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# Variety of programming offered at Forsyth County's new Sexton Hall Enrichment Center

*Dancing, painting and jewelry making are among offerings*

Special to Senior News

**F**orsyth County's active adults looking for new and interesting activities for 2012 need look no further than Forsyth County's new Sexton Hall Enrichment Center. A variety of classes, workshops and activities are scheduled at the center in 2012.

"We are very excited to begin offering a wide variety of programming at the Sexton Hall Enrichment Center," Manager Valerie Rhoads said. "The programming really focuses on life-long learning for our community's active adults."

Sexton Hall Enrichment Center serves active adults ages 50+, offering a variety of opportunities including art, music, dancing, drama, continuing education, tech-

nology, fitness and leisure activities.

Upcoming offerings at the center include:

- Arts and crafts classes: Participants can enjoy glass art, drawing, oil/acrylic painting, knitting, watercolor, and floral design.
- Computer classes: Attendees can learn to use Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as Facebook and Twitter.
- Fitness classes: Get fit with yoga, Zumba, tai chi, line dancing, strength training and body conditioning.

In addition to these classes, clubs are forming for bridge, pinochle, canasta and mah jong.

Special events including dances, jewelry making workshops and more are also planned.

Sexton Hall Enrichment Center is located at 2115 Chloe Road, just off of Sharon Road between Peachtree Parkway and Old Atlanta



Sexton Hall Enrichment Center

Road (formerly the location of Lakeland Community Church). To receive additional information or to register for programs offered at the center, call 770-781-2178.

### About the Sexton Hall

Enrichment Center and Forsyth County Senior Services:

The Sexton Hall Enrichment Center, which is the county's third Senior Services location, opened

September 30, 2011. Acquisition and renovation of the facility was funded by the county's current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program, SPLOST VI.

Sexton Hall Enrichment Center joins Forsyth County's two existing Senior Services locations – the Center at Charles Place at 595 Dahlonega Highway and the Hearthstone Lodge Community Center at 7305 Lanier Drive.

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# Poets' Corner

Editor's Note: If you have written a "well-worked" poem which you would like considered for publication, please forward it to: Senior News, P. O. Box 8389, Warner Robins, GA 31095-8389. Please include your name and address on your poem. We will publish selected poems (or excerpts) as space permits.  
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## THE WAYS OF MEN

by Ida Mary Elizabeth Hankins  
(1957)

We speak of love often and many are deceived.

How can we misuse the world of love, and never receive the real meaning?

We say we love our wife, and the husband we hold dear,

The stars, the sun, and God that is always near.

What do we know about this beautiful and lovely thing?

We as human cannot define the happiness it could bring!

Would you call this love of the higher esteemed?

No, this is love that only constituted a dream.

We fool ourselves with this reciprocal love,

Not knowing in every instance it's ourselves we are thinking of.

When things go wrong, as they sometimes do,

We feel misused and the ego is marred.

When the pleasure has departed and we cannot feel joy,  
Do we remain faithful and loyal?  
Man for centuries has sung of this kind of love;  
Missing the beat that comes from above.

Lift yourselves from this dream and unfurl the things that are hidden within your heart;  
There you will find the kind of love that will never part.  
This is the love we do not understand,  
Unless we walk together hand and hand with God.

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## MY PRAYER

by Margaret Hewitt

I prayed for you this morning  
As the day broke fresh and new;  
I asked the Lord to guide you,  
In all you say and do.

You come to mind so often  
As I travel down life's road.  
I ask the Lord to bless you,  
Help you with your heavy load.

Then as dark descends and closes  
The hours in the day,  
I kneel again and thank Him  
For His loving care today.

You're very special to me,  
Even more to God above;  
May He ever watch and keep you  
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## The Next Chapter

### Book Reviews by

ANNE B. JONES, PhD

*The Tuskegee Airmen- An Illustrated History: 1939-1949*

Joseph Caver, Jerome Ennels and Daniel Haulman, NewSouth Books, Montgomery, 2011

*A Rare Titanic family: The Caldwell Story of Survival*

Julie Hedgepeth Williams, NewSouth Books, Montgomery, 2012

*No Remorse: The Rise and Fall of John Wallace*

Dot Moore, NewSouth Books, Montgomery, 2011

*Hank Hung the Moon... and Warmed Our Cold, Cold Hearts*

Rheta Grimsley Johnson, NewSouth Books, Montgomery, 2012

**Note:** Now and then, our reviews will take a look at what some of our southern regional publishers are printing. For March, we've chosen NewSouth Books for the timeliness of their publications.

**O**ur nation has been quite taken with George Lucas's recently released movie, *Red Tails*. The story centers on World War II's Tuskegee Airmen, fighter pilots who trained in Alabama. I was privi-

leged to meet the late former Tuskegee Airman and Congressional Gold Medal winner Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Dryden when we were both giving talks at a conference. During his presentation and the signing of his book, *A-Train*, he paused to recite the poem "High Flight." The audience was brought to tears by the passion he shared.

I wish I could have been with him when I saw *Red Tails* and I would have loved to have been sitting next to him as he pondered over the pictures in *The Tuskegee Airmen*. Even now I can sense the pride he would have felt. After years of struggle, accomplishment and relative obscurity, the Tuskegee Airmen are finally being given their rightly earned place in history.

*The Tuskegee Airmen- An Illustrated History: 1939-1949* is a rich and informative collection of pictures and historical facts related to the airmen's activities. Most prior works on this subject have focused on the airmen's training and combat. As presented by NewSouth Books, "This publication goes further, using captioned photographs to trace the airmen through the stages of training, deployment, and combat actions in North Africa, Italy, and Germany, in an attractive coffee-table-book format." The book contains insightful depictions of, not only the airmen, but those whose supportive roles helped make their accomplishments possible.

*A Rare Titanic family: The Caldwell Story of Survival* is timely, as we are fast approaching the 100th anniversary of the sinking of *The Titanic*. Using first-person accounts and extensive research, author Julie Williams has written a fascinating book about how a young family was saved. But, their ordeal and rescue at sea are just part of their story. Albert and

Sylvia Caldwell were American missionaries who fled from Siam with their son, desperately seeking a climate suitable for Sylvia's health. Due to misunderstandings, they were thought to have reneged on their contract and abandoned their post at great financial loss to their church. Hunted, as if they were prey, their misery was intensified by the shadow cast over them as run-aways.

Rheta Grimsley Johnson is a well-known southern columnist and author who "writes about ordinary but fascinating people, mining for universal meaning in ordinary stories." In *Hank Hung the Moon... and Warmed Our Cold Cold Hearts*, Johnson presents a musical memoir, punctuated with her experiences in the 1950s and 60s' music landscape. A celebration of a more innocent time, the book "uses Hank as a metaphor for life," as it tells little known events surrounding the famous country singer. This is a truly southern assortment of entertaining tales, told by a master storyteller, a good book to keep by your bed. As you snuggle under the blankets this winter... it will warm your heart.

*No Remorse: The Rise and Fall of John Wallace* is frightening in that it hits so close to home. Dot Moore tells the story of John Wallace's famous 1948 Coweta County murder of William Turner. She also explores Wallace's life, giving insights into his Jekyll and Hyde personality, consisting of a generous nature coupled with a demonic temper. Two unusual facts about the case are that Wallace is one of the wealthiest Georgia men to be executed and his conviction hinged on testimony by two black men. The book is richly enhanced by pictures, a map and letters.

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## Spiritual Notes

# Life's Last Best Turn!

by Dr. Bill Baggett  
Minister to Seniors  
Dunwoody Baptist Church

**R**ecently two good friends fell as they were going upstairs in their homes. One had a stroke and the other lost his balance and was unable to grab hold of the handrail. Both passed away within two weeks of each other as a result of the falls.

On hearing of their deaths, family and friends were stunned. The reality of death was brought home in a moment's notice. These two retired men were veterans, had long careers in business, and were active citizens in the community. In addition, they were very involved in the life of their respective churches.

Their two Memorial Services were filled with expressions of love by family and friends. A reoccurring

theme was their faithfulness to family and the Church, as wells as the encouragement they gave to young people and support to senior adults. Even though, in retirement, their lives were different, there was a common thread that emerged as they were eulogized.

Henry Van Dyke wrote: "I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest, because the road's last turn will be the best." This was the philosophy of life of these dear friends. They lived life to the fullest and had prepared for "life's last turn."

The "Last Turn" was expressed by the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7-8: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award me on that day - and not only me but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

Hopefully, we will live life to its fullest with the anticipation of "life's last best turn."

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# Age gives more personal meaning to the written word

by SUSAN LARSON

Some years back when I was young my husband took me to Branson. It was wonderful. I'll never forget how simple it was for us to get around. All the restaurants, shops and concert halls were within walking distance of our motel. And I'll also never forget that every time we went to a concert hall, a dozen tour busses would pull up and unload hundreds of senior citizens wearing name tags also bearing the company logo around their neck.

Surely they didn't need those tags to remember their own names, did they? It must have been to help them remember their bus. Right?

But as I get older, I get wiser, and I better understand the importance of the written word, for whatever reason. And the world today is much more complicated than it was when I was young. For example, way back then, we didn't have TV remote controls that we could misplace. The dial was right on the television where it couldn't get lost. Now we have not only one, but four remote controls for all the different hi-tech functions, which I keep track of with labeled sticky dots.

When I was young, we had only three channels. For Channel 2, we turned that dial that could not be lost to Channel 2. Today, for Channel 2, I have to find the remote with the sticky dot

labeled "cable" and hit 3. If I want high definition, I find the "HD" remote and hit 803. Then there's surround sound, but I lost the sticky note explaining it and I'm embarrassed to ask my husband for directions again.

At the grocery store we used to just shop, pay and go. Now I have to remember if the store I'm in uses those laminated savings cards, and if so, where I put it. About a year ago, I bought three canvas grocery bags, but I always left them in the back seat of the car. Recently Publix gave out little green stickers to place on the windshield asking "Do you have your bags?" This actually works! Every time I shop I dutifully sling all three bags over my shoulder. Only problem is, when I'm standing at the checkout, I get so carried away chitchatting with the person behind me – you'd be amazed how many columns I get that way – that the clerk bags up all my groceries in plastic and I hate to hold up the line asking her rebag them.

Then there's the Wednesday senior discount. I always forget to ask until I pay the bill, and once it's rung up, it's too late.

You know what? I think I might make a little tag to put around my neck that says "I am old. I have bags." And maybe, considering the world's not getting any simpler and I'm not getting any younger, it might not be a bad idea to put my name on it.

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sive lineup of vintage vehicles from the past 30 years. The following automotive lines will be exhibiting their vehicles on the main floor: Acura, Aston Martin, Audi, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Fiat, Ford, GMC, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti Jaguar, Jeep, KIA, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Lexus, Lincoln, Lotus, Mazda, MINI, Nissan, Porsche, Ram,

Scion, Subaru, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

Tickets will be sold at the show. Seniors 55 and older can show their identification with proof of age at the show box office on Thursday, March 15 only, and receive a 50% discount off the \$10.00 Adult Admission. These same seniors can also save 50% on parking by showing their identification

with proof of age at the entrance of the Yellow or Gold Parking Lots of the Georgia World Congress Center on Northside Drive. This special one day discount is only available to individuals born before March 15, 1957. This offer cannot be combined with any other discount offer for this day. For more info: 770-916-1741 or <http://www.goautoshow.com>.

## Callanwolde Concert Band presents Roman Carnival

Special to Senior News

Join us for *Roman Carnival*, the third concert in the 40th season of the Callanwolde Concert Band with Raymond Handfield, Conductor, on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the courtyard at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center.

Enjoy the beautiful historic setting of the Gothic-Tudor mansion while hearing the featured works on the program including the Roman Carnival Overture by Hector Berlioz and Suite from

Mass by Leonard Bernstein. Among other works on the program are excerpts from Spartacus and selections from Gigi and Cole Porter on Broadway.

The Band, a community organization for forty years, is DeKalb County's premiere symphonic wind ensemble.

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# Dunwoody Honors Artists

by MARY FRANCES

February 2012 was Dunwoody Fine Arts Month. Forty-two businesses throughout Dunwoody and Sandy Springs provided exhibition space for 45 local artists and their 250 paintings.

Proclaimed by Dunwoody's Mayor, Mike Davis, merchants enthusiastically displayed from one to ten works of local original art during the month of February.

A reception, sponsored by Dunwoody Fine Arts Association and the Woman's Club of Dunwoody, was launched for the artists, businesses, and the public at noon on February 1st in the lobby of Stage Door Players.

On Saturday morning February 11th, an outdoor "paint in" was held at Dunwoody Shopping Center. Fifteen artists with their easels, sketched the store front of the businesses where their art was exhibited.

"We are proud that so many members of the Dunwoody community participated this year. The numbers grow each time we have a celebration," said Priscilla Glenn, president of the DFAA.

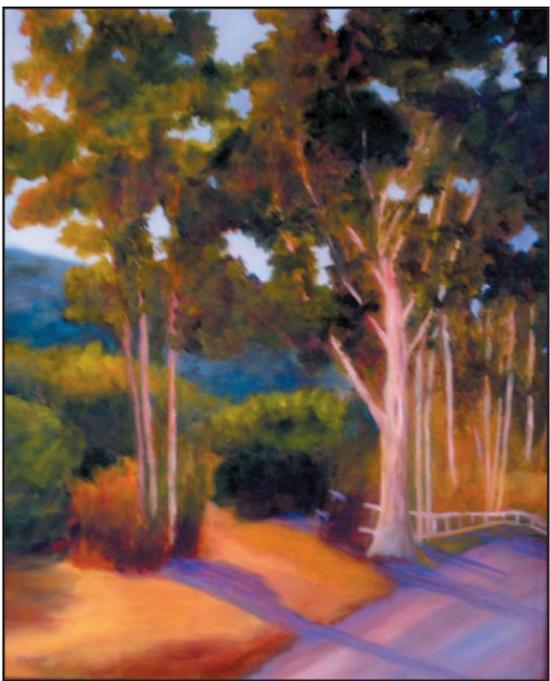
The establishments proudly exhibiting the original art in February were: Huntcliff Summit, D'vine Wine and Bar Shop, DeKalb County Library, Dentistry with a Difference, Steven Parnes, DDS, Dunwoody City Hall, Dunwoody Opticians / Mt Vernon Eye Care, Dunwoody Stage Door Players, Dunwoody United Methodist Church, Edward Jones, Fidelity Bank, Huntington Learning Center, Jeff Rodgers, DMD, Kapp Concepts, Inc., Keller Williams, Life South, Terrie McLaughlin, McGraw Hill, Metropolitan Dermatologic Surgery, Mt. Vernon Printing, Moshe's Mediterranean Cuisine, Peter's, Physiotherapy Assoc., Picayune Toys, Post Net of Dunwoody, Robin's Groomingdales, Salon 1707, Spruill Oaks Library, The Ravinia Club, Waterford Gardens, Alison's Restaurant, Alphagaphic, A Stitch in Time, Bank of America, Bank of North Georgia, Café Sababa, Carbonara Trattoria, Care Minders at Home Care, Chase Bank, Greg

R. Cordelli, DOS, and the Copper Pig.

When asked, Gerry Grimes, Chairman of the 2012 Dunwoody Fine Arts Month, said, "In a time that seems to demand that everything be fast or faster, art provides a pause, a moment of reflection. It gives civility to an otherwise chaotic culture".



Cats by Mary Corbitt



Eucalyptus by Betty Loud

For more information about the Dunwoody Fine Arts Association (DFAA) check out their website at [www.dunwoodyfineart.org](http://www.dunwoodyfineart.org). Membership is open to artists and art lovers. Guests are invited to

meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the DeKalb Cultural Art Center, Room 204. The Art Center is behind the Dunwoody Library located at 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road.

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## On the Cover

# Senior Girl Scouts Celebrate Centennial with Stories

by SUSAN LARSON

### ON THE COVER

Senior Members of the History-Archive Committee of Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, Inc: Front Row: l-r, Rhonda Barrow, Mary Ann Valente, Linda Bishop, Joyce Overcash-Dudley. Back row: l-r, Sue Ottosen, Sandy Boatner, Mary Ann Milton, Sue Belden, Carol Pilgrim

For their centennial celebration, the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia is researching their past and they're taking names.

They're also taking dates, interviews and memorabilia to preserve the history of Girl Scouting in the state where the organization was founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912.

The History and Archive Committee is quick to show and tell just what it is they are looking for. These Senior Scouts, including chairman Linda Bishop with 32 years of service and Sue Belden with 42 years, have lots of stories to tell.

Joyce Overcash-Dudley, a Scout for 55 years, remembers constructing a canoe with her Mariner troop in high school. Today she constructs replica Girl Scout uniforms.

Sue Ottosen, a Senior Olympic



Archive committee members Sue Belden, Tamara Powell, Sue Ottosen and Sandy Boatner sort and assemble materials for the Girl Scouts of America Centennial.

swimmer in addition to being a 33 year member, traces four generations of Girl Scouts in her family, from her mother who was a leader to her daughter and granddaughter, who is now a Brownie.

Sandy Boatner, on the other hand, joined Girl Scouts as an adult with a little apprehension, since she'd never been a leader before in her life. But she grew with the program along with her granddaughter and now after 23 years as a Scout leader, including 15 years of running a day camp, she says, "I am Girl

Scout to the bottom of my feet."

Mary Ann Milton credits her social skills to Girl Scouting.

"I was an only child in a rural area. When I went to summer camp, I learned how to live with others. I would loved to have lived there."

Living at camp may not have been a possibility, but living as a Girl Scout has been part of Milton's commitment for 51 years.

In addition to serving 35 years with Girl Scouts, Carol Pilgrim is also a Corporal in the Georgia State Defense Force. Both organizations contribute to her love of history.

"I enjoy passing on stories and love the look on the kids' faces when they see things. It sparks something in them," she said.

Mary Ann Valente, a Girl Scout for 48 years, notes the camaraderie that develops among girls and women as they connect with each other through these stories.

Rhonda Barrow participated in Scouts for six years as a child. "I grew up in New York. My mom put me in and I had a wonderful time."

Decades later, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where she is an active member, Barrow responded to a notice in the bulletin recruiting Girl Scout leaders. That was 16 years ago, and she has been building character and camaraderie with Girl Scouts ever since.

"Our girls come from as far away as Suwanee, Douglasville and Lithonia, and not all of them are members of our church," Barrow said of her traveling high school Scouts who have created memories at the opera, on a cruise, in Washington D.C. and New York City.

If you have any Girl Scout memories or memorabilia of your own to share, please post them on Girl Scout Memories on Facebook, send to mamlv@yahoo.com or call 770-702-9411.



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CHANGE IS IN THE AIR! For the last few years, the VA has been making some noticeable changes. In 2008 the VA required that anyone helping claimants file a VA claim for benefits become "accredited". This would include lawyers, financial advisors, health care professionals, and anyone or any other business helping Veterans with claims. Unfortunately, there are professionals who are not accredited, yet still assisting claimants. Always ask your advisor if they are accredited with the VA.

MORE CHANGES ON THE HORIZON!! The VA Legal Department (Office of General Counsel) reorganized and created a whole new Department just to manage the Pension benefit and Fiduciary services. They are responsible for changing laws and policy related to the Pension benefit. Because I am a Veteran, because I am an attorney who trains other attorneys, but most importantly, because of my clients who deserve and need the VA Pension, I scheduled a meeting with the new Department and met with

the entire team on December 19, 2011 in Arlington, VA. Without revealing details, they did share that they are in discussions about changing the laws related to (1) how the value of the house is treated when the veteran no longer lives there, (2) the use of annuities, (3) and penalizing transfers of assets (gifts). NO CHANGES TO THE LAWS HAVE OCCURRED YET, BUT WE EXPECT THEY WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. It is imperative that whomever you are working with stay current with the changes in the laws. THESE CHANGES COULD AFFECT YOU EVEN IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING BENEFITS!

To learn more information from the ONLY Georgia Attorney who has met with "the source - the VA Lawyers", attend a free educational discussion on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Decatur, Georgia. To RSVP call 404-370-0696. Limited Seating - RSVP required.



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# Out & About

## What progress has preserved in Columbus, Georgia

Special to Senior News

**N**estled along the banks of the Chattahoochee River in west central Georgia, Columbus was one of the last planned cities of the original 13 colonies. The city served as a major supply point during the Civil War and in fact, one of the last battles of the Civil War was fought in Columbus in 1865. Needless to say, Columbus is steeped in history.

A stroll along the 15-mile Chattahoochee RiverWalk will bring you to the edge of Georgia and of history. As you meander beside the river, you can almost hear the whistle of an arriving paddleboat loaded with cotton. Walking, jogging, biking, or in-line skating down the RiverWalk is a treat year round.

And soon, you will be able to experience the Chattahoochee River like never before! Currently under construction is a project that will result in the longest urban whitewater course in the world. Whether you like rafting, kayaking, or canoeing, you'll get to pick how you want to enjoy this 2.5-mile section of the river.

The National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center at Patriot Park, honors the 233-year legacy of valor and sacrifice of the American Infantryman. This facility serves to educate, honor, and preserve the legacy of the oldest branch of the United States Armed Forces.

Inside the National Infantry Museum, you're able to traverse the "Last 100 Yards Ramp," where battles from each of the Infantry's major conflicts over the years are depicted in striking realism, then amble through interactive galleries tracing Infantry history from colonial times to the present and the training of today's Soldier.

Truly a one-of-a-kind experience is a visit to the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus – the only museum in the country dedicated to taking a comprehensive look at this fascinating aspect of the Civil War. Get swept away with stories of powder monkeys, and even see how the navies used submarines and torpedoes. New on the grounds at Port Columbus is a full-scale replica of the USS Water Witch, representing one of the most exciting events in Civil War naval history. Climb aboard the Water Witch to get a taste of what life was like sailing the high seas.

Other points of interest include the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, the crown-jewel in Columbus' new arts and entertainment district;

the Columbus Museum, one of the largest museums in the South and offering a rich collection of regional history artifacts, Native American crafts made on the Chattahoochee River, and fascinating American impressionist paintings and vibrant contemporary mixed-media pieces; or you can literally gaze into the future as you study faraway planets and distant galaxies or even board the space shuttle and go on a moon mission at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center!

Columbus is also home to the Springer Opera House, The State Theatre of Georgia. This is one of America's most vibrant professional theatre companies, complete with a popular Mainstage Series, an innovative second-space series called Studio II, an Academy Series featuring some of this region's most talented student actors and a ten-state regional touring program called Springer Theatre On Tour.

From military history, art and science museums, to world-class entertainment, Columbus takes the best of the past and merges into the present, creating a place that is both timeless and comfortable.

Columbus, Georgia is a city unafraid of change... yet careful to uphold its heritage. Come experience this one of a kind city and her true Southern hospitality. Come see "What Progress Has Preserved."

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## Taking Care

# Home to stay: What to look for in a new residence

by LISA M. PETSCHÉ

As we age, chances are good that eventually our home will no longer suit our lifestyle or our needs.

Common reasons for relocating include simplifying home ownership responsibilities, reducing living expenses, maximizing accessibility and safety, and increasing personal security, community access or opportunities for activities and socializing.



Lisa Petsche

There are many options for boomer and senior home ownership, including moving to a comparable-sized home with a different design, downsizing to a smaller house or an apartment-style condominium, and moving to an adult lifestyle community containing detached homes or townhouses.

If you or a loved one are planning to relocate it is important to take into account not only current needs and preferences but also potential future needs. This can maximize your chance of being able to "age in place."

The following are some questions to consider when checking our properties.

### Building features:

- Does it appear to be in good condition?
- Is the exterior maintenance free?
- Is there an entrance at ground level? Is it sheltered?
- Does the front door have a peephole? Are locks easy to operate?
- Is there a one-floor plan? An open concept layout?
- Are hallways and doorways wide enough to accommodate a mobility device?
- Is there non-slip flooring? Does the carpet have a low pile?
- Are there sturdy handrails on both sides of stairs? Are stairwells wide enough to accommodate a stair lift? Are they well lit? Is there a light switch within easy reach at the top and bottom?
- Is there an attached garage?
- Is there central air conditioning?

A programmable thermostat?

• Is there plenty of natural light? Are windows energy efficient and easy to operate?

• Are door handles easy to operate?

• Are there ample electrical outlets and phone jacks? What about high-speed Internet access?

• Are there smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors?

• Do kitchen countertops have rounded corners? Is there counter space next to appliances and cupboards?

• In the bathroom, are there grab bars in the tub? A walk-in shower? Built-in shower seat? Single-lever faucets?

• Is there a spare bedroom and, ideally, a second bathroom, should live-in help be needed?

• If walls are shared with neighbors, what kind of soundproofing exists?

### Apartment considerations:

- Is the building fully air conditioned?
- Are common areas spacious, clean and bright? Are furnishings and décor attractive and modern?
- Can elevators easily accommodate a wheelchair or scooter? Are the buttons easy to access?
- Does every unit have a balcony or terrace?
- Are there in-suite laundry facilities? If not, is the laundry room easy to access?

### Grounds:

- Is the lot level?
- If there is an entrance ramp, does it have a gentle incline?
- Is there sheltered parking? Ample space for visitors' vehicles?
- Does the neighborhood have sidewalks?
- At a house: Are the grounds low maintenance? Are paved areas in good repair? Are there sturdy railings and handrails on porches and decks? Are there motion sensor lights?
- At a condo: Are hardscaped areas and green spaces well maintained? Do they include benches? Are there shaded areas? Is there plenty of lighting?

### Location:

• Is it central to local relatives and friends?

• Is there easy access to major roads and highways?

• Is it central to frequently accessed amenities, such as a grocery store, drug store, bank, medical clinic and place of worship? What about proximity to a shopping mall, library, park, walking/biking paths, recreation center, restaurants and cultural attractions?

### Amenities (where applicable):

- What kind of security measures

are in place?

• Is there a party room for special events and a community room for group meetings?

• Are there fitness facilities?

Recreation and leisure opportunities?

• What amenities are included in the monthly condo or homeowners' association fee, and would you use them enough to justify the cost?

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*Lisa M. Petsche is a social worker and a freelance writer specializing in boomer and senior issues.*

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## Cobb Senior Services

• Administrative Office: 32 N. Fairground Street, Marietta, GA 30060, 770-528-5355  
• For events & activities: www.cobbseiors.org

## Multipurpose Centers:

(Seniors age 55+)  
• East Cobb Senior Center: 3332 Sandy Plains Rd., Marietta, GA 30066, 770-509-4900  
• Freeman Poole Senior Center: 4025 South Hurt Rd., Smyrna, GA 30082, 770-801-3400  
• North Cobb Senior Center: 4100 Highway 293, Acworth, GA 30101, 770-975-7740  
• West Cobb Senior Center: 4915 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs, GA 30127-4488, 770-528-8200  
• Windy Hill Senior Center: 1885 Roswell St., Smyrna, GA 30080, 770-801-5320  
• Senior Day Center: 277 S. Fairground St., Marietta, GA 30060, 770-528-5399

## Neighborhood Centers:

(Seniors age 60+)  
• Austell Senior Center: 5580 Austell-Powder Springs Rd., Austell, GA 30106, 770-819-3200  
• Marietta Senior Center: 32 N. Fairground St., Marietta, GA 30060, 770-528-2516  
• North Cobb Senior Center: 4100 Highway 293, Acworth, GA 30101, 770-974-2984  
• Smyrna Senior Center: 1885 Roswell St., Smyrna, GA 30080, 770-801-5345  
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## Fulton County Senior Services

The Fulton County Government coordinates a variety of services at 20 senior centers. For the nearest center or more information call the Fulton County Senior Information and Assistance at 404-613-6000, or visit www.myfultoncountyga.us.

## Senior Multipurpose Facilities

• Dorothy C. Benson Senior Multipurpose Complex (Includes Sandy Springs Neighborhood Senior Center): 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs, 404-705-4900. "Council on Aging," Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
• H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility: 2885 Church Street, East Point, 404-762-4821.  
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• Alpharetta/Crabapple Neighborhood Senior Center, 12624 Broadwell Road, Alpharetta, 770-751-9397.  
• Auburn Avenue Neighborhood Senior Center, 300 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, 404-224-3140.  
• Bethlehem Neighborhood Senior Center, 87 Thayer Street, NE, Atlanta, 404-577-6017.  
• Camp Truitt Neighborhood Senior Center, 4320 Herschel Road, College Park, 404-762-4802.  
• Cosby Spears Neighborhood Senior Center: 355 North Ave., NE, Atlanta, 404-876-4031.  
• Dogwood Neighborhood Senior Center: 1953 Bankhead Hwy., Atlanta, 404-792-4964.  
• Fairburn Neighborhood Senior Center: 109 Milo Fisher St., Fairburn, 770-306-1555.  
• Fulton County QLS Senior Center: 4001 Danforth Road, SW, Atlanta, 404-699-1686.  
• Hapeville Neighborhood Senior Center: 527 King Arnold St., Hapeville, 404-762-3660.  
• New Horizons Neighborhood Senior Center: 745 Orr St., NW, Atlanta, 404-730-7100.  
• Northside Shepherd Neighborhood Senior Center: 1705 Commerce Dr., NW, Atlanta, 404-352-9303.  
• Palmetto Neighborhood Senior Center: 510 Turner Ave., Palmetto, 770-463-4990.  
• Roswell Neighborhood Senior Center: 1250 Warsaw Rd., Roswell, 770-640-1583  
• St. Paul Neighborhood Senior Center

(Tuesdays & Thursdays): 501 Grant St., NE, Atlanta, 404-688-7501.

• Sandy Springs Neighborhood Senior Center (In same location as Dorothy C. Benson Senior Complex): 6500 Vernon Woods Dr., Sandy Springs, 404-705-4901.

• Southeast Neighborhood Senior Center: 1650 New Town Circle, SE, Atlanta, 404-624-0641.  
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## Roswell Recreation & Parks Offerings

• Roswell Recreation Senior Citizens Club: Meets each Wednesday. Activities include trips, parties, guest speakers, social functions and other activities. For membership information call 770-641-3950.  
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## CLUB 55

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## Parkinson Disease Support Groups

For information on Parkinson Disease Support Groups in the metro area, please contact Lynn Ross, LMSW, Coordinator, American Parkinson Disease Association Information & Referral Center, Emory University, at 404-728-6552 or slross@emory.edu.  
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## Multiple Sclerosis Center of Atlanta

Support group meetings second Tuesday each month, 4-5:30 p.m., MSCA in Buckhead, 3200 Downwood Circle, Suite 550, The Palisades

Building. For additional information call 404-351-0205, ext. 110, or visit www.mscaatl.org.  
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## Alzheimer/Caregiver Support Group Meeting

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#### East Cobb AARP

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#### Woodstock AARP Chapter 5173

Meetings held 2nd Tues. of each month, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hearth Restaurant, 3055 Eagle Watch Dr., Woodstock. Call Alice Kuzniak at 770-928-5640.

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#### Sandy Springs AARP

Meets the 2nd Tues. of each month at 2:00 p.m. in The Dorothy C. Benson Senior Center, 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs. Contact Miriam Hahn at 404-252-2989 for information.

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#### Monthly Song Circle

Fri., March 23, 7:30 p.m. Group singing just for fun... no performances. Open to all. Folk music, old standards, gospel, political songs, pop, freedom songs, country, show tunes, and more. East Lake location. For directions and more information call Bob at 404-378-5424.

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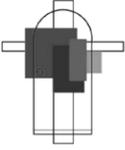
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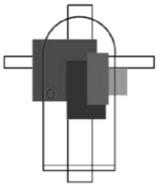
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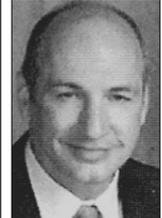
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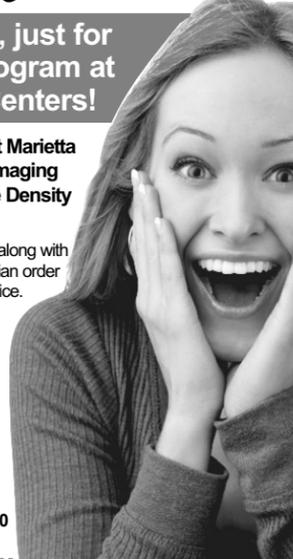
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