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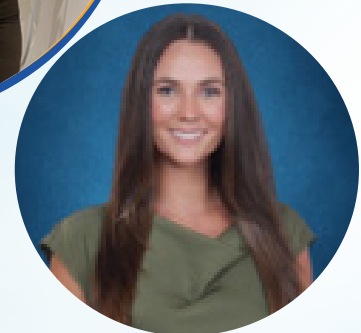
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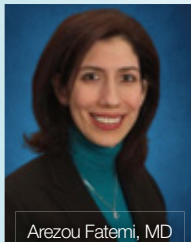
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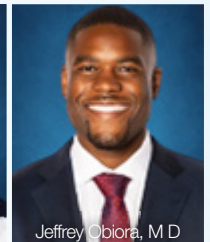
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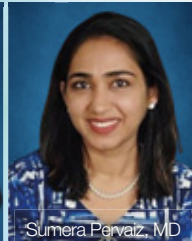
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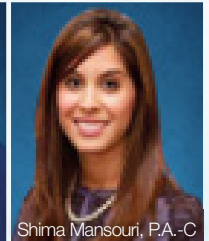
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From the Editor



Summer Schedule Musts

Whether the music scene in downtown Duluth or the foodie paradise growing in Johns Creek, there's always something new to try, a classic to revisit or an event in this neighborhood that brings people together. I'm in this community all the time and my current obsessions include tea service (with a saffron rock candy stirrer) at **Rose Valley Sweets** (check it out on page 9), a show at **Eddie Owens Presents Red Clay** and running a scenic 5K through **Cauley Creek Park** on Friday mornings. I also know I am not alone in the anticipation for **The Medley** opening later this year. It promises even more food, fun and festivities—and

you can stay up to date on when and what's happening first by signing up online at medleyjohnscreek.com.

Speaking of things to try right now, starting on page 16, **we've got the businesses that you and your community nominated and voted as the Best of Johns Creek/Duluth**. From doctors and wellness services to home improvement professionals, restaurants and more, these are the people you trust with the things that matter most. Meet the entire 2026 class at atlantabestmedia.com, and get ready to start exploring!



In this issue, I am also excited to introduce you to another Johns Creek classic: **Chattahoochee Shower Doors' Clint Clackum**. A longtime resident running a trusted neighborhood staple tells us how this shop has lived up to its reputation for nearly three decades. Check out the full story on **page 13**.

Enjoy all of the fun things to do over the next few pages—and there's even more online. I look forward to exploring everything Johns Creek/Duluth has to offer!


Jennifer Colosimo, editor

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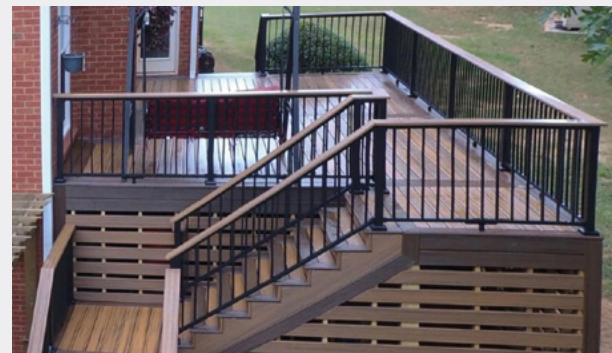


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Meet Your Neighbor

Owner of Chattahoochee Shower Doors,

Clint Clackum

shares what it takes to earn the reputation as a neighborhood staple on page 13.



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ON THE COVER: Celebrating the Best of 2026 Winners. (Top row, L to R): Jacqueline T. Pearson, MD, MS, Comprehensive Internal Medicine; Christopher Blanchard, DO, Resurgens Spine Center; Sandra Vargas, DMD, North Atlanta Family Dentistry; (middle) Kristin Magee, MD; Scarlett Melton, PA-C; Leslie C. Gray, MD; Danielle Wiseley, PA-C; Stephanie Crews, PA-C, Dermatology Center of Atlanta.

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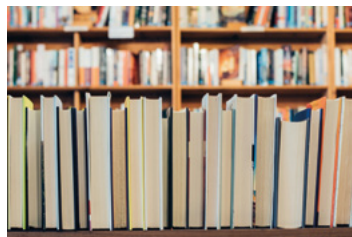
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Book lovers, mark your calendars for Nov. 14. **The Johns Creek Literary Fair** features sessions with New York Times best-selling authors, a historical fiction session with themed snacks and more than 25 local authors. The event is great for readers of all ages, and since **"catnote" speaker Nathan Deal** will share his cat-themed children's book, a cat and kitten rescue will be on-site. 11360 Lakefield Dr., johnscreekga.gov/recreation-parks/special-events



Celebrate with top-notch Argentinian-style steaks, lobster mac and cheese, **empanadas and bananas Foster** at **Pampas Steakhouse**. 10970 State Bridge Rd., pampassteakhouse.com

Hike the Hooch together at the **Jones Bridge Park Trail** for river views, wildlife and shady paths that make for an enjoyable, moderately challenging 4.6-mile loop. 8615 Barnwell Rd., nps.gov/chat/planyourvisit/maps.htm

Clink tea cups at **Rose Valley Sweets**, a Persian café and bakery offering everything for an **elevated high tea experience**, plus savory, flaky bistros, pistachio cream cakes, fresh nappeloni and more. 6000 Medlock Bridge Pkwy., Ste. B100, rosevalleysweets.com

Catch a show together at **The Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra**. Then, cap the evening with a Belgian chocolate-drenched lava cake (amongst other decadent options) at **Melt n Dip**. 11877 Douglas Rd., Ste. 102-294, johnscreeksymphony.org; 11025 Jones Bridge Rd., meltnndip.com

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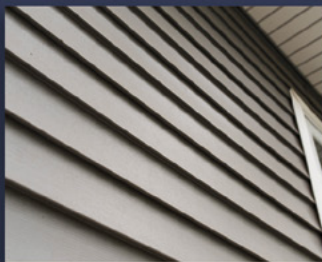


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Nosh on **The Breakfast Club** at **Reveille Cafe**—and no, we don't mean the John Hughes movie! A BLT with crisp bacon, fresh lettuce and a juicy ripe tomato gets an irresistible upgrade stacked on grilled whole wheat bread with a perfectly fried egg. Finish it off with a classic French crepe (we love sausage and cinnamon). 9925 Haynes Bridge Rd., Ste. 640, reveillecafe.com



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Juicy, perfectly cooked and deeply flavorful, **Stoney River's** signature **Filet Mignon** comes with bold preparations like coffee-cured, center-cut or bleu cheese-encrusted. Enjoy it alongside layered au gratin potatoes, velvety whipped potatoes, crispy Parm fries or a one-pound baked potato. The fun never stops—add truffle butter, chimichurri or béarnaise to any cut. 5800 State Bridge Rd., stoneyriver.com

SUGO'S EGGPLANT PARMESAN

Amidst a menu of favorites (like Fruitti Di Mare, Hangar Steak and Aunt Lena's Chicken), nothing beats a classic. Chef Ricardo Soto shares Sugo's simple but tasty Eggplant Parmesan recipe that you can make right at home.

INGREDIENTS

1 whole eggplant
4 ounces flour

4 ounces bread crumbs
1 cup whole milk
4 ounces herb ricotta

4 teaspoons tomato sauce
4 ounces mozzarella cheese
1 tablespoon Pecorino cheese

DIRECTIONS

In a deep sauce pan, preheat frying oil to 375° and preheat the oven to 375°. Peel the eggplant using a fork to hold the eggplant in place. Slice the eggplant into eight thick slices and set aside. Using three different bowls, fill one with flour, one with breadcrumbs and one with milk. Place sliced eggplant in the flour bowl using only one hand then transfer the eggplant into the milk. Using the other hand, flip the eggplant over multiple times to guarantee that it is completely covered. Going back to the original hand transfer the eggplant into the breadcrumb pan, and toss it to cover it in breadcrumbs. Once the eggplant is breaded, fry for 2 minutes or until the eggplant looks golden brown. Remove from the oil, cool down for a couple of minutes, then add the tomato basil sauce, pecorino, ricotta and finish with mozzarella cheese. Bake the eggplant for 5 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Serve with vegetables or pasta. 10305 Medlock Bridge Rd., sugorestaurant.com



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By Jennifer Colosimo

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Los Abuelos—get the guacamole and the tacos al pastor—is my pick for a lunch of champions.



CLACKUM (RIGHT) WITH GIRLFRIEND JENNIFER SHAW AND DOUG COLE, OWNER OF MYTH & LEGEND COFFEE SHOP

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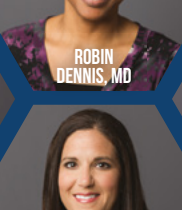
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