

## Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – October 10, 2008

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### ASSOCIATION UPDATES

#### Community Rallies to Buy Our Parks Now! – Donations still accepted through Oct. 19

##### **Donations Received to Date: \$229,255**

With a major donation in the 11th hour by Carl Bouckaert, the community exceeded the goal of the Buy Our Parks Now (BOPN) campaign by raising more than \$200,000 for the purchase, maintenance, support, and improvements of Chattahoochee Hills Parklands.

A presentation was made at the Oct. 7 city council meeting with Dave McMurray, Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association parks chair; Tom Reed; Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association President; Carl Bouckaert, Buy Our Parks Now benefactor; and Alan Merrill, Chattahoochee Hill Country Conservancy board chair presenting a check for \$228,000 to Mayor Don Hayes on behalf of the 300 residents and friends of Chat Hills who contributed.



A special presentation was also made to Maribeth and Ted Wansley on behalf of the 100 friends and neighbors who contributed \$14,296 to the parks in memory of their son Zack. The campaign to Buy Our Parks Now will remain open through Oct. 19 with a final presentation scheduled at the Brubeck Brothers Concert at Hutcheson Ferry Park.

To learn more about Buy Our Parks Now! see [www.buyourparksnow.com](http://www.buyourparksnow.com)

To make a tax deductible donation, make your check payable to:  
CHC Conservancy and write Buy Our Parks Now! in the memo portion

Mail to: Buy Our Parks Now!

P.O. Box 204 Palmetto, GA 30268

To request a \$1 donation be made in your name, contact Laurie Searle at 770-463-5169 /

[lsearle@bellsouth.net](mailto:lsearle@bellsouth.net)

For a list of folks who have donated so far see: <http://www.buyourparksnow.com/donor.htm>

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#### **City Clean-Up Day – Save the Date Nov. 1**

##### **Submitted by Committee Chair Molcie Trimble**

The Adopt-a-Mile committee is planning another clean-up day to pick up trash on our city roads. Save the date for Nov. 1 and join the fun. See flyer: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/Ch-CleanupDay-110108.pdf>

**Recycle Update*****Submitted by Committee Chair Alton Powell***

The overall system is working very well. The aluminum can collection has sold one full trailer to date, netting the city \$123, and the trailer is over half full again. The newspaper and magazine trailers have been dumped twice, with well over 4,000 pounds of newspapers collected, although we are yet to see a check from them. I am still working on that. It will come to the city. The plastics collection first load was dumped by Chuck and me, and the figure was 470 lbs of plastic, and again, this trailer is also half full. We haven't seen a check on that one yet, but we will work all of that out between SP and the city. These are the same people who do the newspapers.

Overall, the recycle program is a huge success and we anticipate it doing even better in the future. The recycle committee encourages everyone to participate in this green activity. I am in contact with South Fulton Beautiful, and Betty and I will be attending their next meeting to include Chattahoochee Hills in their overall program.

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**Urban Deer Report*****Submitted by Betty Powell***

Georgia's Urban Deer Management Plan, supplement recently came out. Alton Powell (chair of the recycling committee) is on the committee as a representative of one of the conservation groups, The Georgia Outdoor Network. This is a very prestigious group and they are recommending future rules and procedures for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. This is an all volunteer group, and Al was proud to be part of it. See: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/UrbanDeerManagementPlan.pdf>

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**CITY UPDATES****Non-emergency Number – 770-463-6306**

Many of you have asked for the City's non-emergency phone number. It is (770) 463-6306. Remember, if you have normal business to conduct with the city, go to city hall or call their business number 770.463.5550.

For emergency service, call 911.

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**City Task Force Formed*****From Mayor Hayes***

Next week a Task Force led by our Community Development Director, Tom Wilson, will start work to update the protective zoning for the City of Chattahoochee Hills. This Task Force will include members of the City Council, Planning & Zoning Board and city staff, along with representatives from our community, outside experts on preservation, and other local stakeholders. I asked Tom Reed, President of the Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association to facilitate the effort. [Read more:

<http://www.chatthillsga.us/mail/10-07-08.pdf> ]

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**Chattahoochee Hills Welcomes Damon Jones as Police Chief*****From the City's Web site***

The City of Chattahoochee Hills is pleased to welcome public safety veteran Damon Jones as its first Police Chief. Jones, who was introduced at the Oct. 7 City Council meeting, brings more than a decade of knowledge to the job, including extensive experience in operations, training, planning and administrative responsibilities, including a number of instructor certifications. He also brings a unique understanding of our City and its rural nature, as he was born and raised in the community. Jones is a POST-certified police officer, a Georgia-certified firefighter, a certified emergency medical technician (EMT) and a drug-recognition expert.

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**Burn Ban Extended*****From the City's Web site***

The City has extended the Burn Ban until further notice. (Note: Bob Simpson informed us that a permit is required for open burning. For more information contact the city 770.463.5550.)

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**FULTON COUNTY UPDATES****Fulton County Public Meeting on FY 09 Taxes – Oct. 16**

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners will hold a series of public hearings at the following locations and times to receive taxpayers' input regarding the 2009 General Fund and South Fulton Tax District Fund budgets.

Thursday, October 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

South Fulton Service Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA

Monday, October 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Harriett G. Darnell Senior Center, 677 Fairburn Road, NW, Atlanta, GA

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**Fulton County Library Referendum Update**

The Civic Association Board of Directors met with a Fulton County Library representative yesterday to get an update on the \$275 million Library bond referendum, which will be on the ballots next month. The original plan included a 25,000 sq ft. library in Chattahoochee Hills off the South Fulton Parkway near Rico Rd. The final plan moves the Chattahoochee Hills library to Palmetto and reduces its size to 10,000 sq ft. When asked why the library was moved, the representative gave the following reasons:

1. Some Chatt Hills residents recommended a smaller facility
2. The land in Chatt Hills was not readily available
3. Land in Palmetto (near the fire department) was offered at no cost
4. The final decision was made by the Fulton County commissioners

***What you need to know:***

1. The new library is being called the "Palmetto–Chattahoochee Hills" Library. THIS LIBRARY IS NOT IN CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS.
2. The \$275 million Library referendum includes \$85 million to build a new downtown Atlanta Library. THIS LIBRARY WAS CHAMPIONED LARGELY BY COMMISSIONER ROBB PITTS AND WAS NOT PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE HEARING PROCESS.
3. If the \$275 million Library referendum passes, YOUR FULTON COUNTY TAXES WILL INCREASE: a \$150,000 home would see a tax increase of \$18.96/year; a \$300,000 home would pay \$37.92 per year.
4. If the Library referendum does not pass, the Library board may make adjustments to the plan and try again.

More information will be provided in the upcoming Chatt Hills Voter Guide

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**Chat Hills Voter Guide Coming Soon**

Civic volunteers have surveyed several local candidates who will be on the ballot next month. Stay tuned later this month for the survey responses and a special Chat Hills Voting Guide to the General Election.

## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

### Quilt Raffle

**Submitted by Judy Henderson**

The raffle proceeds are for purchasing needed items for City Hall such as a new stove. The quilt is handmade by the Palmetto Senior Center ladies and donated by the Don and Judy Hayes. The tickets are \$1 each and are available at the Library (12 to 6pm week days & 10 to 2 on Saturday). Drawing will be on Dec. 7 at the Tour of Homes at City Hall. Sponsored by the City Celebrations Committee. The quilt is on display at City Hall.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday Oct. 11

3rd Annual Michael Dempsey Memorial Barbecue  
 Providence Baptist Church in Rico  
 Also - The Providence Great Pumpkin Sale from 10am – 3pm  
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### Canoeing down the Chattahoochee (Sense of Place learning series) – Oct. 18

The Southeast Institute for Place-Based Education will be offering a canoe trip on the Chattahoochee River, from the Capps Ferry / South Fulton Parkway bridge to the Whitesburg Bridge (about 9 miles) on Saturday, October 18th. The trip will be led by Ben Simms, accompanied by Dr. Christopher Tabit (aquatic ecologist at the University of West Georgia) and Stephen Lawrence (USGS, coordinator of the Chattahoochee River BacterAlert program). This trip will include an opportunity to view the city's soon-to-be-purchased new park along the Chattahoochee.

Canoes and equipment are provided, or you can bring your own. Lunch is included -- a barbecue along the river, midway through our journey. Participants should bring their own water, sunscreen, and snacks. Children ages 8 and above are welcome on this trip if accompanied by an adult. The cost of this trip is \$20 per adult / \$10 per child (up to age 16) for those supplying their own canoes, or \$50 per adult / \$25 per child with canoes and equipment provided.

We will meet at Hill Country Montessori School in Chattahoochee Hills, west of Palmetto, on Saturday, October 18th at 7:00 am. From there, we will caravan to the take-out point to leave some vehicles, then drive to the put-in location. We should arrive at Whitesburg Bridge take-out at approximately 4:00 pm.

Advance registration is strongly requested for those supplying their own canoes, and required for those needing canoes. To register, or if you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact Clifford Blizard at 770-463-2221 (day); (770-463-2887 (evenings); or via email at [senseofplace@southeastpbe.org](mailto:senseofplace@southeastpbe.org).

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### Annual Barbecue at New Hope Methodist Church – Oct. 18

7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd, Palmetto, GA 30268. (770) 463-4076

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### Medicinal & Edible Herb Walk w/ Certified Nutritionist – Oct. 18, 9:00 AM

Cost: \$25 Per Person (incl. beverage and all-natural insect repellent)

6 person minimum/ 12 person maximum

RSVP by Thursday, October 16th

Join us on for an enlightening walk through the Serenbe trails to learn about the interesting vegetation in this Eco-friendly community.

Contact: Getting Around at Serenbe 770-463-0007

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**Sunday, Oct. 19: Brubeck Brothers Quartet at Hutcheson Ferry Park.**

2-5pm. \$15 per vehicle. For the event flyer see: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/brubeckposteremail.pdf>

To become a sponsor, contact Steven Kopelman at [stevenhca@gmail.com](mailto:stevenhca@gmail.com).

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**Financial Peace University – Preview- Oct. 19; Class begins Oct. 26**

**Submitted by Becky Martin**

Join the millions of Americans who are listening to Dave Ramsey and start dumping debt and building wealth today! New Hope Church will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University through a 13-week series beginning with the preview on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The first class will begin October 26, and all classes will be held in their fellowship hall on Sunday at 5pm. To register:

1. Go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)
2. Click on the "Quick Finder" box on the top left.
3. Then click on Find a Class under Financial Peace University.  
After you enter your zip code you will see New Hope listed.
4. Attendees must purchase a member kit and can get it for a discount of \$100 at the church.

New Hope Church is located at 7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd. Palmetto, GA 30268.

For the Financial Peace University Brochure see: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/FPU-NewHope.pdf>

For more information contact: 770-463-8062

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**Palmetto Fall Festival – Oct. 25**

The Palmetto Business Association is hosting a Fall Festival to be held Saturday, October 25th from 11-4 in front of the Community Center on Main Street. They are having this festival to promote awareness of the local businesses here and in surrounding cities, and also to promote artists in the area. There will be music provided by The Soul Seekers, food, artists selling their creations, and local businesses have been invited to come and set up booths or tables to promote their businesses. See Event Information at:

<http://www.chatthills.org/foch/PalmettoFallFestival.pdf>

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**Hill Country Montessori Harvest Carnival – Oct. 25**

10 a.m to 2 p.m.

*Contributed by Christina Pardue 770-629-4446*

An eco-friendly carnival all about improving life in our community. Lots of fun, food, and great prizes!

Held in conjunction with the Serenbe Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**Saturday & Sunday Oct. 25-26**

Rico Fall Festival

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**Saturday, Oct. 25**

Cochran Mill Nature Center Halloween Hayride and Family Festival - 5:00-9:00 pm

Enjoy a hayride, arts and crafts, activities, games, a costume contest (at 7:30pm), night canoeing, a campfire and live animal education. Visit our Haunted Habitat, if you dare!

Admission: \$5 member/\$6 non-member, Children under two years old are free. Dinner will be available for \$4.

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**Fall Zipline Canopy Tour – Oct 25**

Zip Up Your Summer with a End of Season Zipline Canopy Tour Through the Trees

What: Zipline Tree Flight Canopy Tour

When: Saturday , October 25th at 4:00 PM

Where: Historic Banning Mills in Whitesburg, GA

How: The cost is \$70 per person. (Payments are due by Wed, Oct 23rd)

Who: Any and all are welcomed (Weight minimum is 100 lbs)

Why: To have a blast!

Contact: Getting Around at Serenbe 770-463-0007

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**Pumpkin Glow (costume party with DJ Yvonne Monet) - October 31**

Les Dames d'Escoffier "Afternoon in the Country" - November 9:

All events& info at [www.serenbe.com](http://www.serenbe.com).

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**Getting Around Serenbe 15K Trail Run – Nov. 15**

Presented by Getting Around, a bike rental store at Serenbe, this scenic 15k (9.3 mile) trail run will take you running through the woods, past a water fall, along farm animal fence lines, over open pastures, and onto the town center streets of Serenbe! It's a great race for both beginning and experienced trail runners!

For more information and to register see:

[http://www.active.com/page/Event\\_Details.htm?event\\_id=1609078&assetId=939CDE32-2EC4-455A-905A-DDB196511993#](http://www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1609078&assetId=939CDE32-2EC4-455A-905A-DDB196511993#)

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