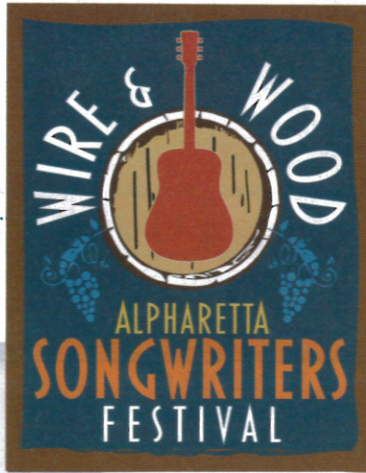


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■ **Sing Along.** Head to Main Street in Alpharetta on Nov. 9 for the Wire and Wood Songwriters Festival. Local and nationally touring songwriters will take to the street to hum and strum original compositions, engaging listeners with the stories behind the songs in a series of small, intimate forums. At 7 p.m., the big stage opens for the Home by Dark Songwriters Show. Gourmet food, beer and wine will be available throughout the evening. 678-665-0040, awesomealpharetta.com



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Pat Conroy

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■ **Meet the Authors.** What could be better than curling up with a good book on a brisk fall day? Heading down to the Marcus Jewish Community Center in Dunwoody to meet the authors, of course! The 22nd annual Edition of the Book Festival runs from Nov. 2 – 17. Bring the little ones for the Family Reading Festival on Nov. 10, and enjoy programs by celebrated authors Pat Conroy, Scott Turow, Chris Matthews, Clark Howard and many more during this 15-day event. 678-812-4005, atlantajcc.org



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■ **Get Festive.** The holiday season is sneaking up fast, but no need to worry. The Sawnee Artists Association in Cumming has you covered with the 10th Annual Christmas in Central Park on Nov. 16 and 17. Shop for unique gifts from more than 90 original crafters, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, check out Santa's workshop, or just enjoy the delicious homemade creations at the Sugar Plum Café and soak in the holiday entertainment. 678-936-6422, christmasincentralpark.com

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■ **Savor and Save.** Help save abandoned and abused animals while enjoying the savory flavors of Old World Gourmet's Cracker Smack line of products. Throughout November, OWG will donate 10 percent of all Cracker Smack purchases to LifeLine Animal Project, which provides medical and behavioral rehabilitation for abandoned and abused animals with special needs. Use the Original or Coastal seasoning mixes to turn ordinary crackers into artisanal delights, perfect for pairing with your favorite fall stews, soups and chili. 770-445-8514, owgshoponline.com

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■ **Take a Hike.** Strap on your boots and join the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell to celebrate national Take a Hike Day on Nov. 17. Naturalists from the center will offer guided hikes along one of the six beautiful trails at 1 and 3 p.m., or adventure on your own for the Scavenger Hunt Challenge and earn prizes along the way. Families can also hunt for one or all of the 10 geocaches stashed inside the riverside park. 770-992-2055, chattnaturecenter.org