

CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS WEEKLY READER

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Promoting active and informed citizenship in Chattahoochee Hills



Senator Reed Meets & Greets Chatt Hills

By Laurie Searle with Patricia Kerlin

State Senator Kasim Reed visited Chattahoochee Hills on Jan. 10 to give an update on this year's agenda at the General Assembly and how it would affect Chattahoochee Hills.

Speaking to an audience that included civic leaders, local and visiting officials, and informed residents, Reed displayed confidence in his responses to some tough questions.

"I thought I was coming down here for some ice tea," the senator joked as he fielded questions about economic development, sustainability, and plans for helping to reunite the 7,000 acres that was a part of Chatt Hills' original plan.

When asked what the most significant legislation will be that comes before the General Assembly this year, the senator discussed four topics:

1. Budget – Resolving the state's \$1.6 billion deficit will be the top priority and will drive all other discussions.
2. T SPLOST funding – This would allow counties to partner together and, with voter approval, pass a 1 cent sales tax dedicated to regional transportation issues.
3. Trauma care network - There isn't adequate level 1 trauma care below Macon for the rest of the state, which places an additional burden on Grady and Fulton County.
4. Water resource use – This is still a high priority.

CHcivic leaders are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Senator Reed to address issues pertinent to Chatt Hills.



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works in partnership with citizens, businesses, organizations, and government to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and land of Chattahoochee Hills, GA.

Officers:

Tom Reed, President
Laurie Searle, Vice President
Ruby Foster, Treasurer
Adria Whitford, Secretary

CHcivic Parks Committee MeetingJan 22 at 7 p.m. Cochran Mill Nature Center
====**Wanted: Civic-Minded Youth**

Are there exceptional civic-minded youth in your home, church, or community looking for an opportunity to develop their leadership skills?

CHcivic is looking for two high school aged youths to join our board of directors as youth advisors. We will help these advisors identify needs and opportunities to help our community and develop our youth. We've already had several suggestions, such as building a Baby-Sitter Co-Op, a Youth Summer Internship Program, and managing a city beautification project.

If you know of any youth interested in this opportunity, please submit your recommendation to info@chatthills.org.

CITY UPDATES**Montessori School Expansion Plans Recommended for Approval**

By Laurie Searle

In a 4 to 1 vote on Jan. 13, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the use permit petitioned by Leonard Presberg to expand the Hill Country Montessori School located at the intersection of Hutcheson Ferry Rd. and Atlanta Newnan Rd. The Commission serves as an advisory board which reports its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. The Council will consider the recommendation at its Feb. 3 meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST**Beginning Birding – Jan 31, Cochran Mill Nature Center, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Cochran Mill Nature Center announces Adult Programs presented monthly on Saturdays in 2009.

This month's program is Beginning Birding with Marcia Klenbort of the Atlanta Audubon Society. Come learn anatomy/field identification techniques; learn how to use binoculars; make a bird feeder for your yard; explore the migration routes of birds; discover where the best places to view birds are; and come see the exciting birds CMNC has to offer!

Cost: \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members

For more information, see the flyer, or call Cochran Mill Nature Center at 770.306.0914 to register.

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Dust Off Your CERT Skills – Jan 24 and/or Jan 25, 9 a.m.

Have you taken the training for the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT)? Do you need a refresher on topics such as triage or light search and rescue? If so, you can attend a refresher workshop at the Atlanta Fire Academy on Saturday, January, 24, 2009 (407 Ashwood Ave, Atlanta, Ga). Workshop time: 9:00 am.

A multi-jurisdictional drill will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Meet your fellow CERT's from Atlanta, Alpharetta, College Park and Fulton County and take part in the state's largest CERT mock disaster drill. This

drill will utilize live 'victims' and guarantees to make use of all of your CERT skills! The drill will be held at the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center (3025 Merk Road, College Park, GA 30349) Drill time: 9:00 am.

For additional information or to register, please contact Natalie Riggs at: 404.612.5700 or by email: natalie.riggs@fultoncountyga.gov

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

Antioch United Methodist Church – Fellowship Lunch – Jan 25

From Carla Carribino
7650 Rivertown road
Fairburn, GA

January 25th, 2009

COME HAVE LUNCH. Fellowship Hall 12:30 pm.

Menu:

Homemade,

Potato Soup, Broccoli/Cheese Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup

Cornbread, Tea

Banana Pudding

Adults \$5.00 Children under 8, \$2.50.

Now this is a bargain you can't turn down. Um, Um Good!

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Hill Country Montessori Open Houses

- * Jan. 25, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- * Feb. 22, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- * Mar. 7, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- * or by appointment.

Journey and Discovery

An in-depth Montessori Experience and Orientation for Parents

Feb. 7, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Flapjack Flap – <http://www.snopes.com/medical/toxins/pancake.asp>

Submitted by Edward Phillips

Claim: Mold that forms in pancake mix can cause a life-threatening allergic reaction.

Status: True.

In April 2006, the experience of a 14-year-old who had eaten pancakes made from a mix that had gone moldy was described in the popular newspaper column Dear Abby. The account has since been circulated widely on the Internet as scores of concerned homemakers ponder the safety of the pancake mix lurking in their larders.

There is truth in this tale. Yet its inherent warning is overblown.

The pancake mix that delivered a toxic payload was analyzed and found to contain four rather nasty molds: Penicillium, Fusarium, Mucor, and Aspergillus. The decedent had not been allergic to eggs (which are a component of pancakes), so there was no doubt as to which allergy had killed him. It had been mold, and nothing but.

There was a death, and it had been due to ancient pancake mix. Or, rather, to an allergic reaction to the mold that had grown in the stale pancake mix.

It needs be kept in mind there is nothing inherently toxic about pancake mix that has passed its freshness date, the product's getting old does not transform it into a poison, nor does the growth of mold within opened boxes of flapjack powder turn it into something that will fell all who ingest it. Only those who have allergies to mold are at risk, and even then, for the pancake mix to pose a hazard it has to contain mold spores, not just be over the hill.

For mold to gain access to a food product, the foodstuff has to be exposed to its spores. Pancake mix cocooned in an unbleached wax paper, plastic, or a foil pouch within its outer packaging wouldn't have this contact and should still be safe no matter how old it gets. However, mix sold unpouched in cardboard boxes or paper sacks would likely be at risk even if the box or sack hadn't previously been opened, because such packaging would not necessarily keep dampness out, and mold thrives in damp environments.

What does all this mean? If you don't have a mold allergy, you needn't fear your pancake mix; if you do have such a sensitivity, you shouldn't keep your flapjack makings around for a few years after opening the box or pouch it came in. It's not worth dying over 50¢ worth of pancake mix, so when in doubt, throw it out.

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Apartment for Rent

From Anne Fauver

I have a lower level apartment, 840 sq. ft. in Serenbe, one bedroom, \$800. Available now. If interested call 404-697-2602.

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House for Rent

Home for rent in Chatt Hills: 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with a pool located on 5.5 wooded acres with great yard, creek and tree house! Rent is \$1200 -1300 depending on the lease. For more information call: Randy Miller 404-803-0364 or Stacy Patton 770-841-4944.

Wanted—Caretaker Couple

Mature couple for part-time housekeeping and light farm duties in exchange for new, 3BR/2bath, partially furnished house in Chattahoochee Hills/South Fulton county. Need own transportation and source of income. Nonsmokers with excellent references. Send letter & contact info:
Caretaker Ad, Box 179, 388 Bullsboro Drive, Newnan, GA 30263.