

Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – December 6, 2008

For extended stories, and to print and share copies of the weekly reader see:

<http://www.chatthills.org/foch/CHCWeeklyReader-120608.pdf>

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>

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. The tour includes the original Gullatt homestead, the Harris home, the Merrill home in Serenbe, the Mount Vernon home, the Richards home, the Jarrad home, New Hope United Methodist Church and Friendship Baptist Church. 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.

Art Show: City Hall will be open on Dec 7 from 2 – 6 p.m. with refreshments and an Art Show offering original Christmas gifts.

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 9 – Planning Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall

Dec 9 – Quilting Class, 5 p.m., City Hall Library

From Judy Henderson

Come learn a new craft - Quilting or paper filigree is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. Make your own ornaments, embellishments for Christmas cards or name tags. Cost \$5 - You will come away with name tags, an ornament and a new skill.

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. This month headliners will be LISDOONVARNA, a Celtic band - members JoBeth Matchett, Bill Brewer, Mark Kunkel, Joel Auble, and Nola Daniel.

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 13 - John Taylor's Open House, 10.m. - 2 p.m. M&M Farms

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.

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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Adopt-a-Mile

From Molcie Trimble

The state will be cleaning up trash and cutting the right-of-way soon along State Route 70, which includes parts of South Fulton Parkway and Campbellton Redwine (south of the Parkway going toward Newnan). If anyone notices large pieces of trash along these routes, please contact me so I can notify the state in advance. Call 770-463-4462 or email molcietrimble@bellsouth.net.

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Community Enjoyed 2nd Annual Chatt Hills Tree Lighting

From Laurie Searle

Many thanks goes to the City Celebration Committee for coordinating the second annual Chattahoochee Hills Tree Lighting Celebration on Dec 1. This year's event featured a live nativity scene with members from Rico United Methodist Church, the Chattahoochee Hills Singers, a newly formed special events choir; hot chocolate and refreshments provided by the churches, and a short program with guest speakers Mayor Don Hayes, Ms. Public Safety Molcie Trimble, mistress of ceremonies Melea Brett, and

guests of honors, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Additional thanks goes to resident Ted Pepin for driving the church bus for the seniors, Greg Brett and Eddie Collins for providing the sound system, and the many volunteers who made this wonderful event possible. To see the photo album see:

<http://www.chatthills.org/foch/TreeLighting.htm>

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GA Tech Students Give Presentation on Friendship Village

From Laurie Searle

Resident Nancey Green Leigh, who co-chairs the Sustainable Economic Development Committee, is also a professor of City & Regional Planning at Georgia Tech. Last week she announced the final presentation of the Friendship Village studio, as well as the final project reports in her Planning Local Economic Development class that focused on green jobs, greening industry, emerging green industries, and green finance & incentives. Tom Reed attended the presentation and commented on the excellence of the presentations.

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4,680 homes planned in new village at Palmetto

By Sarah Fay Campbell

The Times-Herald

State transportation planners want to see two gravel roads paved and various intersection improvements, as part of approval for the massive Foxhall Village planned for Palmetto.

The developers, Merrill Trust Communities and Resorts, asked for another extension on the state Development of Regional Impact Review. The 1,322-acre Foxhall Village is proposed to have 4,680 residential units, 180,000 square feet of commercial space, and 420,000 square feet of office space. There will be 390 acres of green space.

The DRI review form shows that the residential component will include 2,053 attached single-family homes, 959 multi-family units and 1,668 houses.

The property is bisected by Cochran Mill Road. It is bordered on the north by Wilkerson Mill Road. The village site stretches from Phillips Road to Atlanta-Newnan and Rico-Tatum Roads at Old Rico Road. According to the preliminary DRI review form, the proposed build-out date for the village is 2028. Read the article at:

<http://www.times-herald.com/Local/4680-homes-planned-in-new-village-at-Palmetto-598369>

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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Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6:00 p.m. City Hall

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A Message from Mayor Hayes

From the City's Website

We celebrated our first year of cityhood on Dec. 1, 2008. We lit the City Christmas tree and enjoyed carols sung by the Chattahoochee Singers. It doesn't seem like it has been a year since our city became official. It has been a great year with tremendous support from our citizens. Raising the money to buy the parks and other volunteer fund raisers has made a major difference during our first year. Once again we have seen what can happen when a community pulls together to make this special place succeed.

As we start our second year the nation's economy continues to struggle. We are operating the city with the same amount of money, or less, that we had last year. While taxes were raised we won't see the money until the end of next year. Our financial situation is not any different than most cities in the country. We don't have any money to spare and will have to continue to keep a close eye on expenditures. We are not in a position to expand services and will continue to do those things that are absolutely necessary to protect the health, safety and well being of our citizens. I am proud to report that our Police Department is nearly at full strength with full time officers. Chief Jones has done a great job during his short time on the job. Our Fire Department continues to do a great job and continues to contribute to our city in many ways other than Fire Services.

I ask you all to keep helping us, try to bear with us, and understand that we are doing all we can do. I understand that the dirt roads and right of ways could be better maintained. I live on a dirt road and know what you are dealing with. We have some help in Public Works and are trying to find ways to improve maintenance with the money we have available. You have been asked to sacrifice for our new city and have done so. We all knew this would be a slow and tedious journey and I appreciate your understanding and working with us.

Please remember that there are many people throughout our area that are going through hard times. I ask that this year we all try to help those people and show the community support that makes this a special place. Many times a small act of kindness can make a huge difference. I wish the best to you and your families during the Holiday Season. Thank you again for your help and support.

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Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Update – Nov 5 report available

From the City's Website

The Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Update Committee is conducting a series of meetings 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. The Nov. 5 report is now available on the City's Web. In this report, the committee considers the need for visual buffering, restricting large-scale development to South Fulton Parkway, less than 20 acre lots can be divided with a single curb cut into three parcels of three acre minimums, and the need for high standards in design and development practices. This issues will play an important role in the laying the foundation for how our city will look in the future. To read the complete report see:

http://www.chatthillsga.us/cityclerk/zoning/2008/11-06-08_Report.pdf

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Neighbors Attend "Dunkin' with Don," an informal chat with the mayor and council

From Laurie Searle

The first in a series of community receptions with the mayor and council was held at City Hall on Dec. 1 at 10am. Called "Dunkin' with Don," this event offered coffee and donuts and an opportunity to informally chat with the mayor, council, and staff on a one-on-one basis. "We thought neighbors would appreciate this format," Mayor Hayes said, "because not everyone likes to ask questions in front of a crowd." City Clerk Eyvonne Browning took an informal poll to ask residents how they liked the first event and received positive feedback. She said the city will continue to offer these informal chats and also try to schedule one after the council session on a quarterly basis, so those residents who work during the day may have an opportunity to participate. On a personal note, I thank the mayor, council, and staff for their effort to keep residents informed and to address their questions, and I encourage residents to participate these events.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

Pies, Pies, Pies Oh My: Order Yours Today

Yeoman farm girl Mary Kathryn Wyle (aka MK) is baking sweet potato pies for a cause. Inspired by the example of Pie Ranch in California--a farm with a food justice and education mission that they underwrite by selling homemade pies in San Francisco -- MK decided to take sweet potato "seconds" from Serenbe Farms and make them into pies. The proceeds from the sale will form the nest egg for several subsidized CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) shares next season in partnership with the Palmetto Food Bank. View the photo album of the pie-baking process and read MK's story about the pie project.

See: <http://www.chatthills.org/newsFOCH.htm#Pies>

To order pies, see the flyer at: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/Pies.pdf>

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Spirit of Christmas Tree Farm

From Laurie Searle

Did you know that there is a wonderful Christmas Tree Farm right here in Chattahoochee Hills? The Spirit of Christmas Tree Farm, owned by Lamar and Mary Toole, is a magical place this time of year. Located at 8070 Campbellton-Redwine Rd, south of South Fulton Parkway, the farm features a Holiday Shoppe with unique gifts, fun activities for the families, and acres and acres of beautiful Christmas Trees. The farm is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

See: <http://www.spiritofchristmastreefarm.gacta.com/>

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Congratulations John Taylor

Congratulations goes to City Council Rep John Taylor for serving 25 years at Taylor Gas. Resident Molcie Trimble remembers when John was "just a boy" and installed her propane tank. We thank John and his family business for their many years of providing excellent service to residents in Chattahoochee Hills (and beyond).

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Puppies need good home

From Ronald Crowe

I have 5 puppies I'd like to give away. If interested, contact me at: crowemon@yahoo.com

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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 announcement below to bid on locally-created gifts.

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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
(Bid received for \$20 on Dec. 5)

#7 Debbie Dunnegan: (B) Baked Pound cake.
Bidding starts at \$12

#8 Lettieri Faye: Fresh baked fruitcake
Bidding starts at \$20

#9 Harry Calsbeek and Frank Gagon will donate a pickup-load of hardwood, delivered
Bidding starts at \$50
(Bid received for \$77.50)

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