walls were painted and new stainless-steel countertops, appliances, and equipment will be added. This will be a much needed upgraded amenity for events moving into the future.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Continue field maintenance to support games starting the first weekend in March. Upgrade all netting in covered batting pavilion.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission to the Park Services Division during that last meeting that warranted a follow-up response.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Kurt Kirby
Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report - February 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Senior Operations Manager of the Recreation, Park & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Updates for projects and program initiatives for January of 2024.

PARK ENHANCMENTS:

- **North Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts area enhancements:** Since the resurfacing project came under budget, we will be using these remaining funds to improve the grounds around the facility.
- **Webb Bridge Park Dog Park:** Work is scheduled to be completed in the second quarter of 2024.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- **North Park Turf 2 Pole Removal and Lighting upgrades:** Installation of the replacement poles and lights is scheduled to be completed in early March.
- **Webb-Zone Playground Replacement:** Construction is scheduled to be completed in May.
- **Miracle League Field Replacement:** Construction is scheduled to begin in August.

BOND PROJECTS:

- **Waters Road Park:** The driveway construction is ongoing. The playground is delivered and will be installed after the driveway is completed.
- **Mid-Broadwell Park:** Construction of the playground is scheduled to be completed in April. Our Cultural Services team is working to add some sidewalk art to the park.
- **Wills Park Proper:** The bid for the Wacky World area was posted on February 2.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission to the Senior Operations Manager at the last meeting that warranted a follow-up response.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Morgan Rodgers

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

2023 Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department Year in Review

Annual director's update on the prior year accomplishments of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department in the continued effort to meet the City's vision for recreation, parks, and culture.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

This presentation highlights the major accomplishments for the entire Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for the calendar year 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023 Accomplishments
2. Director's Presentation

2023 Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department - Accomplishments

- Arena #3 renovation completed at Wills Park Equestrian Center
- Field #4 turf replacement completed at Wills Park
- Successfully transformed gym #2 at Alpharetta Community Center (Wills Park) from basketball to gymnastics to allow the program to grow significantly
- Maintenance Shop was completed in Wills Park
- Renovation of covered arena at Union Hill Park was completed and programmed
- New signage installed at Crabapple Center, North Park, Community Center, Recreation Center
- Greenway wayfinding signage installed on Alpharetta Greenway (ACVB partner)
- Brick seating wall installed on the west side of North Main Street Park
- Outdoor basketball court at Wills Park was completed renovated
- Tree wells in City Center were repaired and trees planted
- Pickleball complex (12 courts) and tennis courts at North Park renovation completed
- Wills Park Recreation Center was repainted
- Established downtown district with a supervisor and staff
- Began construction on Waters Road Park
- Renovated baseball complex at Webb Bridge included dugout expansion, shade structure repairs, tree removal and replacement
- Began construction of dog park at Webb Bridge Park (Mulroy Family Partner)
- Broke attendance records for Taste of Alpharetta and Wire and Wood Singer Songwriter Festival
- Expanded footprint and program offering of annual Evans Family Christmas Tree Lighting Event
- Hosted Triple Crown National Softball Tournament at North Park
- Offered a successful summer music concert series at the Alpharetta Art Center
- Constructed wall between Town Green and Highway 9
- Formally designed 9 sites as “Official Music Venues” for Alpharetta Music City
- Restored Sarah Camp Garrison grave wall at Resthaven Cemetery
- Greenway sewer manhole art initiative (phase 1) was completed with 9 new public art pieces
- Installed 10 benches/swings as part of the Memorial Bench Program at no cost to the City
- Reforestation of stream bank on western end of Wills park

Setbacks (shortcomings)

- Athletic field light and pole replacement program did not advance in 2023
- Mid-Broadwell Park did not open in 2023 as planned
- Beaver Creek Park greenway access project significantly delayed
- Alpharetta Adult Activity Center Lobby (North Park) repairs were not completed in 2023

















































