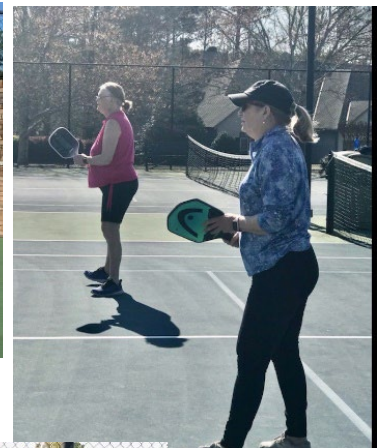


Maple Ridge Community Key

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PICKLEBALL MINI-CAMPS

Maple Ridge was the Place to be for the Pickleball Mini Camps in March 2024.



Intrepid Instructors (L-R)
Joe Bryant, Lisa Romans, Joe Gay



The weather cooperated and a whole new crop of Pickleball enthusiasts emerged from the inaugural Pickleball mini camps. Kiddos and adults alike were treated to a hands-on introduction to the fastest growing sport in the USA, and our own Maple Ridge tennis/pickleball courts served as the setting. A very special thank you to our special Pickleball coordinators Lisa Romans and Joe Gay and all the unsung volunteer instructors who made these sessions such a huge success! Due to their immense popularity, we will be offering them again. Keep an eye out for an email in a few weeks.

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MAPLE RIDGE RESIDENTS UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 21, 2024 @ 4 PM– Put some Spring in Your Step! Be ready for an exciting nature hike as we witness Nature coming alive. Let's celebrate our planet just ahead of Earth Day on Monday April 22nd!



The first walk of the series of Lamb's Lake Trail Nature Walks escorted by Jan Forrest Kent. Reservations are required. Email Mapleridgefunclub@gmail.com – spaces are limited.

Walk the trail with an expert and learn about the amazing ecosystem within our community, and our impact on it.

Sunday, May 5, 2024 2 PM – 4 PM - Join us at the Big Rock Pool as we celebrate the opening of the Maple Ridge Community Pools with a Resident Mixer and Ice Cream Social. This is a Maple Ridge Resident Exclusive activity. As always, ID is required to enter the pool area. Build your own free ice cream sundae from a variety of flavors and toppings. **Volunteers needed to scoop ice cream! If you can set aside 15 minutes to scoop for your neighbors, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mapleridgefunclub@gmail.com**



Special guests **Buttacups Pop Up Bakery** and **Cotton Candy for a Cause**. Buttacups was a huge hit at the Christmas Cart Parade. Krystal will be back with her delicious assortment of desserts. Cotton Candy for a Cause will be offering freshly spun cotton candy with proceeds to Josie's Outlaws for Down Syndrome. Both are "pay as you dine" and open to all. Thank you for your support!



Josie's Outlaws is the organization set up to raise the funds for various Down Syndrome projects, including Gigi's Playhouse. Josie's Outlaws for Down Syndrome was founded after its namesake, Josie Grace Kent, was born with Down Syndrome. Today Josie is an active and joyful little girl who has not let Down Syndrome slow her down by a single step! Josie's unique story has been featured on multiple media platforms including film and radio, making her somewhat of a pint-sized celebrity. Josie's Outlaws' goal is to bring a Gigi's Playhouse to Columbus to serve West Central GA and East Central Alabama. Gigi's Playhouse provides free educational, therapeutic-based, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community, through a replicable playhouse model. It is a Down Syndrome Achievement Center. There are only 2 locations in GA, both in the ATL area and zero locations in Alabama. There are over 58 locations across the US and Mexico. Gigi's Playhouse is a non-profit 501(c)(3). To be considered for a Playhouse, an initial \$10,000 must be raised.

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