



Chattahoochee Hills READER

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City Budget Hearings Next Tuesday

Citizens encouraged to be informed and participate

There will be a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget at a Special Called Council on May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. All citizens are invited to attend. The following is the copy of the proposed budget provided to *The Reader* by City Clerk Dana Wicher.

**City of Chattahoochee Hills, GA
Fiscal Year 2013
General Fund Budget
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

Revenues:	FY 2012 Approved Budget	FY 2013 Recommended Budget	%Change
Property Taxes	1,150,000	950,000	-17.4%
L.O.S.T.	580,000	450,000	-22.4%
Intangible Tax	7,742	7,500	-3.1%
Motor Vehicle Tax	55,000	55,000	0.0%
Real Estate Transfer Tax	3,520	3,000	-14.8%
Business & Occupation Tax	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Insurance Premium Tax	125,000	110,000	-12.0%
Alcohol Beverage Tax	4,500	4,000	-11.1%
Franchise Fees	109,000	100,000	-8.3%
Licenses & Permits	25,000	25,000	0.0%
Charges for Service	50,000	60,000	20.0%
Intergovernmental	35,083	-	
Fines & Forfeitures	260,000	180,000	-30.8%
Contributions & Donations	-	-	
Interest	500	500	0.0%
Other Revenues	10,000	-	
Subtotal:	\$2,430,345	\$1,960,000	-19.4%
Other Financing Sources:			
Hotel/Motel Tax	20,135	20,000	-0.7%
Subtotal Other Financing Sources:	20,135	20,000	
Total Operating Revenue:	\$2,450,480	\$1,980,000	-19.2%
Expenditures:			
Mayor & Council	175,935	40,031	-6.0%
City Manager		60,000	
City Clerk & HR		65,270	
General Administration	137,581	80,360	-41.6%
IT	107,151	90,209	-15.8%
Community Development	74,266	49,000	-34.0%
Municipal Court	106,100	90,857	-14.4%
Police	651,138	472,806	-27.4%
Fire	529,284	436,135	-17.6%
Public Works	249,928	284,082	13.7%
Engineering	28,000	-	-100.0%
Parks & Recreation	43,661	51,500	18.0%

Non-Departmental Insurance	115,709	136,752	18.2%
Contingency - Reserved		-	
Subtotal:	\$2,218,753	\$1,857,002	-16.3%
Other Financing Uses:			
Interest - TAN	15,550	20,288	30.5%
Interest - Capital Lease	4,339	5,665	30.6%
Interest - Line of Credit	20,161	15,000	-25.6%
Capital Lease Payment	91,636	66,045	-27.9%
I/F Transfer to Operating Grants Fund	1,358	-	
I/F Transfer to Capital Grants Fund	35,083	-	
I/F Transfer to Capital Project Fund	63,600	16,000	-74.8%
Subtotal Other Financing Uses:	231,727	122,998	-46.9%
Total Expenditures	\$2,450,480	\$1,980,000	-19.2%
Revenues in excess of expenditures (Fund Balance)	-\$	-\$	

Revenues: **FY 2013 Recommended Budget**

Other Financing Sources:	
I / F Transfer From General Fund	16,000
Subtotal Other Financing Sources:	16,000
Total Operating Revenue:	\$16,000

Expenditures:	
Community Development	6,000
Fire	10,000
Subtotal:	16,000
Total Expenditures	\$16,000

FY 2012 Recommended Budget

Revenues:	
Hotel / Motel Excise Tax	70,028
Total Revenues:	\$70,028

Expenditures:	
I / F Transfer to General Fund	20,000
Payment to Georgia Dome	27,521
Payment to Georgia World Congress Center	22,507
Total Expenditures:	\$70,028
Revenues in Excess of Expenditures	-\$

Your Voice Doesn't End with Your Vote

The Civic Association encourages everyone to be aware of how elected officials are spending their tax dollars. Please review the proposed budget and contact the Mayor and City Council with your questions and opinions.

- Mayor Tom Reed: tom.reed@chatthillsga.us
- Councilman John Taylor: john.taylor@chatthillsga.us
- Councilman Richard Schmidt: richard.schmidt@chatthillsga.us
- Councilwoman Claire Reeves: claire.williams@chatthillsga.us
- Councilwoman Faye Godwin: faye.godwin@chatthillsgs.us
- Councilman Don Hayes: don.hayes@chatthillsga.us

Fulton County Board of Assessors Prepares to Mail Assessment Notices

The Fulton County Board of Assessors is preparing to mail Annual Notices of Assessment to more than 331,000 property owners.

The notices are scheduled to be mailed on May 14, 2012. Property owners who disagree with the current year value on the notice have until June 28, 2012 to file an appeal.

This year, Fulton County will offer online appeal filing. Property owners are encouraged to utilize the online feature to expedite receipt and processing of appeals. Property owners can also call and request in-person meetings and telephone conferences with a staff appraiser to discuss and resolve issues pertaining to property value. Civic groups or neighborhood associations can also request for someone from the Assessors' Office to come and speak to their group regarding property valuation. Property owners interested in taking advantage of either of these options should call 404-612-6440.

House GOP leader: 'My goal is to end Fulton County'

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When the Legislature passed new maps for the state House and Senate last year, Republicans gave themselves extra slices of certain counties.

Earlier this month, House Speaker pro tem Jan Jones of Milton bluntly explained the merits of the tactic to a group of north Fulton voters.

In January, according to Jones, there will be a north Fulton majority in both the House delegation and the Senate delegation. Which means, "we can cut Fulton County down to size until we get Milton County," she said. "My goal is that we reduce the thumbprint ... of Fulton County on your lives and your pocketbooks such that in a very few years, Atlanta and south Fulton will not fight us on recreating Milton County because Fulton County will be insignificant," she said. "We will begin that process next year."

For the remainder of this story, please visit www.ajc.com.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Volunteers Needed at Chatt Hills Eventing

Maria Hanson

Chattahoochee Hills Eventing is seeking volunteers for the following dates:

- May 18-20 Eventing FEI/USEF/USEA
- July 7-8 Eventing USEF/USEA
- July 14-15 Eventing USEF/USEA
- September 6-9 Nutrena/USEA American Eventing Championships
- October 26-28 Eventing FEI/USEF/USEA

There's an equestrian schooling pass for every volunteer as a reward. Chatt Hills Eventing/Bouckaert Farm is now offering volunteer schooling days immediately following each event! Dressage rings and judges' booths will be in place, show jumping and cross country will be flagged and "dressed" for the schooling days. The GAIG/USDF Region 3 Dressage Championships are here in October - get a schooling pass and go before you show! <http://www.chatthillseventing.com> Chattahoochee Hills Eventing is hosted by Bouckaert Farm located at 9445 Browns Lake Road, Fairburn, GA 30213. Contact: Event Manager: JJ Johnson 770- 892-2117 or chatthills@aol.com.

CMCN announces Part Time Job Opportunity

Kelly Price

The summer and fall are almost upon us and Cochran Mill Nature Center is buzzing with activity! As a result, we are looking for a part-time helper on Saturdays in the Spring, Summer & Fall. This is a seasonal position for an adult that is customer service oriented, willing to monitor Center admissions, answer numerous phone calls, assist with gift shop sales, and support our regular Saturday staff. The position is weather dependent – in cases of inclement weather (rain or storms) , the position would not need to be filled that day. Working hours are 9am -3pm and the position pays \$50 per day. If you are interested in helping out, please reply call 770-306-0914 to discuss details.

City Hall News

What's happening at City Hall?

www.chatthillsga.us

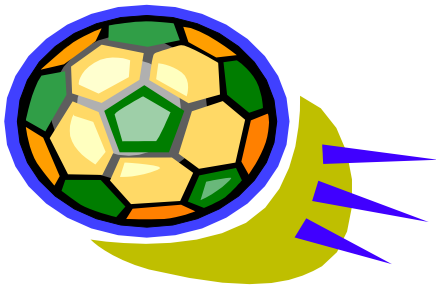
- City Hall will be closed on May 28 to observe Memorial Day

Mark Your Calendars!

The City of Chattahoochee Hills invites you to celebrate Independence Day at Hutcheson Ferry Park with a celebration and concert on July 4, 2012! More details to follow.

Kids Bible Adventure Day

Saturday, May 19th
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Followed by a Cookout



MUSIC

BIBLE -TIME

CRAFTS

RECREATION

Sardis Baptist Church
8400 Sardis Road
(intersection with Hutcheson
Ferry Rd.)
Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268
www.sardisbaptistch.com



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If you have items for sale, property to rent or are looking for something specific, send the information to info@chatthillsga.org for posting in *The Reader*.

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Schedule Reminder: the full Community Bulletin is produced at least twice-monthly (first and third week of the month), or more often as time allows. If you want to be sure your event is publicized, please do keep this schedule in mind!

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