



Friends of Chatt Hills

# Weekly Update

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## CITY UPDATES

From the City's Web site

- **Renaming the City; City Budget**

**Mayor Don Hayes** (see: <http://www.chatthillsga.us/mail/07-29-08.pdf>)

I would like to get as much input as possible from citizens before we formally change the name of our City. A survey was conducted recently by the City Volunteer Communications Committee with the overwhelming choice being "Chattahoochee Hills." The Council and I agree with this choice. Preparations are being made to have the first reading on the name change at the September Council Meeting. If you have input regarding the name change please send it to my City email address – [Don.Hayes@chatthillsga.us](mailto:Don.Hayes@chatthillsga.us).

Over the past several days we have been very busy working on the budget and I am happy to report that we will end our first year with a balanced budget. Work is underway on the 2009 Budget. As we all expected our second budget will be our most difficult. City staff has been working very hard to minimize expenses and manage our funds effectively. These efforts will continue and we will make every penny count towards effective use of your tax dollars.

Our Planning Board is starting work on rewriting the Conservation Subdivision Ordinance. During this effort there will be opportunities for public input. I encourage you to attend the meetings and give your input. We want the changes to reflect our community values and your input will help.

- **Frequently Asked Questions - Franchise Fees**

[http://www.chatthillsga.us/community/2008/franchise\\_fees.htm](http://www.chatthillsga.us/community/2008/franchise_fees.htm)

- **City Council Meeting at City Hall**

Tuesday, August 5

Work Session at 3 p.m.

Council Meeting at 6 p.m.

- **Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall**

Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m.

## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

- **Movie on the Green – Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fundraiser**

**From resident Tamara Toth**

Movie: The Lion King

Food: BBQ plates will be available for purchase

Date: Aug. 23

Time 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall / Rico Community

Price: \$3 per person. All proceeds go to the Susan G Komen Foundation are tax deductible

RSVP: [tamaratoh07@yahoo.com](mailto:tamaratoh07@yahoo.com)

Event Specifics: This movie will be shown outside, behind City Hall, on a big screen and everyone can lounge on the grass and watch. Please bring a blanket to sit on; all chairs will have to go to the back of the crowd so all can see. BBQ plates will be available for purchase.

- **Burglary in Chattahoochee Hills**

There is a correction to the alert we sent last week.

There was a burglary at a residence on North Atlanta Newnan Rd. near Hutcheson Ferry Rd. Our original alert said it was a "home break-in" which was an incorrect term. The resident was not in the home at the time of the burglary.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS

- **Friends of Chatt Hills Committee Meetings (Anyone may attend)**

- **Parks Committee Meeting – Tonight**

August 4 at 7 p.m.

Cochran Mill Nature Center

- **Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society Meeting – Thursday**

August 7 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

- **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>

### From the Atlanta Regional Commission (contributed by Chuck Miller)

- **Mark Your Calendar for "The Changing Faces of the Future"**

In 2060, there could be 9 million people in metro Atlanta, as many retirees and elderly as there are children and no majority ethnic group. The region's evolving demographic and diversity will be the focus of the next Fifty Forward forum, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Morehouse College Leadership Center. Martha Farnsworth Riche, former director of the U.S. Census Bureau, will be the keynote speaker. Two local thought-leaders – Jane Smith, executive director of the Spelman College Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement and Salvador De Lara, Consul General of Mexico in Atlanta – will serve on a panel following Riche.

- **Envision the Future of Metro Atlanta with "Framing the Future" Photo Contest**

As part of the intensive public conversation around Fifty Forward, ARC has launched "Framing the Future", a region-wide photography contest open to all metro region residents. The goal of "Framing the Future" is to foster a visual exploration of what is valued about metro Atlanta now and what the region could and should be in 50 years. A picture is worth 1,000 words, so show us what you value and want to preserve or what you would like metro Atlanta to look like in the future. Give us your best shot. See contest rules and awards at:

<http://www.atlantafiftyforward.com/framingthefuture.html>

- **It's Time to Explore Long-Term Water Solutions – Aug 6.**

A one-size fits all approach doesn't address the water challenges metro Atlanta is facing. Even after the current drought ends, water supply will remain a crucial issue for the Atlanta region for decades. Attend the Community Planning Academy (CPA) session, Water: An Essential Resource, on Aug. 6 to learn about water supply and conservation management plans that work. For a schedule of this and other ARC Workshops see:

<http://www.atlantaregional.com/html/398.aspx>

- **Don't Miss ARC's TV Show Exploring Long-Term Regional Sustainability**

ARC's TV show, "The Shape of Things to Come" was recently the highest-rated Sunday morning public affairs show aired on WPBA Atlanta Channel 30. More than 5,000 households tuned in to hear Seattle's mayor Greg Nickels, Rolling Stone's keyboardist Chuck Leavell and Georgia's Secretary of State Karen Handel, among many others, talk about the importance of striving towards sustainability. View this episode:

<http://www.monumentalmmedia.com/arc/show109/>