



A publication of
Crier Newspapers, LLC.
5064 Nandina Lane, Suite C
Dunwoody, GA 30338
Phone: 770-451-4147
Fax: 770-451-4223

E-Mail:
thecrier@mindspring.com
Stories/Photos/Bridals/Births:
communitynews@criernewspapers.com
Your vacation photos with The Crier:
whereintheworld@criernewspapers.com
Obituaries:
jhart@criernewspapers.com
Visit us on the web at: thecrier.net

Follow us



STAFF

Editor

Dick Williams
thecrier@mindspring.com

Advertising Director

Jim Hart
jhart@criernewspapers.com

Classified Manager

Donna Stevens
dstevens@criernewspapers.com

Special Events Coordinator

Mari Ann Gallant

Website

Morgan Riley
mriley@criernewspapers.com

Contributors

- Valerie Biggerstaff
- Lewis Walker
- Kathy Florence
- Sue Stanton
- Carol Niemi
- Gayle Suggs
- Kathy Manos Penn

Circulation

Distributed to 23,000 homes and businesses throughout Dunwoody, Sandy Springs and Brookhaven

Ad Deadlines

Retail:
Wednesday at 5 p.m.
Classified:
Fridays at noon

Crier Subscriptions

\$85 annually mailed



To view our Green Initiative statement visit our website www.waltonpress.com

City Briefs

The city of Brookhaven has been awarded a \$150,000 grant for streambank restoration along the north fork of Nancy Creek, south of the Murphey Candler dam.

The city plans to restore the stream and buffer from the dam to the confluence of the North Fork and Nancy Creek, adjacent to the baseball fields.

"I want to thank Sen. Johnny Isakson for his guidance in securing this grant that will have a regional benefit - the health of the Nancy Creek Watershed impacts the entire basin," said Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst. "While this project will restore the natural beauty of the waterway, its true intent is to significantly decrease the amount of silt flowing downstream that negatively impacts water quality, vegetation and native wildlife."

The project is the first of several initiatives outlined in the Nancy Creek Watershed Improvement Plan, adopted by the Brookhaven City Council in 2016. The city plans to complete design and engineering this year, with construction in early 2018 to minimize disruption of the ball fields during peak season. The total cost of restoration is expected to be approximately \$300,000.

...

The bids are in for the Ashford Park Trike Track, and the city of Brookhaven is selecting none of them.

The city estimated a cost of approximately \$10,000 for the project. The only two bids received were \$65,000 and \$75,000.

"We are rejecting all of the bids. These amounts are unconscionable," said Brookhaven City Manager Christian Sigman. "Staff will revisit the scope of work to ensure the description is clear, and that all qualified contractors have an ample opportunity to provide a competitive bid."

The project is one of the improvements identified in the Ashford Park Master Plan. The scope of the work involved converting an existing concrete pathway into a tricycle track for children using colored stain and traffic marking paint on top of the existing concrete. This included pressure washing, the application of concrete stain and traffic marking paint; and tricycle-traffic signage.

Your Pie Perimeter meets the 1,000-pizza giveaway challenge

By Carol Niemi
For The Crier

When The Crier first interviewed Morgan and Lisa Maclellan, owners of the Your Pie Perimeter pizza restaurant in Perimeter Place shopping center in Dunwoody, they were halfway through the challenge given to all Your Pie franchisees at the company's annual meeting last August to give away 1,000 pizzas to feed hungry families in their community before the next annual meeting.

The Maclellans met the challenge and then some. As a result, at the company's annual meeting last week in Athens, they were the sole recipients of the "Your Pie Community Engagement Award."

"We were honored," said Lisa Maclellan. "And now that we've reached this goal, we're going to keep going by giving back in other ways."

The Maclellans chose as their first recipients Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb, headquartered at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody.

Operating out of several churches and synagogues mainly in Dunwoody, Sandy Springs and Roswell, Family Promise provides shelter, hospitality, temporary assistance and case management for homeless families with children.

All Family Promise guests receive overnight accommodations at a local congregation; three meals a day; intensive case management; a family day center with Internet access, laundry and showers; social support from volunteers; and linkage with needed social and educational services. The program generally gives families 90 days to regain their independence.

Every week for the duration of



Your Pie owners Morgan and Lisa Maclellan

the challenge, the Maclellans provided Sunday night dinner - a personal, customized pizza - for every guest and volunteer at the host congregation. They plan to continue the Family Promise pizza night even though the challenge is officially over.

Meeting the 1,000-pizza giveaway challenge required them to expand beyond Family Promise.

"We wanted to make a local initiative and reached out through Facebook, the Dunwoody police and the City Council to see where we could feed hungry kids in need," said Maclellan. "We didn't want to take a cookie cutter approach."

Other recipients of the free pizzas included the families staying at the Sandy Springs Ronald McDonald House while their sick children were hospitalized nearby.

The Marist School provided them with more needy recipients by connecting them to LaAmistad, through which they provided summer lunch to a nearby elementary school, where the majority of the kids were in the free lunch program during the school year.

"These weren't left-over pizzas," said Maclellan. "They were hot and fresh, made specifically for these kids. We made them the same delicious pizzas we make for our paying customers and even accommodated allergies."

Your Pie Perimeter offers 10-inch personal-size pizzas that patrons customize with a wide variety of ingredients as they move along the toppings bar. The dough is hand tossed for evenness, and the pizzas are cooked in a brick oven to lock in the flavor.

"We offer an endless amount of ordering opportunities," said Maclellan. "We also have paninis, salads and craft beer."

Your Pie Perimeter also prides itself on its family culture for both patrons and staff. General Manager Andrew Gehhardt and five of their other team members have been with the Maclellans since they opened in 2015.

Though the pizza challenge is over, the Maclellans are planning a Day of Giving for late fall, which may involve more than just pizzas.

"It might be more of a hybrid," said Maclellan.

No matter how it turns out, it will definitely involve local organizations.

"We're always looking for ways to make a contribution to the community we serve," said her husband and business partner, Morgan, "because we wouldn't be here without our community."

"Giving back is in our DNA," said Maclellan.

The Maclellans said they're always looking for good people to join their team.

"We treat one another with respect," said Maclellan, "and don't take ourselves too seriously."

For information, go to Facebook.com/YourPie or visit Your Pie Perimeter at 123 Perimeter Center West, Suite 200.

Talk Back to The Crier

Labor Day

To the Editor:

Sept. 4 is just around the corner to designate Labor Day. Families and smiling wide eyed children are awaiting that backyard picnic, swimming at the beach or the trip to grandparent's house. Some people get American Flags out of storage and place on the outside of homes to fly in recognition of love for the freedom we enjoy and our American way of life.

Keep those flags out of storage! Fly the red, white and blue proudly each and every day reminding us of the treasures lost through out the years to keep our freedom steadfast and the symbol of that journey. Sure, we

have stumbled and always recovered seeking the more perfect union.

Large corporations and big malls in Dunwoody enjoy fairly large profits from a citizenry who have the freedom to enjoy the fruits of their own labor through purchases made. Yet few display the American Flag showing love for this country. Construct the flag right in the middle of those malls and the corporation complex. And neighborhood associations surely can afford one flag in their area.

Enjoy Labor Day fun with the American Flag flowing freely in the air. Do not forget the stars and stripes...they are a part of our American life.

Dr. Betty Wills

Tilly Mill Intersection

To the Editor:

Kudos to all who worked on the road improvements at the corner of North Peachtree and Tilly Mill in Dunwoody. In prior school years, this intersection was a daily congested nightmare, backed up for miles every morning. Also, with no room for cars from Peeler Road trying to enter the traffic, narrowly missed accidents were a daily occurrence.

Now the traffic flows smoothly and it's much easier for drivers. Thank you for a worthwhile road improvement project.

Joni Pelta