

Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – December 13, 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>

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

M&M Farms
9305 Wilkerson Mill RD

Do you, or someone you know, need a place to board your horse(s)? Why not visit the new boarding barn on John Taylor's 100 acre farm? It offers three riding arenas, extensive trails, vet & farrier services and more. Meet the Taylors and their barn manager Eddy Polley today during the Open House. Light refreshments will be provided.

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 calling (770) 463-0007

Stop by Getting Around, on Selborne Way

Dec 14 – Holiday Musical Program, 6 p.m., Friendship Baptist Church

The Adult Choir will be presenting the musical program "Hope has Hands".

The church is located at 6090 Cochran Mill Rd, Palmetto

Dec 18 – Community Christmas Luncheon, noon, 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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Civic Gifts for the Holidays

December seems to be the month when all of your favorite charities send holiday greetings and reminders of their need for your support. If you don't have a favorite charity, why not consider a Civic gift that will help our city, community, or a neighbor?

- **The Gift of Clean Roads**

It costs \$1.25 to dispose of every tire that is littered on our roads. If you would like to give the gift of clean roads, drop off your contribution at City Hall or send your contribution to City of Chattahoochee Hills. Attn: Clean Roads. 6505 Rico Road, Suite A, Palmetto, GA 30268.

- **The Gift of Information**

It cost a dollar to copy and mail the Weekly Reader. If you have a neighbor who cannot receive email and would like to stay informed, mail a book of stamps, or send your contribution to Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association. PO Box 204, Palmetto, GA 30268.

- **The Gift of Nature**

Last year Cochran Mill Nature Center served 5,000 children through its education programs and summer camps. If you would like to help the Center continue its mission to encourage community awareness and active environmental stewardship through education and rehabilitation programs, send your tax deductible contribution to Cochran Mill Nature Center. PO Box 911, Fairburn, GA 30213.

- **The Gift of a Good Book**

Community Brickworks, a local nonprofit run by resident Judy Henderson, runs the operation of the community Library with the help of volunteers who donate time, books, and funds. If you would like to help sustain this valuable community resource, bring your book donations to the library at City Hall, or mail your financial contributions to Community Brickworks. 6505 Rico Road, Suite B, Palmetto, GA 30268. For more information about the library, and the educational and recreational programs offered by Community Brickworks, see: <http://www.chccommunity.com/communitybrickworks.html>.

- **The Gift of Quality Education**

It takes a big effort and a heartfelt commitment to provide a school in a community of our size. The Hill Country Montessori is an independent school offering a Place-Based Montessori curriculum for students ages 3 through 15. If you would like to support our only school in Chattahoochee Hills, you may make a contribution on their Web site at <http://www.chcneighborhoodschool.org/support.htm>, or mail your contribution to Hill Country Montessori. 8225 Atlanta Newnan Rd, Palmetto, GA 30268.

- **The Gift of Economic Growth**

With more than 20 stores and businesses in Chattahoochee Hills, why not contribute to the economic growth of our city by shopping at home this holiday. See the list of stores and businesses at the end of the message.

- **The Gift of Neighborly Support**

There are many neighbors in need of support during these tough economical times. Some may need clothing, food, or funds to keep their household afloat. If you can help a neighbor and need

some help sharing your support, contact one of our local churches. Contact information is on the CHC Community Website at: <http://www.chccommunity.com/chchurches.html>

- **The Gift of Civic Support**

Neighbors and Friends of Chattahoochee Hills did a tremendous job of showing civic support this year. Through the many volunteer opportunities offered by the Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association, you raised funds at the City Birthday Bash for the Public Safety Department, cleaned up our city roads – twice, built a recycling center, raised more than \$249,000 to Buy Our Parks Now!, took emergency preparedness training to help neighbors during natural disasters, helped preserve our heritage by establishing a historical society, helped develop a future plan for sustainable and economic development, and hosted several events that have helped built a sense of community. Why not pledge a gift for continued support at the 2009 Annual Meeting & Membership Drive of the Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association, Feb 7.

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Tour of Homes and Quilt Raffle Big Success

Many thanks goes to the volunteers, hosts, and many residents who participated in the 2008 Chattahoochee Hills Tour of Homes. The final tally isn't in yet, but it is estimated that nearly 100 people toured the homes. We think the Quilt Raffle raised about \$500 and the winner of the raffle and the beautiful Christmas Quilt was Ms. Jeanie Waldron.

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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Coffee with Council and Dunkin' with Don

Citizens join Mayor and Council for informal birthday celebration

From the city's Web site

More than 30 citizens dropped by City Hall on the morning of Dec. 1 for the first Coffee with Council and Dunkin' with Don. This informal gathering, which will take place monthly, gives citizens the opportunity to share informal conversation with the Mayor, Council and City staff members. At this special inaugural event, attendees also celebrated the anniversary of the City's incorporation – our first "birthday!" The next Coffee with Council Event will be Friday, Jan. 9, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, hosted by Councilmember Rodney Peek. Mark your calendars to join us!

SOUTH FULTON UPDATES

South Fulton Civic Association – Leadership Conference, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Christ Our Hope Lutheran Church , 2156 GA Highway 138

Please RSVP to tom@sfcivic.org or diva731@hotmail.com

The SFCA invites our community leaders to gather to reflect on how we can best work together to serve our community. This is a great idea to connect with other civic-minded residents just outside of our community who have an interest in issues that affect all communities, such as quality education and the environment. For more information, see <http://www.sfcivic.org/News.html>

**Ambassador Andrew Young to Deliver Keynote Speech at Chamber Luncheon – Jan 27, 2009
Georgia International Convention Center**

The South Fulton Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Ambassador Andrew Young will serve as keynote speaker for the organization's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. The luncheon event, themed "Collective Responsibility & Global Progress" will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2009 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Georgia International Convention Center.

The South Fulton Chamber's Annual Awards Luncheon is a prestigious affair generally attended by Chamber members, elected officials and regional business leaders in celebration of past successes and to welcome new leadership. This is one of the Chamber's largest networking events of the year, held at the Georgia International Convention Center, and features excellent entertainment, phenomenal keynote speaker and a variety of regional awards. Guests and sponsors at this event have the opportunity to also network with notable business leaders ranging from small to large companies across a number of industries.

Those who wish to attend this esteemed event may secure their reservation and purchase admission online at:

<http://sfulongacoc.weblinkconnect.com/CWT/External/WCPages/WCEvents/EventDetail.aspx?EventID=166>

Companies that wish to market their business to a select group of business leaders may contact Morgan Garriss at 770-964-1984 or mgarriss@scoc.org to request sponsorship information.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

Order Your Holiday Pies Now

Last week we reported about the Holiday Pies offered by MK from Serenbe Farms. MK will be taking pie orders now through Dec. 20. For more information see the flyer at: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/Pies.pdf> or read the story from last week at: <http://www.chatthills.org/newsFOCH.htm#Pies>.

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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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Firewood for Sale

If you're looking for a local source for firewood, Southern Tree Removal has firewood for sale. They are located right across the street from City Hall. Call 770-480-3445 or 770-463-1158.

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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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