

Isle of Hope Art & Music Fest Returns with Most Participants Ever

The Isle of Hope Art and Music Fest returns Saturday, October 26. The Art Fest takes place at the Isle of Hope Marina Pavilion, Paxton Park, Rose Drive and Bluff Drive from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (see pages 10,12,14 for the layout). According to Brigitte Van-Baelen, who spearheads the event, the Art and Music Fest has more participants than ever this year. Some IOH favorites plan to set up a booth, including Dale's Crab Traps, Kelli Mills Photography, Noel Wright Woodturning, Polly Cooper, and Frond and Fern.

The Music Fest starts at 10:00 am in the IOH Marina parking lot. The World Famous Crabettes kick off the live music (10 am), followed by Keith & Ross (11:30 am), The Eric Culberson Band (1 pm), Andrew Gill, and Company (3 pm), and Lyn Avenue (5 pm). Junkyard Angel finishes off the night with a set from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Chazitos Latin Cuisine, Dark Shark Taco Attack, Ben & Jerry's, Bayou Cafe, C&C Nut Factory, Kona Ice,

 <p>ISLE OF HOPE ART AND MUSIC FEST</p>	<p>October 26, 2019</p> <p>Art Show: Isle of Hope Marina Pavilion, Paxton Park, Bluff Dr, Rose Ave 10am to 5pm</p> <p>Music Fest Isle of Hope Marina 10am to 9pm</p>
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Big Cheese, Pie Society, Magic Food Truck, Prowl, and Little Diddle's Bakery will provide great food and treats. The Isle of Hope Marina and Paxton Park will sell beer, wine, soda, and water.

Mathnasium, BankSouth and other vendors will offer kids activities at the Isle of Hope Playground. You can bring dogs on a leash.

The Isle of Hope Artist Guild started The Isle of Hope Art and Music Fest more than 18 years ago. Residents and artists joined together for the first festival, which took place in front of Noel and Ruthie Wright's house on Bluff Drive. Eventually, it expanded to the Isle of Hope Marina Pavilion and parking lot.

In 2011, the Art Fest added a parade, museum, and Music Fest to celebrate the 275th anniversary of Isle of Hope. The residents loved the Music Fest, so the organizers kept it going, and the festival became known as the Isle of Hope Art and Music Fest. It also grew to include Bluff Drive, Rose Avenue and Paxton Park.

The Isle of Hope Historical Association presents the Fest now, and corporate and individual sponsorships fund the event. It is FREE for attendees of all ages.

Parking is available at the IOH Baptist Church, IOH Methodist Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and IOH Elementary School.

See you there.

Editor's Note

I take my dog, Harper, for a walk (or maybe three) most days. As we meander down Bluff Drive, I look out over the Skidaway River while she sniffs for squirrels, birds and skinks.

We say hello to friends, neighbors and other furry critters we pass along the way. Sometimes, we talk to visitors who have docked at the IOH Marina for a day or two or maybe longer on their way to another destination.

I can't help thinking to myself...it's just another day in Paradise.

On most weekends, my wife Lauren and I enjoy a great variety of events that

are within walking distance. In the past few weeks, we've taken in live music at the Isle of Hope Marina, enjoyed the Co-op at St. Thomas (CAST)—a local farmer's market and festival held at the church the first Friday of every month—and eaten some fresh out of the river crabs at Holy Crab, the annual crabbing tournament and free neighborhood crab-boil held by St. Thomas.

In October, we'll participate in the Isle of Hope Art and Music Fest. We'll also sit on our front porch on St. Thomas Avenue and watch all kinds of ghouls, goblins, superheroes, princesses, etc. stream down the street

on their way to Bluff Drive for the best trick-or-treating in Savannah.

Kudos to all the residents, churches, businesses, and other organizations that make Isle of Hope the best place in Savannah to live.

-Editor, Chris Brantley
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By Polly Wyly Cooper

Americans love spacious homes. According to the National Association of Realtors, the average size home in 1950 was 1000 square feet and families were bigger back then!

Downsizing can be traumatic. There are sacrifices. You may not have room for the king-sized bed. No walk-in closets. No bonus room. No formal dining room, or hot-tub.

But the scales tip heavily in favor of shedding all that space which needs expensive cooling, heating, cleaning, and repairs.

What do we all do with space? Fill it up, naturally!



Tim and Polly Cooper

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This spells one dreaded word.... "clutter." We're like goldfish. We grow to the size our space allows.

People hang onto excessive square footage saying they need it for visiting grandchildren.

Admirable but realistically... how often do they come? Come on...be honest. Blow-up mattresses are an adventure for kids!

First is the emotional process of hacking into the clutter and emptying the climate-controlled storage units with their monthly fees. You're not flinging out objects at random. They have memories attached. Harden yourself. Get practical! When did you last use those wooden tennis rackets with broken strings, the ice cream churn or the snow shoes?

The Rev. Patty Davis of Christ Church said, "Rod and I put things in three piles...keepers, give-aways and trash. We made an effort to create a calming environment. This has freed us up for what matters... golf cart rides around the island, coffee with friends and hobbies." They are now settled calmly on Grimball Point Road.

Pam McCaslin, former organist and choir director at St. Thomas Church, lived in a spacious four-story house on President Street which she and her husband, Jay, restored 42 years ago. After



Mike and Judy Fogarty

Jay died, Pam stayed on with her dog Crumpet.

"Our family...Jenny, Lisa, Jay and Bryan helped de-clutter. When you live in one place this long, you no longer know what you

have. We found my wedding dress, which I thought had been lost! My knees thank me daily for moving into a one-story house." Pam is settled into cozy quarters at the Landings.



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Judy and Mike Fogarty moved from the 3500 square foot house they had lived in since 1980 on Richmond Drive to a smaller home two doors away.

"We didn't want to leave Isle of Hope. The funniest part was watching the movers roll my piano along the street and up the driveway to our new little house!"

Adjusting to new sounds was tricky. "I'm an earlybird (4:30AM). Mike's an owl. With the kitchen next to our bedroom, I tip-toed not to wake him. The first gurgle of coffee brewing sounded like thunder all through the house."

Mary and Scott Blaney shrunk from 3200 square feet in Richmond Hill to 1200 square feet on Dorothy Drive in Wymberley.

"We thought we needed to keep extra bedrooms for grandchildren to visit. In my day it was fun sleeping on the floor! I love this little cottage," she exclaimed admiring her magical private garden. The grandchildren come regularly and laughter fills the neighborhood as they splash happily in the pool.

This article was written by someone who has just downsized from 3200 square feet on Parkersburg Road to 1200 square feet in Wymberley. Was it tough to give up walk-in closets, bonus room, two fireplaces, elevator, dining room, 18 foot ceilings, double garage? "Honestly....



Scott and Mary Blaney

easier than I feared!" admitted Polly Cooper. Polly and Tim built on Parkersburg Road 28 years ago.

With a whole acre, it was delightfully secluded.

"I'm not going to Shady Pines," declared Tim during



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construction. "We're installing an elevator!"

From their treehouse up in a 200 year old live oak tree, they watched children on the playground in Paxton Park and weddings at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Father Time has an irritating habit of marching on. Downsizing became a heated topic at breakfast.

A 1200 square foot cottage in Wymberley built in 1952 by Jim Richmond beckoned. "I feel like we're living on a boat," said Polly. "Everything is within reach. As a bonus, we've got great neighbors!"

Matt Pogue (married to Revel Wyllly of Wyllly Island ancestors) laughed. "Our kids didn't want our BROWN furniture! I told them...it's not brown, it's REAL wood...oak! pine! walnut!... not just brown! They want IKEA furniture!"

I met a delightful man and his dog on the bluff. "Bill" said he gave his nice suits and shoes to a church. "I received so many thank-you notes and phone calls! Why would anyone set up a garage sale and sit all day in the sun and 'skeeters for \$300?"



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Americans still cling to the comforts of big living, though most secretly crave simplicity. My dear grandmother "Boof-ie" Chisholm told me years ago, "You run your house, dear. Don't let your house run you!" Words of wisdom from someone who struggled to manage a four story house on Gaston Street.



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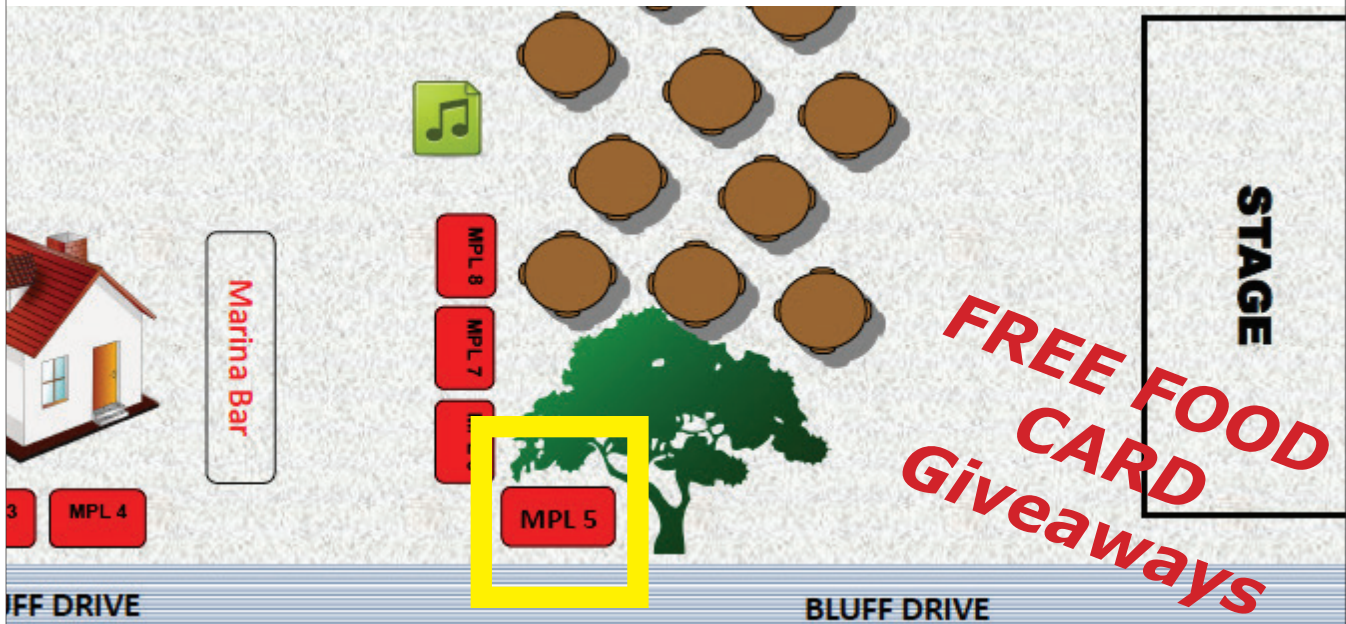
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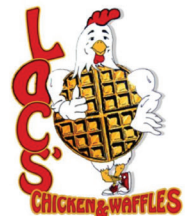
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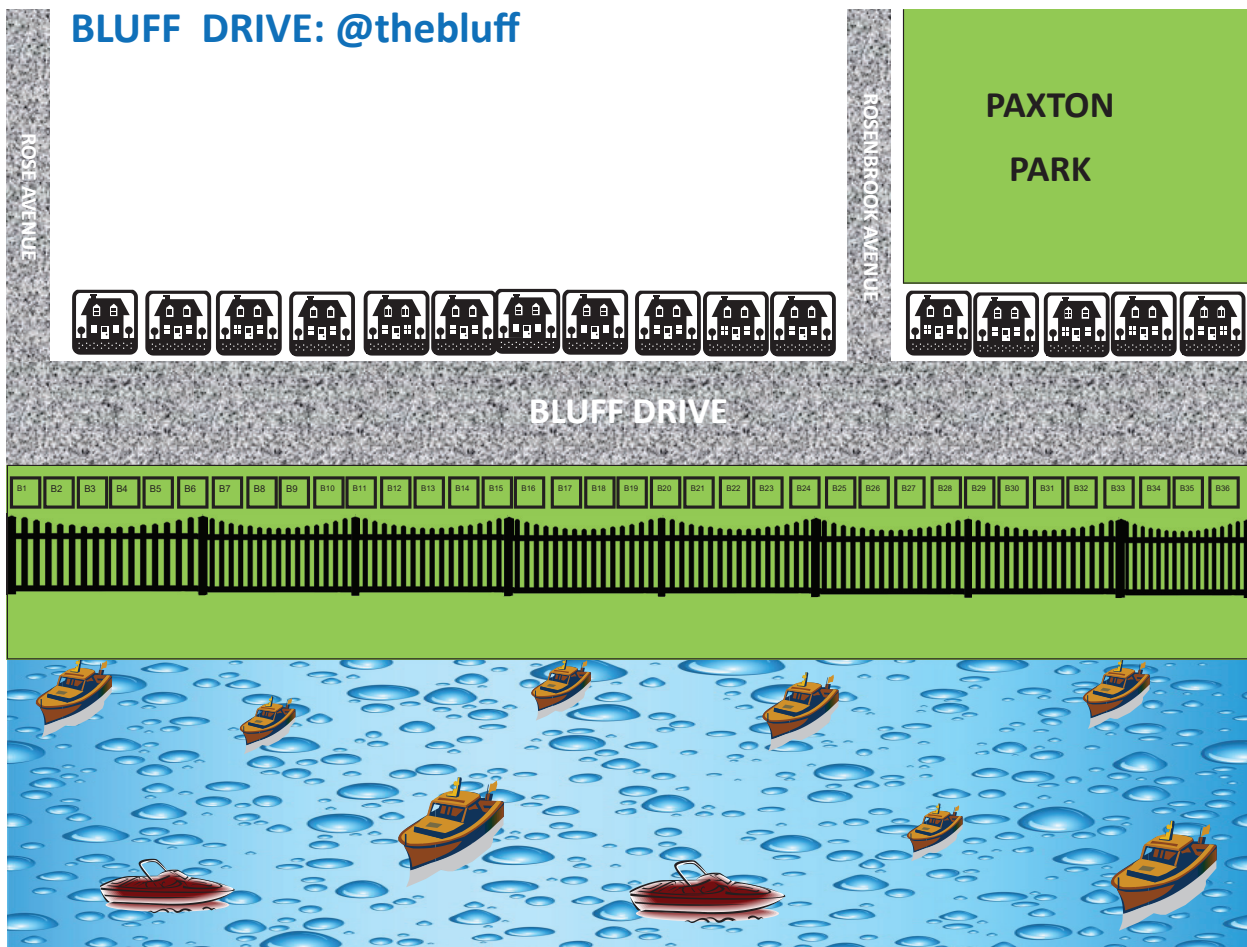
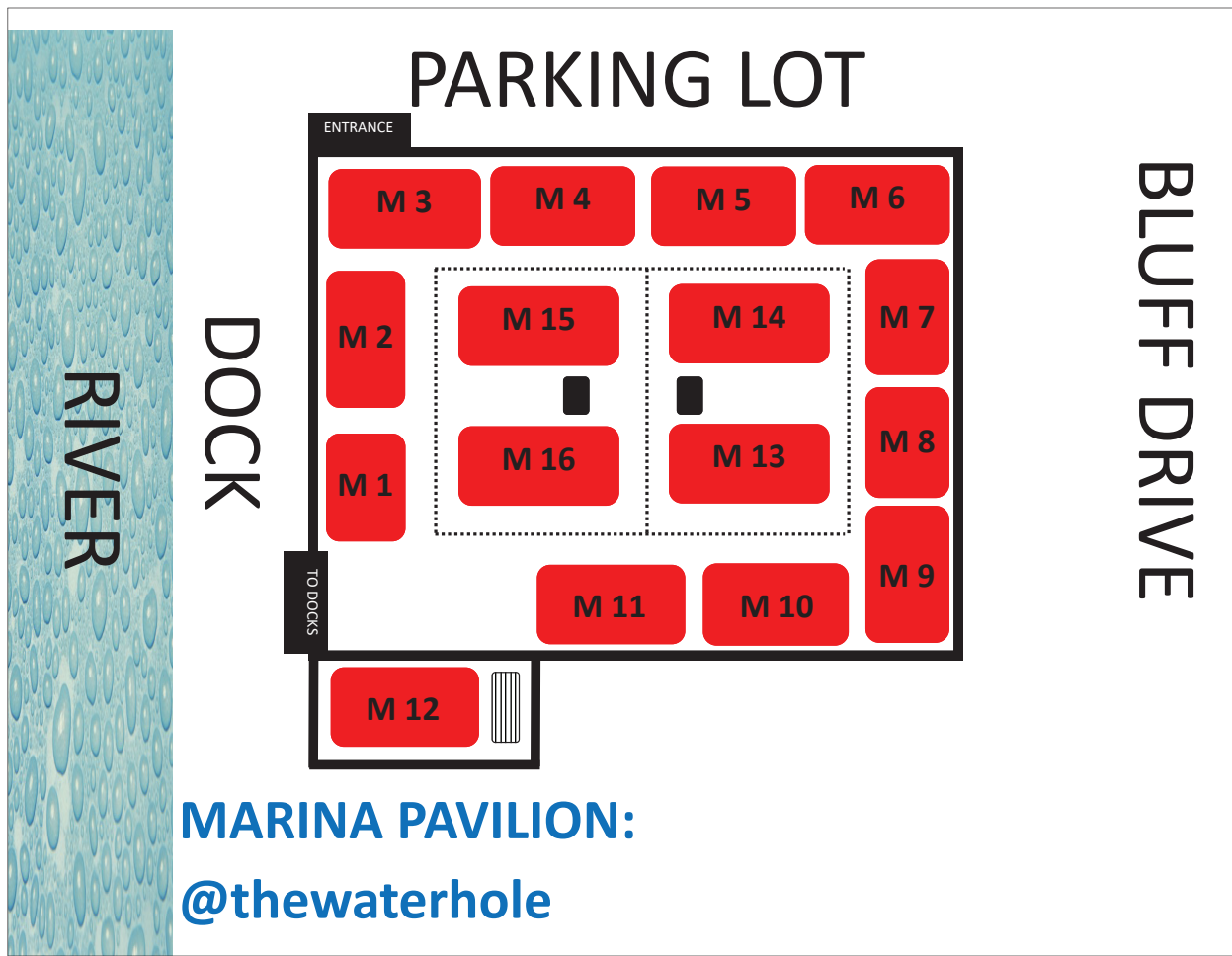
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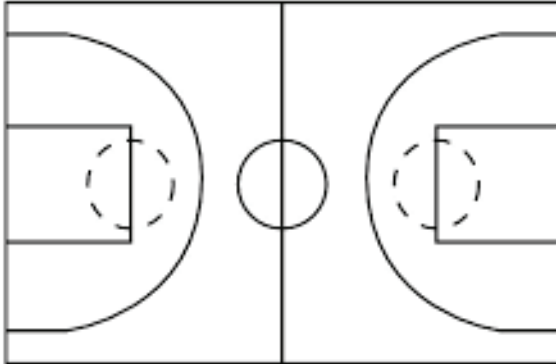
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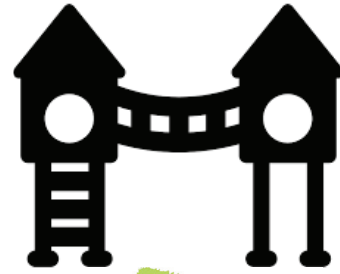
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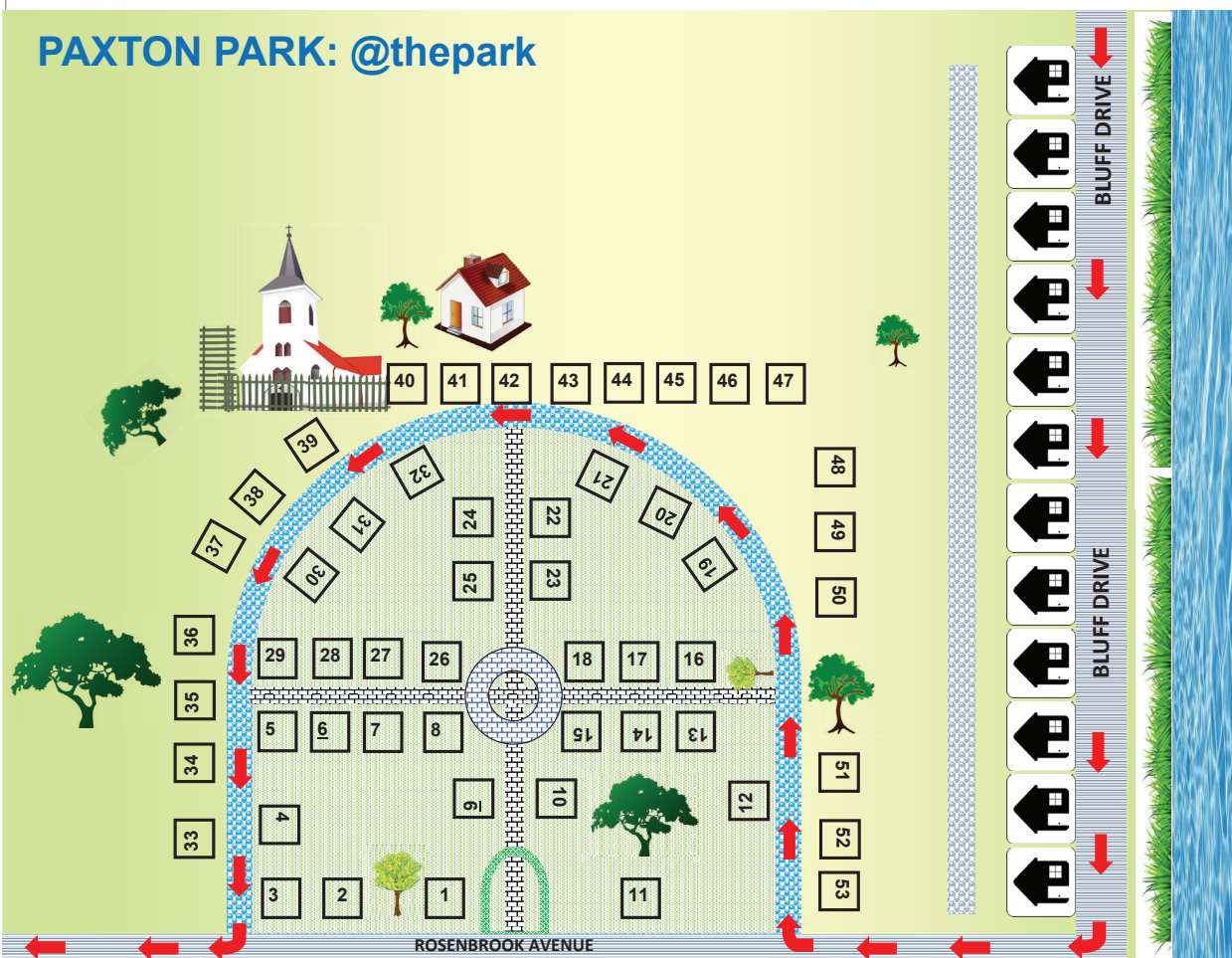
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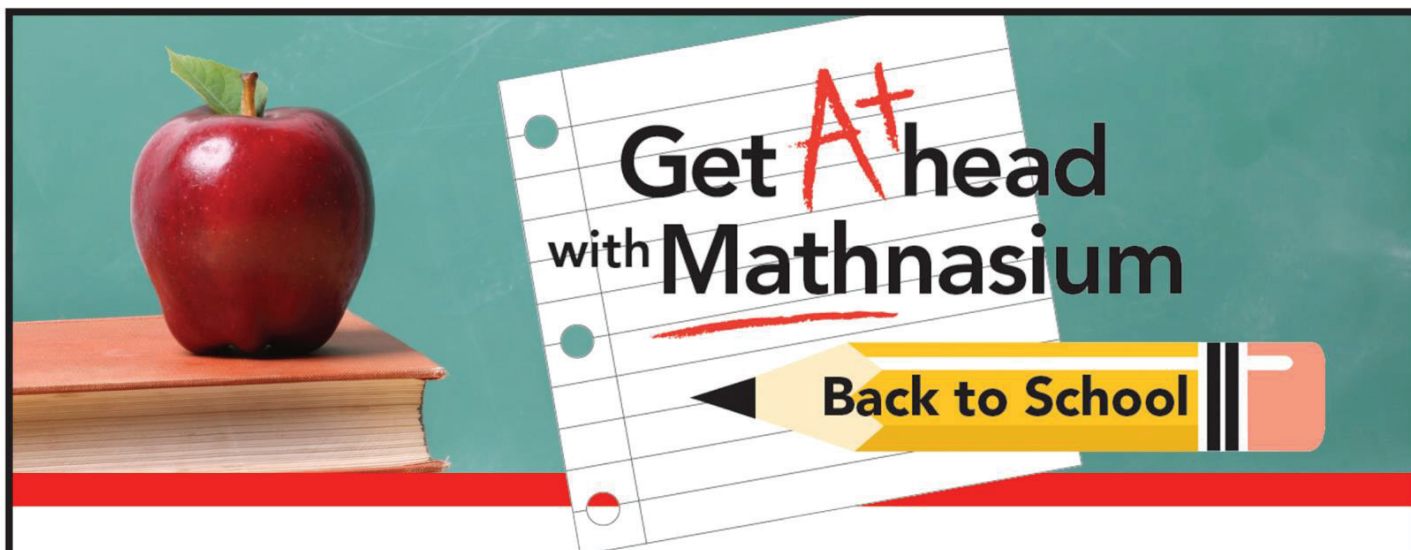
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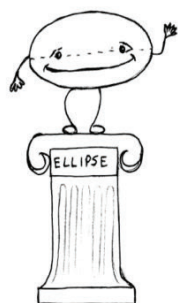
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