



# CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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## Hutcheson Ferry Park– A Community Icon

By: Laurie Searle

Every time I drive by Hutcheson Ferry Park, it reminds me of the Barbie doll my grandmother kept for me when I was a kid. This doll was all class and curves – nothing at all like the baby dolls I had back home, with their chubby cheeks and painted on hair. She was also in mint condition. Her bouffant hairdo and alabaster skin were perpetually preserved, thanks to the vigilance of my grandmother who kept Barbie in a ribboned storage box between my visits. Eight years ago, Hutcheson Ferry Park became the iconic Barbie doll of our community.

### A pasture land threatened by development

The 103-acre property, located on Hutcheson Ferry Rd across from Gravel Road, features some of the prettiest land in the area, with its rolling hills, pastureland, and stunning rock outcroppings.

The earliest records for this property date back to the 1828-1854 Campbell County Georgia Land Records that show 202.5 acres was deeded from Thomas Cheves of Campbell County to Robert Wilkerson of Green County for \$612.00. Over the years the property changed hands several times and also increased in value until it went for sale eight years ago, appraising at more than \$500,000.

In the fall of 2002, a developer placed a contract on the property with the intent to subdivide the parcel into 75 small lots for single family homes. When the Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance (CHCA) learned of this plan, it contacted The Conservation Fund to request assistance.

The Conservation Fund, working through CHCA, put a back-up contract on the property. When the developer asked for a second extension on his contract, the property owner sold the land to the Conservation Fund, who guaranteed a closing within 90 days with no conditions. The Conservation Fund purchased the property in March 2003 from their revolving fund as their first investment in Fulton County. CHCA then negotiated with Fulton County for the land to become a passive recreational park owned and maintained by the County. It was CHCA's hope that the park might one day serve as the trailhead for the four county path, and as an anchor in the Chatt Hill Country's Greenspace Connectivity Plan.



The city will cut the ribbon and open the gate to Hutcheson Ferry Park during a Community Celebration at the Park on June 18, 5-8 p.m. (See flyer in this issue.)

**A park becomes a cultural and community icon**

In 2005, CHCA submitted a proposal to have the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra perform in Hutcheson Ferry Park. Much to their surprise, the proposal was awarded.

CHCA set to work to raise the \$20,000 matching funds and engage the community to make this a gala event. The concert was well attended and enjoyed by residents, friends, and families in our community and beyond.

According to Steve Nygren, CHCA hosted a total of four Atlanta Symphony Orchestra concerts for the community since 2005.

**Barbie gets set on the shelf**

By 2007, a concern arose in the community that took the focus away from culture for a period of time. When three new cities formed in north Fulton and sprawl and annexation became a threat to our community, local activists turned their full attention to researching alternatives for protecting our way of life. So without fanfare or farewell, Hutcheson Ferry Park remained locked, unused, and mostly forgotten.

**A new city receives a special gift**

After residents voted to incorporate the new city of Chattahoochee Hills, they didn't waste any time refocusing their attention back on the parks. Through a special offer made by Fulton County, newly incorporated cities were able to purchase county parklands within their boundaries for \$100/acre. So in 2008, a volunteer group formed as Friends of Chatt Hills Park, and collaborated with the Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association and the Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance to raise \$200,000 for the city to purchase its parklands.

The campaign was a huge success, with more than one third of the households contributing. On October 10, 2010, the acquisition was complete and the city of Chattahoochee Hills officially owned all four of its parks: Rico Park, Cochran Mill Park, Chattahoochee River Park (to be named in the future), and the community cultural icon – Hutcheson Ferry Park.

**Celebrating Hutcheson Ferry Park**

While Hutcheson Ferry Park has been a part of our community since 2003, it has remained locked and has only been used on special occasions. The city of Chattahoochee Hills wants to officially open the park and “unlock the gate” on June 18, in a Grand Opening Celebration that acknowledges the early efforts of the Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance, The Conservation Fund, and Fulton County; and the Community's effort working with the Friends of Chatt Hills Parks, Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association, and Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance to purchase the Park. Please see the flyer in the Weekly Reader for details and bring your friends and family to enjoy the park.

**It's more than an icon – it's a symbol for our future**

Hutcheson Ferry Park is more than a cultural icon and a pretty park to visit. It is symbolic of how we can work together at a grassroots level to fulfill our community vision of preserving and protecting our land.

## In Remembrance of Betty Melear (September 16, 1923 – May 25, 2011)

By Laurie Searle

*The following article is reprinted from the Providence Baptist Church Newsletter, January 2005*



Bill and Betty Melear (2005)

Bill and Betty Melear are long standing members at Providence Baptist Church and mainstays in the Rico community.

Betty was born and raised in Rico, GA. Her father, James Burnett Smith, and mother, Nora Blissett Smith, owned and operated the Smith's General Store at Rico and raised seven children: Joe, John, Harold, Virginia, Estelle, Betty, and Lucy. Their family lived in a large house on the hill behind Smith's store, close to Providence.

"It was a good time growing up with a large family," Betty recalls and has fond memories of simple pleasures like boiling eggs out in the pasture or riding across the river on the ferry.

"Daddy had the first car in Rico and used to take all of us kids to the ferry and drive us across the river," she said. "I used to get so nervous and excited, all at the same time."

Betty attended Rico Elementary School, Palmetto High School in the 8th and 9th grades and Campbell High School in the 10th and 11th grades. Back then that's as far as high school went, according to Betty.

One Saturday night when Betty was a teenager she went to a party at Jones Mill. Little did she know she'd meet her future husband there.

Bill was born in Newnan, GA, and later moved to Whitesburg, GA, with his family. His father, John Virgil Melear, and mother, Ludie Louise Bennett Melear, raised eight children: Florence, Raymond, Bill, Dorothy, Marvin, Kenneth, Edna, and Harvey.

Bill attended Newnan High School and worked for the Newnan-Times Herald during school and for a while after he graduated.

One Saturday night, he and a friend decided to crash the weenie roast at Jones Mill. He met Betty at the party and they started dating.

His family moved to Rico when he was 20 years old and by that time he knew he wanted to marry Betty. Her family insisted they wait until she turned 18, so they set their wedding date for September 20, 1941.

They both laugh when they think of their marriage at the preacher's home in Newnan. "All the folks from Rico came down and were peeping in the window when we got married," they recalled.

As a young couple they both held interesting jobs. Betty used to pack peaches in Newnan during the war. "My job was to pack the prettiest peaches at the top of each basket," she said.

Bill worked in the Newnan Cotton Mill and earned \$12 a week when they first got married. From that, Betty spent \$4 a week on groceries.

Around that time Bill also tried his first business venture, using his ingenuity and a little red wagon to sell cold Cokes for a nickel a pop. "During the peach harvesting season, I'd pack some Cokes and some ice in a little red wagon and take it up to the train station to sell to the workers loading the peaches," he said. "They

loaded the peaches into refrigerator cars, so any time a chunk of ice chipped off, I'd put it in my wagon. If I was lucky, I'd only have to buy ice once during the day."

Bill's next job was with the US Navy and soon after he joined, he and Betty were blessed with their first child, Nora (Bonnie). Betty recalls a precious moment when Bill came home from the Navy with a special present for his young daughter.

"Bonnie was just a baby, no more than two years old," Betty said. "She was real bashful and when Bill came up the path, she hid behind the cedar chest. He had the biggest Hershey bar you'd ever seen and said, 'Here sugar, I bought you some candy, I hope you like it.' Bonnie said, 'I don't like that kind,' and I burst out laughing."

With Bill out of the service and two more children on the way, Linda and Carl, the couple settled into their lives in the Rico Community.

They both attended Providence Baptist Church and served in many capacities over the years: Bill was Sunday school superintendent, minister of music, and deacon; Betty was a substitute Sunday school teacher, active in the Women's Mission Society, and hospitality director, responsible for finding a place for the preacher to eat dinner each Sunday.

Bill had an interest in farming so he took a few classes and tried his hand, and mule, at the plow for several years. He farmed land down by the Chattahoochee and was somewhat successful, except for the times he planted the same crops three times in a row, only to have them fail because the river flooded.

In 1955, Bill heard about a local farm that was being auctioned and decided to stop by. Although he hadn't intended to buy the 200-plus acre farm, the bidding on the property was so low, he asked a banker who

happened to be there from Douglasville if he would loan him the money if he won the bid. The banker said yes, Bill made his bid, and he was soon the proud owner of the property, which cost him only \$35 an acre.

Bill had a few more interesting jobs working for American Thread, and then for Independent Life Insurance for 13 ½ years before taking on a job that made folks hungry at the sound of his name. In 1966, Bill bought his father's barbecue stand known as Melear's Barbecue.



Bill Melear plows the back 40

The "stand" was really a restaurant located on Hwy 29 in Union City. While it was well visited by locals, great reviews soon made the restaurant a popular southern icon, as attested by politicians, celebrities, and hungry bicycle riders from East Point. Bill used to say, "A lot of people like to play golf, but I hit a hole in one every time one of my customers enjoys a meal."

Betty remembers the first time they had a really big catering job in Newnan, GA. "We intended to serve 10,000 people," she said. "We had a whole school bus just for the waitresses, two trucks for the potato chips, five trucks for the meat, and more trucks for the bread, condiments, and drinks. The crowd fell short of 10,000 but we still managed to feed more than 9,000 that day."

In 1986, Melear's Barbecue ran a promotion to celebrate its 20 year anniversary. It rolled back its prices and served everything on the menu at 1966 prices. Bill and Betty expected a crowd, but they had no idea that folks would be standing in a line that stretched around the parking lot three times. Before the day was over, they had called everyone they knew to help prepare and serve barbecue.

Bill and Betty retired in 1989 and sold the restaurant in 1997. Today they still live in the house they bought at auction nearly 50 years ago, near their family and friends in Rico. They are blessed with 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grand-children. They also attend Providence when they can and stay active in the church through home visitation. On a recent visit, they recalled one of their favorite memories growing up in Rico.

“On the way to church, a bunch of us would pick a watermelon from a neighbor’s garden and put it in the creek to ice down. All during service we’d be thinking about how hot it was and how cool that melon would be. On the way home, we’d crack open that melon and have a big time. We really enjoyed those simple pleasures.”

**Memorial Arrangements**

Many have asked how they can honor Mrs. Melear. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made in her honor to Vincent and Annabella's Garden or Providence Baptist Church. The family will receive visitors at Mowell and Sons Funeral Home in Fayetteville Saturday from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and after the funeral service on Sunday. The funeral service is scheduled for Sunday at 3:00 at Providence Baptist Church. We at the Weekly Reader send our heartfelt condolences and ask that you remember the extended Melear families in your thoughts and prayers.

**Vincent and Annabella's Garden**  
([www.vincentandannabellsgarden.org](http://www.vincentandannabellsgarden.org))  
PO Box 58  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

**Providence Baptist Church**  
6402 Campbellton Redwine Road  
Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268

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**CIVIC UPDATES**

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**Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget**

From City Clerk Dana Wicher

The first public hearing for the fiscal year 2012 budget is scheduled on June 7, 2011 at 6:00 at City Hall. The second and final public hearing regarding the proposed FY12 budget will be held on June 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 6505 Rico Road. The proposed budget can be found at: <http://www.chatthillsga.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=564>

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**National Hurricane Preparedness Week**

From the CDC

May 22-28, 2011 is National Hurricane Preparedness Week. The CDC, along with other federal and public health partners, is raising awareness about the importance of taking steps to protect your health and safety during the approaching hurricane season.

**Hurricane Readiness: Highlights of Emergency Supplies You Will Need**

- Stock your home with emergency supplies that you and your family may need during the emergency period.

- Make sure that you have at least a 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food and water.
- Include prescription medications, baby supplies and any additional items for special medical needs.
- Place an emergency kit in your car.

**Create A Family Hurricane Plan – Highlights:**

- Learn about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations of emergency shelters.
- Identify potential home hazards and know how to secure or protect them.
- Locate and secure your important papers.
- Inform local authorities about any special needs.

For more details and to download readiness worksheets, please visit: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/>

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**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR**

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**Beat Nature Deficit Disorder with Camp Serenbe**

From Dallas Nevins and Kara Nygren

**CAMP SERENBE starts JUNE 6th!** Check out our website: [www.campserenbe.com](http://www.campserenbe.com) for more information. This year in addition to our super-fun traditional day camp for 3-8 year olds, we are offering programs for 8-12 year olds in conjunction with The Serenbe Playhouse, The Serenbe Stables, and The Serenbe Photography Center. Your child is not going to want to miss the fun this summer! Chatt Hill's residents get over 25% off of tuition each week; we'd love to have you join us!

**Special Guests and Activities include:**

- Cochran Mill Nature Center, who will be bringing some amazing animals to show us,
- Dusty the Clown and friends, who will be doing their incredible face painting and more,
- The Chattahoochee Hill's Fire Department will hose the kids down and teach fire safety,
- Tree For All will be back form more Tree Climbing activities,
- We will be attending The Serenbe Playhouse's Ugly Duckling performance and get our own theatre lessons,
- We have incredible art projects lined up and so much more.

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**Wolf Creek Inaugural Music Festival**

From Deloris Baskin

Fulton County residents are invited to join us on the lawn at the new Wolf Creek Amphitheater on Saturday, June 4, 2011 for the kick-off of the Wolf Creek Inaugural Music Festival. The festival will open the venue with a free concert featuring recording artist, poet and songwriter India Arie, whose music has inspired and motivated people worldwide.

The concert will also feature other noted artists including vocalist and actor TC Carson, of “Living Single”; jazz vocalist Jean Carne, known for her singles “If You Don’t Know Me By Now,” and “Don’t Let It Go To Your Head”; as well as songstress and musician Chanda McKnight, an acclaimed keyboardist performing as a member of the house band on the Keenen Ivory Wayans Show, the Caroline Rhea Show and the Chanda Bailey Trio.

Tickets are required for the free concert, which is open to Fulton County residents ONLY. Doors will open to the public at 5:00 p.m. and the concert will kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Starting Thursday, May 26, Fulton County residents can obtain tickets at the Southwest Arts Center, located at 915 New Hope Road, Atlanta, GA 30331, and at the Sandy Springs Library Branch, located at 95 Mount Vernon Hwy NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Residents must be 18 years and older and show a valid driver’s license or Georgia ID to receive tickets. There is a limit of two tickets per person with valid ID. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets will be available at the Southwest Arts Center Mondays-Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets will not be available for pickup on Monday, May 30, 2011 as County facilities will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

Parking for the event will start at \$10.00. For additional information about the Wolf Creek Amphitheatre call 404-613-WOLF (9653) or visit the website at [www.wolfcreekamphitheater.com](http://www.wolfcreekamphitheater.com).

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### **Interested in Organic Farming?**

From Georgia Organics

#### **Field and Funding: at Rise 'N Shine Farm / Tuesday, June 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

This field day is an opportunity to learn about the workings of an 8 acre certified organic farm and the cost-share opportunities available from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, which makes over \$1 million available annually to organic farms and those committed to transitioning to organic. Rise 'N Shine grows over 40 different varieties of certified organic vegetables in the ground and in hoop houses. In its seventh year of operation, they have rapidly grown into one of the largest CSAs (food box programs) in Northwest Georgia.

#### **Schedule:**

- 8:30 to 9 am: Sign-in
- 9:15 am: Welcome
- 9:30 am: Overview of farm and organic production
- 10 am: Organic EQIP Program funding opportunities
- 11 am: Farm tour
- 12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch

This field day is a partnership between Georgia Organics, NRCS, Central Rolling Hills RC&D, Limestone Valley RC&D, Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D, Floyd County Cooperative Extension and the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Lunch is provided by our sponsor Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs. Rise 'N Shine Farm is located at 191 Carpenter Road NE, Calhoun, GA 30701. This workshop is free of charge, but please RSVP at: [register](#). Carpenter Rd. is 12.5 miles west of Calhoun, GA on Hwy 156. If you pass Cagles Stop 'N Shop gas station then you have gone too far. You can also reach Carpenter Rd. on Hwy 156 east 7.5 miles from Armuchee. Go 1/3 of a mile down Carpenter and look for signs to direct you for parking.

### Serenbe Photography Center Open Competition

Kathryn Kolb, Program Director

The not-for-profit Serenbe Photography Center (SPC), located in Palmetto GA, announces its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Photography Open Competition on June 11, 2011. This "scavenger hunt" style competition is open to everyone - participants can enter individually or in teams (up to 5 people per team). Event begins at 9:00 am, when photographers receive assignments in six creative categories, images are turned in to the judge's panel while photographers have lunch, and a "slide show" of the winning images, awards and prize raffle begins at 2:00 pm. Though the Serenbe Photography Center Open event is a competition, the goal is for area photographers to connect, enjoy a great photographic location --- from people, to farm animals, fine homes and gardens, and woods and wildflowers --- and to just have fun. Prizes will be donated from a variety of arts, photography and other vendors. Awards and prizes for both winners and all participants are listed below.



- **Date:** June 11, 2011
- **Location:** Serenbe Photography Center, Serenbe Community, 9110 Selborne Lane, Palmetto GA
- **Event Link:** <http://www.serenbephotographycenter.com/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=106>
- **Website:** [SerenbePhotographyCenter.com](http://SerenbePhotographyCenter.com)

The new Serenbe Photography Center, open just over a year, is the only resource of its kind in the Southeast open to all photographers. The non-profit center hosts a wide array of photography workshops, including digital printing and darkroom, natural areas in Georgia, travel, location portraiture, vintage printing and a great many more. Many of our instructors are working photographers of national and international stature. Our lab facility gives beginners to professional photographers a place to print their own work in a state-of-the-art facility up to very large sizes. SPC offers digital printing and both traditional color and traditional B&W darkrooms for film negatives, 35 mm to 8 x 10. SPC hours are Wed - Sat 10-6, and Sun - Tues by appt. Please see our website for full listing of events.

[SerenbePhotographyCenter.com](http://SerenbePhotographyCenter.com). **Photo credit: photograph by Tom England**

### Cochran Mill Nature Center Summer Camp Friday Fishing Needs You!

From Melissa Laughner



That's right! Every Friday during our summer camp season our campers head out to the pond to try their luck at catching a fish and they need your help! We provide the supplies and you provide the mentoring to help our campers make great memories. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Friday mornings this summer then please give us a call to let us know you can help out. You can also just drop by if you find yourself free. Every Friday at 9:30 AM. Starts Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions! 770-306-0914.

### Scottish grill to offer a new taste

By Stephanie Siegel, [douglas@neighbornewspapers.com](mailto:douglas@neighbornewspapers.com), Staff / Mike Jacoby



Jimmy McCullough, left, and his son and business partner Nick McCullough, both of Chattahoochee Hills; pose at their soon-to-open restaurant in Douglasville, Highlanders Tavern and Grille. / Staff / Mike Jacoby

Jimmy McCullough, left, and his son and business partner Nick McCullough, both of Fairburn; pose at their soon-to-open restaurant in Douglasville, Highlanders Tavern and Grille.

Douglasville has Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Mexican, Italian and other restaurants.

With two percent of county residents reporting their descent as Scottish and another two percent as Scotch-Irish, according to city-data.com, a new Scottish restaurant could become as popular.

Jimmy and Nick McCullough are planning to open Highlanders Tavern And Grill before mid-June at 7436 Douglas Blvd., Suite A, a shopping center space near Sam & Rosco's, formerly occupied by Iron Horse Barbecue.

"It's something my father and I have wanted to do for a long time," Nick McCullough said. "We finally decided to give it a go."

Nick's wife, Stacie, grew up in her grandparents' restaurant business in Florida, he said. Nick's mother, Regina Stewart McCullough, grew up in Douglasville, and the family still shops here though living across the river in Chattahoochee Hills.

The McCullough's and Stewarts are, as their names suggest, of Scottish descent. "I've traced my family back to the 1300s," Nick said. "I've done a lot of research. A lot of it was stored by my family members in North Carolina."

The wall above the bar is adorned with the family coat of arms and the family motto, "vi et animo," Latin for "by strength and courage," he said. "Most Scottish clans have family mottos that have been passed down generation to generation. I found a book in the Library of Congress that belonged to my ancestor, Henry McCulloh," Nick said. "It had that saying, from the 1730s."

The red lion on the tavern's façade is the Scottish lion. "It was the flag for Scotland for a long time," Nick McCullough explained. "It's just kind of known as a symbol of Scotland."

Scottish food also will distinguish Highlanders. "For entrees at night, we'll have traditional Scottish chicken dishes, and Scottish salmon, with a marinated glaze cooked into it, which is really a treat," he said.

He also plans steak dinners, and for the quick lunch crowd, fresh deli sandwiches, salads, soups, hormone-free burgers and chicken sandwiches.

The space, seating 90, will serve both meals seven days a week. Entertainment includes five flat-screen TVs and a full bar, with plans for live music, karaoke, trivia nights, and future car and motorcycle shows, Nick said.

**Chatt Hills Eventing News | This Week in International Disciplines - May 25**

Author: USEF Communications Department, Release: May 26 2011

At the Chattahoochee Hills Horse Trials last weekend, clear jumping rounds were at a premium in the CIC one and two star divisions. In the CIC2, young Rider Lizzie Snow rode the veteran Coal Creek to victory over Jonathon Holling on Downtown Harrison. Snow began the weekend in 3<sup>rd</sup> place but was the only person in the division to jump double clear on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day to finish on her dressage score of 48.6. Beth Perkins and Fernhill Cove were 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Alabama's Hannah Begue and Asterix won the CIC1 by more than five points finishing on a score of 41.3. Begue was the only rider in the division to finish on her dressage score. Sarah Dunkerton and Matapeake were second and Australia's Dominic Schramm rode Arnold van de Warande to third place. For more information visit:

[http://www.evententries.com/chatthills/may\\_results.htm](http://www.evententries.com/chatthills/may_results.htm).

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**Equine Herpes Outbreak \ Neurologic EHV-1: The Top Five Things You Need to Know**

by: Erica Larson, News Editor at thehorse.com, May 26 2011, Article # 18264

The neurologic equine herpes virus (EHV-1) outbreak in the western United States has captured the attention of horse owners across the country and raised a few questions about just what this virus is and what it might do in this current outbreak. TheHorse.com enlisted the help of Paul Lunn, BVMS, MS, PhD, head of the Department of Clinical Sciences at Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, to explain the top five things horse owners should know about EHV-1.

**1. Understand the Modes of Transmission**

Understanding how EHV-1 is transmitted between horses is the key to understanding how to slow or stop disease outbreaks.

"The most significant way the EHV-1 virus spreads is horse-to-horse contact, so right now the most important thing we can do is to stop this virus moving around," Lunn said. "If we can stop this virus from moving from horse to horse, we can bring this outbreak to an end. Keeping horses at home and keeping them from meeting other horses they're not already in contact with is the most critical strategy."

He also noted that EHV-1 can survive on "surfaces, equipment, feeding tools, grooming supplies, trailers, or gates. For these reasons, we need to be aware that we can become the way the virus moves from horse to horse."

Careful consideration when handling barn supplies, tack, and other stable supplies around exposed and non-exposed horses can reduce the risk of transmission. Lunn said that EHV-1 can be transferred via aerosol transmission over short distances, but he added that unlike equine influenza--which can travel for several hundred yards through the air--a turnout arrangement that separates exposed and unexposed horses by a distance of a hundred yards or more would likely be sufficient to squelch transmission.

**2. Know the Incubation Period**

"The incubation period from when a horse first gets exposed to this virus (to when he starts showing signs of illness) can be quite lengthy," Lunn said. "The horse can be febrile (temperature of 101.5 F or more) within a day of getting infected, but when the infection goes on to cause neurologic disease, that usually doesn't develop for at least seven or eight days, and sometimes up to 14 days after it first gets infected."

He explained that at-risk farms (farms housing horses that have traveled and might have been exposed at a show or an event, or farms that have had confirmed cases) should be quarantined for--at minimum--two weeks to account for the incubation period (cases that aren't apparent yet).

However, if there is evidence that a farm actually has EHV-1 infected horses, this needs to be longer. "Quarantine for those farms really needs to last at least three weeks and probably in many instances four weeks, for farms at which cases actually occur," he noted. (This time begins after the last fever is detected on that farm.)

Lunn said that if an EHV-1 positive horse or one suspected of having the virus has been turned out with other horses, don't mix those horses with non-exposed horses on the farm. Keep the horses in the same turnout groups to minimize exposure.

### **3. EHV Isn't an Uncommon Virus**

"Equine herpes virus-1 is a very common virus to find in horses," Lunn said. "The great majority of horses are exposed early in life and become lifelong latently infected (showing no signs of illness)."

The virus generally manifests as a respiratory infection and occasionally causes abortions in pregnant mares. The neurologic form of the virus, however, is an unusual outcome from the infection, he explained. What is most unusual right now is not that the virus is spreading, but that a very high number of horses are developing the neurologic disease."

On the positive side, Lunn explained that when the current outbreak ends, the horses that were exposed and infected during the outbreak are unlikely to represent a threat in the future--the veterinary community has not seen these horses cause further outbreaks down the road.

### **4. Know the Early Signs**

"The first thing we typically see with this disease is a fever," Lunn said. "So if you see a fever with no obvious explanation, that should raise your anxiety level. "And if you think there's a chance your horse might have been directly or indirectly exposed and they have a fever, then that would be an opportunity to be in touch with your veterinarian and discuss getting a nasal swab taken for PCR (polymerase chain reaction) diagnostic testing."

Early detection of a fever could lead to an early diagnosis that will allow treatment to commence promptly. As with most equine ailments, early treatment generally leads to a more favorable prognosis.

### **5. EHV-1 Neurologic Disease is not a Death Sentence**

"There are things you can do, get your vet involved, and be able to hopefully weather the storm," Lunn said.

"If you do have a horse that is EHV-1 positive or worse yet, starts developing some signs of neurologic disease, there are definitely things you can do to give a good chance of improving the outcome of this disease. There are a variety of treatment options your veterinarian may use, but these include anti-inflammatory drugs and supportive care (i.e., the use of a sling, 'round the clock nursing, etc.) that can be given to help nurse that horse through the disease.

"One of the most important things a veterinarian will do is monitor whether the horse can urinate-- often the paralysis can affect this and there is a real risk of bladder rupture--and keeping the bladder drained in this disease can be a life-saving procedure." Lunn emphasized. "We see many cases where the effects of the disease can be

quite mild--just some stumbling or ataxia (incoordination)," he added. "Those horses can usually completely recover by a few months after the infection and go on to lead normal lives."

Of course, not all cases are mild, and horses that are more severely affected generally don't share the same fortune as mildly affected ones. "Horses that are more severely infected and maybe end up on the ground or unable to rise have a much worse prognosis," he noted.

### **Other Information**

Owners might be wondering if a herpes virus vaccination would be advisable during this outbreak. The answer, however, is not just a simple yes or no.

"It's controversial," Lunn explained. "We know that at the moment, we have no evidence that EHV-1 vaccines can stop the development of the neurologic disease. No vaccine has a claim right now for protection against neurological disease. We also know that some of the more potent EHV-1 vaccines can have a very significant effect on reducing the shedding of the virus from the nose in a well-vaccinated and recently boosted horse."

A decrease in shedding EHV-1 will lead to a decrease in the number of horses exposed to the virus. "So for these reasons, my inclination is to say if I had a horse that was previously vaccinated and it hadn't had a booster within the last three months, I would give it a booster in order to decrease the movement and shedding of the virus on the farm," he concluded, adding that this decision needs to be balanced against the need to "muster and handle" horses in order to give that vaccine. He added that not all experts agree that vaccination is entirely benign.

Another consideration is the well-known fact in the veterinary community that viruses hold the ability to mutate, but it's too early in the course of the outbreak to determine if the current strain of EHV-1 is a mutated strain.

"At the moment, all that has been done is PCR molecular identification of the fact that the virus is present," Lunn said. "I think a number of institutions--including CSU and the University of Kentucky--are trying to culture the virus right now, and in time we'll be able to study its genetic code."

Learn more about diseases of the nervous systems than can afflict horses and the most current treatment methods and prognoses in [Understanding Equine Neurological Disorders](#).

"Very likely, when this is all said and done, we will discover that this virus does possess the mutation that was characterized in the past decade, which we call the neuropathogenic mutation (i.e., strains of EHV-1 with a single mutation in the gene that encodes the enzyme called DNA polymerase). It's very likely that this virus will carry this mutation. Now this virus might have other mutations and other changes in it that might eventually help explain why we've seen this disastrous outbreak, but at the moment that is speculative."

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### **Check out the blog post 'Restaurant Health Inspection Results'**

From a Blog post added by our friend Blackjaguar of the Woodward Community in Cedar Grove

See how your favorite restaurant scored <http://ga.state.gegov.com/georgia/search.cfm?county=Fulton>

**Georgia DOT Announces Two New Scenic Byways**

From The Georgia DOT's Scenic Byways Program



Two new scenic byways have been added to the roster of Georgia's Scenic Byways: Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway in Effingham County and Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway in Pulaski and Wilcox counties.

Georgia now counts 14 officially designated scenic byways throughout the State. Each is a special drive and destination unto itself, commemorating an important time or place or simply reminding travelers of the State's beauty and bounty.

The Historic Effingham-Ebenezer route, a 60-mile journey through the towns of Ebenezer, Guyton,

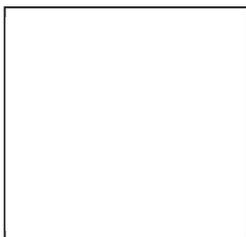
Springfield and Rincon, is sponsored by the Effingham Chamber of Commerce and celebrates the beauty of one of Georgia's original eight counties and the history of Ebenezer, founded by German Lutherans seeking religious freedom. Byway travelers may trace George Washington's southern tour of 1791, visit the sites of taverns dating back to the American Revolution, view ferries along the Savannah River, follow General Sherman's March to the Sea, explore the University of Georgia's Forest Education Center, or see the numerous historic churches of Effingham County, among many other sites and activities to be found on this route in southeastern Georgia.

Sixty-five miles of highways and roads linking the communities of Hawkinsville, Pineview, Abbeville, and Rochelle comprise the Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway, sponsored by Hawkinsville Better Hometown. The route celebrates the intrinsic and timeless values of Middle Georgia—friendly communities of hard-working families in pastoral surroundings. Byway attractions include scenic pecan groves, horse and cattle pastures and farmland (corn, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, peaches, blueberries, and grapes), farmers markets and festivals, Civil War heritage sites, and the Ocmulgee River, along with the historic architecture of Hawkinsville's Old Opera House, the Lawrence Bennett Harness Horse racetrack, and several notable churches. The Georgia DOT's Scenic Byways Program is a community-driven effort that seeks to preserve the legacy of the state's treasured places in ways that enhance both their protection and their economic development.

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**LOCAL POSTS / BUSINESS NEWS**

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**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!*

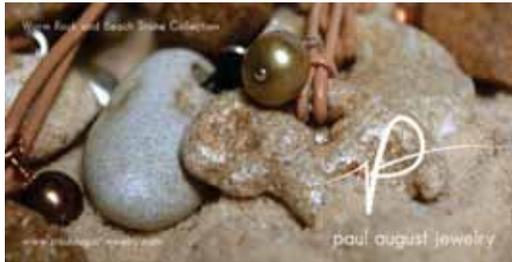
**For Rent:** Cute farmhouse, 1 very large bedroom/1 bathroom in Goodes. 360 degree views of horse pasture. 1 mile to Serenbe, 2 miles to S Fulton Parkway. \$600/month, available today! Call Chris or Nick @ 678-656-4766 or 678-364-9609 for more info.

**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 reduced to: \$500 plus utilities. Looking for quite, responsible, neat, nonsmoker, clean person. Great place for the right person: please call 678.637.1563



**At the Bilt-House this weekend:**

Pick Your Bag! One Of A Kind Summer Totes: Pick Yours! Regularly \$95 ~ this weekend only \$79.



Also – visit our **Paul August Trunk Show** at the Serenbe Farmers Market 9-12:30 and at the Shop From 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm. Our jewelry pieces are designed around a magnificent natural beach stone or worm rock, gathered and assembled by hand. The stones were especially chosen to become necklaces or bracelets based on their shape and the natural location of their

holes - typically fossilized burrows of the marine sabellariid worm formed over millions of years.

We use materials to enhance these beautiful stones, including pure sterling silver or copper findings, naturally dyed and hand cut leather, and lustrous freshwater pearls. Each piece is distinct...let it find you!

**This Week’s Blue Eyed Daisy Weekend Blue Plate Special!**

Friday – Sunday: 5 pm – 9 pm (Now Open for Dinner Sunday night!) Baked Pork Chops, Serenbe Farm Roasted Broccoli & Cauliflower and Mac & Cheese \$8.99 (Full weekend menu also available!)

**Memorial Day Weekend Special for Chatt Hill Residents: All Beer at the Daisy is \$2 during dinner Friday – Sunday.**

**COMMUNITY SCHEDULE**

**COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS**

<p><b>May 27 thru June 12<sup>th</sup></b> Thus – Sat, 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>“Sex Please, We’re Sixty”:</b> 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 <a href="http://www.STGplays.com">www.STGplays.com</a> or call 770-969-0956.</p>
<p><b>June 2 – August 27,</b>  Most Weekends: Thursday-Saturday</p>	<div data-bbox="418 1371 971 1749" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Line-Up...A Season of Premieres!</b></p> <p>Opens with The Southeast Premiere of: <b>Ordinary Days A New Musical.</b> June 2 -25 / 8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday).</p> <p><b>The World Premiere of: The Ugly Duckling</b> - An Original Adaptation July 1-August 27 / 2:00 pm (Every Friday and Saturday).</p> <p><b>The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself)</b> by Pulitzer Prize Winner Donald Margulies, August 4-27 / 8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday).</p> <p>Tickets for Ordinary Days and Shipwrecked: \$20 / adults, \$15 / students; The Ugly Duckling: \$15 / adults, \$10 /students. For more information about Serenbe Playhouse,</p>

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	to purchase tickets or become a supporting member, visit <a href="http://www.serenbeplayhouse.com">www.serenbeplayhouse.com</a> call 770.463.1110, or follow “Serenbe Playhouse” on Facebook.
<b>Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm	<b>Free Concert Featuring India Arie</b> at the New Wolf Creek Amphitheater in South Fulton County! Organized and funded by your Fulton County Government. For Complete Details please click on the <a href="#">website</a> . Photos and Video: <a href="#">Photos &amp; Video</a>
<b>Saturday Jun 4 &amp; 18</b> at The Hil <b>Saturday, July 9</b> 9:30 pm at The Farmhouse <b>Saturday, July 23,</b> 9:30 pm at Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop <b>Saturday Aug 6 &amp; 20</b> 10:30 pm at The Hil	<b>Late Night Cabaret Series – from Gershwin to Gaga:</b> 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. Performances range in price from \$15-\$30.
<b>Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup></b> 6:00 pm; City Hall	<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing</b>   The first public hearing for the proposed City of Chatt Hills FY12 budget will be held today at City Hall, 6505 Rico Road. The proposed budget can be found at: <a href="#">proposed budget</a>
<b>Saturday JUNE 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 am – 1:00 pm shoot & edit  2:30 - awards presentation and slide show of winning images	<b>1st Annual Serenbe Photography Center Open Competition:</b> 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. <b>Get your friends together and bring your winning team!</b> <b>SerenbePhotographyCenter.com: office: 770-463-9098 (Wed-Sun)</b>
<b>Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup></b> 6:00 pm @ City Hall	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing</b>   The second and final public hearing for the proposed City of Chatt Hills FY12 budget will be held today at City Hall, 6505 Rico Road. The proposed budget can be found at: <a href="#">proposed budget</a>
<b>Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> –</b> <b>5:30 – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Save the Date! Hutcheson Ferry Park Grand Opening Celebration!</b> 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!
<b>JUN 20 – 24: first session, and JUN 27 – JUL 1: second session</b>  9 - 12 morning session 12 - 1 lunch 1 - 4 afternoon session 4 - 5 wrap up	<b>Serenbe Playhouse High School Theatre Workshops:</b> 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

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	information <a href="mailto:info@serenbeplayhouse.com">info@serenbeplayhouse.com</a> or (770) 463-1110.
<b>September 8-11</b>	Save the Date for the <b>2011 USEA American Eventing Championships</b> , which will be taking place on Carl Bouckaert's farm (almost) in Chattahoochee Hills. Visit the <a href="#">AEC page</a> on the USEA website or the <a href="#">Chattahoochee Hills website</a> for more information.

**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](http://www.serenbehorsebackriding.com).

**Camp Serenbe After-School Enrichment Program:** 3:00-4:00 in the afternoon. For details contact: [dallas@dallasnevins.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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
- **July 9 – Spirits in the Landscape** with Robin Davis, well-known for her elegant, often mysterious, highly creative, on-location portraiture, in partnership with actors from Serenbe Playhouse.



**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.

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**Zumba at Providence Baptist Church;** email [sylviaedic@cityofmorrow.com](mailto:sylviaedic@cityofmorrow.com) for schedules and details.

**Foxbrier Farm: Boe Berries U-Pick Farm** – over 1500 blueberry naturally grown bushes at 12000 Hutcheson Ferry Rd. – call in and place an order, or come out and pick your own! Contact Kirsten Boe @ [kirsten](mailto:kirsten) or call 404.234.7023.

**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](http://www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org)

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quality time with nature

on-the-farm fun - animal feeding - hayrides - fishing -



tree climbing - hiking - canoeing - fine arts - adventure





**summer 2011**  
ages 3 - 12

# camp serenbe

Crafts, hiking, scavenger hunts, tree climbing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, sports, interaction and feeding in the animal village, hayrides, hands-on experience on the farm, fun projects, special guests...

Day Camp (ages 3-8)

New this year: Adventure Camp (ages 8-12)

Choose from one of four adventures:

- Outdoor Exploration
- Performing arts with Serenbe Playhouse
- Photography with Serenbe Photography Center
- Horseback riding with Serenbe Stables

**Monday - Friday**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- June 6 - 10
- June 13 - 17
- June 20 - 24
- July 11 - 15
- July 18 - 22
- July 25 - 29

Cost per Camper: \$295/week

Serenbe/Chatt Hills Residents: \$215/week

Inn at Serenbe Guests: \$215/week

(\*adventures in horseback riding is an additional cost)

**Register: [campserenbe@gmail.com](mailto:campserenbe@gmail.com)**



## Plan a Family Getaway to the Country

Inn at Serenbe Accommodations:

\$139/night (Sunday - Friday) includes daily full country breakfasts

[www.serenbeinn.com](http://www.serenbeinn.com) - 770.463.2610

# Hutcheson Ferry Park opening day celebration

June 18, 2011 \* 5:00-8:00 PM \* Rain or Shine \* FREE

9774 Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chattahoochee Hills, GA

Join the Community that helped Buy Our Parks Now! as we celebrate our success and the official opening of Hutcheson Ferry Park by the city of Chattahoochee Hills.

- ✔ Bring your lawn chairs & a picnic
- ✔ Participate in old-fashioned games like the three-legged race, horseshoe toss, and hula hoop contest
- ✔ Listen to great folk music by Homegrown Revival
- ✔ Celebrate our Community with a special program and ribbon cutting
- ✔ Learn more about the Friends of Chatt Hills Parks and how you can participate

