NEW COUNTY MANAGER NAMED

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners has named Rob Hosack as the new county manager. He will be responsible for the supervision of all county affairs and implementation of policies established by the BOC. He replaces David Hankerson, who retired after more than 24 years as county manager.

“My first month here at Cobb County has been both busy and fun,” Hosack said. “We have been able to begin the launch of the Class and Pay Study for all of our fantastic employees and have seen the successful opening of SunTrust Park and the Battery. I feel honored to have this opportunity to work with the best employees in the state and a Board of Commissioners committed to making Cobb County the best place to be.”

Hosack previously worked for Cobb County Government for more than 29 years. He joined the county in 1986 as a planner in the Planning and Zoning Division. He also served as a senior planner, coordinator for intergovernmental relations and planning division manager.

Rising through the ranks, Hosack was appointed as director of the Community Development Agency and served in this role for 15 years.

Hosack is a nationally-certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners and a certified public manager from the University of Georgia, through the EXCEL class of 1991. He is also a graduate of Leadership Cobb.

During a brief retirement from Cobb County, he operated a small management and development consulting business, assisting both private sector and government clients.

Hosack earned a Bachelor of Science degree in planning from Western Carolina University and began his career as a community planner for the State of Tennessee. He and his wife Coleen live in northeast Cobb and have three children.

Two summer movie series

Bring the family out to enjoy games, arts and crafts and a movie at the Sunset at the P.A.R.K.S. movie series this summer. All pre-movie festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. except for the Seven Springs Water Parks event which starts at 7:30 p.m. Movies start at dusk.

Picnics are encouraged but food options are available at onsite food trucks. Blankets and lawn chairs are allowed. Please note that all dates are subject to change. Check Facebook or cobbcounty.org/parks for updates.

The schedule includes:

“The Angry Birds Movie” June 9 at Big Shanty Park, 2050 Kennesaw Due West Road, Kennesaw, 30152.
“Trolls” June 23 at Fair Oaks Park, 1460 West Booth Road, Marietta, 30008.
“The Secret Life of Pets” June 30, The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, 30066.

“Finding Dory” July 21 Seven Springs Water Park, 3820 Macedonia Road, Powder Springs, 30127.

The schedule for the Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre movie series includes:

Summer reading program

The Cobb County Library system has partnered with Cobb County School District, Marietta City School, Smyrna Public Library, and Scholastic. Join us this summer and help us Build a Better World!

The summer reading program encourages participants of all ages to keep reading and learning through the summer.

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The early literacy program is about young children building reading and language skills. Reading to young children, even infants, increases word recognition and vocabulary.

The children’s program engages kids in language skills development for success. Students are at risk of losing two-to-three months of reading and math over the summer. The Summer Reading Program is a fun way to keep students learning!

The teen program motivates teens to read and talk about literature. Teens who participate in summer reading tend to perform better academically and achieve greater academic gains than those who don’t.

The adult program is about experiencing the joy of reading. Reading relieves stress, strengthens the brain and builds empathy.

For more information, visit cobbcat.org/summer-reading-program.

Family Fun Safety Days

Come enjoy family-friendly fun and educational activities for kids of all ages. Tour Sparky’s House, enjoy safety games, see a puppet show and get up-close views of emergency vehicles.

The event will be held at the Cobb County Safety Village, 1220 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., June 15 and 22. Tickets are $5 per person with a $20 maximum per family.

For group rates for more than 20 people, please call 770-852-3270.

Household hazardous waste

Join Keep Cobb Beautiful to dispose of your household hazardous waste such as paint, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and much more.

The event is 9 a.m. - noon, Saturday, June 24, at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta.

Atlanta Braves game for seniors

Cobb seniors register today for a trip to see Atlanta take on Milwaukee on Sunday, June 25.

The trip leaves from the Senior Wellness Center. Space is limited.

For more information visit cobbseniors.org.