

Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – November 27, 2008

For extended stories, and to print and share copies of the weekly reader see: www.chatthills.org

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

For community events, check out these Web sites:

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

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

Dec 1 – A Chattahoochee Hills Christmas, 7:30 p.m., Chatt Hills 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.

Dec 1 – Residents are invited to chat with the Mayor and Council, 10 a.m., Chatt Hills City Hall

From the city's Web site

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

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!

Dec 2 – General Election Runoff, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Rico Fire Station

From Civic Association Volunteers

Download our spreadsheet to see who is running:

<http://www.chatthills.org/foch/GeneralElectionRunoff2008.pdf>

Compare candidates at the AJC/League of Women Voters guide: <http://www.thevoterguide.org/ajc08/index.do>

Get out and vote on Dec. 2.

Dec 2 – City Council Meeting, workshop at 3 p.m., followed by a Council meeting at 6 p.m., Chatt Hills City Hall

Dec 4 – Civic Association Parks Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., 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.

Dec 5 – Census Bureau Job Fair, 11 a.m., Chatt Hills City Hall

From Evyonne Browning

Because this past Friday's Job Fair with the Census Bureau was such a success, they wanted to hold another one on Dec. 5 at 11 a.m.. 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 Dec 5, they can come to City Hall at 11:00 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. Here are the flyers that were printed last week:

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

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

Dec 6 – Harris & Clark's Fall Food School, 3 – 5 p.m., On Selborne Lane in Serenbe

Harris & Clark presents "Sunday Morning Biscuits and other Sweet Breads" with Cassandra Loftin (\$25).
Phone: 770-463-6000

Dec 7 – Chattahoochee Hills Tour of Homes, 2 – 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in the Rico Library at City Hall or from members of the City Celebration Committee. Homes will be open for tours from 2 – 5:30 p.m., with all tours concluding by 6 p.m. See Flyer at: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/Tourofhomes.pdf>

Enter the Tour of Homes Raffle and Help Remodel City Hall: As part of the Tour of Homes, 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.

Dec 7 – Serenbe Bazaar, Noon – 5 p.m., Serenbe Community

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.

Dec 12 – Rico Pickin', 7 p.m., Chatt Hills City Hall Auditorium

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.

Dec 13 – Holiday "Garden" Wreath Making Class, 1 p.m., Wilkerson Mill Gardens

From Getting Around (shop at Serenbe)

Come join us at Wilkerson Mill Gardens for Holiday Cheer and Wreath Making Right from the Garden. Pick your wreath accessories fresh from Wilkerson Mill Gardens and afterwards enjoy a hands-on class led by Gardens founder Elizabeth Wilkerson on how to create wonderful wreaths for your home or to give as gifts during the holiday season.

\$65 per person. Make Your Reservations Today by:

Phone: (770) 463-0007

Email: info@GettingArOund.com

Stop by Getting Around, on Selborne Way

Dec 18 – Community Christmas Luncheon, Time to be announced, Chatt Hills City Hall Auditorium

Bring toys and food for local needy families

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

Dec 22 – Blood Drive, 3 – 7:30 p.m., Chatt Hills City Hall

Dec 24 – Christmas Candlelight Service, 10 p.m., Sardis Baptist Church

Dec 31 – New Year's Family Fun Night, 6 – 8 p.m., Sardis Baptist Church. Games, fun, and food for the whole family; Everyone is invited!

ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Essential Information

Web site: www.chatthills.org
Information: info@chatthills.org
Or call: 770-463-5169

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The Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association wishes you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Recycling Update

From Alton and Betty Powell

The recycle committee is very proud to announce that the single stream recycle program is in operation. There was an initial glitch because Allied put the wrong decals on the container, but that is being corrected. In a few days we will complete a professionally made sign to accompany the decals so that there won't be any confusion at the recycle center. Please note that all items of a recycle nature, except alum. cans, go into the container. The current two containers for newspapers will be picked up by SP Recycle, and the remaining large container will be the only one we will use, except for alum. cans. It has been a struggle to get this far, but I think we have finally reached one of our goals in that we can now recycle all items that we want to. The recycle committee has worked hard to achieve this goal.

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
Non-emergency number: 770-463-6306

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Citizen's Efforts bring Much-Needed Computer Equipment and Office Furniture to City Hall

From the City's Website

The City would like to express its gratitude to Carter Williamson for his efforts in getting much needed office furniture and computer equipment for City Hall. Working with his employer, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Carter was able to get all of the items donated through the Surplus Property Program. "We can't say enough how much we appreciate Carter's efforts and the generosity of the EPA," said Bob Simpson, City Manager. "This equipment and furniture will help give our new Police Department a strong start while saving the City thousands of dollars in potential expense." The furniture and equipment will also be used to help set up new offices at City Hall.

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

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.

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.

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Shop in Chatt Hills for Christmas

Contributed by Laurie Searle

Why not avoid the crowds at the mall and help grow the economy of our little city by shopping in Chatt Hills for your Christmas gifts. There are many opportunities to support our small businesses and select or create wonderful gifts for your families.

- Serenbe has 15 shops and restaurants, which are listed on their business page at: <http://www.serenbe.com/serenbebusinesses.html>.
 - Studio Swan has interesting exhibitions featuring paintings, photography, sculptures and more.
 - Serenbe stables offers boarding and lessons.
 - Goodes for the Home offers a unique mix of primitive antiques and new & vintage modern furniture and accessories.
 - Harris & Clark is stocked with everything from staples like bread and milk to gourmet cheeses and specialty hors d'oeuvres to household items and gifts.
 - Gloriosa, Event Design specializes in special event such as a wedding, anniversary celebration, bat mitvah, etc.
 - Getting Around offers local bike rental services and accessories for casual riders, enthusiasts, and children, plus golf car rentals and accessories.
 - EcoMeme is a chic boutique filled with unique items from apparel to baby gifts to dog products—best of all, everything is totally environmentally friendly.
 - The Bilt-House features an eclectic mix of women's clothing, novelty items, furniture, jewelry from local designers, handbags and shoes.
 - Newington Gallery features works from Greg Newington's travels across the nation (and inside Serenbe), plus works from emerging photographers.
 - Paisley Salon offers a complete menu of services for men and women including: haircut, color, highlights, as well as the complete line of Alterna's products.
 - The Farmhouse at Serenbe, featuring chef Nick Melvin, serves balanced dishes made from seasonal ingredients from local famers.
 - The Blue Eyed Daisy features baked goods, lunches, and dinner specials.
 - The Hil on the Hill, owned and operated by Chef Hilary White and husband Jim White, is an informal restaurant, dedicated to serving simple, farm-fresh cuisine.
 - The Inn at Serenbe features unique guest accommodations and conference and meeting space.
 - Serenbe Farms offers local organic food.
- Other businesses and gift ideas in Chatt Hills
 - Smith Store, located at Rico Rd and Campbellton Redwine, offers all the fixins' for a great holiday supper or that perfect pound cake. Don't forget the ice cream.
 - Community Brickworks, located at Rico Library in Chatt Hills City Hall, offers a variety of recreational classes, arts, and crafts.
 - Pet sitters listed on the Brickworks site include:
 - Angela Twist. 404-245-8963 or 404-377-5475 ext. 503
 - Terri Yakubesan. Home is 770-463-1060. Cell is 770-314-6878. 404-377-5475 ext. 535
 - If you're looking for a pet to give as a gift, consider the adoption page on Community Brickworks: www.chccommunity.com/petsandmore/adoptionpage.html
- Gifts from residents and friends of Chatt Hills
 - See the next announcement to bid on locally-created gifts.

Silent Auction for Antioch United Methodist Church – now until Dec. 21

Contributed by Carla Carrabino

You are invited to join in Antioch's Silent Auction.

You may place a bid at the church after Sunday services (noon): 7650 Rivertown Rd. Fairburn, GA 30213

Or by emailing Carla at gramsfarm@bellsouth.net

Bidding will close on Dec. 21 with final bids being accepted via email at 4:30 p.m. and at the church at 6:00 p.m.

Winners will be announced at the Church's Christmas party after the 6pm service on Dec. 21.

#1. Diane Cantrell will donate a Christmas dinner fully prepared and delivered on Christmas day at lunch time, Turkey w/dressing, Two side vegetable dishes, homemade yeast rolls, cranberry salad, pumpkin cake dessert.

Bidding starts at \$200.

#2. Two months free piano lessons at Antioch's Music Academy on Thurs nights beginning in January.

Pam Hill Music Director.

Bidding starts at \$100

(Bid rx for \$100 from bidder #100)

#3. Pam Hill will play light jazz, light classics, or style of your choice for 2 1/2 hours at your corporate reception, wedding reception, or other special event.

Bidding starts at \$175

#4 Audrie Davis: Beautiful handmade soft pink, blue and white large lap cover or baby blanket.

Bidding starts at \$30

#5 Joanne Steed: One dozen Angel biscuits baked when you want them.

Bidding starts at \$10

(Bid received for \$15 from bidder #101)

#6 Debbie Dunnegan: (A) Baked Pound Cake.

Bidding starts at \$12

#7 Debbie Dunnegan: (B) Baked Pound cake.

Bidding starts at \$12

#8 Lettieri Faye: Fresh baked fruitcake

Bidding starts at \$20

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