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Tucker Civic Association

"Partners in the Progress and Preservation of Tucker"

Annual Membership Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 16

Community forum to discuss "Aging In Place" project; members to elect officers & reps

Tucker and Smoke Rise are communities with stable neighborhoods -- so stable, this area has a high concentration of senior citizens, many of whom have lived in their homes for 30 or 40 years.

In the years ahead, helping these people remain in their homes will become a big concern. The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has a program to assist them.

Part of the Lifelong Community initiative, the "Aging In Place" (AIP) program assists a community to identify services, transportation projects and zoning issues that can help a senior citizen remain in his or her home.

The first step in this process is a community survey of seniors and their children/caregivers, to prioritize the needs. At TCA's annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Baptist Ministry Center, 2367 Main Street, a community forum will explain the AIP program and promote the survey.

During the business portion of the TCA annual membership meeting, association members will elect new officers and district representatives. The TCA Nominating Committee has put together the following slate of candidates for this year's election:

President: Leslie Richardson

A Tucker resident since 1992 and a member of TCA since 2010, Leslie is a project manager for EM Squared, a custom software company. She served the past two years as PR Chair. A freelance writer for website development and a nine-year

Communications Director for Arbor Montessori School, Leslie is a certified teacher of Tai Chi for arthritis and a member of Drepung Loseling Monastery.

Vice President: Ron Wilkinson

Ron moved to Tucker in 2001 and

joined TCA in 2007. He served two years as District 4 Representative before becoming Vice President.

He works as a manager for a firm that supplies prosthetics and orthotics. He serves as a block captain in the Neighborhood Watch program, has helped build two homes with Habitat for Humanity, and volunteers time for charitable causes through First United Methodist.



President or Co-President of PTAs for Smoke Rise Elementary, Kittredge Elementary and Tucker High School. A graduate of Leadership DeKalb, she has also been honored as the local Rotary Club "Volunteer of the Year."

District 2 Rep: Fred Barber

A member of St. John Apostolic Holiness Church in the Peters community for a quarter-century, Fred has been



involved with TCA's "Rivers Alive" and "Give An Hour" programs for the past three years. A maintenance technician for DeKalb

County School System, Fred has worked with the American Red Cross, the Hosea Williams "Feed the Hungry" initiative, and Restoration Outreach Ministry which counsels women in prison.

District 3 Rep: Randy Shepley

A graduate of Clarkston High School who grew up in DeKalb County, Randy is now senior pastor at First

Baptist of Tucker. He joined TCA last year and won his first race as district rep. He has served on the Candler Theology School Alumni Board and as clerk of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia. He is also co-vice president of the NETWorks cooperative ministry.



District 4 Rep: Andrew Poulos

A resident of the area for 10 years and a member of TCA for three



years, Andrew is a public accountant with an office in Tucker. He chairs the Business & Technology Advisory Committee for Tucker

High School and serves on the Board of Directors for the School of Accountancy at Georgia State University.

Secretary: Evelyn Burkett

A resident of Tucker for 15 years and a member with her husband of TCA for the past few years, Evelyn served last year as



District 4 Representative. She works in computer support for Emory Health Care. Married and with two children at home, Evelyn also functions in many capacities at First United

Methodist including co-chair for both communications and blood-drives.

Treasurer: Dick Livingston

Dick is a 40-year resident of Tucker/Smoke Rise and previously served TCA as District 1 Representative.

He is a real estate lawyer specializing in residential and commercial financing. He is a long-time volunteer with the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce and Atlanta Area Boy Scouts, as well as an original board member of the Stone Mountain ART Station.



District 1 Rep: Marty Bryan

Marty has lived in the Tucker/Smoke Rise area since 1981. A retired registered nurse who specialized in hemodialysis, she has served as president of the Stone Mountain Woman's Club, and





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The Tucker Civic Association Board of Directors meets once a month and will shortly announce its meeting schedule for the new membership year. If you are interested in joining TCA or want more information, leave a message on the TCA InfoLine at 770-270-1620.

Proposed bylaws amendment

At the annual meeting on Feb. 16, Tucker Civic Association members will vote on a simple amendment to the bylaws. The proposed amendment will add language (underlined) to Article IV - Board of Directors, Section 2: Powers of the Board, A. The Board shall be the administrative body of the Association and is authorized to transact business, establish policy, recommend and amend, when necessary, the annual budget, and oversee the activities of the Association. As such, the Board is an instrument of the membership, to which it is subordinate. No policy, program or endeavor can be conducted in the name of Tucker Civic Association without a vote of the membership or the Board of Directors.

“Give An Hour” to honor THS football champs

For our February “Give An Hour” project, TCA is co-sponsoring a spaghetti luncheon fundraiser for the state champion Tucker High School football team, at First Baptist Church of Tucker, 5073 Lavista Road, on Sunday, Feb. 12, 1-3 p.m. Attendees are asked to make a donation to help purchase championship rings for the players, coaches and other team members. Very little ticket or food sales from the play-off game goes to the individual school, so it is up to the Quarterback Club and other local sponsors to raise money for the rings, which cost \$275 apiece. For more information, email Rev. Randy Shepley at district3@tuckercivic.org.

Our “Give An Hour” in January involved co-sponsoring two events for the MLK Holiday. That morning, choir

singers from St. John Apostolic Holiness Church, a member of TCA, performed gospel songs at Sam’s Club on Mountain Industrial Boulevard. That afternoon, TCA volunteers met at the Outdoor Classroom at Smoke Rise Elementary and cleaned out the small fish pond, raked out leaves and yard trash, and spread mulch across the trails. Brian Huff of Southeast Arbo Pro’s Inc., arranged for donation of the mulch.



Know a deserving “Member of the Year”?

It is easy to nominate someone for the “TCA Member of the Year” award, given at our annual meeting. Write a short essay detailing the person’s contributions to TCA. Include the nominee’s name and phone number, and your name and number. Then email to vicepresident@tuckercivic.org or mail a paper copy to TCA Member of the Year, P.O. Box 1916, Tucker GA 30085. Nominations must be received by Friday, Feb. 10. A review panel including committee chairs and two members appointed by our president will determine the winner.

Voting by District

At annual meeting, use the correct ballot

At the annual membership meeting, all members vote for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, plus a district representative. TCA bylaws divide Tucker into four districts, so when you come to the annual meeting, confirm that you receive the correct ballot for your district.

Please renew your membership early if it is about to expire. You can do so on our website using PayPal. Or send your check to TCA at P.O. Box 1916, Tucker GA 30085.

