

## Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – October 17, 2008

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For the Civic Event Calendar see: <http://www.chatthills.org/Calendar.htm>

### ASSOCIATION UPDATES

#### Chatt Hills Voter Guide – Now Available



The Chatt Hills Voter Guide is now available online at:

<http://www.chatthills.org/voterguide.htm>

It has a spread sheet of candidates, survey responses, and information about the other items that will be on the Nov. 4 ballot. Many thanks to volunteers Margaret Clime, Patricia Kerlin, and others who spent many hours coordinating this effort.

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#### Sustainable Economic Development Committee - Meeting Rescheduled

The committee meeting scheduled for Oct 18 has been rescheduled to Oct 25. Date and time to be announced.

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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>

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#### Volunteer Firefighters

Several citizens are training Chattahoochee Hills and Palmetto Fire Departments to become volunteer firemen.

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#### Buy Our Parks Now! Update

**Donations Received to Date: \$245,630**

We send a special thanks to Prime Engineering and its employees who together donated more than \$14,000 this past week in honor of Zack Wansley. The company has also pledged to help out in the future with in-kind work. Since gifts and pledges are still coming in, we will continue to keep the campaign open.

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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**Fact Checking Resources**

*Forwarded by Tom Reed*

[www.PolitiFact.com](http://www.PolitiFact.com) is a site devoted to fact checking political statements and claims.

[www.FactCheck.org](http://www.FactCheck.org) is another great site, sponsored by the Annenberg Foundation

[www.Snopes.com](http://www.Snopes.com) is a long time fact checking and urban legend de-bunking site.

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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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**Online Ticket Payment**

You can now pay your tickets and citations using the City's [secure, online system](#). See: [www.chatthillsga.us](http://www.chatthillsga.us)

**City Web site:** [www.chatthillsga.us](http://www.chatthillsga.us)

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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.

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

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

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**Funding Opportunities**

*Submitted by Julian Tillery*

The Fulton County Arts Council announces funding opportunities for Small & Emerging Nonprofit Arts Organizations, Social Service Organizations and Artist Collectives. The deadline is Friday, November 14, 2008 @ 5pm. GUIDELINES AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

[HTTP://WWW.FULTONARTS.ORG](http://WWW.FULTONARTS.ORG). Please see the flyer <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/SFultonFlyer.pdf> or contact me directly at [julian.tillery@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:julian.tillery@fultoncountyga.gov).

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**FROM OUR NEIGHBORS**

**Two Blonds and a Brunette need a good home**

Now that I've got your attention... There are three great looking young dogs that have been wandering around Whiteside Road looking for a good home. Two are blond, one is brunette (ok, he's really chocolate.) If you can take one or more, give me a call. – Laurie 770-463-5169

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **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#)

**Thanksgiving at Serenbe:**

Make reservations at The Farmhouse for Thanksgiving, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. The prix fixe (\$39) menu includes: Molasses Roasted Turkey Breast, Green Bean Casserole, Cornbread stuffing, Cranberry and Orange Relish, Sweet Potato Puree with House Granola, and Pumpkin Tarts. Call for reservations: 770.463.2622.

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