

North Briarcliff Civic Association



The Official Newsletter of the
North Briarcliff Civic Association

July-September 2021

To Contact the NBCA

Email Info@northbriarcliff.org

NBCA Board Members 2021

Andrew Heaton, President... president@northbriarcliff.org • 251-605-3743

Art Hansen, Vice President and Editor

Gena Lawrence

Chris Smith, Treasurer treasurer@northbriarcliff.org

Richard Casner, Webmaster

Larry Foster, PDK Watch

Jennifer Morrison

Maizie Hale

John Morrow

NBCA Off-Board Members 2021

Annabeth Balance

Maggie Casner

Teresa Morris

FASHION TREND FOR SUMMER – SMILING FACES!

by Andrew Heaton, NBCA President

It is amazing how the little things that we used to take for granted now seem so monumental. A year and a half ago, a small gathering of neighbors would not have felt particularly special. Then COVID-19 hit, and we all slowly constrained our interactions with our friends and neighbors. Now we have a new appreciation for what was once banal.



With that as a background, it was an exciting moment on May 19th when our North Briarcliff Civic Association (NBCA) brought in a food truck to the neighborhood. Throughout the afternoon, we saw dozens of neighbors stroll up with their children and pets, spread out blankets and chairs, and enjoy some great Caribbean cuisine courtesy of the Hungry Hippo Food Truck. After nearly a year of only seeing our neighbors behind masks, it was almost jarring to see so many smiling, happy faces.

Seeing smiling faces is slowly becoming more and more normal. Businesses are, for the most part, completely opening back up to normal operations. With the latest CDC guidelines, and with rising vaccination rates in DeKalb County, more and more people are venturing into public spaces without a mask.

Of course, if you are not vaccinated, I strongly encourage you to continue to wear a mask in public. COVID-19 is on the decline, but the lingering presence of the disease and the rise of the Delta variant show that we should all make sure to continue to do our part to keep our community safe.

The NBCA is looking forward to joining in this momentum of a re-opened world. Our May food truck event was hopefully just the first of many chances for our neighborhood association to provide opportunities for us to reconnect and get to know each other as members of a neighborhood and a community. Last year, I noted that more neighbors were venturing out during the mass shutdowns, walking and playing around their homes, walking their dogs, etc. Now that more of us are vaccinated, hopefully we will marry the energy of being outside with the opportunity to start really engaging and communing again with one another.

Last year, we saw our first rise in NBCA memberships in several years. I look forward to building on that momentum by helping NBCA sponsor stronger communications and interactions among ourselves as members of a broad community. So keep getting out there. Keep supporting local businesses as they open back up and grow. Make sure to give your neighbors a wave and a shout, and maybe even introduce yourselves if you do not know each other's names. Smiling faces are back. Handshakes are back. Let's help our community become stronger and tighter because of these changes!

ADVERTISE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS!

(770) 623-6220 | sales@kda-communications.com

MAKE YOUR GREEN SPACE SHINE

Relax in your outdoor oasis

Make the most of your summer with our tree and shrub services, creating a green space you won't want to leave. Call for a complimentary consultation with your local certified arborist, Joel Twist.



Full Service Tree Care | Plant Health Care | Pruning | Lawn Programs | Consultations
The Davey Tree Expert Company | Atlanta | **770-325-2900** | davey.com



Atlanta's #1 Rated Plumber



SUNDIAL PLUMBING

A LEGACY OF TRUST SINCE 1945

sundialplumbing.com • 770-427-1998





During these uncertain times, HammerSmith is here for you. Start planning today for how to live better in a changed world.



HammerSmith
Live Brilliantly

HAMMERSMITH.NET 404.377.1021

Inside This Issue...

NBCA President's Message
Fashion Trend for Summer – Smiling Faces! Front Cover

NBCA Board 2021 Front Cover

Community – Administration
Membership Form 4

Community – NBCA Contributions
NBCA Contributions to Our Community 5

Community – Schools
Animate Summer Academy at Peachtree Presbyterian Church 6

Community – Library
2021 Summer Reading Challenge – June 1 through July 31, 2021 8

Community – History
What is the History of My Neighborhood? 10
Help Us Share Our History and Stories 11

BAND RENTALS + KITS READY FOR SCHOOL!
all instruments • all ages

Village Music
114 North Avondale Road | 404-507-2576
www.VillageMusic.store

INSTRUMENTS • VINYL • BOOKS • REPAIRS • LESSONS

We Ask for Your Help

Help the NBCA better serve our community by donating two or three hours a month to advise the board about a subject you care about or an area you want to improve. Contact one of the board or off-board members to learn more about how to help us.

770-623-6220 • sales@kda-communications.com

The North Briarcliff Civic Association newsletter is a publication of KDA & Tlehs. Subject matter published is the opinion of the author and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the publisher of this newsletter. Professional advice should be obtained before making any decision in which a professional is readily available. Advertisers assume responsibility for the content of the ads placed in this publication. Material published may not be reproduced without the written permission of KDA & Tlehs.

The contents of this newsletter are provided for the members of the North Briarcliff neighborhood as a courtesy only. No representations are made as to information presented, the quality of the goods or services advertised, or the veracity of the statements relating to the goods and services. The printing of opinions, information or advertisements does not constitute an endorsement by the neighborhood of such opinions, information, goods or services.

North Briarcliff



Civic Association

2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please return your check for annual dues and this form to:

North Briarcliff Civic Association (NBCA) • 2566 Shallowford Road, Suite 104, PMB 132 • Atlanta, GA 30345

To pay your dues with a credit card or via PayPal, go to www.northbriarcliff.org/membership.

YES! I SUPPORT THE NORTH BRIARCLIFF CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Enclosed is my \$25.00 check for 2021 Annual Dues. (Added optional donation \$_____.)

»»» PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY «««

Name: _____ Phone (in case of questions): _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

I am (We are) interested in helping NBCA with (Circle any of the following):

Newsletter or Website Layout or Updating

Member Recruitment and Benefits

Neighborhood Watch

Board Service

Membership in the NBCA is open for all residents and owners of property within the Hawthorne Elementary School district and residents on other bordering streets who may request inclusion.

The North Briarcliff Civic Association (NBCA) represents you. A civic association is an organization that exists to improve the neighborhood through volunteer work by members of the association. The purpose and mission of the NBCA is to promote the civic interests of the people living in our area. What this means is that this association is dedicated to informing, representing, and supporting the residents of our area in issues of public concern.

Membership in the NBCA is voluntary and is open to any resident or property owner within the Hawthorne Elementary School District and to other residents living on bordering streets who request inclusion. The newsletter is addressed to “Current Resident” to ensure that the newsletter is delivered (free of charge) to every house and condominium in the NBCA area as a service to all the residents.

We want you to help us become better representatives. As our paid membership increases, we have greater authority and leverage in dealing with (or confronting) the county and other organizations on your behalf. Renew your membership or become a member by paying your annual dues. The \$25 dues covers the household for the calendar year (January-December 2021).

Help us to better represent the interests of our neighborhood by bringing to our attention any issues or events that merit our attention. We would appreciate your perspective, and you may know more or care more about

that issue than any board or off-board member. Consider joining the board or advising the board as an off-board member so that the association is better able to address the issue in question. We would welcome your assistance, enthusiasm and expertise.

The NBCA is a non-profit organization that is managed by its board members, all of whom are neighbors who have volunteered to work together to make a difference in our local community. All of the board members are elected by the dues-paying members of the NBCA at an annual meeting in the fall. Some board members have special interests and expertise in specific areas that are important to our area, while other board members are generalists. The board members are supported by off-board members, who are neighbors who have volunteered to help the board by identifying and addressing specific areas. None of the board or off-board members receive any monetary payment for their efforts.

If you want to report something or register a complaint with the county or other agencies, the board may be able to assist you or help you contact appropriate agencies. However, you are responsible for making your report or registering your complaint. Please remember that board and off-board members are volunteers with only so much time and energy.

Email addresses for board and off-board members are listed on the front page of each newsletter and are also found on the NBCA website www.northbriarcliff.org

NBCA CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

by Chris Smith, NBCA Treasurer

Our civic association (the NBCA) represents our area and our public interests to the county and also contributes to our community by sponsoring and donating to worthy neighborhood groups. (Note: all of our income comes from members' annual \$25 dues and contributions.)

Every year, we allocate \$1,000 to the Mary Scott Nature Park to help control weeds (such as poison ivy) and restore native flora. We have already donated \$500 this year to Hawthorne Elementary School (the Hornet Hustle) and are a contributing sponsor (\$250) of the Briarmoor Manor Sharks swimming team.

The Shallowford Road bridge over I-85 is a major entrance to our area, and we pay to maintain the garden area at the southeast corner of the bridge.

A special contribution this year was sponsoring a food truck on May 19th to give people in our area the chance to get out of the house and enjoy a neighborhood event. The truck parked on Foster Ridge Road near the intersection with Caladium Drive. This location allowed everyone to spread out (practice social distance), order from the food truck, and relax on the Hawthorne lawn.



As you approached Hawthorne School, you could see that the food truck had attracted many neighbors.



The Happy Hippo Food Truck.



The arrival of the food truck also gave neighbors the chance to hang out and talk, an experience that had been severely restricted by the need to be cautious because of the pandemic.



Families could spread out and have a picnic on the lawn. What a treat after being cooped up by the pandemic.

ANIMATE SUMMER ACADEMY AT PEACHTREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

by Marcus Laing (LaAmistad)

Animate Summer Academy is a month-long summer program designed for students who attend LaAmistad afterschool sites during the school year. The goal of the Animate Summer Academy is twofold:

- 1) Combat summer learning loss in the population LaAmistad serves.
- 2) Provide students with a traditional summer camp experience comparable to those of their more affluent peers.

Days at the Summer Academy are split between academics in the morning and camp activities in the afternoon. LaAmistad usually operates two summer camps in June -- one at The Westminster School and one at St. Martins Episcopal School. This year, given the increased need for summer remediation due to COVID, we'll host a third summer camp at Peachtree Presbyterian Church beginning in July.

What is LaAmistad?

The words “la amistad” mean “friendship” in Spanish.

LaAmistad is the premier organization serving Latinos in Atlanta. We foster academic excellence and help our students, parents, and families to achieve a better quality of life. Our nurturing environment is rooted in a fundamental belief in the power of friendships and relationships. At LaAmistad, friendships between students and staff, volunteers, and fellow students are cultivated every day. The impact of these friendships may last a lifetime.

LaAmistad is a community-supported non-profit organization that works to empower Latino students and families to achieve their ultimate potential. LaAmistad provides a comprehensive programming structure that incorporates activities for kids and adults. Our mission is to prepare Latino students and families for success through academic and life enrichment programs. Our vision is that Latino students and families will achieve life-long self-sufficiency.

In this critical moment, LaAmistad's Animate Summer Academy is providing Latino students from all across Atlanta the academic remediation they need to get back on track after a challenging year. Visit our website to find out how you may get involved with our newest Animate camp this July at Peachtree Presbyterian Church! www.laamistadinc.org

Volunteer Tutors

During 2020, LaAmistad worked tirelessly to effectively shift afterschool programming to an easily accessible online platform for fall 2020. Recognizing a unique opportunity, we adopted a one-on-one online tutoring model for the fall, electing to individually pair each volunteer with one student with whom the volunteer worked for the entire year. It was a large undertaking, and we are thrilled to report that the hard work paid off for the students and families we serve.



Tutors enjoy the experience of helping a child learn, and each child enjoys the experience and attention.

Our deepest appreciation to all of the incredible volunteers who have already signed up to be virtual tutors. On behalf of all of us at LaAmistad, thank you. Your willingness to continue making a difference in the lives of our students in spite of the uncertainty we now face is nothing short of remarkable. When students think back on what will hopefully be a brief moment of chaos during otherwise stellar academic careers, they will recall the open hearts and kind faces of those who helped them weather the storm.



There are many ways to stimulate children's creativity.

While we are proud of what we have accomplished so far, there are still LaAmistad afterschool students waiting to be paired with a dedicated volunteer to invest in their academic success this fall.

May our students count on you to tutor them this year? Visit the link below to be part of LaAmistad Afterschool in 2021! <https://www.laamistadinc.org/Forms/VolunteerApplicationForm>



Sometimes you tutor at a table, sometimes sitting on the floor. Whatever works.

A few hours of your time each week will have a life-changing impact on students in need of support. LaAmistad is seeking volunteers who will offer elementary-age homework help to local Latinx students online. No Spanish or education experience is required! Volunteers work alongside a staff teacher and parent liaison to help students achieve academic success. This is a great way to start volunteering in the community and makes an immeasurable difference in the lives of students.



Children improve their academics and enjoy the attention.

ANIMATE SUMMER ACADEMY AT PEACHTREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *CONT'D*

Peachtree Presbyterian Church and LaAmistad

Bill Maness, the Recreation Director of the Gym at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, established LaAmistad. Every day during the spring of 2000, he noticed that a group of Latino children arrived by bus across the street from the church. These children were from families that were not fluent in English, and completing daily homework was an impossible task for the students and their parents due to the language barrier. Maness decided to assist these families by offering the students an opportunity to be tutored after school at the church. Wanting to help each student's whole family, he extended the offer to the parents to come to the church for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

In 2001, Maness officially named his after-school outreach as "La Amistad." The program consisted of two afternoon sessions every week for the students, offering them a structured homework/tutoring time so they could increase their academic success. There also was time for students to use the recreational facilities at the church and take part in devotionals. Maness knew that these students not only needed direct academic instruction to improve academically, but also needed to build and strengthen relationships through mentoring. He knew that another crucial part in helping these students succeed was to offer them some of the same recreational activities and experiences that their non-Latino peers experienced on a daily basis. This allowed the students to feel more connected and confident among their peers in a school setting.

In 2004, because of this well-rounded approach, LaAmistad won the prestigious Atlanta Public Schools A+ Community Achievement Award, an award to nonprofit organizations that go above and beyond by consistently providing resources to students to improve their academic performance in the classroom. This award was especially valuable to LaAmistad because it recognized Maness's positive impact before he died later that year.

By 2005, LaAmistad, Inc. had doubled in size and served 60 students from three different schools in the immediate area. Those students attended LaAmistad afterschool at Peachtree Presbyterian Church for four afternoons each week and participated in homework help, reading comprehension exercises, recreational activities, spiritual devotion, and a mentoring program. To ensure learning continued over the summer, there was a summer camp.

In 2006 LaAmistad, Inc. became an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization to provide exceptional educational and life-enrichment services to children and their families. Becoming a 501(c)3 allowed LaAmistad, Inc. to apply for financial assistance through grants.

In 2009, LaAmistad, Inc. won an Atlanta Public Schools A+ Mentoring Award for the second time. Atlanta Public Schools commended LaAmistad, Inc. for being an organization that analyzed each student's individual needs in order to customize the development of one-to-one relationships between students and adults. LaAmistad, Inc. was also commended for providing a safe, caring,

and supportive environment to foster mentor relationships.

In 2011, LaAmistad, Inc. merged with English for Successful Living, Inc. For the last decade, English for Successful Living, Inc. has hosted the largest community-based adult English as a Second Language program in Georgia with introductory, beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels of English classes offered throughout a year's time span.

Today, LaAmistad at Peachtree Presbyterian has grown into a dynamic after-school program that now facilitates tutoring five days per week along with reading and math enrichment, preschool education, one-on-one tutoring opportunities, summer camps, mentoring, and sports programs for students in grades 1-12. Since LaAmistad, Inc. strives to not only uplift each student, but also his or her family, parenting workshops as well as a comprehensive family resource center, are made readily available to each family. Families utilize the resource center's wealth of information regarding employment, health, counseling, legal and financial services, and scholarships in order to improve quality of life for their family. Additionally, the resource center contains a wide array of library books for families to choose from and offers computers with internet access, a necessary educational component that is commonly lacking in many Latino families' homes. LaAmistad, Inc. is also in the process of successfully replicating its afterschool and English for Successful Living programs across Georgia and the United States.



Men and women enjoy tutoring.



A happy group. Children show the books they are learning to read.

2021 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 31, 2021

by Alicia Brown, Public Information Office for DeKalb County Public Library

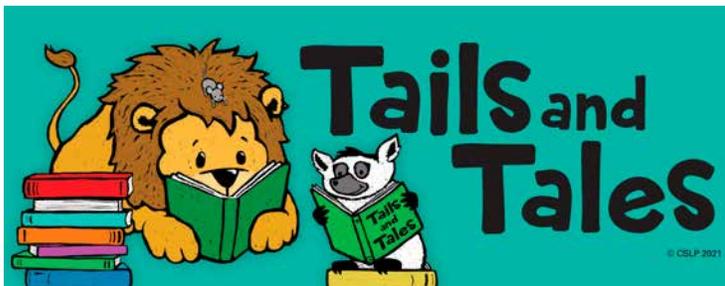
School is out! Summer is here, and DeKalb County Public Library is open!

It's very important that everybody -- babies, children, teens, parents, and other adults -- read and do literacy activities all summer long to keep the brain in shape.

So, let's get ready to read and do some fun activities by participating in DeKalb County Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge, Tails and Tales!

How Summer Reading Works:

- 1) Patrons of all ages may participate in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- 2) Register in Beanstack beginning May 24, 2021.
<https://dekalblibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>
- 3) We have a variety of programs, virtual storytimes, and fun activities during the summer for all ages! Check out our kids programs and adult programs at events.dekalblibrary.org.
- 4) Everyone who completes their age-level challenge (Young Children, School Age, Teens) will receive a free book and be entered into a raffle for great prizes, including but not limited to games, puzzles, gift cards, Amazon Kindles and more!
- 5) Fine-Free Summer for kids and teens (June 1-August 31, 2021) — No library overdue fines on Juvenile and Young Adult materials.



Service Update: Normal Hours Resumed

DCPL has eliminated appointments and moved to one-hour visits. Patrons no longer need to call ahead to pick up items on hold and are encouraged to use self-checkout machines where available.

Capacity is reduced at branches to promote social distancing, so access is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Prior to entry, each patron must submit to a temperature screening, and proper face coverings will be required.

Hours for most branches

10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Mon.-Wed.*

10:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thurs.-Sat.

* Brookhaven, Embry, Gresham, and Lithonia close at 5 on Wednesdays.

Decatur Branch Hours

9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Mon.-Wed.

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Thurs.-Sat.

Takeout Tech: New Computer Service Launches at DeKalb Libraries (DCPL)

You may now check out a chromebook from select DCPL libraries! Select branches, including Northlake, are offering chromebooks to check out for up to 6 hours at a time.

Brookhaven, Chamblee, Clarkston, Covington, Hairston Crossing, Northlake, Redan, Salem Panola, Scott Candler, Stonecrest and Wesley Chapel have chromebooks available on a first come first served basis.

Call your local branch to check availability and schedule pickup, then connect to the wifi of your choice - either the library's wifi in the library parking lot or anywhere else you have wifi access. Return the chromebook later that same day at the branch where you checked it out.

Storytime (Listen to Stories) is Now Just a Phone Call Away!

Since April 12th, DeKalb County Public Library has offered a new dial-a-story service called StoryLine. StoryLine offers a wide range of stories read by our Youth Services Librarians for children and families at any time of the day. Selected stories may be found in the library's print and eBook collection of children's books and are available for checkout. Call us at (404) 370-3070, press 7, select between a story in English or in Spanish, and listen!



BE THE CHANGE THAT WE NEED TO SEE IN THIS WORLD



2myPlace is a 501(c)(3)/non-profit, dedicated to "bridging education with opportunity." Our goal is to reach and teach teens and young adults by offering coaching in life and social skills, keeping them strong, safe and confident. Our audio workshops are led by teens. We introduce the dangers of Human trafficking, bullying, lack of confidence, anger and stress, and anything else they want to address.

Real Beginnings is our program dedicated to helping women (who've been sex-trafficked, abused, or addicted) ready to re-establish their lives, following a recovery program. We offer the services necessary to thrive, such as: housing, transportation, psychological services, food, clothing, and medical and dental.

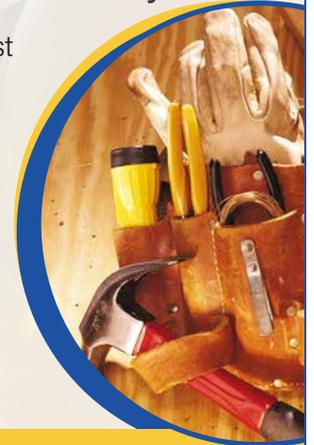
Please help by making a tax-deductible donation at www.2myPlace.org

If you can volunteer services- please get in touch!
Cindee Sapoznik~Founder/CEO
770-815-6044

HOME PROJECTS DONE RIGHT

Improving properties for 20+ years

- Replace/Repair/Install almost anything
- Rebuild and repair after remediation crews leave
- Custom projects—we work with you to create your design
- References available in your neighborhood



I look forward to working with you.



Right Home REPAIR



Your Neighborhood Handyman
404-775-9161
RightHomeRepair.com

By popular demand - a new service from KDA & Tlehs to help protect and add value to our Neighborhood:

Our Front Porch Verified

We Verify And Highlight Our Neighborhood's **PREFERRED, REFERRED, TRUSTED AND INSURED VENDORS** For Our Most Common Homeowner Needs.



Tired of seeing so many **DIFFERENT VENDORS** driving through our neighborhood?

How do you know which vendor is **TRUSTED?** Which is **INSURED?**

Is there a place to find out which vendors **OUR NEIGHBORS PREFER?**



Look no further!
Our Front Porch Verified has the answers for you.

Look for the Our Front Porch Verified badge in our neighborhood newsletter

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

By Damon Remigailo (1987)

Editor's Note. This is a great example of a schoolchild being a source of local histories. The following was written by a student at Hawthorne Elementary School who interviewed neighbors and reviewed DeKalb Historical Society documents. We learn a lot from reading it. This has been edited for length.

Purpose. The purpose of this project was to learn about the history of the land where my family lives. It was also to learn about who owned the property before us, how the land was used, and how the neighborhood developed.

A piece of property has a street address and a legal description. I live at 2531 Silver Lace Court in Atlanta, Georgia. My parents bought this land from Peachtree Development Corporation in June of 1979. The property deed (registered at the DeKalb County Courthouse) says that this property is lot 18, Block J, Briarmoor Manor Subdivision, land lot 247, district 18, DeKalb County, Georgia.

The Creek Indians. The first people to own this land were the Creek Indians. There were around 20,000 Creek Indians in Georgia and Alabama before white settlers moved into Creek Indian Territory. In 1814, Andrew Jackson defeated the Creeks at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama, and the Creek land was divided into five Georgia counties. The land was distributed by a lottery in land lots of 202.5 acres each.

Land Lot 247. My family lives in land lot 247, which was granted to John E. Gilbert on December 18, 1821 for the grant fee of \$19. Archibald Darrough bought land lot 247 on March 9, 1822 for \$100, then sold it to John Blake on July 24, 1822 for \$200.

Blake's Mill. John Blake operated Blake's Mill on the North Fork of Peachtree Creek until his death in 1854. An historical marker now stands on the site on Shallowford Road (see photo). He listed 10 land lots in his will. Land lot 247 was the most valuable because Peachtree Creek went through the property and was the source of power to run his mill. John Blake was also a farmer, owned 23 slaves, and had three sons who lived in Randolph County, Alabama.

The McElroys. William W. McElroy bought land lot 247 for \$3,200 on October 3, 1862. He was a farmer who fought in the Civil War. He married Margaret Tilly McElroy in 1840. They were founding members of the Doraville Associate Reform Presbyterian Church, were opposed to slavery, and are buried in



This Blake's Mill marker is on the south side of Shallowford Road just east of the ChocoLate Coffee and Public shopping center. During the Civil War (or the War Between the States), some Union troops camped here in July 1864 on their way to Decatur.

the Prospect Cemetery on North Peachtree Road in Chamblee. The McElroy's graves are behind the old United Methodist Church, which is now used as an antique shop.

When William died, the land was passed to J. W. F. Tilly and then (on February 18, 1868) to Stephen T. McElroy, one of three children raised on the McElroy farm in Norcross. Stephen T. McElroy fought in the Civil War and was wounded in the left leg on November 18, 1862 at Baker's Creek, Mississippi. After his leg was amputated, he was given a disability discharge in 1863. He owned land lot 247 until he sold it to the Clark Stewart Company of Fulton County on February 3, 1921. There is a McElroy Road that runs south from Buford Highway in Doraville.

The Great Depression. During the great depression, the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company foreclosed on the property on September 1, 1931. Then Lum C. Pitts bought it from the John Hancock Company on January 29, 1936.

Zack D. Cravey. Several local streets and a lake are named after Zack D. Cravey (the Georgia Commissioner of Game and Fish). On February 1, 1936, he leased land lot 247 from L. C. Pitts to be used for a game preserve. Pitts reserved the right to quarry any rock and granite for one year and to cut standing timber for two years.

For five years, the game farm was used to breed and raise Georgia Native Bobwhite Quail, Asiatic Chukar Partridges, wild turkey and deer. The quail hatchery was located where Hawthorne Drive divides into Hawthorne and Caladium Drives. The stone house that you can see on Briarcliff Road near Hawthorne Drive was where the manager of the game farm lived. His first name was Barney. The property lease was not renewed because the Atlanta climate was not appropriate for raising quail.

Cravey Lake. On January 11, 1944, Zack Cravey bought the land from Lum C. Pitts. Cravey built a cabin and stable and a lake for fishing where the quarry had been. When Cravey Lake was being built, there was a rock crusher left from the quarry.

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD? CONT'D

The Peachtree Development Corporation. Zack D. Cravey sold land lot 247 to his two sons and John L. Taylor, Sr. They formed the Peachtree Development Corporation to develop the land into lots for houses and named the subdivision Briarmanor Manor. The Peachtree Development Corporation donated the land for the Briarmanor Manor Recreation Club and for Hawthorne Elementary School.

In 1954, the Peachtree Development Corporation built the streets Cravey Drive, Briarmanor Manor Road, Sylvan Ramble, and Hawthorne Drive. By 1961, Caladium Drive, Cosmos Court, Cosmos Drive, and Hawthorne Place were developed. The streets were named for flowers and trees by Zack Cravey's daughter (Margery Cravey Taylor, now Margery Gambrell).

In the 1970s and 1980s, Cravey Drive and Hawthorne Drive were extended, and Canna Ridge Circle, Jasmine Court, Cravey Trail, Silver Lace Court, and Hawthorne Cove were built. Silver Lace Court is a cul-de-sac, but an early plat map showed a through street named Begonia Way. (I think the change was made because there was too much rock to continue the street.)

Some of the builders who built houses on these streets were Fred Jones, Frances Milam, and Joe Honea. In 1987, Joe Honea was building on the last vacant land.

Hawthorne Elementary School. Hawthorne School was opened in 1960. Its architect was John Portman, who also designed the Hyatt Regency, Peachtree Plaza and Marriott Marquis Hotels in downtown Atlanta. His architectural firm was called Edwards and Portman at that time.

At one time, there were almost 1,000 students at Hawthorne, which is why Henderson Mill and Heritage Schools were built. By 1987, Hawthorne School had had five principals: Bob Rowlet, Bill Strain, Norman Dasinger, Tedd Briggs, and Gary Durham, and the school had fewer than 400 students.

Northlake Mall. Northlake Mall was built on the Cash, Priest, and Weed family properties. Before the shopping center was built, the land was used for farming cotton and soybeans. Zack Cravey wanted his sons to buy the land where the mall is, but they said they already owned too much land.

Briarcliff Road, Cravey Drive, and Payton Road. Briarcliff Road was already a state road from Atlanta to Tucker and had been paved as far as Cravey Drive by Scott Candler (the Commissioner of DeKalb County) when the game farm was still operating. Georgia Power Company built electric lines, and the county extended the water system to the game farm. Briarcliff Road east of Cravey Drive was just a dirt road, and Cravey Drive was a dirt road.

Briarcliff Road follows the ridge of the hills, which is why there are so many curves in the road. Briarcliff Road was straightened a little and moved to the north when it was paved around 1938. Before then, it followed what is now Payton Road, which was called old Briarcliff Road between about 1938 and 1960. Payton Road was given its current name around 1960 when it was paved.

Shallowford Road. Shallowford Road was part of the old Shallow Ford Indian Trail that went from the present Decatur Courthouse to the Chattahoochee River where Roswell Road crosses the river. The trail

went north on Clairmont Road to La Vista, east to Oak Grove Road, and north to Briarcliff Road where Lakeside High School stands now. The trail turned eastward again to the present Shallowford Road where it turned to the north. The shallow ford, for which the trail was named, is two miles south of the town of Roswell.

Lessons Learned. My study of the history of my neighborhood has taught me the answers to several questions and how to look for answers to my questions. I learned how to find the record of a transfer of deed at the courthouse. I learned how to plan and do interviews and how to look up family histories at the historical society. In my neighborhood, I looked for historical makers and for old gravestones.

I found out how the land was used before I lived here. My project also taught me how much the land and people have changed over the years. I enjoyed learning to know my neighbors better. Several of them shared their time and stories with me.

I hope people in the future care for this land as well as the people in the past. I would like them to remember the Indians, the miller, the soldiers, the farmers, the animals, the developers and builders, and the homeowners. I like to think about the Indians and the animals who once lived where my family and my neighbors live now.

Bibliography - Editor's Note. The bibliography included documents from the DeKalb Historical Society and the DeKalb County Courthouse, published books, articles, interviews, and personal credits.

HELP US SHARE OUR HISTORY AND STORIES

by Art Hansen, NBCA Editor

Help us by contributing information about our local history and about interesting events and stories about people (maybe your parents or children) in our area.

Most of us know the names of some of our closest neighbors and whether they have children and dogs. If their children are about the same age as our children, we may get to know that family better through playdates and maybe the PTA. However, we do not know the history of this area and the background of most of our neighbors.

This lack of shared knowledge limits the sense of belonging to a community and sharing a history. To strengthen our community, our civic association is interested in learning about and communicating the history of our subdivisions and neighborhoods and the personal histories and opinions of the people living

here. This is why we interviewed NBCA members last year about how they were living through the pandemic and published their responses in the October 2020 issue of this newsletter.

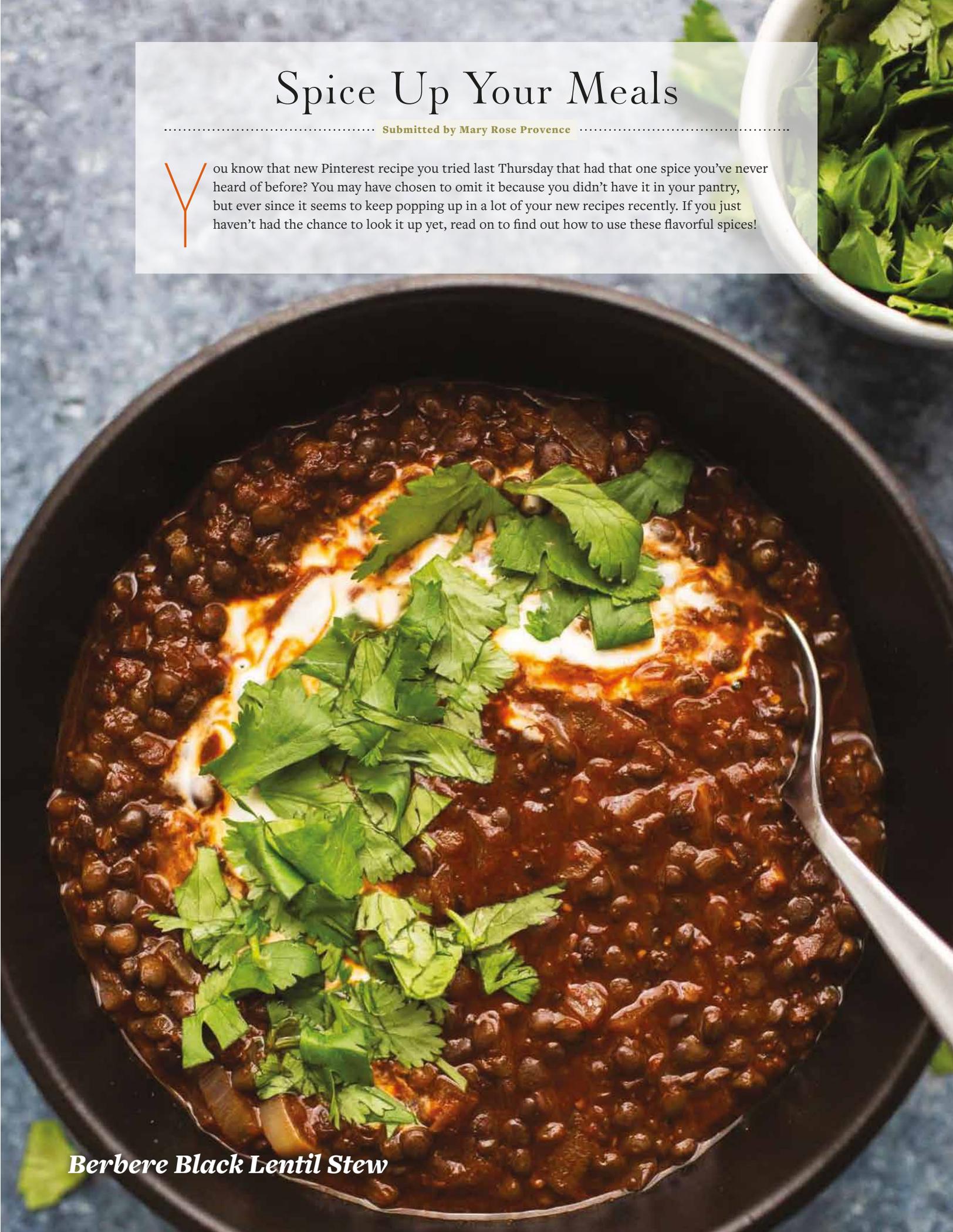
Schoolchildren are another source of local histories. We published the personal experience of someone who had attended Hawthorne Elementary School many years ago. In this issue, we publish a history of our area written by a Hawthorne student who reviewed DeKalb Historical Society documents and interviewed neighbors. Although this history was written some years ago, I certainly learned a lot from reading it, and I think you will also benefit.

If you or your child are interested in a project, think about writing another local history or interviewing local people. If you know of other histories of this locality, let me know (artghansen@gmail.com).

Spice Up Your Meals

Submitted by Mary Rose Provence

You know that new Pinterest recipe you tried last Thursday that had that one spice you've never heard of before? You may have chosen to omit it because you didn't have it in your pantry, but ever since it seems to keep popping up in a lot of your new recipes recently. If you just haven't had the chance to look it up yet, read on to find out how to use these flavorful spices!



Berberé Black Lentil Stew

TAJIN

This blend of chili peppers, dehydrated lime, and sea salt was brought to the United States in 1993 but has recently risen in popularity the past few years. It originates from Mexico where they use the spice to flavor fruit, and it was originally named “Tajín Clásico” but the name has become shortened over time. Nowadays the spice is used on almost any food to give it that extra kick of spice and citrus.

Grilled Chicken with Orange and Cilantro

(from [tajin.com](#))

Ingredients

- 8 bone-in chicken thighs (about 3 pounds) skin removed.
- 2 tablespoons TAJÍN®
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, minced
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- 1 small yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 1 orange, sliced
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/3-cup limejuice
- 1/4 cup canola oil



Directions

1. In a large glass-baking dish, season chicken generously with TAJÍN® on both sides. Sprinkle on the cilantro and orange zest. Next, layer the onion slices on top of the cilantro as evenly as possible, then pour the lemon and lime juices over the chicken. Drizzle the oil over the chicken and cover the dish with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 4 hours, turning the chicken after about 2 hours.
2. Set an outdoor grill to medium heat or preheat an indoor grill pan over medium heat. Toss the chicken in the marinade once more to make sure the oil is incorporated—this will not only help your chicken to crisp up beautifully, but it will also prevent it from sticking to your grill.
3. Remove the chicken from the marinade and place it on the grill with the onion slices and a few orange wedges if you like. Cook for 5 to 10 minutes on each side, until the internal temperature reaches 165°F.
4. Remove it from the heat to a platter and serve.

BERBERE

Berberere translates to pepper in Ethiopian and the name definitely makes sense. This spice is a perfect blend of chili pepper, garlic, ginger, and basil. It is often used in stews and meat marinades but it can also be used on fruits and salads. It goes well with almost any dish by adding a little heat and pepper to your meal.

Berberere Black Lentil Stew

(from [naturallyella.com](#))

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion (minced)
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger (minced)
- 3 to 4 tablespoons Berbere Spice
- 1 cup uncooked black lentils
- 2 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 to 2 cups waters
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- Juice from 1/2 lemon (plus extra for serving)
- Salt (to taste)
- Toppings
- Yogurt (for topping)
- Cilantro (for topping)

Directions

Heat a pot or dutch oven over medium heat. Add the olive oil followed by the minced onion. Cook until the onion is translucent, 5 to 6 minutes. Add in the ginger and cook for a minute more.

Measure in 3 tablespoons of the berbere spice and stir to coat the onions. Add in the black lentils followed by the vegetable broth and 1 cup water. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, cover, and cook for about 25 minutes. Check and stir occasionally, adding water as needed.

Once lentils are mostly tender, stir in the tomato sauce and lemon. Continue to cook for another 5 to 10 minutes until lentils are tender. Taste and add more berbere seasoning, lemon juice, or salt as needed.

TURMERIC

This bitter spice originates from Asia and is most known for being an ingredient in curry. It's very similar to ginger and is used in Southeast Asian, Indian, and Middle Eastern cooking. One of its main ingredients, Curcumin, is known for helping fight inflammation and is high in antioxidants. This spice would be a great addition to any meat or vegetable dish.

Creamy Turmeric Soup

(from [cooking.nytimes.com](#))

Ingredients

- 1 pound spaghetti
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 large shallot, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 2 cups lightly packed freshly grated Parmesan (about 4 ounces), plus more for serving
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley or chives



Directions

Cook spaghetti according to package instructions. Reserve 1 cup pasta cooking water and drain.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add shallot and garlic, season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring, until golden-brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Add turmeric and stir to toast, about 30 seconds. Slowly whisk in the half-and-half then bring to a simmer.

Whisk in the 2 cups Parmesan, then add the cooked spaghetti and all of the reserved pasta cooking liquid and toss to coat. Serve with chopped parsley and more Parmesan.



Article by Mary Rose Provence. I am a current senior at the University of Georgia studying the field of Advertising with the pursuit of a Master's in

Journalism. Contact me at mrprovence@gmail.com.

Sponsors eager for your business!

The following are sponsors* in other community newsletters published by KDA & Tlehs Publishing. **BOLD LISTINGS** have an advertisement in this publication. (* Included sponsors have met purchase criteria.)

NB37N

A/C & Heating	
Anytime Heating & Cooling, Inc.	678-606-9020
Dayco Systems	770-919-9509
Neese-Jones Heating and Cooling	678-856-4785
Precision Heating & Air	770-445-0870
Shumate Air Conditioning & Heating	678-584-0880
Superior Indoor Comfort	770-664-9098
Zen Air	678-883-7868
Accountants	
Signature Accounting Services, LLC.	770-975-1609
Assisted Living	
Manor Lake BridgeMill	678-990-5055
Manor Lake Ellijay	762-533-6292
Tapestry House Assisted Living	678-234-1074
The Arbor at Bridgemill	770-545-6736
Bathroom & Kitchen Remodeling	
Miracle Method-North West Atlanta	888-545-6516
Cleaning Services	
House Cleaning Specialist, Inc	770-975-4995
Prestige Maids	770-807-9949
Concrete Leveling	
Advance Concrete Lifting & Leveling	678-235-9322
Concrete Replacement	
McKemey Concrete & Hardscapes	678-914-2576
Consignment	
Finders Keepers	404-296-0285
Kid to Kid-Alpharetta	770-807-3245
Kid to Kid-Cumming	770-888-8500
Kid to Kid-Johns Creek	770-495-4888
Uptown Cheap skate-Cumming	770-844-7600
Uptown Cheap skate-Johns Creek	770-495-1515
Dentist	
Acworth Dental	770-974-4146
Acworth Family Dentistry	770-974-8211
BridgeMill Dentistry (Scott Merritt, DMD)	770-704-1812
Cumming Dental Associates	404-408-9811
Distinctive Dentistry	770-445-6606
Esthetic Dental Solutions	678-352-1333
Family Dentistry at Seven Hills	678-574-4837
Northpoint Dental	678-274-6987
Roswell Dental Care	770-998-6736
Swords & Phelps Dentistry	770-479-3713
Design & Build Services	
HammerSmith, Inc.	404-377-1021
Electrical Service	
Arc Angel Electric Corp	470-239-5568
ServiceWise Electric, LLC	404-704-4903
Shumate Electrical Services	678-584-0880
Event Planning	
Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau	678-297-2811
Eye Care	
Pearle Vision - Woodstock	770-790-0000
Fitness Centers	
HOTWORX-Acworth	470-523-8200
Senergy Fitness	470-282-5225
Garage Doors	
Platinum Overhead Door	678-329-3100
Golf Courses	
Club Corp Golf Clubs	770-389-2000
Golf Equipment & Supplies	
Golf Cars of Canton	678-880-1156
Handyman	
Shumate Handyman Services	678-584-0880
Hardware Stores	
Ace Hardware of Toco Hills	404-325-8000
Home Exterior Makeover	
Exovations-Home Exterior Makeover	770-205-2995
Home Furnishings	
ARIANA Home Furnishings & Design	678-807-7422
Home Improvements	
Exovations	770-205-2995
GHIR Construction	404-922-7379
Insulation	
Koala Insulation-Central Atlanta	407-466-6569
Koala Insulation-NW Atlanta	770-765-1580
Insurance	
State Farm-Matt Cresap	770-982-0064
The Upton Agency	770-361-6570
Landscaping Lighting	
Georgia LightScapes	404-369-0199
Lawn Care	
The Grounds Guys-Marietta	678-373-6374
Turf Technologies	
Musical Instruments	
Village Music	404-507-2576
Nursery	
Autumn Hill Nursery	770-442-3901
Painting	
360 Painting	770-213-5071
Chris Brown Painting & Home Repair	770-323-3148
Earthly Matters Painting and Contracting	770-346-0203
Verge Painting and Siding	678-331-1102
Pest Control	
Breda Pest Management	770-466-6700
Legacy Pest Control	770-423-0160
Plumbing	
Bryan Plumbing Services	770-826-5277
Hulsey Environmental Services	770-536-1161
Plumbwise, Inc.	678-862-7758
Serv'all Plumbing & Rooter Service	770-917-1852
Shumate Plumbing Services	678-584-0880
Sundial Plumbing	770-427-1998
The Plumbers Guild	404-694-5128
Pre-Schools & Kindergarten	
Omega Learning Center-Acworth	770-792-7431
Primrose School of Acworth Bentwater	770-529-3925
Propane Service	
Gas Incorporated	770-720-1378
Real Estate	
Atlanta Communities-Carl Hawthorne	404-403-1789
Atlanta Communities-Jennifer and Associates ..	770-403-5639
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services-Blumer	678-858-4927
Coldwell Banker Realty-Payne	404-432-0466
Coldwell Banker-Sherry Warner	404-784-8848
Compass Realty-Gipson and Co.	404-405-5363
Compass Realty-Natalie Gregory Team	404-373-0076
Cory & Co. Realty	404-564-5561
Harry Norman Realtors-Pam Hughes	404-626-3604
Lee and Darlene Team - Compass	404-932-3006
Park Realty-John Morgan	770-655-9423
Remax Around Atlanta-Falkin	770-330-2374
ReMax-Sarah Terrell	770-928-6525
Russ Robinson Atlanta Communities	770-335-7677
Sever Group Properties//State Farm-Grant	678-849-6884
Remodeling	
GCI Basements	404-569-8794
Serv'all Plumbing-Remodeling	770-917-1852
Restaurants	
Beau Monde Cigar Bar & Restaurant	770-559-1987
Luna Maya	770-720-4999
Retaining Walls	
Ben Hopkins LLC	770-893-8986
Retirement Community	
Holbrook/Dogwood Forest	404-445-7777
Roofing	
Dr. Roof	770-552-7663
Earthly Matters Painting and Contracting	770-346-0203
Exovations-Roofing	770-205-2955
Generation Contracting DBA Generation	770-733-3517
M&A Roofing and Restoration	404-632-8381
New Image Roofs	404-509-8613
Pro Elite Roofing	404-293-5115
TRiO Roofing and Construction	404-492-5790
Schools-Private	
McGinnis Woods Country Day School	770-664-7764
The Friends School of Atlanta	404-373-8746
Security Systems	
Classic Entry Systems	678-330-1111
Siding	
Exovations-Siding	770-205-2995
Tree Service	
The Davey Tree Expert Company	770-451-7911
Water Heaters	
Serv'all Plumbing-Water Heaters	770-917-1852
Window Replacement	
Exovations-Window Replacements	770-205-2995
Insulation and Window Solutions	678-481-8818
Visionaire Windows	404-543-9306
Wrought Iron Railing	
Mind's Eye Fabrication	770-363-4561

IS YOUR HOUSE LEAKING MONEY?

A home with inadequate insulation or air sealing will waste money. Koala Insulation is here to help!

BENEFITS OF INSULATION

- ✓ Saves Energy
- ✓ Saves Money
- ✓ HVAC System Runs Less
- ✓ Reduces Moisture Levels



BOOK YOUR QUOTE ONLINE!



SCAN ME



CALL FOR A FREE INSULATION EVALUATION!

404-994-1287
koalainsulation.com/central-atlanta

**FREE ATTIC STAIRWAY INSULATOR
A \$200 VALUE**

WITH ANY QUALIFYING PURCHASE OF BLOW-IN INSULATION
Offer expires 8/15/2021



WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Home Plumbing Repair
- ✓ Leak Detection and Water Line Repair
- ✓ Commercial Plumbing and Repair

Please call our 24-hour emergency hotline number if you have any plumbing emergencies.



The Plumbers Guild

Don't hire unskilled, Call the guild!



(404) 793-5765

atlantaplumbersguild.com

corey@atlantaplumbersguild.com

10 Executive Park West, 567, Brookhaven, GA 30329



PEST CONTROL



MOSQUITOES



WILDLIFE



TERMITE

Check out your Local Pest Index.
We are here to help, because with Breda,
You **NEVER** have to be Afraid'a...Bugs.



Scan the QR code to view your area's Pest Index
or visit us online at www.BredaPest.com

770-466-6700



Dr. Roof

OFFICIAL ROOFER OF
Hairy's Dawg House

Roof Replacement | Roof Repairs
Siding | Windows

(770) 450-8853



SCAN ME

