

## Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association Weekly Reader – December 19, 2008

For extended stories, and to print and share copies of the weekly reader see: <http://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 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](http://www.chatthills.org)

Information: [info@chatthills.org](mailto:info@chatthills.org)

Or call: 770-463-5169

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#### Save the Date – Jan 10 at 4 p.m.

Plan on attending the Meet & Greet for State Senator Kasim Reed (district 35) in Chattahoochee Hills on Jan 10. Learn about issues that may impact Chattahoochee Hills, and also about Senator Reed’s plan to run for the mayor of Atlanta and how that will impact us. More information to come.

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#### South Fulton Parkway Clean-Up

From Laurie Searle

Thanks to Molcie Trimble, Adopt-a-Mile chair, for her diligent effort to get the right away on South Fulton Parkway cleaned up and mowed. State work crews have been hard at work this past week cleaning up the State’s section of the Parkway and there is a big improvement.

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#### Chatt Hills Resource Directory – Send us your recommendations

From Laurie Searle

We are in the process of building a Resource Directory for our city that lists contact information for the city government, local businesses, utilities, churches, schools, recreation, and more. We hope to offer a paper copy people can print from our Web site, but we also hope to offer an extended version on line so we can help promote businesses and organizations within our community.

**To Residents:** Have you had a good experience with a local or nearby contractor? If so, would you please let me know so we can include them in the directory? For example, who did you use to drill your well, care for your livestock while on vacation, build or renovate your home, install your kitchen cabinets, lay your hardwood floors, bush hog your back 40, process your deer meat, etc. If you really liked them, how about rating them on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the best you ever had.

**To Businesses, Organizations, Churches, Schools, and other...**

This is your opportunity to let everyone in Chattahoochee Hills know about you. Send us a short blurb with your contact information, hours of operations, and a brief description of your products or services, and we'll add it to our directory. And to further promote organizations that reside within our City, we will offer a free page on our Web site that folks may access from a link on your short blurb. You may use this page to further describe your products, services, or history, but the pages will be static (display only, no selling).

To participate, please send your information to me by January 30, or call me if you need some help with wordsmithing or a photo. Laurie Searle – 770.463.5169 or [Lsearle@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lsearle@bellsouth.net)

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## 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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### City's Sign Patrol at Work

From Laurie Searle

I recently requested a "Dead End" sign for Whiteside Rd after ours "went missing" a while back. I wanted to thank the city for so promptly replacing the sign.

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## SOUTH FULTON UPDATES

### Fulton Community Access Television

Tom Reed forwarded an interesting newsletter from Cable Channel 25, Fulton Access Television. Here are the major points of interest:

- Fulton County's public access TV operations will be moving from Comcast studios in Chamblee to the [Southwest Arts Center](#).
- Public access allows everyday people with or without television production experience a way to produce programming that is important to them and their community.
- Programming content is limited by FCC rules (no lotteries, no obscenities, no advertising, no fundraising).
- Free Producer's Training is available through Cyber College.  
[http://www.cybercollege.com/tvp\\_ind.htm](http://www.cybercollege.com/tvp_ind.htm)
- A passing grade qualifies producer candidates to attend orientation course designed to familiarize producers with equipment and studio operations.
- For more information see newsletter at: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/FCAT.pdf>

**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](mailto:mgarriss@scoc.org) to request sponsorship information.

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**NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR****Tabby Needs a Home**

Found: Young female tabby cat with injured tail, in vicinity of Atlanta Newnan and Hutcheson Ferry Roads. For further information, please call Clifford or Valerie at 770-463-2887.

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**Atlanta Haul-It**

I am a small business that started in 1999. I do hauling of all type of items all over the metro area. I do work for the City of Palmetto and would like to do work for you too. John Taylor is my neighbor and is trying to get me more involved in the New City. Please check our website for more information at [www.atlantahaulitallinc.com](http://www.atlantahaulitallinc.com). There is a link to KUDZU.com that give reviews of my work. - Thanks, Chris

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**Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

We need a little Christmas at Station 51. Lamar and Mary Toole from the Spirit of Christmas Tree Farm donated a lovely Christmas tree to our fireman (as they did for our city tree) but it needs decorations! If you have a few "extra" decorations that you no longer need or if you can pick up a box of ornaments while you're out shopping, please drop them off at the fire station. We've got lights left over from the city tree but anything else will be a wonderful treat!

Thanks so much! I dare say there are a few cities like ours where needs, no matter how large or how small, are met so quickly by the kindness of its citizens.

Merry Christmas! - Melea Brett

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**Resident Recommends Magic Jack**

By Becky Martin

I want to pass on a great way to save some money. Some of you may already know about it but just in case.

Go to [www.magicjack.com](http://www.magicjack.com) and check out Magic Jack. It's a little device you plug into your computer to get free local phone service, free long distance, caller ID, call forwarding and voice mail. They are still offering a 30 day free trial so what have you got to lose? After 30 days they will charge your credit card \$39.95. That's all you pay for 1 YEAR of service. After that the 2 year is \$19.95...a YEAR! I even noticed on the website they are offering a 5 year deal for only \$59.95. That's only \$1.00 per month.

We just got ours and it works great. At first I could hear a little echo on my end of the call but after the first call it went away. You will have to change your phone number but you pick your area code and you do all that on line. It will prompt you through the process. Clark Howard has been using it for over 3 years.

**SHOP IN CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS****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](http://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](mailto: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 \$88)

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