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FOCH Weekly Update is provided by Laurie Searle, interim chair of the Communications Committee.
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City News & Updates

Public Meetings Scheduled to adopt the proposed Millage rate

The City will hold three public meetings at City Hall, located at 6505 Rico road, to advertise and adopt the proposed 5.659 millage rate for 2008 property taxes.

Meeting schedule is as follows:

- June 16, 10 a.m. - First public hearing
- June 23, 5 p.m. - Second public hearing
- June 23, 6:30 p.m. - final public hearing

See the City's Web site for the news release:

http://www.chatthillsga.us/news/2008/releases/06-03-08_mill_rate.html

See the City's Web site for frequently asked questions on taxes:

<http://www.chatthillsga.us/forms/property.htm>

Vote Early... It's Easy and Convenient

Fulton County Registration & Elections announces absentee ballot, in-person, and advanced voting dates, times, and location for July 15, 2008 Primary Election.

See the County's information flyer: http://www.chatthillsga.us/community/2008/docs/Vote_Early.pdf

City Purchases Mowing Equipment

When the City recently reviewed bids to cut the grass on its right-aways and learned that the lowest bid was around \$28,000 to cut the grass once, it decided to look for more cost effective options. At the June council meeting the city manager announced that the city had purchased a diesel tractor and big bush hog at State Surplus Property for around \$7,000 and that city staff will be cutting the right-aways. They expect to start mowing the week of June 9, 2008. See mayor's message at: <http://www.chatthillsga.us/mail/06-04-08.pdf>

Youth Appreciation Day

Four youth were honored with a proclamation read by the city manager for their entries in the city logo contest last month. Kevin Kinser, Steve and Hanna Franks, and Amelia Hanson each received a copy of the Youth Appreciation Day proclamation at the June city council meeting. Photo contributed by Maria Hanson.



City Court Ramps Up

The City announced that City Court will be open for business on June 17 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium. Court is scheduled the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Committee Volunteer Updates

Historical Committee: New Website Launched

The historical committee, now called the Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society, has launched a new Website. Its short address is www.chatthillshistorical.org.

The highlight of the Website is its Collections page, which currently features stories in the following Collections:

- Cemeteries
- Families
- Narratives
- Roads

We expect the Photo Album page to also be quite popular. Check out the recent visit to Charles & Thelma's Beefmasters' Farm at:

<http://www.chattahoocheehillshistoricalsociety.org/PhotoAlbums/BeefmasterFarm/beefmastersFarm.htm>

Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society

Experience History.

It is very hard to remember that events now long in the past were once in the future.
~ Maitland

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Welcome

Welcome to the Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society, where our passion is preserving the past, connecting the present, and enriching the future for residents of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia. We invite you to learn more about the history and heritage of our city, and to contribute your stones so that future generations may appreciate all that we cherish.

City Celebrates its History

One year ago on June 19, residents voted to create the city of Chattahoochee Hill Country. Join the community to celebrate this historic occasion at the City Birthday Celebration, June 26, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at City Hall. There will be music, games, exhibits, food, and raffles. Proceeds...

Adopt-a-Mile: Dispose of Old Tires for Free in June

Fulton County residents can dispose of up to 5 tires per household during Scrap Tire Amnesty Days, May 31 - June 28. Without the amnesty project, residents could pay as much as \$3 per tire to property dispose of used tires.

The Scrap Tire Amnesty Days container locations and dates of operation near our community are as follows:

- South Fulton Recycling Center, 3225 Merck Road, College Park (May 31-June 28) 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Palmetto Health Center, 507 Park Street, Palmetto (May 30-June 1)

For the Fulton County Scrap Tire Amnesty Days news release see:

<http://www.fultoncountygga.gov/county/health//images/stories/File/Scrap%20Tire%20Amnesty%20In%20Fulton%20County-Press%20Release.pdf>

Recycling: Needs Your Help

- **Wanted - Utility Trailer for Plastics Recycling**

The Recycling committee needs one or two trailers for plastics recycling, which would be parked at the City's recycling center next to the Fire department building. If you can donate a trailer, please contact Alton Powell at altonpowell@bellsouth.net

- **How to Use the Recycling Bins**

Here are some tips for property using the recycling bins at the City's Recycling Center:

- Aluminum cans: These are collected separately in the "can trailer." Please do not put anything else in this trailer. This will enable us to get more money from the aluminum cans than we would for bulk aluminum.
 - Scrap Metals: These can include metals other than aluminum items, and they may be mixed together in this separate "metals" trailer.
 - Newspapers/magazines: We have two bins for these items. Until we get further clarification, please do not put cardboard in these two bins. This may change in the future.
 - Other items: The recycling committee is researching disposal of glass, car batteries, and other items. Our recycling center does not accept these items at this time.
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City Events & Public Safety Committees: City Birthday Celebration

The City Birthday Celebration, scheduled for June 28, 5:30 - 8 p.m. at City Hall, is shaping up. There will be music, games, exhibits, entertainment, and raffles. Hot dogs and hamburger plates will be available at no charge; however, donations will be accepted for the City Public Safety Department.

Do you want to be "Ms. Public Safety" for Chattahoochee Hills? Here's how:

- Reside in Chattahoochee Hills; animals do not qualify
- Collect donations in a jar with your picture on it and bring it to the City Birthday Celebration by 6:30 p.m. (You may place the jar(s) around town for donations.)
- The one who collects the most money wins! (All proceeds will go to the City Public Safety).

For information on Ms. Public Safety call Patsy Bohannon 770-463-4584

Download and share the flyer: <http://www.chatthills.org/foch/CHC-BirthdayCelebration.pdf>

Community Events

- **June 13, 3:30 p.m.: Father's Day Treat Making Party** at the Blue Eyed Daisy; moms, grandmoms & friends can bring their kids to make sweet treats for Father's Day gifts. Take home a box of treats and a homemade card. Cost is \$12 per child. Guaranteed reservations required; stop by the Daisy to register.
- **June 17, 7 p.m.: Hill Country Montessori School** is launching a six-session, once-a-month discussion group on food and sustainability. The cost for participating in the group is \$25; registration form is available at <<http://www.southeastpbe.org>> , or register by emailing senseofplace@southeastpbe.org, or call Clifford Blizard at (770)-463-2887.
- **June 28, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. City Birthday Celebration**
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- **July 4, 10 a.m. Independence Day Parade and activities at Serenbe.**
(Announcement provided by Tucker Berta, communications director at Serenbe).
Everyone is welcome to participate in or watch the July 4th Parade at Serenbe. If you'd like to be a spectator, folks line the streets mainly from the first cottages on Selborne (the first homes beyond the Crossroads white picket fence homes) all the way to Harris & Clark grocery store, with many people gathering in front of the Blue Eyed Daisy. If you'd like to participate, we love for folks to come in costume, with their pets, on bikes, golf cars, in convertibles, or join the tractor brigade with the Peeks.
- **July 5, Beginning at 7:30 p.m. Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Free Concert**
The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Returns to the Chattahoochee Hill Country for a free concert at Hutcheson Ferry Park sponsored by Fulton County Arts Council, Starbucks Coffee and Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance. Plan your Holiday weekend to include a spectacular evening at the Park. For additional information or to sponsor this wonderful event, call 770-463-0463 or email stevenchca@gmail.com.
- **July 7, time TBA. Sustainability Forum.** The Civic League for Regional Atlanta is hosting a Sustainability Forum in Chattahoochee Hills. More information will be provided soon. Judy Henderson is the contact for this event.