

Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – November 20, 2008

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

ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Events Committee:

Check out the city events in the last section of the news for City Events.

Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 1

Tour of Homes on Dec. 7

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Parks Committee Meeting – Dec 4

The Parks Committee will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., at Cochran Mill Nature Center.

We will be discussing the future of our parks and would like to input from as many folks as possible. If anyone in the community has an interest in the parks, such as horseback riding, camping, hiking, constructing trails, or joining a Friends of Parks group, we invite you to attend.

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Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society – December meeting cancelled

The December meeting has been cancelled. Please join us for our next meeting on January 8.

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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.

CITY UPDATES

Essential Information

City Government Web site: <http://www.chatthillsga.us>

Citizens Call Center to notify the city of a problem, provide feedback, or other business: 770-463-5550

For all emergencies call: 911

For Non-emergencies call: 770-463-6306

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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 on Friday, 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>

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Residents are invited to chat with the Mayor and Council – Dec.1 at 10 a.m.

From the city's Web site

Chattahoochee Hills Now Serving Coffee with Council and Dunkin' with Don

Have you ever wanted to stop by and have a chat with Mayor Hayes or one of the City Council members? Now you can! On Monday, Dec. 1, residents are invited to drop by City Hall at 10 a.m. and enjoy coffee, birthday donuts and casual conversation with the Mayor, Council and staff during our very first "Coffee with Council and Dunkin' with Don." This event will continue into 2009, with either the Mayor or one of the Council members hosting the event each month. We look forward to seeing you there and hope that everyone will enjoy these casual gatherings with your elected officials!

IN THE NEWS

Hill Country Montessorri School to add buildings, expand enrollment

By Amy Riley - The Times-Herald

The city of Chattahoochee Hills held a first reading for a use permit for the Hill Country Montessorri School at 8225 Atlanta Newnan Road at its November council meeting. The permit provides for the addition of six buildings, a recreation court, and will establish a maximum enrollment of 300 students in grades kindergarten through grade 12. A second reading and vote is expected at the Dec. 2 regular council meeting. To read the full article see: <http://www.times-herald.com/Local/Hill-Country-Montessorri-School-to-add-buildings-587739>

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

John Taylor's Open House

Dec. 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contributed by John Taylor (resident and city council representative)

M&M Farms

9305 Wilkerson Mill RD

Open House 10:00am - 2:00p.m.

100 acre farm with new boarding barn, Three riding arenas, Extensive Trails, Vet & Farrier services and more. Please come meet our barn manager Eddy Polley, there will food and drink.

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Real Estate Expertise Available

Contributed by Andrea Trotman

I would like to offer my real estate expertise to families in our community who have lost their jobs and are unable to make their mortgage payments. I know that this is a stressful time, especially with the holidays approaching. I want our neighbors to know that there is help available to homeowners who are in financial distress. If you know anyone, please have them contact me directly at 770-573-1245 or cell 678-524-1577.

Another Lost Pooch - black and tan coonhound

Contributed by Amanda Lee (leealwaysgood13@aol.com)

I saw the newsletter that said a black lab running a stray in crossroads subdivision (off Wilkerson Mill Rd), but the only lost dog I have seen appears to be a black and tan coonhound. I have fed this dog and he sleeps on my porch now. He isn't totally full blooded, but he's close. He might be 1 to 2 yrs old, still just a pup. The reason I am giving this information is because if someone lost this dog they must miss him. He is so sweet and a great dog, so if someone has lost their dog that fits this description, I know they are missing it. Otherwise if no one claim's him I will take full responsibility for this dog and take care of him some how. He is so sweet and I already have 2 dogs and several cats, but if no one claims him I will. Thanks Amanda Lee

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Holiday Mail for Heroes

From the American Red Cross Web site

The Red Cross is partnering with Pitney Bowes this holiday season for the Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign. For the second year in a row, we're collecting holiday cards to distribute to American service members, veterans and their families in the United States and around the world. Pitney Bowes is generously donating technology, resources and postage to make this holiday card program possible. Our goal is to collect and distribute one million holiday cards to spread holiday cheer and facilitate thanks to these brave individuals and families.

Please send cards to this address, following the guidelines at <http://www.redcross.org/email/saf/>
Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456
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Job Searching Strategies

Contributed by Laurie Searle

There are many neighbors in our community who have recently lost their jobs due to the sagging economy. If you've never lost a job, I can personally tell you that it can be financially and emotionally draining. If you know of any job openings, or have job searching strategies to share, please contact me and I'll post them to the Weekly Reader.

This week we offer 10 tips for bullet proofing your resume. For the complete article see: <http://www.free-resume-tips.com/10tips.html>

1. Use titles or headings that match the job you want. This will help make sure your resume hooks an employer's attention within a 5-second glance
2. Use design that grabs attention. The design of your resume must highlight the most important information about your work experience, skills and education.
3. Create content that sells. Use specific examples to illustrate your successes.
4. Quantify and use power words. Use numbers to describe your achievements and responsibilities.
5. Analyze ads and job descriptions to identify key words. Select 5-10 key words in the ad and use them in your resume.
6. Identify and solve employer's hidden needs. To beat the heavy competition, it's important that you identify and anticipate the full range of needs each employer faces.
7. Sell the benefits of your skills. It's not enough to say you can type 80 wpm. Mention the real benefit which is producing more work with a high degree of accuracy.
8. Create an image that matches the salary you want.
9. Prioritize the content of your resume. List the most important things first.
10. Tweak and target your resumes and cover letter. Once you've crafted a good resume, make it great by changing it slightly to target the job you want.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For community events, check out these Web sites:

- CHC Community: <http://www.chccommunity.com/whatsnew.html>
- Serenbe Community: <http://www.serenbecommunity.com/calendar.html>
- Civic Association Calendar: <http://www.chatthills.org/Calendar.htm>

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

Nov 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, Nov 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 Hill and the Daisy will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Nov 30: Serenbe Holiday Tree Lighting – time to be announced

Dec. 1 - A Chattahoochee Hills Christmas, 7:30 p.m., City Hall

Tree Lighting, Special Musical and a visit from Santa Claus!

There will be bins at the tree lighting to receive can goods for deserving families during the holidays. Everyone Welcome!

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

Dec 7 - Chattahoochee Hills Tour of Homes, 2-5:20 p.m.

Homes will be open for tours from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m., with all tours concluding by 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available for purchase by the end of this week from the Rico Library or any member of the City Celebrations Committee. The raffle quilt is on display at city hall. Tickets are \$1.00.

See Flyer at: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/Tourofhomes.pdf>

Dec 7 - Serenbe Bazaar, Noon – 5p.m.

See the invitation to the Serenbe Holiday Bazaar—use it to invite your friends!

See: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/bazaar08.pdf>

Be sure to pick up a copy of the December Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles—there is a gorgeous feature on a Gloriosa-designed holiday event at the Inn at Serenbe. The issue should be on stands by the end of this week.

Rico Pickin'

Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at City Hall

Enjoy a night of community music at the Rico Pickin' monthly jam session. Bring your acoustical instrument and join the fun, or come to listen and socialize with your neighbors.

Community Christmas Luncheon

Dec 18 (time to be announced) bring toys and food for local needy families

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

Blood Drive at City Hall

Dec. 22, 3-7 p.m.

Sardis Baptist Church

Dec 24 - 10:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service at Sardis Baptist Church; Everyone is invited!

Dec 31 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. New Years Family Fun Night at Sardis Baptist Church; Games, fun, and food for the whole family; Everyone is invited!

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