

CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS WEEKLY READER

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Promoting active and informed citizenship in Chattahoochee Hills



Volunteers Clean-Up Dumps in Chattahoochee Hills

By Laurie Searle with Molcie Trimble

We've all seen them – those unsightly dumps that blemish our gravel roads and Scenic Byway. If you listen to the news, you know that Chattahoochee Hills has its share of illegal dumping. But what the news doesn't report is that unlike many cities, Chattahoochee Hills is doing something about it.

Last Saturday, the Adopt-a-Mile committee and volunteers took advantage of Bulk Trash Amnesty Day and cleaned-up 10 illegal dumps in Chattahoochee Hills.

Sixteen volunteers worked in teams to pick up large items such as tires, mattresses, furniture, and building material along the following roads: Capps Ferry, Cochran Mill Rd, Garretts Ferry, Jenkins Rd, Sardis Rd, Rico Tatum Rd, Upper Wooten Rd, Woodruff Rd, and Hwy 70. They also cleaned up dumps at an abandoned subdivision on Wilkerson Mill Rd.

If you would like to help keep Chattahoochee Hills clean and beautiful, attend the Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 18.



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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.

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CIVIC UPDATES

Chattahoochee Hills Clean-Up Day, Saturday April 18, 8 a.m. at City Hall

Join the Adopt-a-Mile Committee for its Spring Clean-Up day on April 18 at City Hall. Rain date will be May 2. We will clean up Campbellton Redwine/Cedar Grove, Rivertown, Cochran Mill, Hutcheson Ferry and Wilkerson Mill, and then we'll meet back at City Hall for lunch provided by Firestone Tires for the volunteers.

Cardinal Sanitation will provide regular trash bags as well as trash bags used for recyclables. It is very important for volunteers to separate the trash so Cardinal will continue to sponsor us.

The Adopt-a-Mile committee will provide picker-uppers and safety vests. Volunteers should bring gloves and wear long pants.

For more information contact Molcie Trimble: molcietrimble@bellsouth.net or 770-463-4662.

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Wanted – Old Recipes for Chattahoochee Hills Historical Cookbook

The Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society is working on a cookbook and is need of recipes from anyone who has lived here 35 years or longer. If you would like to contribute some recipes, or if you have a cookbook your church or community organization created, please contact Paula Anderson at aaafarm3@bellsouth.net.

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Historical Chatt

From the Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society

www.chattahoocheehillshistoricalsociety.org

- Rivertown was originally known as Cross Anchor (after its site on the river) and Pumpkintown (pronounced Punkintown by the residents). It was a river crossing community – a ferry landing and related buildings nearby. There was a post office established in this community in 1832.
- Hutcheson Ferry was originally owned by the Phillips family and was called Phillips Ferry. Hutcheson Ferry Road was Upper Phillips Ferry Road and Tommy Lee Cook Road in Coweta County was known as Lower Phillips Ferry Road. The river crossing community at this ferry was called County Line and a post office was established in 1849. The community later became known as Redwine.

Please send additional information, stories, family histories, or recipes from past residents to:

Sandra Huffmaster, 7485 Old Phillips Rd., Palmetto, GA 30268 or sghuffmaster@yahoo.com.

(Even though we would like to honor our past and present residents with their stories, anyone wishing to keep specific names out of a story if it is reprinted in the Weekly Reader please indicate "No Names If Printed" .)



CITY UPDATES

For more information see the City's Website at: www.chatthillsga.us

City warns against illegal dumping

From the City's Website

Chattahoochee Hills police report a rise in unauthorized dumping within the city limits, including scrap tires, furniture, building materials and more. This activity is not only unsightly and harmful to the environment, but is also illegal. Depending on the incident, charges can range from misdemeanor to felony and can result in fines and possible arrest. Illegal dumping also costs the city taxpayer dollars for clean up activity. The police department is on the watch for offenders, and asks that residents report any suspicious activity immediately by calling 770.463.5550. See the Illegal Dumping FAQs:

http://www.chatthillsga.us/forms/misc/illegal_dumping_FAQ.html

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City Cleans-Up Tire Dumps

Illegal tire dumps have become a big problem for many rural cities. In Chattahoochee Hills, the city is working to combat this problem. They will be working with Firestone Tires on Saturday April 18 to clean up some of the tire dumps in the city. They will also be closing the city roads to an abandoned subdivision to prevent further dumping.



NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

Budding Novelist makes it to the semifinals in Amazon Breakthrough Novel Competition

Congratulations to Sam Smith of Chattahoochee Hills, who was among the 100 semifinalists selected for the next round of the 2009 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award.

Each entry in the Top 100 has received a full manuscript review from Publishers Weekly, in addition to early customer reviews of excerpts posted during the quarterfinals. Amazon will announce three finalists for the Grand Prize on May 15. We wish Sam luck!

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Chattahoochee Hills High School and College Graduates

We would like to honor the students in Chattahoochee Hills who are graduating from high school or college in an upcoming edition of the Weekly Reader. Would you please send their names and school (and reference high school or college) to Laurie at lsearle@bellsouth.net.

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Oldie Riding Lawn Mower Needs a Good Home

Ten year old Snapper riding lawn mower works well on flat areas but is a little slow going up hills. It's got a fairly new engine but could probably use a new clutch if you want to speed up hills. A neighbor will give it away if you come get it, or will deliver it if you don't have a truck. Contact Laurie and for more information at lsearle@bellsouth.net or 770.463.5169.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tee-Ball Season: April – May 30 (9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)**
Grab a lawn chair and head on down to the Rico Softball Field (at the corner of Rico Rd and Upper Wooten) for the T-Ball and Coach-Pitch league. T-Ball games begin at 9:30 a.m. and feature 27 players on two teams – the Owls and the Robins. Coach-pitch games begin at 11 a.m. and feature 32 players on the two teams – the Cardinals and the Blue Jays.
- **Ecology of Box Turtles – April 18, 12-2 pm. Cochran Mill Nature Center**
Box Turtles (*Terrapene carolina*) are a familiar, fascinating, and generally well-liked reptile species. Herpetologists agree that they are also in decline across their range. Come learn about the basic biology and habits of these interesting and long-lived animals, and what you can do to help ensure that they continue to inhabit our forests and backyards.
\$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Complimentary, light refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. For more information and registration, call 770.306.0914.
www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org
- **Lunch at Antioch UMC. April 19, 12:15 p.m. Antioch Methodist Church**
Antioch UMC will sponsor lunch after church on April 19th. We will serve loaded baked potatoes, salad, dessert, tea and lemonade. Please make plans to attend and let your neighbors and friends know. We plan to start serving by 12:15 if you want to come after church or even better come and attend our 11 a.m. service. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 8 years old. The church is located at 7650 Rivertown Rd. in Fairburn.
- **Dave Ramsey's Town Hall of Hope – April 23, 8 p.m. New Hope United Methodist Church**
If you have been listening to Dave on radio or TV you probably heard him mention his "Town Hall for Hope" event. The event is about what we should do during these troubling economic times. It will be on April 23rd at 8PM. New Hope has been selected as a host site! We are very excited to offer this event to you but space is limited....first come first serve. Doors will open at 7:45PM. The church is located at 7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd. Contact: Becky Martin at 770.347.7209.
- **Race for Riley – April 25. Georgia Baptist Children's Home**
Race for Riley is a 5K run/walk created to raise funding for The Joseph Sams School In Fayetteville, GA. (501.C3) The Joseph Sams School is dedicated to the education and life skills development of children who are intellectually, physically or developmentally challenged. Come early for the run. Stay for the fun! See: www.raceforriley.org.
- **Tree Climbing at Serenbe with Getting Around – April 25, 9 a.m.**
Recreational Tree Climbing provides a wonderful opportunity to get in touch with nature and to be a literal tree hugger while also helping kids and the rest of us realize the importance of the natural world around us. This package includes: Tree Climbing Adventure, Experienced Guide, climbing equipment and a complimentary beverage. Price: \$40 adults/\$30for children.
Getting Around - 9110 Seaborne Lane Suite 120, Serenbe.
Contact: Jennifer Williams at (770) 463-0007 or email us at info@gettingaroundserenbe.com

- **May Day Festival. May 3, 1:00 – 5 p.m. Serenbe**

Join us for one of the most fun annual events at Serenbe—May Day. Spend a beautiful spring day in the country with food and drink, activities for families and kids, artists, eco-education opportunities, farmers, animals, live music, and more. For a list of participants, foods, and programs see:

<http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/popup.php?PHPSESSID=7cdf108521182257ff6327a2102a9bf7&op=view&id=21539345&crd=serenbecalendar>

- **Cochran Mill Nature Center Summer Camp Programs**

- **Junior Naturalist Day Camp at Cochran Mill Nature Center. June 1 – July 31st**

Ages: Rising 1st-5th grade

Dates: Weekly June 1st-July 31st

Each child will experience a combination of environmental education and outdoor recreation, while exploring topics and activities related to nature and the outdoors. Themes and activities differ each week.

- **Camp Cricket Kindergarten Day Camp**

Ages: Students entering kindergarten in the fall and will be 5 yrs old by Sept. 1st

Dates: June 15-19, June 29th-July 3rd, July 13th-17th

Join us for Camp Cricket and learn about reptiles, birds, insects, native wildlife of Georgia, gardening and more! We'll hike, fish, canoe and have loads of fun!

- **Adventure Day Camp**

Ages: Students entering 6th-9th grades

Dates: June 22-26, July 6-10, August 3-7

Campers will travel away from Cochran Mill Nature Center to nearby parks and wilderness areas for outings including hiking, orienteering, stream sampling and wildlife searches.

Campers will learn about native Georgia wildlife and forests through personal exploration. On Thursday night, there will be a camp-out in the nature center field, including a campfire, cookout and owl prow!

Please call for more information: 770-306-0914 or check out our website at www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org