

Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – November 7, 2008

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ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Fall Clean-Up Day 2008

The clean-up day on Nov. 1 was a big success thanks to the many volunteers who participated. While we had a smaller crowd turn out than our spring clean-up day, the volunteers covered nearly as many miles and picked up almost as many bags of trash as before.

Rico Rd didn't need serving this time, according to Adopt-a-Mile chair Molcie Trimble, because volunteers had been diligent about keeping that road clean. "This gave us a chance to focus on Campbellton Redwine, from Hutcheson Ferry to the South Fulton Parkway," Molcie said. In that area alone, volunteers picked up nearly 50 bags of trash.

Here are the results of the Nov. 1 clean-up day as compared to the clean-up day earlier this spring:



Clean-Up Day Statistics	May 31	Nov 1
Number of miles serviced	25.5	23.18
Total number of bags collects	276	265
- Number of garbage bags	136	154
- Number recyclable bags	140	111
Number of volunteers	100	52
Number of hot dogs consumed	100	60

The Chattahoochee Hills Clean-Up Day is organized by the Civic Association's Adopt-a-Mile committee and sponsored by Cardinal Sanitation.

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Veterans Day Ceremony at City Hall – Nov. 9

Submitted by Melea Brett, city celebrations committee co-chair

There will be a ceremony on the front lawn of City Hall on November 9 at 3:00 pm to honor our Veterans. Please attend if you can. As the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays draw near we should all think of our armed forces members who will not be with their families this year.

Recycling Update – Nov 6

Submitted by Alton Powell, recycle committee chair

We have a new arrangement for the city's recycling center. All recyclable material (EXCEPT ALUMINUM CANS) goes in the one large container and will be sorted out by high tech method at the recycle company. The container will be delivered and will replace everything, except the aluminum can trailer, which will continue to be processed by volunteers from the recycle committee.



If your paper will tear and is free of food and drink--it may be recycled. Sorting is not necessary and there is no need to remove paper clips or staples.

The recycling committee offers this handy chart to help you determine what may be recycled.

Acceptable Items	Unacceptable Items
Office paper -- all types Newspapers and magazines Telephone books Plastic bottles & containers Mail -- all types	Styrofoam Waxed cardboard Food waste in steel or food cans Kitchen trash Tissue products

Please do not put trash in the recycle containers as this may jeopardize our program. The Recycle Committee sincerely requests your cooperation and support in this very worthwhile program for our city. Thank you for your help.
 - Alton Powell, Chairman, Recycle Committee

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Warm up your voices and join the Chattahoochee Hills Singers!

Submitted by Melea Brett, city celebrations committee co-chair
 Anyone and everyone is welcome to join and make their debut performance at this year's tree lighting on Dec. 1. CD's are available of the music selections to be performed; there will be one rehearsal on Nov. 19th. For more information, please contact the City Celebrations Committee at mgbrett@bellsouth.net.

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Wanted - Postage Stamp Donations

From Sandra Huffmaster, communications committee
 The Civic Associations sends the Weekly Reader to about 25 households who have requested it via regular mail because they do not have Internet access. The printing, materials, and postage for mail-out newsletters are paid for out-of-pocket from our board members. If you would like to help off-set the cost, stamp donations would be greatly appreciated. (One book of postage stamps would send weekly newsletters to one household for five months.) Mail your stamp donations to:

Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association
 Attention: Stamp Donation
 P.O. Box 204, Palmetto, GA 30268

Buy Our Parks Now! Update

Donations Received to Date: \$249,015

We thank the many residents and friends of Chattahoochee Hills who have participated. 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

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

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

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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Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Update Committee Launched

From the City's Web site: www.chatthillsga.us

The Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Update Committee recently held its first meeting as part of a three-month process to improve and update current zoning regulations within the City. The Committee, manned by citizens, developers and the City Council, is tasked with reviewing existing codes and developing new codes that meet the City's current needs and are sustainable for the City's growth. Key goals of the committee include maximizing value and quality of life; ensuring economic viability; keeping the forests and fields for future generations; creating a unique destination and model city; and being a model city for the state and the nation. Watch this site for details on upcoming meetings and progress updates. Read the report at: http://www.chatthillsga.us/cityclerk/zoning/2008/10-16-08_Report.pdf

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Census Bureau Job Fair at City Hall – Nov 21 at 10 a.m.

U.S. Census Bureau is going to be hosting a "job fair" at City Hall next Thursday, November 21st at 10:00 AM to hire individuals in our City to work on the 2010 Census. The jobs available are for full-time and part-time positions such as Clerks, Census Takers, Crew Leader, Crew Leader Assistant, Recruiting Assistant, and Enumerator. The pay ranges from \$12.25 to \$19.25 per hour. The work will continue through early 2010.

Anyone interested needs to pre-register by calling 1-888-586-9439. They will most likely get a recording so they will need to leave their name and telephone number. Someone is required to call them back and it might take up to 2 days to get a return call, but they will call back. However, if anyone calls this number and has not heard back by the morning of November 21st, they can come to City Hall at 10:00 a.m. and will still be considered. There is a 30 minute multiple choice written test that everyone is required to complete and the process is expected to take 2 hours. See flyer:

<http://www.chatthills.org/foch/CencusInformation1.pdf> and job descriptions:

<http://www.chatthills.org/foch/CencusInformation2.pdf>

City Hall Update

By Laurie Searle

Have you been to City Hall lately? It's interesting to watch the renovation project take shape as city staff work on cleaning up the building, remodeling a few rooms to be used by the public safety staff, and creating a professional looking city council chamber we all can be proud of. We are particularly proud of the conscientious effort by the staff to keep as much of the historical integrity of the building as possible. For example, when they removed the outer most layer of dry wall in one room, an original chimney was exposed. Bob Simpson said it is their hope to preserve this original artifact, as well as others they may find. We thank the city workers, particularly Bob Simpson and Larry Parrott, for coordinating this renovation project and for rolling up their sleeves to do much of the work themselves.

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Carol Wolfe Named Friend of Chatt Hills

By Laurie Searle

While it gives us a sense of civic pride when residents volunteer to help the city, it goes beyond pride when someone who doesn't live on our city volunteers their time. At the city council meeting last week, we learned that our city finance director Carol Wolfe, along with her mother and sister, sewed the beautiful ceiling-to-floor curtains for the back wall and stage in our city council chambers. Carol gives all of the credit to her mother and sister, who sewed the curtains in one day during a recent visit. In our book, Carole and her family are true Friends of Chatt Hills and we thank them for their exceptional gift.

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Planning Commission:

Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6:00 p.m. (Date changed due to Veterans Day)

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Enter the Tour of Homes Raffle and Help Remodel City Hall

As part of the upcoming Tour of Homes on Dec. 7, a raffle drawing will be held for a beautiful Christmas quilt that has been donated by Judy Hayes, wife of Mayor Don Hayes. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each from Judy Henderson in the library. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support remodeling efforts at City Hall.

FULTON COUNTY UPDATES**Public Notice – Reference Foreclosed and Abandoned Properties****Nov. 12, 6p.m. South Fulton Service Center**

Fulton County has been allocated \$10,333,410 under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) to address foreclosed and abandoned properties within the County's jurisdiction, excluding the Cities of Atlanta, Sandy Springs, and Johns Creek.

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Fulton County must publish for citizen review and comment, its NSP Substantial Amendment to the Draft 2008 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan in mid November. Fulton County must evaluate all jurisdictions and give priority emphasis to areas with greatest percentage of home foreclosures; highest subprime mortgage related loans; and areas most likely to face a significant rise in the rate of home foreclosures for submission as a combined planning and application document. For more information, see: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/fc-publicnotice.pdf>

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Public Notice – Reference Citizen Input on Issues for the General Assemble**Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Coverdell Legislative Office Building**

The Atlanta-Fulton House and Senate Delegations are sponsoring a public hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7pm in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, directly across from the State Capitol. The purpose of the hearing is to enable citizens to give input and feedback to their state legislators on

issues they would like the upcoming session of the Georgia General Assemle to address. See: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/FC-publnotice2.pdf>

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

Recorder Consort Forming

Are you “jazzed” about Baroque music? A group of musicians is interested in forming a recorder consort and is looking for other who can play intermediate to advanced recorder. Their hope is to have a full ensemble – soprano, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass – and to perform in local churches and functions. Contact Laurie at 770-463-5169. If anyone out there would like to play our harpsichord with the group, let me know.

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Stray pooch on Hamilton Rd

There is a stray dog that has been at the Davidson’s house on Hamilton Road since Nov. 2. It’s an adult male, black & brown German shepherd, we think. He is friendly, with no collar and we would like to find his home if possible. We can be contacted at 770-463-2485. Thanks, Sam & Cindy Davidson.

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Claire’s Love Your Mother Café

Submitted by Laurie Searle

Looking for a little down home taste? Or maybe you need someplace new and interesting for your church choir’s Christmas lunch.

Claire's Love Your Mother Cafe, located in Newnan a few blocks off the square, is filled with down home charm and yummy aromas that beg you to come on in and sit a while. But than that's to be expected from owner Claire Reeves Williams, who is the sister of Rocky Reeves in our Rico Community.



Check out the [photo album](#), [review](#), and [flyer](#) from our recent visit to Clair's Cafe, then round up a few of your friends and appetite and get ready for a treat.

Clair's Love Your Mother Cafe is located at 8 Savannah Street in Newnan, GA. Lunch is served Monday-Friday from 11-2 and Sunday from 11-3. Seating is available for up to 50 and the outside entrance has an assessable ramp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 9, 3 p.m.: Veterans Day Celebration at City Hall
- Dec. 1: Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall (time to be announced)
- Dec. 7: Christmas Tour of Homes (time to be announced)
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m.: Rico Pickin at City Hall
- Dec 18: Community Christmas Luncheon (time to be announced) bring toys and food for local needy families
- Dec. 22, 3-7 p.m.: Blood Drive at City Hall

Serenbe Events Next Week & Beyond

Every Monday, 5 – 7 p.m.: Blue Eyed Blue Plate Special at the Daisy. Enjoy a hearty three-course meal at the Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop for \$10.99 with soda or tea or \$12.99 with a glass of wine.

November 15, 8 a.m.: Getting Around Trail Run. Sign up at Getting Around, or email justin@goodrunproductions.com.

November 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Tom's Shoes Trunk Show at The Bilt-house

November 15, 5 – 7 p.m.: "Images from Both Sides of the Road" Exhibition Opening at Newington Gallery

November 16, 3 – 5 p.m.: Harris & Clark presents Seasonal Foods with Cassandra Loftin from The Farmhouse restaurant (\$25)

November 20, 6 – 8 p.m.: Girls' Night Out Holiday Dress Up Party at The Bilt-house

November 22, 4 – 6 p.m.: Harris & Clark presents What's for Dinner? Greek with Helen Swanston (\$30)

November 22: Herb Walk with Getting Around: Discover herbs growing around Serenbe on a fun and fascinating walk. Contact Jennifer Williams at Getting Around for all details. 770.815.3447.

Thanksgiving, November 27: 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. The Hil and the Daisy will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

November 30: Serenbe Holiday Tree Lighting

December 6, 3 – 5 p.m.: Harris & Clark presents "Sunday Morning Biscuits and other Sweet Breads" with Cassandra Loftin (\$25)

December 7: Serenbe Christmas Bazaar

December 21, 3 – 5 p.m.: Harris & Clark presents Pastries (\$25)

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