



CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS WEEKLY READER

May 20, 2011 | Promoting Active & Informed Citizenship in Chattahoochee Hills

Georgia Supreme Court Decision Means Huge Setback for Chatt Hills Charter School

Forwarded by Monica Olsen



Principal Duke Bradley & Monica Olsen at Tuesday's protest rally at the Statehouse

IMPACT OF GEORGIA SUPREME COURT RULING ON CHCS

To CHCS leaders, friends, and parents;

The Chattahoochee Hills Charter School (CHCS) Board met tonight in a special session to consider the impact on CHCS of the decision announced by the Georgia Supreme Court on Monday. In that decision, the Court decided 4-3 to rule that the State Commission, that granted our charter, was essentially unconstitutional. There is wide consensus that – because of this ruling – all Charters granted by the Commission, including our own, would essentially be ruled null and void.

In spite of this dire outcome, and out of an abundance of caution, the Board reviewed any and all possible options to preserve the school's plan to open in the Fall of 2011. We regret to inform you that we have identified no viable options at this time. Because of this, and to give parents as much time to plan as possible, we are announcing tonight a delay of the opening of CHCS to Fall 2012. The opening of CHCS in Fall 2012 will depend on assurances from funders and clarifications of our rights to open under Georgia Law. We hope to be able to have these assurances and clarifications in place by January 2012. The school that we open in Fall, 2012 will be K-6, consistent with our plan.

To our families who have been so steadfast in support of this exciting school concept, we thank you for your patience during this difficult legal review. The ruling by the court had nothing whatsoever to do with our educational concept for our children and everything to do with constitutional technicalities about county and state rights. Indeed, we believe in our educational concept more than ever, and hope that you do too. Accordingly, we want to ask for your further patience while the state puts new processes in place that respond to the Supreme Court's concerns and while the County reconsiders its position. We believe that your voice matters in this regard. Please let your county and state legislators and the Governor know how you feel.

For our part, we pledge to keep you advised as we learn more; and we assure you that your application for enrollment of your child will take priority before new applications after this date are considered.



More Charter School Supporters rallying downtown

To clarify as much as possible for you and your family, Duke Bradley, our Principal, and the CHCS Board plan to host a special information session at the Chattahoochee Hills City Hall at 6505 Rico Road at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, May 22nd.

We hope you can join us there.

Sincerely, John C. Reid, Chair, Chattahoochee Hills Charter School

For some more information on this issue, please visit:
<http://blogs.ajc.com/get-schooled-blog/2011/05/19/commission-charters-urged-to-stay-afloat-until-help-can-be-found/>

CIVIC UPDATES

Chattahoochee Hills Properties Listed in Foreclosures

By JEFF BISHOP Published Thursday, May 12, 2011 in the Business Section of the Newnan Times Herald

With 183 foreclosure-related ads in today's issue of The Times-Herald, the number is up 15 percent from last month's two-year low of 159, but the numbers are still down — for the third consecutive month, and for four out of the last six months — when compared with the same month a year ago.

The number is down 7.5 percent from the 198 ads listed in May, 2010. There were 176 foreclosure-related ads placed during the same month in 2009.

A full three pages of today's legal ads are filled with a massive foreclosure listing for Chattahoochee Hills Investments, LLC, for property along Rico-Tatum Road, Atlanta-Newnan Road, Phillips Road, Cochran Mill Road, and other areas in southern Fulton County.

Carol Wolfe, city manager for the Chattahoochee Hills community, said that the foreclosure notices are unfortunate, but she expects another developer will "snap up" the properties in no time, if it gets to that point. "We are a city made up of several large land owners, and any time any one of those landowners has financial distress it does affect the property tax digest," she said.

Since Chattahoochee Hills is still a very new community — at only three years old — there are still "a lot of open spaces without a lot of development," she said. "And those large tracts are owned by several different owners," she said.

She said that since it's a private LLC, there's no direct impact on the town of Chattahoochee Hills. "Fortunately, we are able to attract developers who want to develop these large tracts of land," she said. "I'm sure some smart developer who knows what a unique place Chattahoochee Hills is will snap it up."

She said the city has made great strides during its brief existence. "We already have all the basic city services in place, such as police protection, fire protection, public works, planning and zoning," said Wolfe. "We're about to approve our land use plan, which was a significant goal for the inaugural council. We're a fun, growing with challenges, just like any other city."

Forrest Robinson, a major player in the Fulton county real estate market, told participants at Wednesday's Council for Quality Growth in Atlanta that the Atlanta regional market doesn't appear to be keeping pace with other areas of the country. "I don't feel like we're participating in the recovery," he said. "I don't know about you guys, but when I drive around other parts of the country, it feels different."

He said these are "difficult times" for the region.

Atlanta was recently compared to 12 other metro areas when it came to net payroll jobs added over the past year, and "we were dead last," he said. Dallas, TX has added 70,000 jobs over the past 12 months, while Atlanta lost 4,000 jobs, he said. "This is why I don't feel like we're participating in this recovery," he said.

Dennis Lockhart, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, said that "residential real estate remains depressed" in the area. "Home sales have not shown any clear trend of improvement," he said. New home sales are down 80 percent from their peak.

"The inventory of new homes is now at a historical low," said Lockhart. "This is clearly evident in Atlanta."

Home prices overall are down 30 percent from their peak. This is creating problems for Georgia banks, many of which are still struggling to avoid being shut down by the FDIC. First Choice bank, the last community bank with offices left standing in Coweta County, was seized by the FDIC just two weeks ago.

Lockhart said new home construction is not likely to rebound locally anytime soon. "It is unlikely that residential growth will contribute significantly to our GDP growth" in the near term, Lockhart said.

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Living Well Grant Funds Scam Hits Area

From DaVette Taylor-Harris, Senior Program Specialist, GeorgiaCares, Atlanta Regional Commission

We have been informed by the Administration on Aging (AoA) that a phone scam is taking place under the name "Living Well Grant Funds." Targeted persons receive a phone call asking them to complete a grant application, provide their cell phone number, and then wire money through Western Union. They are told they will receive a call on their cell phone, notifying them when it is time to pick up their "grant" funds at Western Union.

In the example we were told about, the targeted persons were told to wire \$149 up front so they could later receive \$6,520.

This is certainly a scam, which has co-opted the name of a legitimate grant that AoA is administering, sometimes referred to as "Living Well."

Washington State (along with New York and 45 other states) received grant funds. The grant has nothing to do with calling citizens or requesting money.

Fulton Co. To Mail 230,000 Corrected Tax Assessments

Many property and homeowners in Fulton County will get another tax assessment notice from the county, but this time, the new notices will correct errors found on previous tax assessment notices.

Over 230,000 people will get new notices in the coming weeks. The new notices come with a new 45-day deadline, to accommodate correcting errors in the first round of assessments. Of the total number of incorrect notices, 135,000 had math errors, while an additional 100,000 were incorrect because cities' taxes were left off.

Please note that property owners in Sandy Springs, **Chattahoochee Hills** and Johns Creek will **not** get new notices because their notices did not contain errors. Residents in those three cities must abide by the original 45-day deadline of June 21.

The county will spend over \$140,000 to cover postage, envelopes and printing to correct the bad notices. All 230,000 new assessments will also include corrected homestead exemption information, as many of the previous assessment notices had outdated figures.

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CDC Recommends Preparing for All Disasters -- Even Zombies

From Tamara L. Morris



Normal natural disasters are floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and earthquakes and being prepared for disaster means being ready for any type of emergency -- including zombies. On Monday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention blogged about preparing for disaster and reminded readers that in the event of a zombie apocalypse, basic preparedness will help even if there are flesh-eaters roaming.

The CDC recommends that planning ahead for zombies is really no different than preparing for other types of disaster. The same basic principles apply.

Planning ahead for any type of disaster or emergency requires the same basic items: Food (nonperishable of course) and water (one gallon per day per person), medications (both over the counter and prescription medications), tools and supplies (basic stuff like utility knives, duct tape, radio, flashlights, batteries, etc.), sanitation and hygiene (soap, shampoo, bleach, feminine products, towels and lots of toilet paper), clothing and bedding (extra clothes for every family member, blankets), important documents (copies of birth certificates, social security cards, driver's licenses, insurance cards, etc.), first aid supplies.

As with any other emergency, in the event of zombies you should have an emergency plan that includes evacuation plans and a safe place to get away from the zombies.

According to the CDC blog, if a zombie apocalypse breaks out, the CDC will investigate the event just like they would any other disease outbreak. CDC investigation and assistance would include "consultation, lab testing and analysis, patient management and care, tracking of contacts, and infection control (including isolation and quarantine)." Just like any other disease outbreak, the CDC would try to determine where and how the outbreak started and would make every effort to determine how to best deal with an outbreak of zombies.

Learning the source of the infection would include discovering if a virus or toxin caused the outbreak and if there is any treatment or cure.

The CDC encourages citizens to be prepared for any emergency event--whether it is zombies or the more common hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes. Emergency planning for zombies will also suffice in the event of such natural disasters but as always the CDC urges everyone to be ready for whatever might a hazard and disruption of our daily lives.

It is good to know the CDC is willing to take the time to address the concerns of the public rather than scoff at the idea of a zombie apocalypse. Even more so, anyone who is prepared to face zombies is ready to deal with whatever Mother Nature chooses to throw their way!

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CSX UNDERPASS REPAIRS

From John Miller

In September 2010 the Palmetto City Council issued an order requiring CSX to perform needed maintenance and safety repairs to the three underpass structures in the City. With assistance from State Senator Donzella James and Federal Railroad Administration officials, the railroad agreed to repair structural elements that may pose a safety risk to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. CSX has completed a substantial amount of work on each of the three underpasses and continues work on this multi-month project. We look forward to further cooperation between CSX and the City.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



serenbe playhouse

Serenbe Playhouse Ready to Open a Summer of Premieres

From Dan Kirsch, General Manager, Serenbe Playhouse

Ordinary Days, The Ugly Duckling, and Shipwrecked! On Stage Summer 2011 at Serenbe

After an incredibly successful inaugural season, Serenbe Playhouse has secured three exciting premieres for its second summer season. The season will begin with the Southeast premiere of Ordinary Days, a new musical by Adam Gwon (June 2 – 25), followed by the world premiere of an original adaptation of The Ugly Duckling (July 2 – August 28), ending with the Atlanta premiere of Shipwrecked! An Entertainment: The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (August 4 – 27).

“This season’s lineup is a dream come true, and I am thrilled that we were able to get the rights to these cutting-edge new shows,” says Serenbe Playhouse Founder & Executive Artistic Director Brian Clowdus. “Atlanta and Southeast Audiences will be experiencing these productions for the first time and will find themselves in a different Serenbe location each show, whether it be a courtyard, lake or open air pavilion, guaranteeing a new, transporting experience. Audiences are in for a real treat this summer at Serenbe.”

The critically acclaimed Serenbe Playhouse opened in the summer of 2010 to rave reviews. With a diverse lineup of productions, including an interactive performance of childhood favorite *The Jungle Book* at the tree house in the woods of Serenbe, the compelling musical *John & Jen*, and the unforgettable Shakespeare's *R&J*, performed under the stars in the Serenbe Courtyard, the Playhouse allowed audiences to experience quality theater in the beautiful, natural surroundings of Serenbe; it is, as *Atlanta Magazine* says, "a playhouse in paradise." Arts critic Wendell Brock said of *John & Jen*, "The show compares favorably to work by Atlanta's well established in-town theaters... The only difference is that it's performed al fresco, so that the sky and the clouds become part of the drama."

The season will be complemented by a cabaret series on six Saturday nights, including a special evening on June 18 with *Ordinary Days* creator Adam Gwon. Tickets are now on sale for all performances. Tickets for *Ordinary Days* and *Shipwrecked* are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students; *The Ugly Duckling* is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students; the cabaret performances range in price from \$15-\$30. For more information about Serenbe Playhouse, to purchase tickets or become a supporting member, visit www.serenbeplayhouse.com or call 770.463.1110. Follow "Serenbe Playhouse" on Facebook.

SUMMER 2011 LINEUP:

The Southeast Premiere of *Ordinary Days*, a New Musical by Adam Gwon

- Directed by Justin Anderson, Music Direction by Will Shuler
- Featuring: Christy Baggett, Brian Clowdus, Laura Floyd, Dustin Lewis
- June 2 – 25, 8:30 pm (Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday) The Courtyard Stage

From one of musical theatre's most exciting new composers comes *Ordinary Days*, a refreshingly honest and funny musical about making real connections in the city that never sleeps (but probably should at some point!). *Ordinary Days* tells the story of four young New Yorkers whose lives intersect as they search for fulfillment, happiness, love and cabs. Through a score of vibrant and memorable songs, their experiences ring startlingly true to life.

The World Premiere of *The Ugly Duckling*

- An Original Adaptation Created by Joanna Brooks, Brian Clowdus, Chip Epsten and Rachel Teagle in collaboration with Brooks & Company Dance
- Directed by Brian Clowdus, Choreographed by Joanna Brooks, Text by Rachel Teagle, Music by Chip Epsten
- Featuring: Andrew Crigler, Ben Isabel, Emma Jackson, Jessica Miesel, Rose Shields, Dasie Thames, Will Shuler
- July 2 -August 28, 2:00 pm (every Saturday and Sunday, with added performances on Fridays July 15, 22 and 29) The Pavilion Lake Stage

In a direct response to the bullying epidemic in Georgia and across the country, Serenbe Playhouse is going back to one of the oldest childhood tales of diversity, *The Ugly Duckling*, but giving it a modern twist with a production that will move children and adults of all ages. This will not be your typical children's theatre experience and will have a level of sophistication that will have parents on the edge of their seat as well, with half human/half animal bird dancers and a set built out into a lake, allowing dancers and actors to be in and out of water, just as these characters would be in their natural environment. This show will be a fusion of live music, fantastical costuming, witty writing, and modern choreography with performance on land and in water. Note: This is a festival style production and audience members are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets and picnics.

The Atlanta Premiere of: *Shipwrecked! An Entertainment – The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself)* by Pulitzer Prize Winner Donald Margulies

- Directed by Brian Clowdus
- Featuring Mark Kincaid, Minka Wiltz and Will Shuler
- August 4 – 27, 8:30 pm (Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday) The Farmer's Market Stage

The adventurous Louis de Rougemont invites you to hear his amazing story of bravery, survival and celebrity that left nineteenth-century England spellbound. Dare to be whisked away in a story of the high seas, populated by exotic islanders, flying wombats, giant sea turtles and a monstrous man-eating octopus. Shipwrecked examines how far we're willing to blur the line between fact and fiction in order to leave our mark on the world.

Late Night Cabaret Series – from Gershwin to Gaga

- Saturdays, June 4 and 18 at The Hil; Saturday, July 9, 9:30 pm at The Farmhouse; Saturday, July 23, 9:30 pm at Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop; Saturdays, August 6 and 20, 10:30 pm at The Hil.
- Music Direction by Will Shuler

After sold-out evenings and raving fans last summer, the Late Night Cabaret Series is back! An eclectic mix of jazz and Broadway standards mashed up with rock and current pop hits ensure the evenings truly are from Gershwin to Gaga and everything in between. The series features an impressive line-up of Atlanta talent and each evening will highlight new performers. The June 18 event will feature Adam Gwon, the creator of Ordinary Days, who visits Serenbe from NYC and will perform his original music.

ABOUT SERENBE PLAYHOUSE: Serenbe Playhouse believes that theatre is an art form with a unique power to illuminate the human experience, and does so by producing artistically rich, open-air theatrical performances for audiences throughout Greater Metro Atlanta. A pioneer in modeling Green Theatre Practices, Serenbe Playhouse produces plays with a commitment to social responsibility and environmental stewardship. Founded in 2009 under the executive and artistic direction of Brian Clowdus, an accomplished actor, educator, director and producer, and established under the umbrella of its parent organization, the Serenbe Institute for Art Culture & the Environment, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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Firefly Watch

From Don Salvatore; Museum of Science

To most of us, fireflies are magical little insects. A field lit up by their flashes fills us with wonder and joy. On one level, it is a very personal joy, as each firefly seems to call directly to us while everything else disappears in the dark of night. Yet it is also a joy we may wish to share with others. Something about fireflies makes us want to share our experiences: parents with children, friends with friends, and family with family.

A great way to share is through the Firefly Watch website's discussion board (here: [firefly](#)). In our "Stories from the Field" section, you can relate any unusual experience you may have had while watching fireflies. Questions asked in "Observation Help" will elicit responses from other members. Share a firefly poem for all to enjoy in "Light Chatter," or add any comments about the project you'd like to make in our "Comments" section. The board also provides a great opportunity to learn about the activities and thoughts of other Firefly Watchers from all over the country.

While it is important to remember that Firefly Watch is first and foremost a scientific endeavor, it is, after all, about sharing our love for these insects that bring us joy. Thanks, Don Salvatore, Museum of Science

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Community Food Bank Plea

From Judy Henderson

The food bank is very, very low on supplies. Whenever you go shopping for yourself, please consider picking up some canned goods, dried beans, mac and cheese, rice, etc. for the Food Bank. We have had a number of new Chatt Hills families come by - jobs are still scarce and unemployment checks are ending. Anything you can give will be used and appreciated by a family in the surrounding area. Please bring your items to the library (at City Hall).

I especially want to thank New Hope UMC Men's group for their support on a monthly basis and the families who have been dropping off bags of groceries!

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Reminder! The Serenbe Farmer's Market has Cranked Up Again!

From Paige Witherington

For specials and more info, please check out: www.serenbefarms.com/market. The markets run every Saturday until October 29th from 9 am until noon. We have an event calendar here: [market-events](#).

And Sandra Storrar reminded us to come enjoy those delicious pastries from the Hill at the Serenbe Farmer's Market once again, beginning this Saturday – their wonderful table should be ready with all those wonderful smells around 9:00 a.m.

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!*

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.

For Rent: Furnished rooms to rent in a fine historic home in Palmetto, recently renovated and very comfortable 3 ac of gardens, fireplace in room with private bathroom. Walk to town. Rent \$600 plus utilities. Looking for quite, responsible, neat, nonsmoker, clean person. Great place for the right person: please call 678.637.1563

Foxbrier Farm: Boe Berries U-Pick Farm

From Kirsten Boe

We have over 1500 blueberry bushes. They are naturally grown. Either call in and place an order, or come out and pick your own! Call for more information. -

Location: 12000 Hutcheson Ferry Rd.

Contact Information: Kirsten Boe @ www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001243684431 or 404.234.7023

Farming Practices: naturally grown

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Blue MedSpa Summer Specials!

From Jackie Goldman

With June and July being great months to be out swimming, hiking, playing sports or working in the garden BLUE MedSpa thought the following specials would be a great way to look good during all the vents and relax after them as well. If you know of any sports events, walks, etc. that might like to give a \$10 off on their next visit BLUE to the participants let me know and we will get a card to the event coordinator.

Bi-Monthly June – July 31st:

- Sports Massage \$80.00 | this massage takes a therapeutic approach to body care. Enjoy a customized experience that targets your specific concern. By combining various techniques such as neuromuscular, acupressure, body stretching &/or reflexology this massage helps restore balanced health through results focused correction.
- Wakeup with Makeup – Permanent Make-up \$100 Off | Look awake and refreshed all day long. Enhance your features in a comfortable and relaxing setting. No more reapplying. Permanent makeup is the perfect way to keep that polished look all day long.
- IS Clinical Innovative Facial – “Fire and Ice Facial” – specially priced at \$125 | Often called the “Red Carpet” facial it can be done before an event. This treatment leaves the skin with an immediate glow and is packed with vitamins, while adding exfoliation and hydration.

Father’s Day: We also have some very special offers for Father’s Day. Everyone remembers to pamper Mom but Dad’s need some TLC too. We think these special packages will show Dad he’s appreciated.

- Father’s Day – May 30th -June 19th - Father’s Day Escape for Two - \$225 | This “well-deserved” escape includes a 60 minute massage performed in our couple’s room, includes customized aromatherapy and is finished with a scalp treatment.
- Father’s Day Off Package - \$150 | Say “thanks, Dad” with a 60 minute sports massage, 30 minute men’s facial, and complete the package with a men’s cut and style.
- Men’s Healthy Choice Package - \$320 | Relax, Rejuvenate, and De-Stress the man in your life by giving him a package that includes a 30 minute massage with a calming mud wrap, a detoxifying foot bath or men’s hair cut with scalp treatment. Receive a Cinnamon Vanilla Brown Sugar Scrub from Epicurean to enjoy at home.


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PET NEWS

Missing Dog

Our newest rescue dog is missing and Don and I would appreciate it if you could get a blurb in your newsletter for us. We have had him for a couple of months and day before yesterday he did not come back with our other dogs from their pasture run. He is a 7 month old, light brown lab mix with eyes that match his coat. He had on a red collar and his name is Cooper.


We live on Jones Ferry and our number is 770-463-2077. Thanks, Nancy Harrelson



LOST DOG

Our dog went missing on May 15, 2011, at approximately 10 AM. She responds to the name of St. Claire.

St. Claire is a 9 years old 13 lbs. white miniature Schnauzer with a very short hair cut. Unfortunately, she is not currently wearing a dog collar/tags.



If you have seen or know of her whereabouts, please call:

Felicia—(404) 819-7710 Brandon —(678) 472-3084
Gordon—(404) 819-7903 Ashlyn —(678) 205-9808

Missing Pet (photo; box at left)

St. Claire is a house dog – we’ve had her since she was a pup. She is 10. My daughters are 9 and 12 so they have grown up with her... She went out to potty yesterday morning and didn't return.

Local Business Recommendations

From Becky Martin

I've been meaning to send these in for a while. I sent in one before for a groomer but I think that one may have gone out of business. I have a new one listed that is very good.

Casa Montañó

81 Dodd Street, Fairburn, GA 30213
770-969-6466

This is a wonderful place to find all types of architectural garden items. He makes unique planters, benches, bird baths, plaques, water features, etc. The many items I have purchased have lasted for years. Also a great place to purchase unique gifts.

Wild Things Mobile Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Leslie Griffin
678-612-5857
wildthingsvet@comcast.net

If you have a difficult time getting your pets to the vet, try Dr. Leslie...she will come to you! We have used Dr. Leslie for several years and highly recommend her.

Leidy’s Happy Tails Mobile Pet Grooming

7111 Suffolk Lane, Fairburn, GA 30213
678-267-2664

We have two “senior” dogs and it’s hard to transport them to a groomer. One of them, Sam, is also not happy around strangers! We tried Leidy’s Happy Tails this spring and she was great. Even Sam liked her...and that says a lot!

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

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<p>Saturday, May 21 10:30 am Main Street to Veterans Park</p>	<p>Palmetto's 3rd Annual "May Day the Cop's Way" Public Safety Festival and Parade Parade Grand Marshall, Congressman David Scott! This year's "May Day the Cop's Way" festival promises to be the best ever! There will be fun and games for children of all ages. Music is provided along with free hotdogs and sodas. Try your throwing skills at the dunking booth, let the little ones ride on a pony, and enjoy a great day of fun with the family.</p> <p>The day starts off with our annual spring parade down Main Street at 10:30 am. The Palmetto Youth League has organized this year's parade that will include the Creekside High School marching band and the official Atlanta Motor Speedway pace car. The parade route starts at Church Street and goes all the way to the festival at the park.</p> <p>This year, we are especially proud to honor our U.S. Congressman as the Parade Grand Marshall. Congressman David Scott's representation has benefited our community in many ways. Two current local projects are direct recipients of Federal funding. Palmetto's award of the Safe Routes to Schools grant (\$470,000) for pedestrian improvements along Carlton Road is in the design stage now, and should start within the year. Work is also well underway on the Palmetto Health Council headquarters facility, funded by a \$6.3 million grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These benefits are a direct result of Congressman Scott's efforts to improve the lives our citizens. We hope that you can join us along the parade route to thank the Congressman for his representation.</p>
<p>May 20th – 22nd</p>	<p>Chattahoochee Hills eventing competition: Dressage will take place Friday and Saturday from 8:30 am 'til 3:45 pm. Don't miss the exhilarating cross-country competition starting Saturday from 9 am until approx. 6:30 pm. Pack a picnic and comfy lawn chairs for Sunday's Show Jumping competition starting at 8:15 am.</p>
<p>May 26 thru June 12th Thus – Sat, 8:00 pm</p>	<p>"Sex Please, We're Sixty": The Southside Theatre Guild in downtown Fairburn presents the new comedy farce for three weekends, May 26 thru June 12. Join the hilarious adventures of three menopausal women, an uptight innkeeper and two elderly men at a bed and breakfast where the hormones have gone wild. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm, Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$12 - \$15. For more info, to purchase tickets, or to make reservations, visit www.STGplays.com or call 770-969-0956.</p>
<p>June 2 – August 27, Most Thursdays-Saturdays</p>	<div data-bbox="418 1522 609 1816" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Line-Up...A Season of Premieres! Opens with The Southeast Premiere of: Ordinary Days A New Musical. 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). 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)</p>
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<p>Saturday JUNE 11th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm shoot & edit</p> <p>2:30 - awards presentation and slide show of winning images</p>	<p>1st Annual Serenbe Photography Center Open Competition: a scavenger hunt-format photography “shootout” competition. Individuals (\$20) and teams up to 5 photographers (\$40): awards given for top 3 images in 6 creative categories; trophy award for best overall team or individual. * 10% lunch discount to all registered participants at Serenbe’s Blue-Eyed Daisy Café. Prizes and awards from Serenbe shops & restaurants, Showcase Photographics, Dogwood Gallery, the Gallery at Serenbe, and SPC print studio. Get your friends together and bring your winning team! SerenbePhotographyCenter.com: office: 770-463-9098 (Wed-Sun)</p>
<p>Saturday, June 18th – 5:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Save the Date! Hutcheson Ferry Park Grand Opening Celebration! Come celebrate the grand opening of Hutcheson Ferry Park and commemorate our parks purchase with your friends and neighbors! Good food, fun, and fellowship with the City of Chatt Hills and the Friends of the Parks – more details to follow!</p>
<p>JUN 20 – 24: first session, and JUN 27 – JUL 1: second session</p> <p>9 - 12 morning session 12 - 1 lunch 1 - 4 afternoon session 4 - 5 wrap up</p>	<p>Serenbe Playhouse High School Theatre Workshops: Five-day intensive theatre workshops for high school students led by master teachers Sandra Dietel and Alison Hogue. Students will study the art of collaborative playmaking- exploring improvisation, movement, and composition techniques to create original dramatic work. They’ll walk in armed with their imagination and experiences and walk out as playwrights, actors and directors! NO PREVIOUS THEATRE EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. The workshops are designed for anyone interested in creating performance. Actors, writers, movers, and generally interested persons are welcome and encouraged to attend. Attendees of WEEK 1 are encouraged to continue developing their skills during WEEK 2; however WEEK 1 is not a prerequisite for WEEK 2. COST PER WEEK \$325 / REGISTRATION INCLUDES T-SHIRT & A TICKET TO THE SUMMER PRODUCTION OF YOUR CHOICE. To register or for more information info@serenbeplayhouse.com or (770) 463-1110.</p>
<p>September 8-11</p>	<p>Save the Date for the 2011 USEA American Eventing Championships, which will be taking place on Carl Bouckaert’s farm (almost) in Chattahoochee Hills. Visit the AEC page on the USEA website or the Chattahoochee Hills website for more information.</p>

ONGOING EVENTS

2011 Chattahoochee Hills Youth Baseball – Saturday Mornings at Rico Park: Tee-Ball: Owls, Wrens, Sparrows & Robins play at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. **Younger Coach Pitch Schedule:** Blues Jays and Cardinals Game Time 11:00 a.m. **Coach Pitch:** Falcons, Orioles, Eagles and Hawks: Game Times 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. All practices begin 30 minutes prior to game time.

Horseback Trail Riding: Experience the trails at Serenbe on horseback. 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. Days: Mon, Wed and Fri at 9:00 a.m. Nights: Tues and Thurs 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

Cochran Mill Nature Center – ongoing activities – for details see: 770-306-0914 or www.CochranMillNatureCenter.org

- Saturday Spotlight – monthly: interesting learning adventures for young and old!
- Home School Day – monthly: activities for home-schoolers
- SUMMER CAMPS: Teen Adventure Camp - DATE July 11th - 15th. / Junior Naturalist Summer Day Camp – Weekly sessions from June 6 August 5 / Camp Cricket June 6-10 June 20-24

Serenbe Farmers' & Artists' Market – Saturdays 9:00 – noon. Shop for local organic produce, honey, jams & jellies, sweets, bread, and artists' work every Saturday on the Selborne green. Click here for all details: [farm info](#)

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

- **May 21 – Crafting the Fine B&W Prints with Stephen Brownlee:** Never been in a darkroom? Live life before DIGITAL!
- **June 4 – Spring on the Flint with Peter Essick:** Join Nat'l Geo. photographer Peter Essick on a day trip to the Flint River
- **June 18 – Vintage Van Dyke Brown Prints** with Michael West
- **June 25 – Studio Portrait Lighting** with Billy Howard

Serenbe Southern Chefs Series: **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)

Zumba at Providence Baptist Church; email sylviaredic@cityofmorrow.com for schedules and details.

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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