



# The TCA Tribune

## August 2010

**Tucker Civic Association**

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

*September community & membership meeting*

## Public safety forum on panhandling, burglaries, code enforcement

Tucker Civic Association (TCA) will hold its fall community and membership meeting in the second half of September, with a focus on public safety issues.

The date, time and location of the meeting will be announced shortly.

At the July meeting of the TCA Board of Directors, representatives from 1st United Methodist Church on LaVista Road complained of aggressive panhandlers who have been bothering visitors to Tucker's downtown churches.



Chair Jonnie Johnston According to church members Helen von Waldner and Bee Jay Paulk, street hustlers have approached church visitors on Saturday and churchgoers on Sunday to aggressively ask for money. When the church members suggest the person go to

NETworks, a church coalition that helps homeless and financially challenged people, the challenger says the NETworks office is closed on weekends.

Helen and Bee Jay said the demands have escalated in recent weeks. Some people who drive up to a church during a weekday report people coming up to their cars, knocking on the driver's window and demanding money.

Board members discussed the situation and decided to focus the September community and membership meeting on public safety issues, including the panhandling as well as burglaries and code enforcement problems.

TCA Public Safety Committee Chair Jonnie Johnston explained that burglaries and code enforcement problems are some of the most frequently reported public safety issues, and the police code



TCA has a long history of sponsoring well-attended community meetings on public safety issues

enforcement unit has some responsibility for responding to panhandling.

Jonnie is working with police officials to secure a variety of speakers for the meeting. For more information, visit our website at [www.tuckercivic.org](http://www.tuckercivic.org) or contact Jonnie at [publicsafety@tuckercivic.org](mailto:publicsafety@tuckercivic.org) or 770-938-2971.

## "Give An Hour" for Food Pantry on Saturday, Aug. 14

TCA's next "Give An Hour" project will collect donations for the Food Pantry on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2 - 4 p.m., at the parking lot of Sheridan's Frozen Custard, 4373 Lawrenceville Highway.

Donors are asked to give canned goods and staples such as vegetables, cereal, soup, beans, pasta, rice, crackers, powdered milk, margarine, soap, toilet paper and diapers. For more information, contact TCA District 4 Representative Ron Wilkinson at [district4@tuckercivic.org](mailto:district4@tuckercivic.org) or 770-842-7230.

For September, the "Give An Hour"



At the July "Give An Hour," 30 volunteers spread about 20 cubic yards of mulch over 300 yards of trails.

project will clean up the Smoke Rise Elementary School campus on Sunday, Sept. 12, beginning at 3 p.m.

TCA began its "Give An Hour" program in March 2009 as an opportunity for local residents and stakeholders to donate, once a month, an hour of time for a worthy cause.

The project for July was to spread wood mulch over walking trails at the Smoke Rise Park on Hugh Howell. The county Parks Department donated two truckloads of mulch, and some 30 volunteers shoveled the mulch into wheelbarrows, pushed the wheelbarrows to appropriate areas, then raked the mulch atop the trails. The workers spread about 20 cubic yards of mulch over 300 yards of trails.

Mary Scott, a 10-year Tucker resident, said she came to the event because "I decided I had to make the time to volunteer. Donating one hour a month is something anyone can do. I get to meet people, have fun and make things nicer in my community, all at one time."

## CB&M: carhops for tips

How can TCA raise money to support its annual "Rivers Alive" project to clean up a local creek the first week of October?

Community Building & Membership co-chair Anita Stoltzfus worked with new TCA member Sonic Drive-In, so TCA volunteers on Saturday, July 31, worked as carhops at the restaurant during lunch and the early afternoon "rush" period.



VP Tom Lawrence collects a tip

All tips went to support TCA's annual "Rivers Alive" stream clean up. Although Sonic waitrons deliver orders on roller skates, TCA volunteers walked trays to cars, then told customers about our effort to improve local waterways.

TCA President Paul Ellingson, Vice President Tom Lawrence, Secretary Tom Democko and other Board members served up orders of foot-long hotdogs and fries and fruit drinks, and collected over \$350 for "Rivers Alive."



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The Tucker Civic Association Board of Directors meets once a month on each second Thursday, usually at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Lavista Road. If you are interested in joining TCA or want more information, leave a message on the TCA Info Line at 770-270-1620 or visit the website and email a Board member.

# Who is your choice for Tucker's "Citizen of the Year"?



Tucker Civic Association will present a "Tucker Citizen of the Year Award" at our membership meeting in late September. The winner does not have to be a member of TCA, but must be someone who has contributed significantly to the progress and preservation of the Tucker community. Anyone can submit a nomination by writing a short essay. Send your nomination by Friday, September 3, and you can submit it as a letter, as a Word document or as an email. Each nomination should list address and phone number of the nominee and of the person who submits the nomination. TCA Vice President Tom Lawrence will head a review committee which will decide the winner. Nominations can be mailed to CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, Tucker Civic Association, P.O. Box 1916, Tucker GA 30085, or emailed to vicepresident@tuckercivic.org. For more information, leave a message on the TCA Information Line, 770-270-1620.

## News: Committee meetings -- P&G, CB&M, PPLUZ; vote for our grant application

**Parks & Greenspace Committee** to hold meeting Monday, Aug. 9. P&G Chair Pam McNall will host a meeting at her home, Aug. 9, 7 p.m., at 4046 Brockett Creek Drive. The committee is seeking volunteers to coordinate aspects of this year's "Rivers Alive" project, including applications & waiver forms; in-kind donations of food, water & supplies; set-up and take-down at the event; and solicitation of cash donations. This meeting is critical, and the response of the community will determine how large this year's event will be. This event was hugely popular last year, and we are counting on people to step up and take responsibility

to make this year's event another success. For more information contact Pam at parks@tuckercivic.org or 678-464-0962.

**Community Building & Membership Committee** will hold its quarterly meeting Monday, Sept. 13, at the home of co-chair Anita Stoltzfus, 4375 Sasanqua Court. The committee has done a terrific job of increasing memberships and coordinating "Give An Hour" projects, and will meet to plan efforts for the rest of the year. For more info, contact Anita at anitamk@bellsouth.net or Jane Tanner at jane@tannermark.com.

**PPLUZ Committee notes meeting.** TCA's Proactive Planning, Land Use & Zoning Committee reports that the County Commission, at the Manual Maloof Auditorium on August 10 at 10:00 a.m., will vote on the application for a rezoning by Rehoboth Baptist Church and the application to remove an existing condition for 5165 LaVista Road.

For info on the committee's next meeting, contact ppluz@tuckercivic.org.

**Vote for our fruit tree grant application** by going to [www.communitiestakeroot.com](http://www.communitiestakeroot.com). For more info, visit [www.tuckercivic.org](http://www.tuckercivic.org).