Leisure Actives – What puts pep in your step?

By: Laurie Searle, Citizen Reporter

I’ve got a confession. When I’m on my daily jog and fairly sure no one else is around, I occasionally break out into a prance. More than a skip but less than a break dance, prancing became popular back in 1989 when Joanna Rohrback became an internet sensation with her Prancercise® program which uses the springy, rhythmic way of moving forward, similar to a horse’s gait and ideally induced by elation.

Laugh if you like, as I’m sure you would if you saw me prancing, but there’s something to say about trying something new or enjoying activities that put pep in your step.

In this month’s edition, we introduce three residents and their joyful activities.

Local historian Carole Harper, who has spent a life-time researching, documenting, and curating our history, is now working with a team of volunteers to create exhibits in the Palmetto Train Depot Museum.

Peter Clemens and Judy Walker, who enjoy staying active and taking the road less traveled, ride electric bikes to tootle around town and see the sights up close in towns like Savannah.

Chuck Miller, who gives a new definition to “home cook”, embraces cooking like a wildlife adventure, whether he’s cooking for a dinner party, baking cookies for Cochran Mill Nature Center volunteers, or stirring up a batch of his French Onion Soup.

If you could use a little more pep in your step, why not try something new and check out the Community Activities in this issue.

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Curators of the past share their treasures

Do you want to know the history of Chatt Hills and its surrounding area? It may surprise you to learn that your next door neighbors might be housing a museum’s worth of artifacts in their attic or basement.

In Chatt Hills, local historian Carole Harper’s expansive sunroom has showcased hand-written journals, the 1846 ledger from James Hutcheson’s store, articles of clothing from the 1800s, and bookshelves of binders filled with family stories, the result of a 40-year-passion for historical research.

In Palmetto, Carole’s friends Joan Westmoreland and Mayor J. Clark Boddie shared a similar passion. So when the City of Palmetto moved forward with plans to rehabilitate its historic 1914 train depot in 2005 and use the facility as a community center and museum, Mayor Boddie invited Carole and Joan to help create exhibits and a research room for the museum.

Mayor Boddie said the original plan was to use the front room of the depot for meetings, the middle room for a museum, and the far room and kitchen for community events; however, as more displays are planned for the museum, it may expand into the front room. Additionally, a spacious office provides ample room for exhibit preparation.

The museum’s collection is designed to trace and celebrate the history of the town, which unofficially included Chatt Hills when it was part of unincorporated Fulton County. Carole worked with a team of volunteers to produce the history book, “Palmetto – A Town & Its People,” which is on display in the museum’s office.

The museum room features a long display case that exhibits Carole’s stories on local families, and historic furniture, photos, and a variety of artifacts, pulled from the museum’s collection donated by more than 500 families.

Mayor Boddie tells the story of a penny-farthing bicycle displayed on a side wall.

“The bicycle was a family heirloom of former Palmetto Mayor Robert Steed, who rode it through town while campaigning in the mid-1950s,” Boddie says.

“I was visiting Steed’s daughter Elizabeth and noticed the bicycle on display in her basement. After telling her about the new museum she donated the bicycle, display racks and all.” A photo of Steed astride the bike hangs on the wall beside it.
Carole holds a long-time fascination with James Hutcheson, an Irish immigrant who made his way to Chatt Hills in the 1800s, and hopes to soon create an exhibit using her research and artifacts from the Hutcheson family.

Hutcheson purchased 10,000 acres of land under an original land grant at approximately ten cents per acre. The land was in Carroll, Coweta, and lower Fulton (formerly Campbell) Counties. According to Frank Hutcheson Redwine III, only about 200 acres of the original land remain with the family today, but the old Hutcheson homeplace is located at the intersection of Hutcheson Ferry Rd and Campbell-Redwine Road. (Story and photo at right from “Palmetto: A Town and Its People.”)

As Carole relays the story of Hutcheson, she gingerly displays a family heirloom on loan from the Hutcheson family – an 1846 ledger from their family store.

Carole delights in reading the list of every-day items purchased through the store and said some items have peaked her curiosity over the years. “I had always wondered what a twist of tobacco was,” Carole said. With a twinkle in her eye, she displays a braided specimen that looks a bit more like animal scat than something people would chew or smoke.

They say that the best museums are those that reflect the character of the local towns and volunteers that support them. If I had to pick one word that describes the Palmetto Train Depot Museum, it would be the same one that describes its local curators – charming.

For a special treat, visit the museum and ask one of its charming curators to tell you a story.

**Palmetto Train Depot Museum**
549 Main Street (corner of Church St. & Main St.)
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
770-463-3377
Free admission
Leisure Activities

Upping the Fun Factor with E-Bikes

Back in the day when Peter Clemens was doing studio work in California, his daily commute zapped the energy he needed for his creative job as an art director and scene designer.

He had considered riding his bike to work, hoping the fresh air and exercise would invigorate him, but the 30-mile-commute was too long even for an avid cyclist like himself. Then he got the idea to try an e-bike, and he was hooked.

“An electric bike gave me the option of pedaling when I wanted to, or cranking up the power and cruising up to 20 mph,” Peter said. “And because I purchased a folding model, I could easily take the bike with me on the commuter train.” That gave Peter some quality time to work on the way to work and arrive with his creative juices flowing.

That was 10 years ago, so when Peter recently mentioned he still has an e-bike, we asked how he liked riding it in Chatt Hills.

“I love it,” Peter said. “I ride my e-bike around Serenbe to make short trips, and I sometimes ride to Palmetto to do a bit of grocery shopping. Judy and I also take our e-bikes with us on trips, like we recently took to Savannah. They’re perfect for seeing the sights.”

Peter gave a demo of his e-bike illustrating how easy it is to remove the battery for charging (most e-bikes can go 10-20 miles per charge) and fold the bike for easy storage (two can fit in the back of a Prius). Then he invited me to strap on a helmet and take a test drive.

After a short safety briefing to learn how to make the bike go, off we went. Like a 10-year-old on her first bike, I was feeling a bit wobbly at first, but honestly there was no reason for this – it was just the idea of trying something new. We rode slowly up Serenbe’s main street, carefully observing the speed limit while watching out for playing kids and pets. When we reached the Serenbe barn and were out of traffic, I tried adding a bit more speed. It was as easy as turning the grip on the handle bar. By the time we headed back, I was feeling totally comfortable and having a lot of fun. In fact I felt a little giddy; it was a little like prancing 😊

Peter says he recommends e-bikes as a green form of transportation and a great way to put a little more time back in your day. I think it would be great fun to ride around Chatt Hills and get that little extra boost needed to make it up the hills. For more information about e-bikes, see the next page.
**E-Bike Primer**

**What is an e-bike?**
Electric bikes are the same as conventional bicycles except they are built with or retrofitted with a motor and battery to assist with propulsion.

**How fast do they go?**
It depends on the make, model, and local ordinances. But to be legally deemed an e-bike (and not a motorcycle) it can’t exceed a motorized speed of 20 mph. You can pedal to go faster.

**How far do they go on a single charge?**
Most e-bikes can travel 10-20 miles per charge, depending on bike, terrain, weight of the rider, and how much you pedal. Batteries typically recharge in two-eight hours.

**What styles of e-bikes are available?**
E-bikes come in a variety of styles, designed for road conditions, size of rider, and function. Styles include Step-Thru Frames, Cruisers, Commuters, Fat Bikes, Folding Bikes, Mountain Bikes, and Touring Bikes.

**Who makes them?**
Some makers of traditional bikes (Trek, Cannondale, Specialized and Raleigh), and some other brands are IZIP, E-Lux, Electra, Enzo and Rad.

**How much do they cost?**
Mid-range price for a good e-bike is $2,000-$3,000. Entry level bikes start at $650. High-end is up to $16,000.

**Where can I try one in Atlanta?**
Atlanta Cycling - [http://atlantacycling.com](http://atlantacycling.com)
Electro Bike - [www.electricbikeshopatlantaga.com](http://www.electricbikeshopatlantaga.com)

**What are some options should I look for when buying an e-bike?**
- **Type** - There are two mains types of electric bike. Pedelec system monitors the rider pedaling and automatically adds a certain amount of motor assistance – usually depending upon pedaling rate, pedaling force and bike speed. Twist-n-go uses a switch to turn on the motor. It can either be a simple on/off switch or a variable twist grip setup.
- **Motor** - Motor choice falls into two main types. Either it's mounted in one of the wheels (hub motor assist) or it's mounted at the crank and pedal area (crank motor assist) at the bottom of the frame. Typically, crank assist bikes have a reputation for dealing well with steep hills, but can be a little on the noisy side depending upon the brand and type. Hub motors tend to be very quiet, but often don't handle hills as well as crank assist systems.
- **Battery** – Things to consider include type (nickel based is long proven and cheaper; lithium based offer higher energy storage capacity per kilogram), and size (a battery with a larger capacity will be heavier and physically larger, but will provide more power and a longer charger).
Leisure Activities

Adventures in Home Cooking

Long before home cooks were all the rage on T.V. shows like Chopped, Hell’s Kitchen, and Master Chef, Chuck Miller was exploring the adventures of cooking at home in Chatt Hills.

A retired civil engineer and a long-time volunteer and supporter of Cochran Mill Nature Center, Chuck has turned his talents for building into creating delectable, edible delights.

Chuck celebrates his joy of cooking by sharing his recipes and meals with others. He often posts step-by-step photos of his cooking on Facebook, shares stories and menus of tasting dinners he hosts and attends, and bakes treats for volunteer groups in Chatt Hills.

We asked chuck to share his story on how he became a foodie, and also share one of his favorite recipes for French onion soup.

I’ve always liked to cook. At Ohio State I roomed with two guys. We made a deal that as long as they did the cleaning and dishes, I would buy our food from our equally shared kitty and cook it. That went on for almost three years.

When Memy and I married, I taught her what I had learned about buying meat, and how to make gravy. After that she became a true gourmet French cook, and a very good one. By my guess, we probably took more than 50 cooking classes together. Quite a few at Cook’s Warehouse, but we also took the classes at the Cloister Food & Wine Classic every January for at least 15 years. We took classes from a number of hotel and restaurant chefs here in Atlanta. We took classes in France, Italy, and Belgium, but she was always the chef, and I was the sous chef and cleaner upper 😊

After Memy passed away, I just sort of picked up where she left off. The French onion soup is my original recipe that I did for us, as is my duck dinner recipes.

Even though Memy was always the executive chef, I’ve always done the grilling of meat and my spaghetti meat sauce that came to me from my father’s original recipe greatly modified by me. It’s in the very old 1982 or 83 Arlington Cookbook with me as the author, as is a salad dressing recipe by me.

Chuck Miller enjoys sharing his joy of cooking with others.

Chuck Miller’s French Onion Soup
Chuck’s French Onion Soup (6 12 oz. crocks)

For each crock of onion soup
- 3 or 4 slices of baguette - about 1/4” thick
- 2 oz. Gruyere cheese grated = 9 oz. For 6 crocks

For 6 12 oz. crocks
- 1 whole baguette
- 12 oz. Cheese

1 stick salted butter - 4 oz.
2 Tbs. Olive oil
4 pounds onions after cleaning - strong yellow preferred
4 sprigs Thyme
1 Bay Leaf
1 tsp. Salt
1 cup sherry
1 cup red wine
32 oz. Beef stock (4 cups)
32 oz. Beef or Chicken broth (4 cups)

Directions

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, add butter and melt over medium heat. Add the onions and lower the heat to medium low. Add the thyme leaves and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions start to turn golden brown, about 60-80 minutes. Add the sherry and cook until the sherry is almost completely evaporated and the onions are brown, about 15 minutes.

Add the stocks, salt, and red wine and bring to a boil. Lower the heat to a simmer and simmer for 30 minutes. Season to taste, with salt and pepper.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

Ladle the soup into 6 ovenproof soup bowls. Place the soup bowls on a sheet pan. Place the croutons on top of the soup, to cover. Top each bowl with 1/2 cup grated cheese. Place in the oven and cook until the cheese is golden brown and bubbly, about 10 minutes.
City Manager Report

Information provided: by Robert T. Rokovitz, City Manager; and City Staff Reports
Staff & Commission reports are available on the City’s Website: www.chatthillsga.us
Report compiled by: Laurie Searle, Citizen Reporter

Multijurisdictional Search Yields Several Pounds of Marijuana and Cocaine

Press Release by Robbie Rokovitz

On January 23, 2017 at approximately 8:00 pm, Chattahoochee Hills Police Department officers and law enforcement officials from surrounding agencies executed a search warrant at 6915 Campbellton Redwine Road in Chattahoochee Hills, GA. During the execution of the search warrant, seventeen (17) bundles totaling approximately fifty (50) pounds of marijuana (pictured below) was seized and three suspects were taken into custody for questioning.

On January 26th, 2017, three days later, a driver pulling a flatbed utility trailer flagged down a Chattahoochee Hills city public safety vehicle operated by the Chief of the Fire Department, Greg Brett, seeking directions to 6915 Campbellton Redwine Road. Using the knowledge from the previous incident that yielded the seizure of controlled substances at this address earlier this week, Chief Brett immediately made contact with the Chief of Police, Stoney Mathis, regarding this inquiry by a lost tractor trailer driver.

Chief Mathis, accompanied by other uniformed personnel, responded to the location where the trailer was located and obstructing the flow of traffic. He and the other officers initiated a traffic stop on this vehicle. After making contact with the driver, he obtained consent to search the vehicle. Due to the suspicious nature on what was being delivered to include the location it was being delivered, Chief Mathis initiated a request for a K-9 unit to respond to his location and assist.

A Fulton County Sheriff’s Office K-9 unit responded. Upon deploying the K-9, a positive reading was detected on the axle on the utility trailer being pulled. A thorough search of the trailer, specifically within the axle, yielded seventy (70) kilos of cocaine (picture below). The driver of the vehicle was questioned and released. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

For further details, contact Chief Stoney Mathis at stoney.mathis@chatthillsga.us.
Chatt Hills City Council Districts – Redistricting Update  

By Robbie Rokovitz

As a result of the annexations last year that increased the property and population of Chatt Hills, the City initiated a re-evaluation of the city council districts to ensure the governing body (Mayor and Council) is elected in a fair, impartial and representative matter in conjunction with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other legal parameters.

When our legal counsel made this known, he said that it was a painstaking process the last time this was done. So I contacted a colleague in this area who directed me to Bill Johnston, AICP, of Strategic Planning Initiatives, LLC. Bill is the leading consultant for this type of analysis in south Fulton and beyond. He pulled in another expert, Dr. William H. Bailey, Ph.D., out of Auburn University to assist with this analysis. Many, many factors had to be taken into consideration to make sure the distribution of total population, voting age, minority status and language groups were all represented. The approach was methodical, strategic and utterly scientific using GIS software and databases not accessible to laypersons. The transparency began with the selection and approval by Council of this firm and continues with sharing these results with the public for their input and comment.
January City Council Minutes

Financial Update: City Manager: The city is approximately 50 percent through the fiscal year. Revenue collections are at 86 percent, and expenditures are at approximately 56 percent. The budget amendment coming up later on the agenda will capture revenue based on the sale of vehicles and proceeds of a capital lease. It appears that Police and Public Works are over budget in expenditures because of the capital leases for vehicles and equipment.

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett: There were a total of 490 calls in 2016. The department is facing some staffing issues with Lt. Tom Kuglin leaving to take a position elsewhere. Discussion between South Fulton Fire Chiefs and American Medical Response (AMR) for improved response times have slowed. The Fire Chiefs in all municipalities do not agree with the terms of AMR’s proposed new service agreement. Chief Brett is continuing to work on a unit that could do emergency transport when needed in exigent circumstances.

Police Department Report: Stoney Mathis: There have been no personnel changes. There were two burglary investigations. Other statistics for December were 211 citations, 245 warnings, 2 parking citations, 38 arrests, and 33 reports.

Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt: City staff was proactive on the icy weather this past month. Chief Brett, who worked was a huge support. The new dump is scheduled to be delivered Friday, January 13th. Staff continues to work on right-of-way cutting and has been working on the aprons of gravel roads and filling potholes. Staff also has been grading Whiteside Road. Department is working with the insurance company of a driver who damaged the guard rail on Waterworks Road in order to get it repaired. The Heavy Equipment Operator position is still open.

Community Development: Mike Morton: There were 14 building permits, seven Certificates of Occupancy, and 126 inspections conducted in December. There were 134 permits, with 45 being new single family residence, and 951 inspections in 2016. Filming will be taking place at Cedar Grove Road and Browns Lake Road on January 12th or 19th, and there will be intermittent traffic delays. At the Planning Commission meeting on January 12th, the agenda includes a discussion on accessory dwellings, communications with the Planning Commission, and a minor text change regarding ridesharing.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Award contract for roadway striping of Hutcheson Ferry Road and Campbellton-Redwine Road to Onsite Paving.**
  Staff recommended the use of 2017 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) to fund roadway striping at 148,410 linear feet of white paint and 74,204 linear feet of double yellow paint. City manager said there are safety issues regarding the striping on several roads and he had requested quotes from vendors for prepare a Request for Proposals. Onsite Paving was the only vendor to respond. The financial policy allows for purchasing in emergency circumstances, and he recommends that the contract be awarded to Onsite Paving since the lack of visible striping presents a public safety issue. He also recommended that the Council approve the contract so that funds not used on Hutcheson Ferry Road and Campbellton-Redwine Road can be used on other roads needing striping. (Motion passed to authorize a contract for roadway striping not to exceed $128,858 with On-Site Paving.)

- **Resolution Adopting Revisions to the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.** The proposed budget amendment will recognize revenue from capital leases for two Police Department vehicles and Public Works equipment and true up other revenue items for which there will be no more collections or revenues have exceeding projections. (Motion passed.)
• **Ordinance Revising Chapter 11, Business Occupational Tax, Licenses, and Regulation.** – to provide for ride-sharing businesses and allow for pro-rating of home-based business license fees, and for other purposes. The proposed revision aligns the code for ride-sharing businesses with state code and aligns some of the home-based regulations with the Zoning Ordinance home occupation regulations. Other changes allow for pro-rating of home-based business fees and for the option of home-based businesses to base fees on gross receipts. (Motion passed.)

• **Ordinance to Adopt and Approve Taxicab License Fees.** The Business Occupation Tax, Licenses, and Regulation Ordinance allows Taxicabs businesses; however, the city never adopted Taxicab License fees. The proposed ordinance sets the taxicab license fee at $35.00 per annum and the taxicab driver’s permit fee at $30.00 per annum. (Motion passed.)

• **Resolution to set the Qualifying Fees for the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election.** The proposed resolution sets the qualifying fees for the office of Mayor and Council Districts 2 and 4 in the election to be held on November 7, 2017 at $36.00. (Motion passed.)

• **Resolution to Appoint a Municipal Superintendent for the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election.** The proposed resolution appoints the city clerk as the Municipal Superintendent. (Motion passed.)

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**Parks Commission Report**

**Parking Fee Update:** There were 310 resident and 308 non-resident decals distributed to date. Total revenue since the last meeting in November is $16,787 and expenditures are $421.51. Total available funds are $26,272.73.

**Cochran Mill Park Update:** The Planning Commission’s three goals when applying for the Recreational Trails Program Grant – make the Cochran Mill Park safer, more accessible and more sustainable – have been met. Volunteers continue to work in the park and currently are working on a 1.25-mile loop on the red trail and recently completed an alternate route around two rocky sections of the red trail. Southern Off Road Bicycle Association (SORBA) Atlanta leads a volunteer workday the second Saturday of every month. Parks Commission member Roland Alston is also a dedicated volunteer. City staff recently cleared privet that had grown around the old mill site on the east side of the park. Wilson is continuing to work on getting approval from Historic Preservation for the bridge. Bob Shelor is rewriting the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the archeological survey. Mr. Shelor has identified four firms that he believes could do the work, and the RFP should be ready to forward to City Manager Robbie Rokovitz by the end of the week of January 23rd.

**Commission Members Comments/Suggestions**

• Alston gave an update on the Beavers House festival. The tentative date is April 30th. There will be an emphasis on the property and old town.

• Wilson said that Brett Davidson of SORBA Atlanta has a meeting at Cochran Mill Park on Saturday and was very thankful that the city allowed them to use the pavilion at no charge.

• Long gave an update on the free house that could potentially be used as a ranger station. She said that she never could get any information and was unable to get through on the phone number that was provided.

**Staff Report:** Darold Wendlandt reported that there would be a trail race at Cochran Mill Park on March 25th. Event producers will be responsible for everything and the park will not be closed to other users. The city has also received an inquiry about a bike race to be held in Cochran Mill Park in June. There are several issues with the group’s proposal.
Wilson recommended that Wendlandt discuss the event proposal with SORBA. Long expressed safety concerns with a bike race being held in the park. Wendlandt also reported on work being done in the parks, including gravel in the day use area at Cochran Mill Park and the addition of a platform in the women’s restroom to address the issue of the toilet being too high. Hugh Tyer has informed him that there are several dead trees in Rico Park that should be removed.

Wendlandt said there was an issue with three trash cans close to the Cochran Mill Nature Center property. It is difficult for staff to access the trash cans and there are problems with overflowing and scattered trash. He plans to remove the cans. The consensus of the Parks Commission members was that removing them was an acceptable solution. He also said he would like to coordinate with volunteers regarding use of the mini excavator. He also asked about the approval of the trails being built in Cochran Mill Park and Wilson responded that the trail design map was approved by City Council.

Planning Commission Report:

City Planner Mike Morton presented proposed Accessory Dwelling revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. The revisions include removing height and number of stories maximums and the regulations that (1) limit the maximum floor area of the first story to 480 square feet or 10 percent of the floor area of the principal structure, (2) limit the total maximum floor area to 960 square feet or 20 percent of the total floor area in the RL District and 440 square feet or 10 percent of the total floor area in TN, VL, HM, or PC Districts, and (3) prohibit that the Accessory Dwelling from containing more floor area or being taller than the primary dwelling unit. Proposed language to be added includes (1) limiting Accessory Dwellings to no greater than 960 square feet and less floor area than the principal structure in all Districts, (2) prohibiting more than one Accessory Dwelling on a lot, and (3) requiring that a site plan identifying the location of an off-street parking space be submitted with the building permit application. (Motion passed to move the proposed language forward to the next step.)

Home Occupations proposed revision. Commission discussed revisions to the Business Occupation Tax, Licenses, and Regulations Ordinance that was passed by the City Council at the January 10, 2017 City Council Meeting. (Motion passed to review this at next meeting.)

Communications and Updates to Planning Commission. Commission discussed ways to improve communications between the Council, the Planning Commission, and staff. Commission will receive city council agenda and city manager’s report via email.

Tree Commission Report:

Arbor Day Celebration: It’s time once again for our annual Arbor Day observance. This year the state observance is on Friday, February 17th.
Community Bulletin Board

Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers’ Scholarship

Nancy Harrelson, Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteer (MGEV) Scholarship Committee Chairperson, announced that the MGEVs will be awarding $1500 scholarships to students who wish to pursue or are pursuing a degree in horticulture, agriculture, environmental sciences or a related subject. Applicants must be Coweta County residents, have at least a “B” average, complete the required application and provide supporting documents.

Applications are available at Coweta County Extension located at 255 Pine Road, Newnan and at each 12th grade high school counselor’s office. Applications may also be accessed via:

Coweta County Extension website: www.ugaextension.org/coweta, Select Agriculture & Natural Resources, Happening Now.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CowetaCountyMasterGardenerExtensionVolunteers

Applications and required documents must be received no later than March 17, 2017.

Mail or deliver the application with required documents to:
Coweta County Extension
Attn: MGEV Scholarship Committee
255 Pine Road
Newnan, GA 30263

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Lana Jones at Coweta County Extension, 770-254-2620.

Chattahoochee Hills Business Association

The Chattahoochee Hills Business Association held its networking meeting on January 12, hosted by Michael Nichols at his Retreat at Guidestone Hills on Hutcheson Ferry Rd.

The Retreat at Guidestone Hills is an initiative of The GreenTree Project to provide education and programs for future leaders – children, teens, families, and non-profit leaders – by providing a beautiful setting to get away and get healthy!

In addition to the educational programs, the Retreat is available for special events and offers accommodations, equestrian training and riding, and access to its 52 acres. The property is also home to CharityBerries, a non-profit and initiative of The GreenTree Project that provides blueberries to local charities and funds leadership programs for children and students.

The Business Association discussed sponsorship ideas for the upcoming Chatt Hills T-Ball & Coach Pitch series at Rico Park. After running the idea by the City, they received the OK to announce the sponsorship program on the next page.
Spring T-Ball and Coach Sponsorship

The Chattahoochee Hills Business Association is coordinating a sponsorship initiative for the 2017 Spring T-Ball and Coach-Pitch series at Rico Park. The funds raised will help Community Brickworks cover the cost of equipment.

The sponsorship will provide each local business the opportunity to get some local advertising at a reasonable cost, while helping to make a positive impact in the community!

What does sponsorship include?
Sponsorship includes a 3x5 vinyl banner that will be displayed on the fence throughout the season, and a $100 donation to Community Brickworks, a non-profit.

How do businesses participate?
Here are the 2 steps you'll need to complete to set up your sponsorship.

1. Send an EPS file or Ai file with your business Logo and any text/details you would include in an email to tamara.manny@proforma.com by March 1st. Make sure to put "Chatt Hills Business" in the Subject line.

2. Mail a check for $140.50 by March 1st payable to Community Brickworks Inc. to the following address:
Community Brickworks
6505 Rico Rd.
Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268

Again, the deadline to have everything submitted is March 1st so we can have the signs ready by Opening Day on March 25th.

Contact info:

Proforma Resolution Print Mgmt., LLC
Tamara Manny
678-838-8832
tamara.manny@proforma.com
Community Brickworks, INC

Judy Henderson
770-463-6600
ricolibrary@yahoo.com

Chattahoochee Hills Business Association
Chris Marks
770-710-3452
Christopher.A.Marks@mwarep.org
The Children's House at Serenbe – Spirit Night

The Children's House at Serenbe is having Spirit Night at Carabba's Italian Grill at Peachtree City on Wednesday, February 22. Any lunch or dinner bought on that day we get a percentage if they identify themselves as a supporter of The Children's House or give the flyer below.

We invite you to join us at Carrabba's Italian Grill for lunch or dinner to benefit The Children's House.

Present this flyer or identify yourself as a supporter and we'll proudly donate 10% of your total check!

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Thank you for your support!

Peachtree City • 500 Commerce Dr. • (770) 631-1057
**Beavers House History Event**  
*Submitted by: Laurie Searle*

A community meeting was held on January 18, 2016, to explore the opportunities, and interest, of showing the historic Beavers House to the community.

The committee is interested in hosting an event on April 30, 2017, from 2-5 p.m. The program will include a historic play in a tented area outside of the Beavers House to accommodate a larger audience, historic displays inside the Beavers House, oral history presentations, and refreshments.

The next committee meeting is February 23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public. For more information contact Joe Heiberger (heiberj@comcast.net) or 614-563-9061.

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**New Hope United Methodist Church**

7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd, Chatt Hills  
www.newhopemc.com

New Hope UMC has Wednesday night supper in the fellowship hall at 6:00 pm. All adult plates are 5.00 and benefit missions for the church.

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**Providence Baptist Church**

6402 Campbellton-Redwine Rd, Chatt Hills  
www.pbcrico.org

**Upcoming February events at PBC**

Saturday, Feb. 11 – 5:00 p.m.  
Valentine Banquet for Senior Adults  
Reservations may be made through Linda Rigney, Keenagers' Director  
$8.00 per person

Sunday, Feb. 12  
Ladies' Day at Providence  
11 a.m. - Ladies' choir in morning service.  
Ladies' Day is being held during WMU Focus Week.  
12:15 a.m. All Ladies are invited to a luncheon following the service.  
Contact Bridgette Holmes or Barbara Petty for more info.

Friday, Feb. 17 – 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Dinner/Social in F. Center  
This will be a fun evening for teens.  
Contact Billy Bowman, youth pastor, for more info.
Community Events

Serenbe Presents . . .
Class: Ballroom Dancing
Date/Time: February 3 & 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Location: The Bosch Experience Center
10640 Serenbe Lane, Serenbe, Chatt Hills
Tickets: www.gottadancenow.com/book-online

It’s 2017, put your dancing shoes on! Sondra Chan of Gotta Dance Now will lead people of all ages through a Ballroom Dancing lesson. Enthusiastic and infections, she has been teaching for more than 20 years and is triple-trained and certified by Arthur Murray, Fred Astaire and Pro-DVIDA (Dance Vision International Dance Association).

All dancing styles including Latin, Swing, Tango, Foxtrot and Waltz. Please wear hard-soled shoes. Contact malloryperry@gmail.com with questions.

Chatt Hills Music Presents . . .
Concert: Kevn Kinney (Drivin’ and Cryin’)
Date/Time: February 4, 8:00 p.m.
Location: Oak Room at Serenbe Inn
10950 Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills
Tickets: www.chatthillsmusic.com

Kevn Kinney is an acclaimed American rock/alt-country/folk singer and songwriter most widely known as the founder and frontman of the Atlanta-based band Drivin N Cryin. An accomplished musician, poet and painter, Kinney has released multiple critically-acclaimed recordings over his 29 year professional career including the gold-certified album Fly Me Courageous. He has performed and/or collaborated with the Allman Brothers' Warren Haynes, REM, and Grammy Award-winning producer Paul Ebersold, among others.

Serenbe presents . . .
Tour: The Organic Life House Tours
Date/Time: February 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26 at 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: 11210 Serenbe Lane, Serenbe
Chatt Hills, GA

The Organic Life House is EarthCraft-certified, features geothermal heating and cooling, installed with solar panels, uses natural materials throughout and features edible and medicinal gardens. Contact kirstin@serenbe.com with questions.
Have you ever wanted to work with animals?

Cochran Mill Nature Center has a variety of volunteer opportunities just for you. You can help us feed and care for our rehab animals during the spring and fall baby seasons. Assist us processing incoming rehab animals. Help with caring for our animal collection, and so much more. Learn more at the Volunteer Orientation Day. Full training will be provided.

Email cmnc@bellsouth.net to sign up

- Must be over 18 years old
- Must commit to one shift per week
- Shifts are 9:30 to 1 or 1 to 4
- Participate in orientation and training

6300 Cochran Mill Rd. Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268
770 305-0914 www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org
**Lexus Presents . . .**

**Class:** Art Over Dinner at Serenbe with StoryCorps  
**Date/Time:** February 12. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. | Dinner, 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Art Farm  
10455 Atlanta-Newnan Road, Chatt Hills  
**Tickets:** $85.00 [www.gottadancenow.com/book-online](http://www.gottadancenow.com/book-online)

StoryCorps’ mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world. Join Serenbe and StoryCorps Atlanta's regional manager Daniel Horowitz at the Art Farm table for a farm-to-table meal under the stars. He will discuss how we can be a usable past and how recorded and preserved stories from the past can reshape the trajectory of our history. Email kirstin@serenbe.com with any questions.

Sponsored by Lexus, Art Over Dinner is a series of intimate gatherings with artists and the organizations that support their work. We collaborate with the chefs at HomespunATL and local farmers to bring a seasonal meal that showcases winemakers and brewers, and invite our guest artists to spark the conversation at one long farm table on the outdoor deck of The Art Farm at Serenbe.

Art Farm at Serenbe is a vibrant artist complex that provides a place for engagement and inspiration. It serves as Serenbe's central place for artists, the arts and culture. This complex is deeply rooted in process, education and creating multiple platforms for creativity. Artists, practitioners and researchers come here to deepen their practice and broaden their creative connections.

**Chatt Hills Music Presents . . .**

**Concert:** Federico Pena and Friends  
**Our annual romantic jazzy Valentine’s Day Event**  
**Date/Time:** February 12, 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Private Home/ Public Concert  
9016 Selborne Lane, Serenbe, Chatt Hills  
**Tickets:** [www.chathillsmusic.com](http://www.chathillsmusic.com)

Federico Pena and friends including Grammy Winner Kebbi Williams. Jazz is In the air at our traditional Valentine's Day concert.

Touring with artists as varied as Marcus Miller, Ledisi, Shana Tucker and Russell Gunn. Federico has garnered a reputation as one of the finest keyboardists and musical conductors in the music world today.
Community Care Network presents . . .

Program: Changing Spaces by Linda Kaplan & Holly Mitchell
Date/Time: February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Serenbe Community Center
Cost: Free

Was one of your New Year’s resolutions to clean out and declutter your closets? Or, perhaps, your goal was to sort and organize those stacks of boxes and papers in your attic – the ones you have moved around with you for years? What about all those family photos? How could you possibly decide which to save and how to store them? Aren’t sure where to start, what to keep, what to toss? After all, given some changes in your lifestyle or current needs, you may be considering downsizing to a smaller or more appropriate residence.

We heard your call for HELP!

The Community Care Network (CCN) program for February will feature co-owners, Linda Kaplan and Holly Mitchell, of Changing Spaces to help get you motivated and moving forward with some of these dreadful tasks. Through their own personal and family experiences, Linda and Holly founded this successful Atlanta based company (feature story in AJC 12/26/16). They have helped many clients to problem solve, manage emotions and preserve memories while tackling downsizing and moving challenges.

Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers presents . . .

Program: Grow the best vegetable garden ever
Date/Time: February 14, 7:00 p.m.
Location: UGA Extension – Coweta County
255 Pine Road, Newnan
Cost: Free

It’s time to think about planting a vegetable garden this spring, and Mike Cunningham will share his vast knowledge on “Growing Your Best Vegetable Garden Ever.”

Mike and his wife, Judy, are on a mission to teach residents how to grow and cook their own vegetables and produce. They operate Country Gardens Farm on Hwy. 154, where they not only offer gardening and cooking classes, but they also sell the food they grow.

The Backyard Association is an educational program sponsored by the Coweta County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers (MGEVs). For more information call the Extension office at (770) 254-2620.
Memorial

Sandra Diane Davis
July 25, 1966 ~ January 25, 2017 (age 50)

A visitation was held on Saturday, January 28, 2016, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Holly Hill Funeral Home in Fairburn.

http://www.hollyhillfuneralhome.com/notices/Sandra-Davis

Cynthia Rosealie Breece (Walker)
July 19, 1970 ~ January 15, 2017 (age 46)

Cynthia Rosealie Breece, age 46, of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2017. She was born in Rogers, Arkansas, on July 19, 1970, to Ralph and Vivian (Pickett) Walker.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, David Walker.

She is survived by: her husband, David Breece of Chattahoochee Hills; step-son, Fairlane Breece of Arkansas; brother, Daniel Walker and his wife, Kristen, of Arkansas and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

http://www.hollyhillfuneralhome.com/notices/Cynthia-Breece
City Government Meeting Schedule

For more community events, check out these other Chattahoochee Hills Websites:

City of Chatt Hills: www.chatthillsga.us
Serenbe Community: www.serenbe.com
Cochran Mill Nature Center: www.cocharannmillnaturecenter.org
Community Brickworks: www.communitybrickworks.org
City of Chatt Hills: www.chatthillsga.us
The Children’s House (Montessori School): www.thechildrenshouseatserenbe.com
Chatt Hills Charter School: http://www.chatthillscharter.org/calendar
Community Brickworks: www.communitybrickworks.org
Serenbe Community: www.serenbe.com
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Communication is Key

Not every neighbor in Chatt Hills has Internet Service. Help keep your neighbors informed by printing & delivering this newsletter.

If you have a story or suggestions for future articles we’d like to hear from you.

Email: chatthillscommunity@gmail.com
Or Call Laurie Searle: 770-463-5169