

Friends of Chattahoochee Hills – July 26, 2008 Update

CITY UPDATES

From the City's Web site

- **Sales Tax Takes a Holiday - July 31 - August 3**
During the tax holiday, the state and local sales tax exemption will apply to certain articles of clothing, personal computers, and general school supplies.
For more details, visit the Georgia Dept. of Revenue's. See:
<http://www.dor.ga.gov/salestax/holiday/index.aspx>.
- **Planning Commission: Special Called Meeting**
July 29, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

- **Chattahoochee Bend State Park (Friends of Park Meeting on Aug. 7)**
Contributed by Steven Kopelman
This long-awaited park in Coweta County is finally on the road to taking shape. The sale of the bonds that will fund the development of the first phase of the 3,000-acre park should be finalized this week. Engineers with Georgia State Parks are ready to begin interviewing a short list of engineering firms to design construction drawings for the park. David Freedman, director of engineering and construction for Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, expects the park to open in the summer of 2010.

If you want to get involved in Coweta's future state park, the best way to start is to be at the Panther Creek Community Center Aug. 7. That will be the inaugural meeting of the Friends of Chattahoochee Bend State Park. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the community center on Highway 16 West in Sargent, next to the Coweta County fire station. See: <http://www.times-herald.com/local/First-meeting-of-park--friends--Aug--7--507500>

- **The Island in the Wind. A Danish community's victory over carbon emissions**
Contributed by Audrey Trotman
This is a good news article about a small farming community's success in conserving energy.

They weren't even terribly adventuresome. "We are a conservative farming community" For the past decade or so, Sams has been the site of an unlikely social movement. When it began, in the late nineteen-nineties, the island's forty-three hundred inhabitants had what might be described as a conventional attitude toward energy: as long as it continued to arrive, they weren't much interested in it. Most Samsingers heated their houses with oil, which was brought in on tankers. They used electricity imported from the mainland via cable, much of which was generated by burning coal. As a result, each Samsinger put into the atmosphere, on average, nearly eleven tons of carbon dioxide annually.

Then, quite deliberately, the residents of the island set about changing this. They formed energy cooperatives and organized seminars on wind power. They removed their furnaces and replaced them with heat pumps. By 2001, fossil-fuel use on Sams had been cut in half. By 2003, instead of importing electricity, the island was exporting it, and

by 2005 it was producing from renewable sources more energy than it was using. Read the article at: http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/07/07/080707fa_fact_kolbert

- **Dunwoody to become Georgia's newest city**
From Atlanta Journal
Residents in DeKalb voted to incorporate the city of Dunwoody last week. Reading through the articles on the Web, it seems residents felt that their County was not adequately serving the population, and that by having their own city, they would have a government that would address their specific needs. Read the article at: http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/dekalb/stories/2008/07/15/dunwoody_cityhood_vote.html and <http://www.ajc.com/search/content/metro/atlanta/stories/2008/03/13/myviewyes0313cl.html>
- **Income and Cost of Living in Atlanta**
Contributed by Chuck Miller
Check out the Regional Snapshot from the Atlanta Regional Commission. It compares the cost of living in Atlanta to other large cities. (Note: this is a large file and takes a while to download: http://www.atlantaregional.com/documents/RS_income08_4pg.pdf)

FROM OUR FRIENDS

- **Sustainable Economic Development Committee Meeting – Today at 9 a.m.**
This committee, formally called Business and Commerce, will be meeting today, July 26 at 9 a.m. at City Hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend or join the committee.
- **Serenbe Farmers Market – Today 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Serenbe Farmers' Markets, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. ongoing every Saturday from today through October Shop for farm-fresh organic produce from the Serenbe Organic Farms. Local farmers, purveyors and artisans join us each week and sell veggies, produce, meats, breads, crafts and more. Special events such as live music and cooking demonstrations often take place. Visit www.serenbefarms.com for more information.
- **Studio Swan at Serenbe presents New Black Exhibition July 26 – Aug. 31**
From their Web site at: <http://www.studioswan.com/html/exhibitions.asp>
Join us Saturday, July 26th from 5-8 pm for the opening reception of "New Black." This exhibition, featuring emerging African-American artists, is curated by Larry Walker and Kevin Sipp and held in coordination with the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the National Black Arts Festival. The reception will be preceded by a curators' talk at 4pm.
- **Recycling Update**
From Alton Powell
Good news!!! Mayor Don Hayes has donated a 6 x 10 utility trailer which will be in operation by this week-end for plastics. It was originally intended to be scrap metal and plastics, but we decided that the volume of plastics will be such that we will make the entire trailer for plastic recycling. We are very excited about this as this is another step in a successful recycling program for the city. We are still looking for another trailer, perhaps an old utility trailer that we can use for recycling, so if someone out there has

one, we would sure like to get it.

An important reminder! Please do not--- mix recyclable items in the trailers, as there is no one to sort them out, and other materials only subtract from the value of the recyclable items. Also, in plastic recycling, the bottle caps are not recyclable. These must be removed.

MORE GOOD NEWS!!!! We made the first sale in newspapers and magazines and the city netted \$28.00 to be paid at the end of the month to the city. The first load of aluminum cans is almost ready to be sold and we are looking forward to a modest but steady income from the recycle center to the city.

Thanks for all of your contributions in recycling and keep up the good work. This program is already a huge success.
(For more information about recycling, contact Alton Powell at altonpowell@bellsouth.net
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- **Old Campbell County Historical Society**

Before we were Fulton County, our community was part of Campbell County. There is a wonderful historical society dedicated to preserving this history. The Old Campbell County Historical Society is located in Fairburn and has a wonderful museum, resource center, and monthly program. Members from our city's historical society visited last week and heard Ms. Barbara Wooddall talk about growing up on Bethlehem Road, which is located just outside of our city limits. Ms. Wooddall's article can be read in this month's Georgia Backroads Magazine. See: <http://www.georgiahistory.ws/currentissue.htm>

The Society also has an excellent video that details the history of our crossroad communities in Chattahoochee Hills. It is called "South Fulton Historical Trail" and can be purchased from their Web site for \$12.00. See: <http://www.oldcampbellcountyhistoricalsociety.com/homepage/publicationsavailable.html>

The Old Campbell County Historical Society meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. at The Old Campbell County Courthouse, located at the intersection of East Broad Street and Cole Street in Fairburn, Georgia. For more information see: <http://www.oldcampbellcountyhistoricalsociety.com/homepage.html>

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Regards,
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