



# The TCA Tribune

## September 2009

Tucker Civic Association

**"Partners in the Progress and Preservation of Tucker"**

*Fall Membership Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 17*

## Community meeting to address emergency preparedness

The Tucker Civic Association will host a community meeting on disaster preparedness on Thursday, September 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 4882 Lavista Road in Tucker.

Capt. Beth Burgess, operations chief of DeKalb County's Emergency Management Agency, will give a presentation on how to prepare

emergency kits and family plans in response to threats of disaster. She said every family should have an emergency plan in case a tornado, flood, chemical leak or other hazard necessitates a community evacuation. She will follow her remarks with a ques-



Capt. Burgess

tion-and-answer period.

The disaster preparedness presentation is part of TCA's fall membership meeting. After Capt. Burgess has finished her talk, TCA will begin its business session, during which President Joe Scarpaci will announce the winner of this year's Tucker Citizen of the Year Award.

For more information visit TCA's website at [www.tuckercivic.org](http://www.tuckercivic.org).

## Public safety issues discussed Sept. 24

Residents of Tucker are invited to a town hall meeting on public safety issues on Thursday, September 24, in the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 4882 Lavista Road. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Rep. Levitas

Hosted by State Representative Kevin Levitas and co-sponsored by Tucker Civic Association and Northlake Community Alliance, this meeting will feature presentations by, and question-and-answer sessions with, representatives of DeKalb County Police Department, including Public Safety Director Wiz Miller.

As a large crowd is expected, questions for the police must be submitted in advance. Please submit questions to [kevin@kevinlevitas.org](mailto:kevin@kevinlevitas.org) with "Town Hall" in the subject line of your email.

For more information, visit [www.kevinlevitas.org](http://www.kevinlevitas.org), [www.tuckercivic.org](http://www.tuckercivic.org), or [www.nlake.org](http://www.nlake.org).

*Livsey Elementary butterfly garden to be next project Sept. 20*

## "Give An Hour" proves popular with volunteers and with recipients

When Tucker Civic Association began its monthly "Give An Hour" program back in March, there was hope but no evidence that Tucker residents would donate time for worthy causes.

Now, as TCA prepares to Give An Hour at Livsey Elementary School on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m., there is every reason to expect a good turn-out of volunteers.

At Livsey, volunteers will build an educational butterfly garden and help

enhance other areas around the school campus. Livsey principal Melanie Castelle is delighted that TCA has organized community volunteers to help out.

Livsey will be the sixth cause aided by TCA's Give An Hour. In March, volunteers donated goods to the staff at the DeKalb Fire Station on Lawrenceville Highway. In April, do-gooders cleared debris at Henderson Park. Volunteers pulled weeds and trash from a youth athletics center, Fitzgerald Field, in May. In June, workers preserved historic building materials at the Johns' Homestead property. In July and August the focus was the NET Food Pantry, with a food drive Aug. 23 which filled a large stationwagon with canned vegetables and dry goods.

For more on TCA's Give An Hour at Livsey, visit [www.tuckercivic.org](http://www.tuckercivic.org) or email TCA's district representative for that area, Jannean Bello, at [district3@tuckercivic.org](mailto:district3@tuckercivic.org).



In August, Sheridan's welcomed volunteers to use the parking lot to collect goods for the Food Pantry.



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The Tucker Civic Association Board of Directors meets once a month, normally on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. The location of each meeting is announced in advance on TCA's website and through broadcast emails. If you are interested in joining TCA or want more information, leave a message on the TCA Hotline at 770-270-1620.

## 2009 "Rivers Alive" project to clean further down Peachtree Creek

Tucker Civic Association is counting on a crowd of enthusiastic volunteers for this year's "Rivers Alive" project -- phase II of cleaning Old Peachtree Creek.

"Rivers Alive" is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources each October as a statewide effort to clean up rivers, creeks and streams, using volunteers from the local communities.

Last year, TCA's initial effort to clean out a portion of Old Peachtree Creek drew over 200 volunteers. The clean-up of the waterway east of Idlewood Road involved Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Tucker Middle School Beta Club, Tucker High School



Sweating for a good cause brings joy.

Environmental Club, ARC Medical employees, church groups, neighborhood affiliations, civic clubs and Safe House employees. These workers hauled from the creek bed three dump trucks of trash plus 87 grocery carts

and dozens of old tires.

This year the clean-up effort occurs Saturday, October 3. Volunteers will work further south on the creek bed. Already 12 community organizations have promised teams ranging from 3 to 40 volunteers, and other parties, including many churches, are planning to participate.

Long-time TCA member Anita Stoltzfus is coordinating this year's event. For more information, contact Anita at [anitamk@bellsouth.net](mailto:anitamk@bellsouth.net), TCA President Joe Scarpaci at [president@tuckercivic.org](mailto:president@tuckercivic.org), or Bruce Nutter, chair of TCA's Parks & Greenspace Committee, at [parks@tuckercivic.org](mailto:parks@tuckercivic.org).

## News items: SLUP for restaurant-bar; multi-family on Tucker Norcross

**SLUP for a restaurant with bar on Buckeye Road.** Esmeralda Orozco has requested a Special Land Use Permit to allow a 3,515 square foot late night establishment (restaurant with bar) in a C-1 (Local Commercial) District. Located at 3281 and 3285 Buckeye Road (179 feet north of Chamblee-Tucker), the property has 200 feet of frontage on Buckeye Road and contains .56 acre. The Community Council voted to deny on Aug. 18. The Planning Commission voted to approve on Sept. 1. The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to decide

the issue on Sept. 22.

**Multi-family proposal on Tucker-Norcross Road.** Spring Village Holding has applied to rezone 3281 Tucker-Norcross Road. The property has 625 feet of frontage and contains 8.42 acres. This would change zoning from RM-100 to RM-75 to allow for a 150-unit multi-family residential development. The Community Council voted for full deferral, per request of applicant's lawyer. The Planning Commission also voted for full deferral. This issue will go back

before the Community Council on Oct. 20.

**BOC denies church purchase of Tucker Woman's Club.** The DeKalb Board of Commissioners voted to deny the application of SOZO New Covenant Church to acquire the Tucker Woman's Club on Park Drive as a sanctuary, citing a general rule of not putting a church on a residential street. TCA, with a history of involvement with the property, worked to facilitate the application process by hosting two community meetings.