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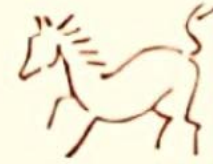
Little Creek Farm Conservancy

Spring Newsletter

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**Little Creek Farm
Conservancy**



April Is Conservancy Membership Renewal Month

Thank you to our all members for your ongoing support. **Please remember to renew your conservancy membership this month.** If you are not already a member, we invite you to join now.

Memberships support a wide variety of activities, including: Hands on Horses educational programs for schools, nursing and care home residents, youth groups and others. LCFC also offers community services throughout the year such as clinics, park clean up days, spring pony rides, the annual fall HorseFest Maintenance and ongoing improvements to the facilities. [Click here for more information](#)

Note: New members who joined the Conservancy after Jan. 1, 2017 will enjoy membership until April 2018.

Renew Your Membership or Join Now

Pre Paid Pony Ride Tickets Available to Conservancy Members!

Available on a limited basis this year and only to members, these Pre Paid Tickets are *non-refundable* and may be purchased by clicking [here](#).

Pony Ride Day

Fundraiser at
Little Creek Farm!

Saturday, April 15, rain or shine

10:00 a.m. – last ticket sold at 1:00 p.m.*

\$5.00 donation per ride

CLOSED-TOE SHOES PLEASE!

For insurance purposes, 4-year-old STRICT age minimum for riders.

* For the safety of the horses and riders, ticket sales for rides **END** promptly at 1:00.
Thank you for understanding our equine friends need their rest!

\$3 Face Painting by Decatur High School Performing Arts Association – **Cash Only.**

Concessions will be available for sale, in addition to Little Creek Farm Conservancy merchandise.

Proceeds benefit the non-profit Little Creek Farm Conservancy, Inc.

2057 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur, GA 30033

Please follow signs for parking. Enter pasture on foot on Orion Drive. Parking on pasture side of Orion ONLY. Please be considerate of our neighbors!

Questions? info@littlecreekfarmconservancy.org

Please visit: www.littlecreekfarmconservancy.org for additional information about Little Creek Farm, maps, and how to help preserve this unique park!

You can prepay up to 4 tickets at \$5 each; maximum \$20. Please note, we are only allowing 2 tickets per rider per turn.

Simply prepay your tickets [online](#) and bring your printed confirmation AND completed Waiver Form to the cashiers on Saturday. You'll be handed your tickets and proceed straight to the helmet table and Member line!

Send questions to info@littlecreekfarmconservancy.org and we'll see you at Pony Rides!

p.s - Volunteer Opportunities still available! [Click here to Volunteer on April 15th!](#)

Home Depot Partners with Little Creek

We are very fortunate that Home Depot has chosen Little Creek Horse Farm as a volunteer service site. Home Depot will bring 150 volunteers and is donating \$2,500 to fencing repairs, pasture cleanup, entrance beautification, bench installation at entrance and boy scout steps, kiosk at boy scout steps, ivy removal from trees along Orion and invasive plant clearing at beginning of trail on Orion.

One of the deciding factors bringing Home Depot to Little Creek is a dedication shared with Stride Ahead to supporting our military veterans.



Spring Clean Up



Great progress was made indoors and out during Spring Clean Up. Thank you to everyone who has rolled up their sleeves and pitched in. Of course there are still lots of ways to contribute. Visit the clean up, sign up list on the big white board outside Joe's office and help finish one of the listed projects or add one of your own. Every effort, big or small, helps keep our environment safe and attractive.

The Challenges of Manure Management

We continued to be challenged by the manure management situation at Little Creek. While we would love to be further along, we do want to let you know that the Conservancy is working diligently with the Department of Parks and Recreation to find both short and long term solutions.

A special thank you goes to Tamara Dillard for her dedication. The Manure Give Away Days she started a couple of months ago have been brought in community residents who are eager to enrich their gardens. Tamara and other conservancy members have developed several manure management options and cost analyses for the County to consider. Tamara would like to have a team of folks to help with manure days. If you are interested please contact her at tddillard@gmail.com. The next manure day is April 22nd, 9a-12p, weather permitting.



We soon will begin a trial period for collecting stall waste in the rolloff located next to the shavings shed. When the rolloff is full, it will be replaced by an empty one. Our long term goal is to remove the manure piles from their current location on the flood plain and rehabilitate that land.

Recently, the Conservancy provided sifting screens, generously built and donated by Randy Starnes and Peggy Berg, for a trial use. Reviews by boarders and employees who have tried them have been positive and best of all a great reduction in wasted shavings has been noted.

This from a happy stall cleaner

*Karen,
Just wanted to let you know we used the new screens when we cleaned the stalls this weekend and I really liked it. It really cut out a lot of wasted shavings. I will definitely use it on Sunday when I clean. I hope everyone will give it a try when cleaning. Thanks so much to the amazing designer of this great new tool!!!!
Callen*



Schooling Show May 20th

The first schooling show of the year is coming right up. Be sure to talk to your instructor to get permission to enter. The organizers are pleased to announce that you soon will be able to submit your entries on-line.



Hands on Horses

The Hands on Horses program has resumed following winter break. This program provides an opportunity to learn about horses and their behaviors, with demonstrations on natural horsemanship training and a take home craft for younger visitors. Schools, care homes and senior and youth groups are among those who frequently attend programs. Upcoming tour dates: April 25 and May 6 at 10:30.

To make a reservation email: lchfbarntours@gmail.com. Required: \$5.00 per participant fee, signed equine release form, sturdy shoes, (no bare toes please.)

Sherree Wallace who manages the program would like assistance with outreach and scheduling tours. Please contact her if you would to help. lchfbarntours@gmail.com.

County Commissioners Visit Little Creek



Newly elected DeKalb County District 4 Commissioner, Steve Bradshaw, recently visited Little Creek for a tour. He was interested in learning about our equine activities, outreach programs, in-progress and planned facility improvements, community involvement, and fundraising efforts.

He got up close and personal with PJ. Much to PJ's delight carrots were a part of the introduction. Mr. Bradshaw joked about not wearing wingtips for his next visit and offered his support to Little Creek Horse Farm.



Little Creek Farm welcomed Commissioner Greg Adams and District Director Ashlee Wright, from Super District 7 for a tour this week. They were interested in seeing the park, meeting the horses, and learning about all of the activities we offer. It turns out the Commissioner had a beautiful white horse when he was growing up. Believe (in background) seemed to sense he was a horse person!

Commissioner Adams made several suggestions for expanding our outreach and we talked about ways to introduce more DeKalb County school kids to the County's extraordinary park at Little Creek.

The Conservancy thanks Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Adams and Ms. Wright for their interest and support. We hope to see them again soon.



Bleacher and Shade Canopy Project Update

Yes, we are still working on installing bleachers and shade canopy for viewing at the outdoor arena. We have selected a vendor and installer that meet our seating and budget specifications. The bleacher is ADA compliant, with 2 wheelchair accessible seats.

DeKalb County Permitting has made recommendations for paved access to the bleacher and ADA compliant parking which are cost prohibitive. We are working DeKalb County Parks and Recreation and the Permitting office to find a solution that is both financially feasible and addresses the ecological issues of building on a flood plain.

We have submitted alternative conceptual plans using innovative materials and design that would make the project possible. We will keep you posted. Feel free to [contact us](#) for details.

News from Our Friends at Little Creek

Atlanta Riding Pony Club

Atlanta Riding Pony Club is proud to welcome our many new Horsemasters members! Thank you, Helen and Callen for leading the adult club.

We are most proud of our youth team for participating in Dressage Rally at Poplar Place the weekend of March 18th. Fun was had by all and it was a great learning experience for our first time rally participants.

Atlanta Riding School

Atlanta Riding School is busy helping with preparations for the schooling show on May 20th. Meanwhile, Dana, Tamara, client Delia were honored to serve as judges at a Chattahoochee Hills Eventing in Fairburn, on Saturday, April 8th.

Stride Ahead

Stride Ahead is partnering with Shepherd Center's SHARE Military Initiative. We are thrilled that our equine therapy program is becoming a reality for these veterans.

Beloved volunteer Nancy Scott is giving all Stride Ahead horses weekly massages, using the gentle Masterson massage technique. Thank you Nancy for our relaxed and happy horses! The amazing volunteers who planned the Volunteer Appreciation party last August got a Thank You trail ride at Southern Cross in March. Fine weather, fine horses and fine woodland trails with very fine women made for a spectacular day!

New Neighborhood Friends of Parks Group

On March 20th, several Conservancy Members attended an organizational meeting of a recently formed Friends of the Park group which drew a number of people from our immediate neighborhood. This group will work in concert with the Conservancy Friends of the Park group in bringing improvements to Little Creek Horse Farm. The new group has stated that they will focus on building a trail and making other improvements in the currently less tamed area of the park north of the gelding pasture.

2017 Little Creek Farm Calendar

Member Meeting #1	Jan 14th	Saturday
Manure to Public Day	Jan 21st	
Manure to Public Day	March 18th	Saturay
Spring Clean Up/Member Picnic	April 1st Kick off - 8th	Saturday
Spring Pony Rides	April 15th	Saturday
Membership Renewal Month	April	All
Member Meeting #2 (Officer Election)	May 6th	Saturday
Amelia S. Cook In House Schooling	May 20th	Saturday
Home Depot Volunteers	May 26th	Friday
N'hood Picnic & Fun Day Events	June 18th	Sunday
Member Meeting #3	Aug 12th	Saturday
Fall Clean Up Day	Sept 9th	Saturday
Horsefest Fall Festival	Sept 16th	Saturday
Fall Potluck / Horse Costume Parade	Oct 28th	Saturday
Member Meeting #4	Nov 11th	Saturday
Fall Schooling Show	Nov 4th (raindate: 11-11)	Saturday
Quadrille / Holiday Bazaar	Dec 2d	Saturday
Holiday Party	TBD	

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