

JULY -  
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# NEWSLETTER SIGN UPS

REED CREEK PARK

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/REEDCREEKNEWSLETTER](https://bit.ly/reedcreeknewsletter)

EXPERIENCE CLUB NEWSLETTER

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/EXPERIENCECLUBNEWSLETTER](https://bit.ly/experienceclubnewsletter)

*Grovetown Library*

# ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Every April, Grovetown Library hosts a poetry contest for all ages. This year the theme was “create”. Take a look at the winners!



Winners and poetry reading participants.

*Sweet Winner*

## A CINQUAIN POEM

by Olivia Lesak

Library  
Wonderful, Marvelous  
Reading, Playing, Sitting  
My Happy Place  
Treasure

*Teen Winner*

## CREATING MY MIND

by Elise Cardinal

My loud, restless thoughts  
Race through my mind  
I guess I took that as a  
sign  
To start creating.  
I put my ideas out  
There to lessen  
My endless thoughts about  
Anything and everything.  
Creating is soothing  
In a way.  
I enjoy choosing  
What ideas to draw or make  
And making them reality.  
It calms my mind, so  
I will happily  
Spend hours making art.  
It calms my mind down  
And warms my heart.  
I can think  
Clearly.  
Paper, pencils, and ink  
Is my happy place.



*Adult Winner*

## BLANK SLATE

by Abhi Gupta

Crisp white sheets of paper invite me  
To ink them with my ideas legibly  
New, untouched notebooks implore  
Me to fill their pages, my writing voice explore  
A set of black pens beckons me to write  
In cursive letters, bold and bright

When I see a blank canvas stretched and primed  
The urge to bathe it in paint springs to mind  
Brushes of various bristles and paints in myriad hues  
Call out to me to create artwork new  
Sunrises, sunsets, waves crashing on the shore  
I want to paint them all, and then some more

I wake up in the morning to the promise of a new day  
I start with a blank state, wash old grievances away  
I make space for novel ideas in my mind  
And a burst of creative energy I find  
Beginning my day with a clean slate lets me  
Channel in the most productive way my creativity



For more events like this, check out any of the libraries in the county!

**Columbia County Library | Grovetown Library | Harlem Library**

# Columbia County Animal Shelter

**Kennel Hours for Visitation and Adoptions are  
Monday-Friday 10:30 am - 4:30pm**



**Visit Columbia County Animal Services  
to find your next furry friend!**

July 4th

# PET SAFETY TIPS



COLUMBIA COUNTY  
GEORGIA



## DON'T FREAK OUT

Fireworks explosions are loud and frightening to pets. Keep them secured in a quiet room during the displays.



## TAKE A CHILL PILL

Some pets need help to ease the stress of fireworks. Talk to your vet about products and medications that can help.



## PARTY ANIMAL

BBQs and gatherings are fun for us, but pose problems for pets. Keep alcohol and foods out of paw's reach.



## STAY COOL

It can get hot outside and the festivities can be distracting. Make sure your pet has plenty of water and shade.



## MICROCHIP

More pets get lost on 7/4 than any other day of the year. Microchip your pet and avoid the stress of a lost pet.

# TRAVELING WITH PETS THIS SUMMER

## HOW TO HANDLE THE HEAT

In just 10 minutes the temperature in your vehicle can rise

20 F<sup>°</sup>



In just 30 minutes the temperature in your vehicle can rise

35 F<sup>°</sup>



As temperatures rise during the summer months, the risk to our furry friends becomes a serious concern. While traveling with pets can be a fun experience, it also presents unique challenges, particularly when it involves leaving them in a parked vehicle. Even a brief errand can turn deadly in the sweltering heat, as cars can quickly become ovens under the summer sun.

One of the most significant dangers is the rapid increase in temperature inside a parked vehicle. On an 85°F day, the interior temperature of a car can soar to 102° F within just 10 minutes.

even with the win-

heat is not only uncomfortable but can also be fatal for pets. Dogs and cats do not sweat as humans do and can only cool themselves through panting and limited sweating through their paw pads.



**Please leave your pets at home**

Both Columbia County and Ga. State Law aim to protect animals from being left in hot cars and in such manner that causes harm to the animal. A violation could be punishable up to 60 days confinement and up to a \$1,000.00 fine

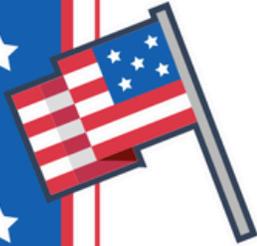


**FRIDAY**



**FOURTH OF JULY**

**BOOM IN  
THE PARK**



**-GATES OPEN AT 5PM**

**-LIVE MUSIC PROVIDED BY BRYCE  
LEATHERWOOD AND YOUR  
HEADLINER MADDIE & TAE**

**-FIREWORKS TO END THE NIGHT**

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**EVANS TOWNE CENTER  
PARK**

**FIREWORKS - LIVE MUSIC - DRINKS  
FOOD VENDORS**

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**PRESENTED BY**

**BANK OF AMERICA**



**FREE  
ENTRY**

# FALL YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

NOW OPEN - AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/CCsportsreg>





# LEGENDS OF THE FALL COMPETITION

JOIN US FOR A WILDLY FUN SPORTS TOURNAMENT PACKED WITH

★ 12 CRAZY-COOL GAMES



★ EPIC PRIZES

★ TONS OF ACTION- PACKED CHALLENGES!



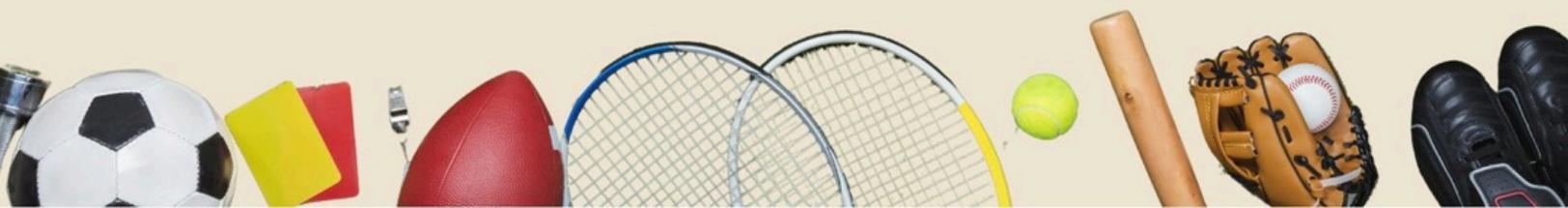
PATRIOTS PARK



JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> | 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

## ARE YOU READY TO BE A LEGEND?

**REGISTER NOW!**



# COLUMBIA COUNTY'S HIT PITCH AND RUN COMPETITION!

**DATE: JULY 26TH**

**LOCATION: RIVERSIDE PARK**

**AGES: 7-14**

**SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL**

**3 EVENTS. 1 CHAMPION.**



- **HIT: SWING FOR DISTANCE AND ACCURACY**
- **PITCH: TEST YOUR PRECISION ON THE MOUND**
- **RUN: DASH TO THE FINSH WITH BASE-RUNNING SPEED**

## REGISTER NOW!

**TROPHIES AND BRAGGING RIGHTS!  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY- FOOD, MUSIC & GAMES!**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  
BHARDAWAY@COLUMBIACOUNTYGA.GOV**



# ***LONNIE MORRIS PARK IS NOW OPEN!***



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We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated team and valued partners who played a key role in the renovation of Lonnie Morris Sr. Park. After months of hard work and collaboration, we are excited to announce that the park is now officially reopened. We look forward to welcoming visitors back to this beautiful space!

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**LAUREN ALAINA**  
**AUGUST 28**

**THE VILLAGE PEOPLE**  
**OCTOBER 3**

**CRAIG MORGAN**  
**NOVEMBER 7**





# FALL MARKET

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BEGINS :  
SEPTEMBER 6TH

ENDS:  
NOVEMBER 29TH

**NO MARKET OCTOBER 11TH**



**SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> & OCTOBER 10TH**  
**EVANS TOWNE CENTER PARK**

# Wildwood Park

3780 Dogwood Ln Appling, GA 30802

Call (706-541-0586) for more information

<https://bit.ly/WildwoodCampgrounds>

**Visit Wildwood Park for some fun in the outdoors! Anything from a lake day on the boat to camping in a tent at the campgrounds.**



**Grill out with friends at some of the Pavilions around the park!**



- Fishing**
- Disc Golf Course**
- Playgrounds/Picnic tables**
- Sand Volleyball Court**

# COLUMBIA COUNTY *libraries*

EVANS | GROVETOWN | HARLEM

*There are a variety of activities and events offered at the Columbia County Library including crafts, book clubs, and so much more!*

*full calendar: [gchrl.org](http://gchrl.org)*

## *Experience* **CLUB**



The Experience Club is an active and fun group of women and men alike, all who are over 50. This group meets for a book club each month, and also participates in a "hobby" activity monthly, which includes things like crafts, painting, cooking classes, wine tastings, and MORE!

To learn more about the Experience Club, visit [bit.ly/ExperienceInfo](http://bit.ly/ExperienceInfo)

# Columbia County Exhibition Center Grovetown, Georgia



**BOOK YOUR EVENT TODAY!**