



CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS COMMUNITY UPDATE

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EXTRA

Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan: Deliberately Rural

By Laurie Searle

The proposed Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan, presented to residents in March through a series of public meetings, attempts something so unusual and cutting-edge that only a handful of cities in the United States have dared to try: It lays out a 20-year plan to keep our city *Deliberately Rural!*

How did it happen here, in our little community, when much bigger communities have tired and fail to accomplish such a feat? In two words: *engaged citizens.*

A Plan Built on Public Participation

Over the course of 10 months, more than 40 residents, landowners, and stakeholders participated in the Comprehensive Plan Task Force to examine attributes that make our community unique, explore options that support our long-range vision, and develop a plan that will serve as a future guide for developing our city.

As a starting point, the task force developed a plan to gather input from the community. They created and mailed a survey to all 985 households in Chatt Hills, which resulted in 432 responses—or nearly 50% of all the households in the city (just as a point of reference, when Alpharetta recently updated their comp plan, they got just over 250 survey responses from a population of over 42,000 – a response rate of about 1/2% – and were happy about it!). Then they created a visual preference survey, and invited residents to a series of five public meetings to visually rate concepts of existing and non-existing types of building designs, landscape characteristics, community fabric, architectural styles, signs, and growth patterns. The results of both surveys clearly indicated the community’s desire to “keep it rural” as well as what exactly they envisioned for the future.

Next, the taskforce was divided into smaller committees based on interest and expertise: Public Participation, Natural and Cultural Resources, Economic Development, Housing, and Land Use and Transportation. Their meetings were facilitated by Chattahoochee Hills’ city planner Jahnee Prince, who guided the process, brought in additional guest speakers, land use consultants, and city staff to share their expertise; and then compiled and wrote the plan document based on the committee’s recommendations. Each committee met from 5-7 times over the course of 10 months, and many committee members served on multiple, and some on all, committees.



Deliberately Rural means a community with . . . woods, pastures, houses on large tracts, agricultural uses and buildings, paved two lane roads with grassy shoulders, and gravel roads.

What the plan means for developers

The proposed Comprehensive Plan offers developers options for building subdivisions that cluster homes, stores, and businesses, while permanently preserving 60-70% of the land in open or greenspace, and including buffers that screen the development from public view along our roadways so that what we see and feel as a community changes as little as possible. Development options are based on character style and include:

- **Town:** Minimum of 3,000 acres with access to South Fulton Parkway; minimum of 60% open space with the remaining 40% a mix of civic, commercial, office, industrial, and residential development; located at least 10 miles from any other town. One town is planned on the Parkway between Cochran Mill Rd and Rico Rd.
- **Village:** Minimum of 1,000 acres with access to South Fulton Parkway; minimum of 60% open space with the remaining 40% a mix of civic, commercial, office, industrial, and residential development; located at least 5 miles from any other village or town. Friendship Village is planned at Rivertown and South Fulton Parkway.
- **Hamlet:** Minimum of 250 acres; minimum of 70% open space with 6-25% commercial and the rest residential. Serenbe is the first Hamlet in Chattahoochee Hills.
- **Crossroads Community:** The existing historic crossroads community of Rico is included in this plan; however, future public meetings will define if and how it can be developed.
- **Residential Hamlet:** Low impact, light imprint residential development with rural look and feel that clusters homes buffered from view; minimum of 70% open space.

What the plan means for residential property owners: The proposed Comprehensive Plan offers residential landowners more flexibility than they had before by allowing multiple opportunities to subdivide their property, without the costs of creating a traditional style of subdivision:

- **Minor Subdivision:** Under this option, which is basically a lightly modified carry-over from Fulton County, residential property owners can subdivide their parcel one time, to create up to three additional lots, with a minimum acreage of 3-acres per lot. This is the current option available under Fulton County zoning, with the exception of the 3-acre minimum lot size. After the parcel has been subdivided once, whether under Fulton County or Chattahoochee Hills, it cannot be subdivided again—even once the property is sold—unless it follows the Major Subdivision process.
- **Major Subdivision: Farmette.** Under this option, a new type of Major Subdivision called “Farmette” is available to residential property owners that allow them to subdivide their parcel into 20-acre lots. This option may be used after the Minor Subdivision process is used to create up to three additional lots with 3-acre minimums; or it may be used by itself, and on more than one occasion, to create additional lots with 20-acre minimums. It is designed to be lower cost and lower impact (no curbs or other expensive improvements) to offer our existing landowners more flexibility in how they divide their land – for family or for profit.

What the plan means for our community: As a result of broad community participation, the Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan reflects the values, goals, and aspirations of our community, and a framework to guide future development in a way that achieves our united vision to keep our city deliberately rural.

What's next?

Our Comprehensive Plan will go to the Atlanta Regional Commission for review, and then to our city council for approval, after which policies and zoning will be created and modified to support the plan. Copies of the plan are available on the city's website and at city hall.

Charter School Rally – Please Come Out And Support This Important Community Cause!

The mayor (and others) will be speaking, and you will have an opportunity to meet new Principal Duke J. Bradley!



Please join us on March 18th at 7pm at:
Friendship Baptist Church

(770) 964-6869
6090 Cochran Mill Rd
Palmetto, GA 30268

enjoy a light reception with your neighbors while we talk about the new State-of-the-Art school and find out...

**WHAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL
MEANS TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

It's not just about children; it's about the overall health and strength of this community.

New Charter School Materials Released!



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A new experientially based public charter school
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Inspire the highest levels of academic achievement
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- State approved Charter
- Free Public School
- Opening August 2011
- 15 students per class
- K-5 year one. (K-8 in year four)
- feature a hands-on, thematic instructional approach
- promote critical thinking

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Fast Facts:

- Is public, free, and chartered by the state of Georgia and open to all students in the attendance zone, based on available space.
- Will open in August of 2011.
- Will begin with grades K-5 in the 2011-2012 school year and will add one grade level each year through the eighth grade.
- Limits classroom size to 15 students.
- Offers special education programs.
- Anticipates offering a variety of sports teams and social/academic clubs that will be initiated by students, teachers, staff, and parents.
- Begins classes at 8:30 a.m. and pick up at 3:15 p.m.
- Plans to offer after-school academic programs initiated by students, staff, and parents.
- CHCS plans to develop a mandatory uniform policy.
- Does not provide transportation but will work with families to ensure this is not a barrier.
- Does not discriminate in its enrollment procedures or educational programs based on intellectual or athletic ability, aptitude, disability, race, class, gender, family structure, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry, or any other basis prohibited by law.

School Mission

To inspire all our children to the highest levels of academic achievement through a rigorous curriculum that integrates the wonders of the natural world. Our goal is for our students to cultivate the capacity to achieve a meaningful, healthy, flourishing life that embodies responsibility, stewardship, and experiential engagement with the arts, agriculture, and the environment in informed, imaginative, and rigorous ways.



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Our History

The Chattahoochee Hill Country Community was founded on a shared vision of continued care and respect for our rural heritage and a belief that active engagement with the environment, agriculture, and the arts make for a purposeful and worthwhile life.

More than 10 years ago, our community came together to develop a plan that would preserve our rich rural heritage and encourage economic prosperity through smart growth. As a result, legislation was passed that created a protective overlay district for the 64,000-acre Chattahoochee Hill Country.

In 2009, residents came together to address the growing need for better education opportunities in our community. Through community meetings, we formed a consensus and the commitment to create the Hill Country's first charter school.

The Chattahoochee Hills Charter School is a result of these efforts!

We believe that our school will help to anchor the growing Chattahoochee Hill Country – supporting and sustaining our community by living the values that we believe in and aspire to.



A significant part of the CHCS school day is spent directly exploring challenges and solutions as they occur in nature and the environment. To exceed standards, learning and retention are the critical by products of this hands-on experiential approach to education. Our teachers understand, support, and embrace this philosophy of learning by doing.

If you feel CHCS is a place you would like to visit and explore learn more at www.chatthillscharter.org

Our Curriculum

CHCS focuses on a hands-on, thematic instructional approach that uses the school's unique rural surroundings as a framework. It positions agricultural, environmental, and artistic themes as lenses through which the Georgia state performance standards will be achieved and exceeded.

Extensive research shows that students who engage in environmental-based investigations in their own community often experience better performance on standardized tests, have less discipline and classroom management problems, and an increased enthusiasm for learning.

We value academic excellence, artistic expression, environmental stewardship, high standards of ethics and good character, a concern for physical health and well-being, and social responsibility.

The CHCS academic program will feature two unique innovative approaches:

1. Curriculum will be structured so that students learn how to learn. Our curriculum encourages critical thinking, complex problem-solving and team work. Subject lessons are designed to tap into children's natural sense of curiosity and to promote active discussion between peers and teachers.

2. Our curriculum model will use the abundant, rural nature of the community as a vehicle for experiential learning in life sciences, math and other core subjects. Students will work in nearby streams and fields, practice recycling to experience the impact of their choices on the environment, develop their artistic talents guided by local artisans, and consider and test solutions to the problems in their community. They will develop an understanding of the larger implications of these problems around the world.

CIVIC UPDATES

Chattahoochee Hills Police Citizens Police Academy

From Sgt. M.D. Rook, Special Operations Division, Chattahoochee Hills Police Department, matthew.rook@chatthillsga.us

Want to see how a real Police Department functions from the inside out? Want to get to know some of the officers from our own department first-hand? The Chattahoochee Hills Citizen’s Police Academy is the perfect opportunity!

The following is an overview of what you will experience while attending the CHPD’s Citizens Police Academy. We welcome those who attended our first academy to attend again. We have changed many things to be much more hands on. The CPA will start on Monday April, 4 and continue for eight weeks.

- **Week 1-Intro:** This time will be used so that you may familiarize yourself with our officers and so we may get to know you.
- **Week 2-Vehicle Stops:** During this time you will have the opportunity to see exactly what it is like to make a traffic stop, how to deal with high risk stops and much more.
- **Week 3-EVOC:** EVOC stands for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. During this time you will see the preparation and training officers take to be precision drivers in high stress situations. Then you will get the chance to test your own skills on a closed cone course.
- **Week 4-K9:** During this time you will see how Police Service Dogs are trained and how they work. Then a demonstration will be provided by a neighboring agency and their K9 Unit.
- **Week 5-Crime Scene:** During this time you will learn how we process a crime scene. You will then participate in practical situations designed to put what you’ve learned to work.
- **Week 6-Firearms:** During this time you will learn how we train with firearms. You will have an opportunity to shoot a course of fire which we use to qualify.
- **Week 7- Patrol Videos:** During this time you will view videos from our agency as well as others. This will illustrate how quick something can go wrong in the field and how we adapt and overcome.
- **Week 8- Graduation:** You will be presented with a certificate and the class will be presented to the Chattahoochee Hills City Council.

After completing the CHPD’s Citizens Police Academy we invite you to ride-a-long with one of our Officers. This will give you the opportunity to observe how we do our job in the real world.

If you have questions or would like to register, please visit city hall and fill out an application, or email Matt at matthew.rook@chatthillsga.us.

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Time to Spring Forward!

Beginning in 2007, Daylight Saving Time was extended one month, so the schedule for the states that adopt daylight saving time (like Georgia!) is: 2 a.m. on the Second Sunday in March.

So remember to set your clock forward one hour when you go to bed this coming Saturday night!

Fulton County Library – Your Input Needed

From Anne T. Haimes, Branch Group Manager, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System

Dear Library Supporter – We want your input!

Please join us at one of the following public meetings to provide input on what you would like to see in your new library (remember – Fulton County is opening a NEW LIBRARY BRANCH in Palmetto).

- **Palmetto Library** – Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. at Palmetto City Hall, 509 Toombs St., Palmetto 30268
- **Wolf Creek Library** – Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. at South Fulton Service Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Rd., College Park 30349

Community engagement has been the cornerstone of our Facility Master Plan, and we are requesting resident input on the 8 new libraries and 2 expanded libraries that make up Phase I of the Library Building Program. The design portion of this program begins later this year, so we want to hear from you.

Please attend one of the meetings, and help us in letting others know about these opportunities for input.

If you are not able to attend, input can also be submitted in the following ways:

- Online survey: www.afpls.org, see “Building for the Future”
- Email: librarycomments@fultoncountyga.gov
- Fax: 404-335-5291
- Mail: Branch Services, Central Library, One Margaret Mitchell Square, Atlanta, GA 30303

Please feel free to contact me, Anne Haimes, Group Branch Manager, at anne.haimes@fultoncountyga.gov, or 404-730-1881 if you have any questions about this process.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Chatt Hills Library Update

From Judy and Gladys

Thursday nights are for round dance, and we are having the best time ever learning to 2 step. What a feeling of accomplishment when we went all the way through "Little White Moon" with 7 basic steps and it turned out lovely! Amazing how everyone can look so gracefully even if one or two of us stumble a tiny bit. It is \$10 per couple and well worth the price. Come and join us!

 We have 99 children signed up for tee-ball and coach pitch! 10 teams! Come and enjoy the fun as our young people learn how to play coached by some of the dearest folks in Chatt Hills and beyond!! It all starts March 26 at Rico Park on the H.L. Lloyd Ballfield! Opening day concessions all go to the new charter school and across the street will be a major yard sale to help also!

 Remember a good book is an inexpensive escape in these tight times. Check one out today! Lots of new books!
Judy and Gladys

Waterway Arts Festival names featured artist

As seen in Woodlands Online ®, The Woodlands Texas Community Website and Guide, THE WOODLANDS, Texas



Award-winning artist Steven Potts has been named the featured artist for The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival 2011.

Potts, who lives in Chattahoochee Hills near Atlanta, Georgia, started turning wood over 10 years ago after being inspired by an artist he discovered in the North Georgia Mountains. After spending half a day with the artist, Potts went and purchased a lathe from a local store and began working in the area of wood turning.

Potts uses exotic and unusual domestic woods along with organic and natural elements from all over the world to create his vessels. He utilizes the natural inclusions and formations of the wood while incorporating classical shapes, metals and inlays. To insure the piece of art will last, Potts uses a special lacquer that he mixes to produce a glasslike finish.

Potts has won numerous awards through the years. In 2010 alone, Potts won Best in Show – Armonk Outdoor Art Show; First Place 3D Functional – Port Clinton Art Festival; Best in Category – Krasl Art Fair; First Place – Broad Ripple Art Fair; Best of Wood – Dogwood Festival; Award of Distinction – Naples National Art Festival; and Best Booth – Coconut Grove Art Festival.

“We are excited to have an artist of Steven Potts’ caliber to be our featured artist at The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival this year. Potts is passionate about preserving the beauty of the tree through his art,” said Jenny Wright, festival director. “We are also thrilled about the variety of unique and talented visual artists along with the performing artists who will highlight The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival. The Festival gives patrons the rare and special opportunity to meet and talk with artists from around the country, sample great food, and enjoy live music and entertainment.”

The festival is set for Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 10, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. along The Woodlands Waterway® and in Town Green Park in The Woodlands Town Center. Now in its sixth year, The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival features over 200 national, regional and international fine artists in a wide variety of mediums. The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival is produced by The Woodlands Waterway Arts Council, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide regional cultural enrichment opportunities that encourage, support and promote the visual and performing arts.

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Providence Baptist Church Lenten and Resurrection Season

From Melea Goode

Please celebrate with us during this Lenten and Resurrection Season with special Wednesday evening messages and challenges, “The Last Seven Words from the Cross.” Dr. Gene Tyre will teach the traditions of Lent and the

meanings of the last teachings of Jesus from the cross in a weekly series that will conclude with our April 24th Easter Service during Holy Week as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord.

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Serenbe Photography Center Workshops - just around the corner...



Sapelo Island, Georgia's Atlantic Coast with Kathryn Kolb | Friday, April 1 - Sunday, April 3. Limited to 8 people - sign up early!



Train Your Vision with Tom England | Sat., April 9, photograph by Tom England

More Workshops!

- March 19 - **Click - Photography for Children with Hazel Berger**: This once-a-month workshop for children will teach your child the basics of good digital photography
- May 5 – 26 - **Digital Photography for Beginners with Donna Rosser**: 4 Thursday evenings in May Learn about depth of field, ISO, lenses, filters...
- May 21 - **Crafting the Fine Black & White Print with Stephen Brownlee**: Miss the traditional darkroom? Never been in one? Life before DIGITAL
- June 4 - **Spring on the Flint with Peter Essick**: Join National Geographic environmental photographer Peter Essick on a day trip to the Flint River

For details, please visit: http://www.serenbephotographycenter.com/PW_2011

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April Is Autism Awareness Month

From the Department of Pediatrics at Emory University – aeaadmin@emorymail.emory.edu

We hope you will consider joining us on monday, april 11, our next enlightenment luncheon titled autism and our children: america's leading experts speak out and we will focus on the large number of children in our community and our country who are affected with autism spectrum disorders.

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are among the fastest growing developmental disabilities in the u.s., affecting one out of every 110 children. It is more common than pediatric aids, juvenile cancer and childhood diabetes combined.

Our keynote speaker for the luncheon is Ami Klin, PH.D. he is an internationally recognized psychologist and research scientist newly appointed as Director of The Marcus Autism Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Dr. Klin has also been appointed the Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar Professor and Chief of The Division Of Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Emory University School of Medicine.

Reserve your table now for the enlightenment luncheon, the fifth in a series focused on children's health autism and our children: America's Leading Experts Speak Out – Monday, April 11, 12-2 p.m., Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., at the Ritz Carlton – Buckhead, 3434 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Ga 30305. \$50 per person. Luncheon includes a delicious, locally-grown, organic meal & amazing door prizes. Please reserve your table by April 4, as seating is limited. To RSVP call 404.727.3232 or visit our [WEBSITE](#).

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Wolf Creek Ampitheater Opens Soon

Dear District Seven Constituents: As your Commissioner, I am always happy when I can share good news with you, and I am thrilled when it turns into GREAT news. The vision for a South Fulton Amphitheatre is now a reality. Today, I am pleased to inform you that the Wolf Creek Amphitheater will be ready for its official opening commencing with the Inaugural 2011 Concert Series at the end of May. We are putting the finishing touches on this dream come true, and remember: "Good Things" are always happening in South Fulton. See you at the first concert in your Wolf Creek Amphitheater.

From your Commissioner William "Bill" Edwards, Fulton County Government Service Center @ Fulton Industrial Blvd., 5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd., Room 191, Atlanta, Georgia 30336. 404-612-3079 (Direct) | 404-224-5339 (E-FAX), www.southfultongoodthings.com

LOCAL POSTS / BUSINESS NEWS

Homes: *Do you have a house or apartment to rent and would like to bring in some extra income? Consider advertising your extra space in the Community Bulletin! You may have neighbors who are interested in your space!*



– **Rental Apartment:** In Serenbe; the space is over a 2 car garage. Slightly furnished, includes a nice large bath with walk in shower, solid hardwood floors, small refrigerator, microwave, separate heating and air unit, shown by appointment only. Credit check required, no pets, short term ok with approval. Fran Allen: c (404) 550-2651 or fran.allen@harrynorman.com.

- **For Rent:** Furnished one bedroom, 1 bath Hanger apartment, very private, \$590.00/mo. includes all utilities (electric, water, DirecTV, wireless internet, garbage pickup). Includes full size washer/dryer, tile and wood flooring. Located on north side of Chatt Hills, Nonsmoking, please. Call Charles for more info and pictures (770) 317-0318 or bunchacooks@att.net.
- **For Rent:** Cute farmhouse, 1 very large bedroom/1 bathroom in Goodes. 360 degree views of horse pasture. 1 mile to Serenbe, 2 miles to S Fulton Parkway. \$600/month, available today! Call Chris or Nick @ 678-656-4766 or 678-364-9609 for more info.

JOB BOARD

Chattahoochee Hills Charter School Position: CHCS has posted it's for a Business Manager, and is actively seeking candidates. For details, please visit: <http://www.gacharters.org/resources/careers/>.

Police Officer: Chattahoochee Hills is looking for full time Police Officers. Police Officers will be responsible for the community policing activities, deterring and investigating criminal activity, enforcing applicable laws and ordinances, mitigating traffic and other safety hazards and rendering assistance as needed. Candidates must possess a valid POST Peace Officer certification. High School diploma, completion of the required in-service training with a Field Training Officer, and three (3) years of community policing experience is required. Applicant must be able to successfully complete the city's background investigation and all phases of pre-employment testing. For more details or to apply, please see: <http://ga-chattahoocheehills.civiccities.com/index.aspx?NID=863>

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS	
Fri. the 11th –7:30 pm	Rico Pickin’ at Chatt Hills City Hall – come out and enjoy the great music!
Saturday, March 12th 10:00 a.m.	City Council District Town Hall Meetings: District 2 – Carl Hattaway – at City Hall. Meet your City Councilperson, Parks & Rec Director Dianne Harnell Cohen, Interim Police Chief Lewis Harper, Interim Fire Chief Ronnie Lyle, and City Planner Jahnee Prince – all will be there to give community updates and answer questions.
March 12th 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Plant A Tomato Plant at Cochran Mill Nature Center. If you like tomatoes, there is no reason why you shouldn’t grow your own. As most people know, the flavor of fresh tomatoes is so much better than the ones you buy at the store! Tomatoes are easy to care for and pose few problems for even the most inexperienced gardener. This will save you some money as well. Join us as we learn how to plant and grow our own tomato plants. Plant and take home your very own to get your garden started this spring! All supplies included in your admission. \$3.00 for members / \$5.00 for non-members
Saturday, March 12th 11:00 am	CPR Training Class: Kay Long will be conducting this CPR Training Class at Providence Baptist. The cost is \$10 and the certification is good for 2 years through the American Heart Association. Please email or call Kay Long to sign up: 404-213-9717 or longka@fultonschools.org
Thursday, March 17 7:00 p.m.	City Council District Town Hall Meetings: District 3 – Dave Hanson - District 1 – John Taylor – at City Hall. Meet your City Councilperson, Parks & Rec Director Dianne Harnell Cohen, Interim Police Chief Lewis Harper, Interim Fire Chief Ronnie Lyle, and City Planner Jahnee Prince – all will be there to give updates and answer questions.
Friday March 18th 7:00 PM	CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS CHARTER SCHOOL RALLY AND INFORMATION SESSION: Please join us at Friendship Baptist Church – enjoy a light reception with your neighbors while we talk about the new State-of-the-Art school and find out - WHAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL MEANS TO OUR COMMUNITY! It’s not just about children; it’s about the overall health and strength of this community.

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Thursday March 24th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. invites you to the First Annual Organic Land Care Symposium to be held at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hear local and national experts describe the benefits and realities of utilizing an organic approach to the management of public and private open spaces.</i> • <i>Discover the basics of creating a vibrant, self-sustaining soil biology that will substantially reduce the costs of maintaining both large and small properties.</i> • <i>Hear from people that utilize these practices every day and learn how you can get started down the path of sustainability.</i> For more information and to register click here! Details
Tuesday, March 29th 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting for the City's Land Use Plan: If you've missed the previous meetings, please plan to attend one of the remaining public presentations of the draft Comprehensive Plan document outlining the community's vision for the future of land use in the city – all at City Hall
Saturday April 16th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Civil War Program at the National Archives at Atlanta: To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, the National Archives at Atlanta presents a Civil War Symposium featuring scholars and historians from leading archival and academic institutions as well as an exhibit of 19th century African American newspapers. For more information or to register, please visit: Registration
Saturday April 16th	The Atlanta Steeplechase celebrates its 46th year on 400 acres of beautiful countryside on the banks of the Etowah River. Socialize with friends, eat barbeque, drink ice cold beverages and cheer on your favorite horse as he gallops down the back stretch. The Steeplechase is a day filled with thrilling horse races, hat contests, tent contests, a foxhound parade, skydivers, children's activities, terrier races, Frisbee dogs, shopping, people watching and so much more. Everyone is invited to the infield for the Southern National disc dog competition, rock climbing, sky divers, petting zoo, terrier races, tailgating, vendor tents and our new Xfinity Kid's Corral. For more information on the Atlanta Steeplechase – visit www.atlantasteeplechase.org or call 404-237-7436.
Saturday April 30 5k begins at 8:30 am	It's OFFICIALLY Race For Riley season! Time to gear up for the SEVENTH annual Race For Riley this spring!!! This year's race has changed venues; it will be taking place at its new home -- the very picturesque Serenbe! Be sure to go to the event site for the latest event details and registration. GO AHEAD AND REGISTER TODAY!!! http://www.facebook.com/l/e7b28bQ9hY8v-4PEczUwpL8J_3A/www.raceforriley.org . Be sure to check both the event site and the Facebook group page regularly – and help spread the word about Race For Riley and invite your friends to join us on Facebook!!! We're 1,700 members strong -- but can we reach 2,000 before the race!??
Saturday, May 14	Save the Date! Serenbe MayDay 2011: The event is a fundraiser for the Chatt Hills Charter School this year -- we hope you'll plan to attend and invite friends!
June 2 – August 27,	Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Line-Up...A Season of Premieres! Opens with The Southeast Premiere of: Ordinary Days A New Musical. June 2 -25 /

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS

Most Thursdays-Saturdays	8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday). The World Premiere of: The Ugly Duckling - An Original Adaptation July 1-August 27 / 2:00 pm (Every Friday and Saturday). The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself) by Pulitzer Prize Winner Donald Margulies, August 4-27 / 8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday)
September 8-11	Save the Date for the 2011 USEA American Eventing Championships , which will be at Carl Bouckaert's farm in Chattahoochee Hills. Visit the AEC page on the USEA website or the Chattahoochee Hills website for more information.

ONGOING EVENTS

Horseback Trail Riding: Experience the trails at Serenbe on horseback. Wind your way through pine-lined paths, crossing bridges and creeks. Discover the beauty and peacefulness of nature that Serenbe residents enjoy every day. Read more here: www.serenbehorsebackriding.com.

Camp Serenbe After-School Enrichment Program: 3:00-4:00 in the afternoon. For details contact: dallas@dallasnevins.com.

Fitness Boot Camp at the Chatt Hills Fire Station. Daytime sessions every Mon, Wed and Fri at 9:00 a.m. Evening boot camp Tues and Thurs night at 6:00 p.m.

The Busy Bee Round Dance Club dance instruction at City Hall on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm. fun! Great Exercise!! Super Mental Stimulation!!! If you can walk you can dance! Call Jerry or Geneva at 770-463-0024

Serenbe Photography Center workshops & lectures: for coming events see: www.serenbephotographycenter.com.

- **Light Room -- An In-Depth Look, March 5:** Alex Neely shows step-by-step the new tools to revolutionize your workflow!
- **Kathryn Kolb's Sapelo Island:** to sign up for the 2011 Sapelo adventure click here:

Serenbe Southern Chefs Series: *Hugh Acheson*: April 10 & 11, *Anne Quatrano*: July 17 & 18, *Frank Stitt*: November 6 & 7.

Spend time in the kitchen and at the dining table, with the South's best chefs.

Work side-by-side to create some of their favorite dishes and hear stories of their culinary history and passion for good, Southern food. Call 770.463.2610 to reserve.

Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Line-Up...A Season of Premieres!

- **Ordinary Days, A New:** June 2 -25 / 8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday)
- **The World Premiere of: The Ugly Duckling,** An Original Adaptation: July 1-August 27 / 2:00 pm (Every Friday and Saturday)
- **Shipwrecked! An Entertainment of the Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself)** by Pulitzer Prize Winner Donald Margulies: August 4-27 / 8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday)

Peachtree Bikes Cyclocross Practice: (free to all), Sunday mornings: Call 404.262.9854 or visit www.peachtreebikes.com.

Zumba at Providence Baptist Church; Saturdays at 4:00 pm.

For more community events, check out these other Chattahoochee Hills Websites: Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association: <http://www.chatthills.org.html> | Serenbe: <http://www.serenbecommunity.com/calendar.html> | Cochran Mill Nature Center: www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org

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Registration Is Open For All Cochran Mill Nature Center Summer Camps!

Join one of Cochran Mill Nature Center's summer camps in 2011 for a fun-filled week of educational environmental activities! All age-groups and camp sessions will have the opportunity to hike, canoe and fish, and meet wildlife up close. Each child will experience a combination of environmental education and outdoor recreation while exploring topics and activities related to nature and the outdoors. Activities and crafts will vary each week based on that week's topic. Campers enrolled in multiple sessions will have a new and exciting experience each week. The following information will help you decide on the appropriate camp for your child based on age and interests. For more information check out www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org.

Teen Adventure Camp

DATE July 11th - 15th.

Time: Monday - Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm / Thursday 9:00 am - Friday 12:00 pm

Must be entering 6th - 9th grade by fall 2011

MEMBERS COST \$270 / NON-MEMBERS COST \$300 / NO EARLY CARE

Junior Naturalist Summer Day Camp

Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Ages: Rising 1st - 5th Grade. NO AGE EXCEPTIONS / NO EARLY CARE

Cost CMNC Members: \$115 Non-Members: \$125 (Per Session), T-Shirt Included!

- **Session 1: June 6-10 Things with Wings**
- **Session 2: June 13-17 Plants and the Fungus among Us**
- **Session 3: June 20-24 What's Under Foot?**
- **Session 4: June 27-Jul 1 Georgia Symbols**
- **Session 5: July 11-15 Around and Around**
- **Session 6: July 18-22 Fur, Feathers, and Scales**
- **Session 7: July 25-29 No Bones About It**
- **Session 8: August 1-5 Slimy, Slinky, and Scaly**

Camp Cricket

Ages: Entering Kindergarten / Must Be 5 by September 1st - NO EARLY CARE

- **Session 1: June 6-10**
- **Session 2: June 20-24**
- **Session 3: TBD**

Time: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Per Session Cost: CMNC Members (annual family membership \$45): \$85 / Non-Members: \$95 *, T-Shirt Included.

* Late Registration Fee FOR ALL CAMPS. Payment and registration received after May 27th will invoke a \$10 late registration fee for members and non-members. For more information on topics and to register please visit:

http://www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org/camp_registrations_forms.html