



CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Celebrating the Ecological Wonders of Hutcheson Ferry Park

By: Clifford Blizard, Ph.D.

As a resident of Chattahoochee Hills now for nearly five years, I have grown to appreciate more and more all of the open space that has been preserved as parkland in our community. While my wife and I still take long day trips in search of new trails to hike or wildflowers to photograph, we also enjoy the pleasure of being able to drive only a few minutes from our home and set out onto the trail. One such place we have come to treasure is Hutcheson Ferry Park.

At a glance, the park seems unimpressive, more of a venue for a concert or fair than a stunning natural area. Much of the main entrance area of the park is mowed, with isolated trees scattered in the lawn. But go off the beaten path a bit -- over a berm or beyond a fence and wonders await...



Rock outcrop at Hutcheson Ferry Park

The park includes a rock outcrop habitat with mosses, lichens, and aged eastern red cedars. It also has an extensive swathe of former pastureland that has an open, almost prairie-like feel to it. While Cochran Mill Park has a few outcrop areas of its own, they do not quite achieve the species variety and beauty of the one at Hutcheson Ferry Park. And the hillside meadows of Hutcheson Ferry Park are not like any other spot I have seen in the other parks.

The first treasure lies just over the hill, literally. From the open entrance area, set off across the grass (avoiding the fire ant nests) headed east, go up a short slope, and find a path through the tangled growth to a space where the land opens out, and the ground is nearly bare rock, with a layer of lichens and mosses. If you are particularly fortunate, you will arrive after a rain, when the rockmoss that is usually dry and purplish-black has turned emerald green, and the resurrection fern growing on the side of an old red cedar is brilliant green and thriving rather than appearing brown and dead.

For most of the year, though, the rock outcrop environment is a harsh place. During the summer, daytime air temperatures just above the granite surface can climb to 120 degrees or more, and the only water is a memory of a thunderstorm many weeks previous. Without soil, the thirsty lichens and mosses take what water they can after a rain, make food and grow for a short time, then go dormant again, waiting for another storm.

Life has specialized to survive under such conditions. Take lichens, for example. They are an odd partnership of a fungus and an alga. Algae usually live in water, but the fungi provide them with “space suits” so that they can dry out and still survive. Fungi, on the other hand, usually have to live on rotting vegetation in order to make their food. But as part of the lichen partnership, they have “taken up farming” by recruiting algae to make food for them. Fungi are one of the few life forms able to occupy bare granite. Another plant well-adapted to almost no soil or water is the prickly pear cactus, which can be found scattered about the outcrop.

Although the plants may be tough in the face of climatic extremes, the granite rock outcrops here in Georgia are actually very fragile places. Too many feet tramping across the outcrop can kill lichens and mosses, leaving scars that won’t fully heal for decades. Historically, granite outcrops were treated like waste places; often rubbish would be dumped or even burned on them. Fortunately, the outcrop at Hutcheson Ferry has been left alone for the most part, although one area was quarried many years ago. After the park opens, will we all be able to visit and appreciate this marvelous spot without harming it?



Above, bare rock is home to lichens, mosses, and even a prickly pear cactus.

Below right, a resurrection fern comes back to life after a recent rain.



The meadows in the "back 40" of Hutcheson Ferry Park

To get to the meadows at the park, your path leads back down the hillside and south along the mowed roadway. Soon, you arrive at a newly constructed fence, evidently planned to keep visitors far away from Palmetto Reservoir until reservoir access arrangements can be made with the City of Palmetto. Until then, the open landscapes will be off limits. Or they will be, that is, once a gate is constructed and a sign put up. Meanwhile....

Beyond the fence, the path leads briefly upward onto a hilltop, and then down the other side, eventually arriving at a stand of pines and sweet gums and, beyond that, the reservoir. The lake water is lovely, but I find greater appreciation in the open space between. On sunny days, you are liable to find dragonflies, damselflies, and

grasshoppers on your walk. (I photographed some of the park’s insect inhabitants in an article I wrote last year for The Atlanta Examiner, which you can read here: <http://www.examiner.com/nature-in-atlanta/on-safari-at-a-neighborhood-park>.) The various grasses mostly grow in only a thin mantle of soil. In one spot, the rock beneath is exposed at the surface over an area of several feet. This is why, I think, the forest has been taking so long to reclaim areas that are no longer mowed, or mowed only very infrequently. So far, persimmons have been almost the only tree species to occupy former pasture ground. There is also a stand of mature red oaks beside the path,

about halfway between the fence and the reservoir. Beneath the oaks is a groundcover of periwinkle, a non-native plant with dark-green, oval leaves and purple flowers that would have been planted there by someone. Although I have not been able to find evidence of a building foundation, I am convinced that the oak grove was once the site of someone's house. It would have been a lovely place to call home.



Hutcheson Ferry Park Opening Day Celebration

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

See the flyer in the Weekly Reader



CIVIC NEWS

Georgia Supreme Court asked to review its charter school decision

By Jeff Bishop of *The Times-Herald* of Newnan

While most students are ecstatic that summer break begins this weekend, at Coweta Charter Academy the joy of completing the school year is mixed with sadness as students wonder if they'll ever walk through the doors of their school again.

Help may be on the way. The state is asking the Georgia Supreme Court to reconsider its ruling overturning part of the state's charter school law, the Association Press reported Thursday afternoon. Attorney General Sam Olens filed a request Thursday on behalf of Georgia Charter Schools Commission, according to AP. The state's highest court ruled May 16 that the commission is unconstitutional because it allows the state to approve and fund charter schools over the objection of local school boards. The court rarely grants such requests and did not issue an immediate decision on the filing.

State lawmakers meanwhile are considering introducing a constitutional amendment to address the court's ruling. But there are many hoops involved with such an amendment, which means it would have no hope of being in place before the 2011-12 academic year begins. "A constitutional amendment could not be placed on the ballot until next November," said state Sen. Mitch Seabaugh (R-Sharpsburg). "So the upcoming school year and even the next school year would be affected. But we are doing what we can to provide a remedy. We are really concerned about disrupting the education experience of these children."

Lawmakers are now focusing on finding room in other schools for students who were enrolled in the eight existing commission-approved charter schools that will now be closed, including Coweta Charter Academy, along with students who were set to attend eight new schools this fall. One such school was set to open at Chattahoochee Hills. To deal with the issues springing from the court decision, state Senate Education and Youth Committee Chairman Fran Millar (R-Dunwoody) has established a Special Subcommittee on School Choice, which will hold its first meeting at 10 a.m. June 3 in the state Capitol. Millar, a commission charter school supporter, said the panel's priority will be to ensure that students currently enrolled in the schools will be placed in an appropriate school setting for the next school year.

"We are optimistic that proactive steps taken by this committee will help to protect the valuable education we offer our youth in Georgia," Millar said in a statement. "By examining short and long-term solutions, we hope to answer the many questions stakeholders have and return confidence to families and students [affected] by this court decision. We encourage our constituents, and those involved, to reach out to us with solutions and ideas on how to overcome this unnecessary barrier and determine the best route for excellence in education across Georgia."

But the best case scenario may be for charter schools like Coweta Charter Academy to approach local school boards to find some interim solution until the state constitution can be successfully amended, Seabaugh said. "I have heard from charter school parents, and I've also heard the comments given to them by people in the local school system." He said his understanding is that the state Department of Education "stands ready to assist in any way," and that this will include the "waiver of deadlines, and offering flexibility within the state rules," so that local school systems can "adopt these charter schools as locally approved charter schools," if they so choose.

"We would like to remove the possibility of disrupting the education process for these children," said Seabaugh.

It remains to be seen whether or not the Coweta County Board of Education would be open to such a possibility, however, since the local board already turned down Coweta Charter Academy's original application and fought the Georgia Charter School Commission's approval of the school in court.

Among those expected to speak to the special subcommittee on June 3 are State School Superintendent John Barge and various advocates for charter schools. While the Supreme Court ruling has had a dramatic impact on the state commission's charter schools, more than 150 charter schools established by local school systems were not affected. The Odyssey School's charter was approved by the state prior to the establishment of the commission. The Central Education Center is a charter school, but was locally approved.

Kelly McCutchen, president of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, characterized the Supreme Court decision as only a "temporary setback." "It took more than 100 pages to debate the meaning of just one word. In the end, Georgia's Supreme Court ruled in a 4-3 vote ... that most state-authorized charter schools do not meet the definition of the word 'special.' Barring other actions, 15,000 public school students who faced uncertainty for months must now search for another school to attend before the new school year begins in August. "One thing is certain: We cannot allow Georgia to be known as the state that shuts down quality public schools."

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Tax Assessor Public Meetings

The Fulton Tax Assessor's office plans to hold four public meetings in June to help taxpayers better understand property assessments:

- 10 AM Friday at the Fulton County Government Center, downtown:
- 9:30 AM June 4, at the Benson Senior Multipurpose Complex, Sandy Springs:
- 9:30 AM June 9, at the Auburn Avenue Research Library downtown:
- 9:30 AM June 11 at the Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility, East Point.

The last is the closest to us – the H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility at 2885 Church St., East Point, GA, 30344. (404) 762-4821

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

The Civil War 150 Years Later

From Bearings

If it came to a conflict of arms, the war will last at least four years. Northern politicians will not appreciate the determination and pluck of the South, and Southern politicians do not appreciate the numbers, resources and patient perseverance of the North. Both sides forget that we are all Americans. I foresee that our country will pass through a terrible ordeal, a necessary expiation, perhaps, for our national sins. Robert E. Lee – May 5, 1861

150 years since the beginning of America’s Civil War, our nation may still be debating its causes, but its consequences are less disputable. More than 600,000 soldiers from both sides died in the four-year conflict – the deadliest of all American wars.

Today, we stand restored and united. Unlike the state of the Union at the war’s 100th anniversary, we no longer wrestle with the constitutional question: Are all Americans equal regardless of race? Economically, there is little disparity between the North and the South. We’ve become a country that can hardly conceive of such a drastic demonstration of division. Yet, remembering and engaging the past is part of our journey and key to the value of our freedom. Over the next four years, there will be many observances of the sesquicentennial; here are few ways to start (each heading is a link to another website).

[National Park System Events](#)

There are more than 70 parks that have resources and events related to the history of the Civil War.

[Civil War Battlefields](#)

Use this excellent site for maps and information on events, reenactments and history of key battlefields.

[Gettysburg on History Channel](#)

Executive Produced by award-winners Ridley Scott (Gladiator) and Tony Scott (Top Gun), this examination of the crucial battle premieres Memorial Day – Monday, May 30 at 9 p.m. ET

[The Civil War – An Illustrated History](#)

The editors of TIME are commemorating the 150th anniversary with this 208-page book that tells the story of the war through rarely seen photographs and sketches.

[The Smithsonian’s Best Beards](#)

On a lighter note, vote on this collection of antique photos of the best facial hair of Civil War officers.

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Where can I Ride my Go-kart?

A neighbor wrote with the following question:

Q: “Hey, I was wanting a place to take the grand kids and myself to ride our go kart; the kart is made for off road and would love somewhere to ride in the area; I live on gravel road, is it against the law to ride in the park across the street? If so, can you post the question in the newsletter?”

A: I checked this out with the Police and Parks Departments to confirm what I guessed: You can only really ride on private property – your own, or maybe that of a neighboring farmer or someone else with a large parcel.

From the part of the Parks ordinance pertaining to vehicles and parking:

Section 4: Additional Regulations

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle upon or across any part of any public park of the city, except upon roadways laid out and maintained for vehicular travel. This section shall not apply to city employees whose duties require them to drive park maintenance equipment over the park.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle upon any road within any of the city parks to exceed the speed of 15 miles per hour, with the exception of Cochran Mill Road where the posted speed limit shall prevail.

And then I checked with the Police Department about the roads:

*The Motor Vehicle Code prohibits off-road vehicles on the roadway. Private property is basically the only option. **Lewis Harper, Chief of Police, City of Chattahoochee Hills.***

So, basically, you can only drive any vehicle on the roads in the parks, but you can't drive anything that is not licensed and plated on the roads, so a go-kart strikes out on both counts.

LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS

Local Pet Sitting

From Laurie Searle

Here is the list of pet sitters compiled from a recent request.

Pet Sitting by Ann

Personalized in-home pet care / Insured and bonded / References upon request

Ann Bowers, R.N. / Maria Ragland

(404) 897-1820 - Vicky Bell and her email is houseofmanycritters@yahoo.com

Beechwood Trails Pet Lodge (referred by Janice Garner): they have fourteen acres and are located on the left going toward Douglasville on Capps Ferry Rd. Here is their contact info: 7777 Capps Ferry Road, Douglasville, GA 30135 770-577-STAY (7829) | <http://www.beechwoodtrails.com/>

Rosa Rapp: I've worked as a personal assistant for more than 20 years. My experience includes and is not limited to sitting homes, pets, elderly, and children of all ages. I can be contacted at 678-231-9971.
rosarapp@hotmail.com.

Patty Gellatly. I have 10+ years of experience with common house pets -- dogs, cats, pigs, various house critters. I've worked at Greenwood Kennel (Peachtree City, GA), Park-n-Bark (College Park, GA), and currently am a stay at home Grandmother. References available upon request. With questions or to check availability - to either pet sit in your home or mine --- email me at pleagee@gmail.com or call at 404-210-4245. Thanks! Patty Gellatly, Palmetto, 404-210-4245

Sarah Richards: predominantly serving Serenbe – contact: srichards1@bellsouth.net

Sarah Wood: (business is called 'the pet nanny'). She also takes care of larger animals (horses and I'd imagine any other type of farm animal). Her # is: 770-846-8674

Beth Sewell says, 'I am going to be doing some pet sitting this summer for interested families. If you would like to list my name and number on the web-site, that would be great. I can do dogs, cats or feed horses, etc. Thanks so much.' 770-595-2848

Kathy Landers also pet sits; her # is 404-625-6868,

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS	
<p>June 3 – June 25, 8:30 pm, Thursday through Saturday each weekend</p>	<p>Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Series! Opens with The Southeast Premiere of Ordinary Days A New Musical. Tickets: \$20 / adults, \$15 / students. For more information about the Serenbe Playhouse, to buy tickets or to become a member, please visit www.serenbeplayhouse.com call 770.463.1110, or follow “Serenbe Playhouse” on Facebook.</p>
<p>Saturday Jun 4th 10:30 pm at The Hil</p>	<p>Late Night Cabaret – from Gershwin to Gaga: 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. Music Direction by Will Shuler. Performances range from \$15-\$30 – book at www.serenbeplayhouse.com.</p>
<p>Saturday June 4th 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm</p>	<p>Free Concert Featuring India Arie 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 website. Photos and Video: Photos & Video</p>
<p>Saturday, July 9 9:30 pm at The Farmhouse</p>	<p>Late Night Cabaret – from Gershwin to Gaga: An eclectic mix of jazz and Broadway standards mashed up with rock and current pop hits with an impressive line-up of Atlanta talent and each evening will highlight new performers. Performances range from \$15-\$30 - www.serenbeplayhouse.com.</p>
<p>Tuesday June 7th 6:00 pm; City Hall</p>	<p>Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing 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: proposed budget</p>
<p>Saturday JUNE 11th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm shoot & edit; 2:30 - awards presentation and slide show of winning images</p>	<p>1st Annual Serenbe Photography Center Open Competition: a scavenger hunt photo “shootout” for Individuals (\$20) or teams of up to 5 photographers (\$40): awards given for top 3 images in 6 categories; trophy 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. <i>Get your friends together and bring your winning team!</i> SerenbePhotographyCenter.com: office: 770-463-9098 (Wed-Sun)</p>

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Saturday June 18th 10:30 pm at The Hil	Late Night Cabaret Series – from Gershwin to Gaga: Tonight’s event will feature Adam Gwon, the creator of Ordinary Days, who visits Serenbe from NYC and will perform his original music. Performances range from \$15-\$30 - www.serenbeplayhouse.com .
Saturday, June 18th – 5:30 – 8:00 pm	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!
Tuesday June 21st 6:00 pm @ City Hall	2nd Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing 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: proposed budget
Saturday, July 23, 9:30 pm at Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop	Late Night Cabaret Series – from Gershwin to Gaga: An eclectic mix of jazz and Broadway standards mashed up with rock and current pop hits with an impressive line-up of Atlanta talent. Performances range from \$15-\$30 - www.serenbeplayhouse.com .
July 1st - August 27th 2:00 pm each Friday and Saturday only	The Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Series Continues with the World Premiere of The Ugly Duckling - An Original Adaptation: Tickets: \$20 / adults, \$15 / students. To buy tickets or to become a member, please visit www.serenbeplayhouse.com call 770.463.1110, or follow “Serenbe Playhouse” on Facebook.
August 4th – 27th 8:30 pm weekend evenings, Thursdays through Saturday	The Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Series Continues with Shipwrecked: The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself) by Pulitzer Prize Winner Donald Margulies Tickets: \$20 / adults, \$15 / students. To buy tickets or to become a member, please visit www.serenbeplayhouse.com call 770.463.1110.
Saturday Aug 6 & 20 10:30 pm at The Hil	Late Night Cabaret Series – from Gershwin to Gaga: An eclectic mix of jazz and Broadway standards mashed up with rock and current pop hits with an impressive line-up of talent. Performances range from \$15-\$30 - www.serenbeplayhouse.com .
September 8-11	Save the Date for the 2011 USEA American Eventing Championships , 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.

ONGOING EVENTS

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.

Blue Med Spa Specials: Father’s Day –Men’s Health | 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 Express 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 60 minute massage with calming mud wrap, and choice of a detoxifying foot bath, 30 minute pedicure or men’s haircut and style. A \$320 value for \$275

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](#)

Volunteer Day at Serenbe Farms - Interested in working outside and getting your hands dirty? Join us for our monthly volunteer mornings starting June 8th and every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9 am until noon. Many hands accomplish tons in a short amount of time on these fun and productive days. Email info@serenbefarms.com to let us know to expect you.

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

- **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.

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)
- **Serenbe Playhouse High School Theatre Workshops:** Five-day intensive theatre workshops for high school students led by master teachers Sandra Dietel and Alison Hogue. No previous theatre experience is required. Attendees of WEEK 1 are encouraged to continue developing their skills during WEEK 2. To register or for more information visit: [info](#) or (770) 463-1110. JUN 20 – 24: first session / JUN 27 – JUL 1: second session; 9 – 5 daily

Zumba at Providence Baptist Church; email 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 at this link: [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

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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!*

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, blankets & 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

