



CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS COMMUNITY BULLETIN

June 17, 2011 | Promoting Active & Informed Citizenship in Chattahoochee Hills

Celebrate Our Parks Day and become a Friends of Chatt Hills Parks

By: Laurie Searle

The long awaited day is almost here. After months of meeting, and planning, and working with city parks director Dianne Harnell Cohen and public works director Larry Parrott, Friends of Chatt Hills Parks is ready to hang out its official welcome sign as it joins the city in its first annual *Celebrate Our Parks Day*, at the Hutcheson Ferry Park Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, June 18th from 5:00–8:00 p.m.

A milestone for Chatt Hills and its Friends

This event marks an important milestone for both the city and its Friends. It seems like only yesterday, but in fact it was August 2008 when the parks committee, then a part of the Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association, proposed a bold initiative to our newly formed city to “Buy Our Parks Now!”

The committee proposed a fundraising campaign in partnership with the Chatt Hills Civic Association and the Chattahoochee Hill Country Conservancy to raise \$200,000 to purchase the parklands from Fulton County, which were made available to Chatt Hills as a new city at the cost of \$100/acre.

Mayor Don Hayes and the city council liked the idea, but were concerned about providing ongoing maintenance and support for the parks. After careful consideration, the parks committee made a commitment to form a Friends of Chatt Hills Parks organization once the parks were purchased to help provide continued support for the parks.

About the Friends of Chatt Hills Parks

In preparation for organizing our Friends of Chatt Hills Park group, our parks committee researched other parks organizations, gathered input from local nonprofit leaders and our city’s park staff, and attended conferences to learn about trail maintenance, fundraising, and other issues related to forming a parks nonprofit organization. We



Dr. David McMurrain, president of Friends of Chatt Hills Parks, proudly hangs the welcome sign on the rough-hewn podium he built.

then drafted bylaws and a proposal to submit to the city. Once our proposal is accepted, Friends of Chatt Hills Park will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the city and will then be “shovel ready” to begin our work.

What will we do?

Our work will be guided by the vision of Chattahoochee Hills’ residents, the wisdom and experience of our city’s parks director, and the availability, abilities and interests of our volunteers. But in general, we will. . .

- Promote public support for the care of parks and greenspaces and their natural resources and facilities.
- Support and develop educational, recreational, and cultural activities.
- Raise money and carry out special projects for which there is insufficient or no funding.
- Assist the city of Chattahoochee Hills in building a strong constituency among public and private sectors.

What’s it like volunteering for a Friends of Parks group?

In three words, “It’s a blast.” As a volunteer for the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, I maintain their Website (yeah, there’s always the administrative stuff to do), but I also help my husband, who maintains a section of the trail.

He cleans out the shelter, brings wood chips to the privy, repairs the trail by rearranging rocks, adding water bars, and removing fallen trees, and on occasion, we both participate in a ritual called “privy parties” which believe it or not, requires a special invitation because they’re so popular.

Why join our Friends?

For many of us, parks are *in our nature*. We’d rather be outside in nature than anywhere else, and it’s also about “paying it forward” for future generations. That was the case with city council representative David Hanson, who was originally attracted to this area because of the parks, and then found a way to support the volunteers by serving as the parks committee liaison to the city. When we asked Dave why he loves the parks, he was happy to share his story.

“Growing up first in Northern Illinois, then Minnesota we always had a city park nearby. As kids we would spend a great deal of time at the park so I have always had a real interest in having that for my kids.

I first visited Cochran Mill Park, the waterfalls in particular, back the spring of 1986. I was here from Minnesota to do the Renaissance Festival. Some fellow festival workers, friends who were also from Minnesota, had heard of a really great place to hang out in our off time. Supposedly, there were some nice waterfalls in the middle of nowhere so it would be the perfect place to go relax. We visited the falls a number of times during those first couple of years.

Incidentally, there was also a really cool Frisbee golf course somewhere along Cedar Grove that we would go to periodically. I still have not been able to identify exactly where it used to be. It was only when we moved to the Goodes area in 1992 that we rediscovered Cochran Mill.



Laurie Searle works on trail maintenance with the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club.

When the City was formed, each Council member was assigned to various areas to act as liaison to the community. Knowing my interest in the parks, Mayor Hayes appointed me to work in that area. Believing that most of the community has a high level of interest in our park, I felt that it was important to take an active role in working with the parks group. When the Friends of the Parks group committed to raising the money to purchase the parks I had to put all of my support behind what in my mind was such an important effort.

Having considered how key this effort was to the City's vision, Maria and I decided that there was no better time to participate in a big way than to see that through. Giving an amount equal to the cost of purchasing Hutcheson Ferry Park had a couple of thoughts behind it. Hutcheson Ferry Park was sort of the poster child for what could be done in terms of saving a piece of land from undesirable results. In addition, I drive past it almost every day to and from work. It is, in my mind, my neighborhood park. Also, defining our donation as an amount specific to one of the parks, I feel that it put a tangible element to it that I hoped would make the whole effort more specific. Being given the opportunity to make that donation to kick off the campaign was a great honor."



In 2008, city council representative David Hanson became the city liaison for volunteers interested in Environment & Public Improvement projects including recycling, adopt-a-mile, river & stream, path clean-up, recreation, and parks.

How to become a Friend of Chatt Hills Parks

The Hutcheson Ferry Park Celebration on Saturday would be the perfect time to meet other Friends of Chatt Hills Parks and learn more about how you can participate. The Friends group will have a *Welcome Lounge* at the event, where you can stop and relax on comfortable wicker furniture, and check out our brochures and posters while you enjoy a home-made cookie and chat with our friendly volunteers.

If you can't make the parks celebration on Saturday, you can visit our website at www.friendsofchathillsparks.org to learn more, and check the upcoming editions of the Weekly Reader for our August membership meeting.

At our August meeting, we will invite the whole community, our partners, and the many Friends who participated in the Buy Our Parks Now! Campaign to join our efforts to preserve our parks and make them something special for everyone to enjoy.

Hutcheson Ferry Park Opening Day Celebration

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

See the flyer in the Weekly Reader

Note: Permission has been (for participants who would like to) for people to bring their own alcoholic beverages (no glass containers)

CIVIC NEWS

Council Meeting Time Survey

From City Manager Carol Wolfe

In order to encourage attendance and citizen engagement, the Chattahoochee Hills Mayor and City Council are evaluating the start-times of Council Workshops and City Council Business Meetings. Survey results will be used as the Mayor and Council consider revisions to the start-times of the workshops and business meetings in order to make the meetings more convenient for citizens to attend.

The city will post the survey online and will also mail a survey to each household in the city. Only one survey per household will be accepted. The online surveys can be completed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TPGRYLF> or the mailed hard copy survey can be returned to City Hall, either in person or by mail, to 6505 Rico Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268.

The Mayor and City Council value your input and thank you for your participation in this survey.

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Council District Re-apportionment

The City of Chattahoochee Hills has submitted a request for pre-clearance regarding re-apportionment of City Council Districts. The submission is available for review at City Hall in the City Clerk’s office. In addition, the federal Department of Justice invites persons interested in pending submissions to submit comments and information, in writing or by telephone, to the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division at the earliest possible date to assure that they may be considered during the preclearance review time period.

Telephone 1-800-253-3931 or (202) 307-2385 or write Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Room 7254 – NWB, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington DC 20530 (the envelope and first page should be marked "Comment under Section 5").

Further information on the federal Department of Justice's Voting Rights Section can be found at:

<http://www.justice.gov/crt/voting>.

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Comprehensive Plan Update Moving Forward

From City Planner Mike Morton

Now that the residents of Chattahoochee Hills have completed the hard work of agreeing upon a vision for the city and expressing it in the Comprehensive plan, it’s time to work on implementing that vision. While the comprehensive plan serves as a guide, it is the zoning code and subdivision regulations that govern the land use and development patterns in the city. In order to ensure that the comprehensive plan leads to a zoning ordinance that stays true to the city’s vision, city staff is working with experts at Perkins + Will in Atlanta to test the comprehensive plan’s language and determine where additional detail is needed to reinforce the overall vision.

The team modeled a set of worst-case scenarios for some of the character areas defined in the plan (such as Farmettes, Hamlets, etc.) in order to explore what is possible under the current descriptions in the plan. This exercise demonstrated that without tightening the language in the plan, there is still a possibility that development patterns could emerge that are not recognizably different from the suburban sprawl prevalent in much of metro Atlanta. While we have always known that the full level of protection needed to support the community's vision will be found in the details of the revised zoning law, we want to be sure that the language of the Comprehensive plan is as supportive of those goals as it possibly can be.

The goal, then, is to eliminate any ambiguity about how the character areas fit into and support the vision expressed by the community, and then to guide the drafting of the zoning code so that it will prevent development incompatible with the "deliberately rural" vision. The team will draw on the work conducted in the public participation process and add the detail necessary to provide the foundation required for the upcoming work on the zoning code. It is this work that will ensure that the city's vision becomes reality.

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State Supreme Court refuses to reconsider its charter school ruling. GOP leaders blast decision.

2:01 pm June 13, 2011, by Maureen Downey for the AJC Get Schooled blog

As expected, the state Supreme Court denied a motion this morning to reconsider its May 16 decision that the state Charter Schools Commission was illegal, leaving the fate of most of the 16 schools approved by the commission now in the hands of local boards of education. In one of the first official responses to the court's action today, Majority Leader Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, said, "Today's decision by the Georgia Supreme Court not to reconsider their ruling on many of Georgia's Charter Schools is very disappointing. The justices have made a mistake that will negatively impact the lives of thousands of Georgia children. They had an opportunity to correct that mistake and did not do so. It is a sad day for Georgia education. The Senate remains committed to finding a solution so that every student enrolled in these 16 charter schools will receive a great education this fall."

And state Sen. Fran Millar, R-Atlanta, said, "Since the Supreme Court chose not to reconsider its charter school ruling, the Legislature will have to attempt to offer a 21st century solution. The voters may also reconsider whom they elect to our highest court when given a future opportunity." Millar heads the Senate education committee.

In quick summation: Last month, the state Supreme Court struck down a state commission that could approve charter schools over the objection of local boards of education and direct local funding to the schools. The vote was 4-3. "No other constitutional provision authorizes any other governmental entity to compete with or duplicate the efforts of local boards of education in establishing and maintaining general K-12 schools," the opinion states. "By providing for local boards of education to have exclusive control over general K-12 schools, our constitutions, past and present, have limited governmental authority over the public education of Georgia's children to that level of government closest and most responsive to the taxpayers and parents of the children being educated."

The decision was a major victory for school systems and local control but a setback to the burgeoning charter school movement in Georgia. Unclear is the fate of the charter schools approved by the commission, some of which are operating and some of which planned to open this fall. The ruling has no impact on the 160 charter schools that were approved by local systems, only those 16 approved by the state Georgia Charter Schools Commission.

State Moves to Dismiss Cityhood Lawsuit

Staff report from NeighborhoodNewspapers.com – 6/14

On Friday Gov. Nathan Deal, through state Attorney General Sam Olens, moved to dismiss the Lowery v. Deal lawsuit filed April 11 by Georgia Black Legislative Caucus attorney Jerome Lee.

The suit, filed by the Rev. Joseph Lowery, Brenda Pace, Leola Gordon, Lisa Barnes, Shelia Garvin, Portia Codjoe, Joyce Carlisle and the caucus, asked to declare null and void the city charters of new cities Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Johns Creek, Milton and Chattahoochee Hills.

Caucus spokesman Lance Robertson said in April the caucus considers the new cities in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. "We believe that they have been creating majority white districts from traditionally African-American populations," he said.

In the motion to dismiss filed June 10 in U.S. District Court, Olens wrote, "The facts alleged in [the] plaintiffs' complaint fail to state a colorable right to relief under the Voting Rights Act, the Equal Protection Clause or the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the grounds they allege."

In a brief in support of the motion to dismiss, Olens said the new cities' incorporations did not "diminish anyone's existing right to vote," did not violate the Voting Rights Act and did not discriminate.

Olens said naming Deal as the defendant was itself grounds for dismissal, as the plaintiffs were "suing the wrong party."

In a phone interview Monday, Lee said, "No comment, other than we will respond shortly. The motion was expected, and is customary in these kinds of cases, even when there is a very low probability of success, as is the case here."

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U.S. Organic Industry Valued at Nearly \$29 Billion in 2010

From The Organic Trade Association's "2011 Organic Industry Survey" - Organic Trade Association, Brattleboro, VT

The organic industry grew at a rate of nearly eight percent in 2010, bucking the current trend whereby "flat is the new growth" for many other segments of the economy. Further, some sectors of the organic market enjoyed annual growth of well over 30 percent, the Organic Trade Association (OTA) revealed today in releasing findings from its 2011 Organic Industry Survey. In 2010, the organic industry grew to over \$28.6 billion.

"While total U.S. food sales grew by less than one percent in 2010, the organic food industry grew by 7.7 percent," said Christine Bushway, OTA's CEO and Executive Director. "Consumers continue to vote with their dollars in favor of the organic choice. These results illustrate the positive contribution organic agriculture and trade make to our economy, and particularly to rural livelihoods," Bushway said.

She added, "The good news is that even as the economic recovery crawls forward, the organic industry is thriving – and hiring." In 2010, 40 percent of surveyed organic companies reported positive full-time employment growth. Companies with fewer than five employees were least likely to add full-time employees (23 percent). About half of companies with more than 50 employees experienced positive full-time employment growth. What's more, in

2011, 46 percent of respondents anticipate an increase in employment over 2010 levels. In addition, 50 percent expect employment to remain even, and only five percent foresee a decrease.

Experiencing the most growth, organic fruits and vegetables, which represent 39.7 percent of total organic food value, and nearly 12 percent of all U.S. fruit and vegetable sales, reached nearly \$10.6 billion in 2010, up 11.8 percent from 2009 performance. Organic dairy, the second-largest category, experienced nine percent growth to achieve a value of \$3.9 billion, and captured nearly six percent of the total U.S. market for dairy products.

In the organic non-food sector, organic supplements led, with a value of \$681 million, representing 7.4 percent growth over 2009 figures. Organic fiber (linen and clothing) totaled a value of \$605 million, achieving 16 percent year-over-year growth. Personal care products, at \$490 million, increased 6.6 percent from 2009.

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Improving Soil Quality with Cover Crops

From Farmer Ryan of Serenbe Farms

Cover cropping is one of our three C's to improve the soil quality of the farm. It is also a great way to suppress weeds, prevent soil erosion, build productive soils, attract beneficial insects, and help to control pests and disease.

Cover cropping is a great way to reduce weeds in your fields. We are using buckwheat this summer in an effort to control summer annual and perennial weeds. Since buckwheat germinates quickly it is an effective

way to reduce germination success of weeds and shading out and out-competing the weeds that have germinated.



The use of cover cropping is a great way to prevent soil erosion. By reducing the amount of water that drains off of the field we can reduce the risks to waterways and ecosystems downstream as well as keeping the soil and nutrients where we want them.

Cover cropping is especially helpful in increasing soil fertility. Cover crops are planted to manage a range of soil macronutrients and micronutrients. The impact of cover crops on nitrogen management is most notable because nitrogen is often one of the most limiting nutrients in vegetable production. Often plants are grown for specific periods of time and then plowed under before reaching full maturity and at its peak nitrogen content and in order to add sufficient organic matter to the soil. Often the crops used are leguminous meaning they are part of the Fabacea (pea) family. All of the species in this family produce pods and are high in nitrogen which can typically provide the amount of nitrogen used for crop production. Leguminous crops also form a symbiotic relationship with the rhizobial bacteria that reside in legume root nodules. These bacteria help in the process of biological nitrogen fixation.

By growing cover crops that attract beneficial insects to the farm we hope to reduce the amount of pests that attack our plants and the need to spray. Cover crops can also break disease cycles and reduce populations of bacterial and fungal diseases and parasitic nematodes in the soil.

Buckwheat

Buckwheat has a fibrous root system and the seed can germinate within days of planting. This makes it a great choice for suppressing summer annual weeds and perennial weeds while reducing next year's weed seed bank. The buckwheat will also help prevent soil erosion while attracting pollinators and other beneficial insects to help our plants thrive.

Buckwheat is a succulent and does not require much water making it a great choice for our hot and dry summers. Because it is a succulent it tends to decompose rapidly which does not add a whole lot of organic matter to the soil but will help with the soil tilth, making it easier to plant your following crop. It is however efficient at taking up phosphorus from the soil and storing it in its tissues. There is research indicating that incorporating buckwheat residues in your soil can increase phosphorus availability to the subsequent crop.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Chatt Hills Fire Department Cools Summer Campers

From Dallas Nevins

Camp Serenbe wants to give a big "shout out" to THE BEST Fire Department in the world, The Chattahoochee Hills Fire Department, who came to cool off our hot day campers during last week's heat wave! Thank you for sharing your Fridays with us! (But beware; we might be bringing water guns this week to shoot you back....)

Camp Serenbe is having a super successful summer and so much fun. We now offer programs for campers up to age 12 and the new programs- Adventures in the Outdoors, Adventures in Photography, Adventures in Drama, and Equestrian Adventures are a great addition. We have sold out for our last session in June, but we still have room for our three weeks of camp in July.

See our website for more information. www.campserenbe.com, and don't forget, Chattahoochee Hills Residents get a discount; we love our neighbors!





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In Related News; Chatt Hills Fire Department Visits Cochran Mill Nature Center Summer Camp!

From Maribeth Wansley

In a week full of hot summer campers, the Chatt Hills FD also visited the Cochran Mill Nature Center's Camp.



Tom Blum and Melea Britt help Cochran Mill Nature Center summer camper Abby Lesage catch the big one!



Lt. Ed Cline helps CMNC summer camper Nick Troemel proudly display his whale of a catch



Grant Thigpen proudly displays his ginormous catch!

Matthew Waldron is proud of his huge fish as volunteer Nick Wansley prepares another hook for the next big catch.

Chief Ronnie Lyle helps Cochran Mill Nature Center summer camper Grant Thigpen bait his hook.

Firefighter Greg Britt helps CMNC summer camper Matthew Waldron with the fine art of casting



PET NEWS

Found: Dogs

Small White Dog

Tonight, I was on Hutcheson Ferry Road between the 2 exits to Serenbe and there was a small white dog with brown markings running down the middle of the road. I stopped and he ran around my car and jumped in it. I brought him home and am hoping to let his owner know that their dog is safe. He looks like a beagle mix. He is very friendly and is white with brown markings, weighing about 20 lbs. He has no tags or collar. If this is your dog or you know who he belongs to, please contact me at 770.463.8900. Thanks! Natalie Peek

Male Black Labrador Retriever

We have a Black Male Lab with a Bright Orange Collar who is at the Serenbe Inn and won't go home – we have him crated for the moment for his own safety. Can you please send an email out to the Chatt Hills community? I don't want to have to call the pound – please contact garnie@serenbe.com if he's yours.

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

| COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS | |
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| Saturday, June 18th – 5:30 – 8:00 pm | Hutcheson Ferry Park Grand Opening Celebration! Celebrate the grand opening of Hutcheson Ferry Park and our parks purchase with friends and neighbors! Good food, fun, and fellowship with the City of Chatt Hills and the Friends of the Parks! |
| 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. Adam Gwon is a rising musical theatre writer named one of "50 to Watch" by The Dramatist magazine. He is the proud recipient of the Kleben, Ebb, and Loewe awards for excellence in musical theater writing, and has been hailed "an extremely talented composer and lyricist" who "is seriously going places." – <i>The New York Sun</i> . Tickets tonight are \$30 – See www.serenbeplayhouse.com to order. |
| Saturday June 18th at 8:00 am, ends June 24th at 5:00 pm | Atlanta REI – Paddle Georgia: Description: 106 Miles, 7 Days, 1 Great time! This summer, join fellow paddling enthusiasts for Paddle Georgia, a week-long, 106-mile canoe/kayak adventure on the Middle Oconee and Oconee Rivers from Athens to Dublin and experience Georgia as you never have before. |
| 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 |
| Wed, June 22nd 6:00 pm. Call 888-886-6603, and then enter PIN# 16727 to join. | Telephone Town Hall Meeting: The Atlanta Regional Transportation Roundtable will host telephone town hall meetings in each county to give local officials a chance to hear from you about your transportation priorities. More than a million people will receive calls and be invited to participate in the telephone town halls. Anyone can join a call by using the 800 number and PIN. Roundtable members will work throughout the summer to select the projects that voters will be asked to approve in July 2012. |

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS

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| | The Fulton County Roundtable conversation is currently scheduled for Wed. June 22 nd . |
| 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 . |
| June 28th 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Athens, GA | Local Meat Production Workshop: Topics will include: Cattle and Swine Management and Nutrition; Beef and Pork Quality; Grass vs. Grain effects on Beef Quality; Feeding and Management Effects on Pork Quality; Beef and Pork Yield; Pork Carcass Fabrication; and Marketing and Economics of Local Food Production. One of the presenters is Clay Talton, Elbert County Extension Agent and one of the highest-rated presenters at the 2011 Georgia Organics Conference. The workshop will take place at the UGA Edgar Rhodes Center for Animal and Dairy Science. Cost is \$25. To register, contact the Elbert County Extension Office at 706-283-2037. |
| 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. |
| Monday, July 4th 10:00 am | The Chattahoochee Hills July 4th parade will be at Serenbe again this year! Floats and participants assemble at the Serenbe Wildflower Meadow at 9:30 am. Viewers should come in from the Atlanta Newnan side of Serenbe and msy park anywhere and can view from anywhere. The Blue Eyed Daisy will be open. |
| 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 . |
| August 27th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Annual Snake Day Festival at Cochran Mill Nature Center: Each year Cochran Mill Nature Center holds its Snake Day Festival to educate the public on the wonders of reptiles and dispell the myths associated with these incredible creatures. Through exciting reptile exhibits and educational talks, visitors become better acquainted with this often misunderstood group of animals. Come out to the center and meet our anaconda, venomous snakes of Georgia, a 12' albino python, giant mouse-eating bullfrog, boas, lizards, turtles, frogs, giant scorpions, an alligator and lots of other cool critters. Arts and crafts, games, and guided canoeing will be available all day as well. Come try our famous hotdogs and hamburgers grilled in our bathtub grill! 6300 Cochran Mill Nature Center, in Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268. Members: \$5.00 / Non-members: \$6.00 / CMNC annual membership: \$45.00 |
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| 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 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.
- **July 23 – High Dynamic Range** with Mike Nalley – from capture to final tweaks - learn how to "see in HDR" and build spectacular images.
- **Oct 25-29 – Altamaha River Tour** with Peter Essick and Kathryn Kolb: Spend 5 days & 4 nights kayaking, camping, and making photographs. Visit old-growth cypress from Bartram's day, and work with world-renowned environmental photojournalist Peter Essick and fine art nature photographer Kathryn Kolb.

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:** Thursdays-Saturdays through June 25 / 8:30 pm
- **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 sylviaredic@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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**Fulton County Commissioner
William "Bill" Edwards
District 7**

**invites Fulton residents to the
2011 Recycling Day
Bulky Trash & Secure Shredding
Saturday, July 30, 2011**

Fulton County residents who would like to shred documents in secure area or dispose of their bulky waste, such as old refrigerators, computers, televisions, and furniture can drop it off at one of the following Fulton County Solid Waste Stations on Saturday, July 30, 2011 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Merk Road Transfer Station

3225 Merk Road, College Park GA 301349, 404-629-1700 - Open until 4:30 p.m.

Creel Park

2775 Creel Road, College Park, GA 30349, 770-996-4189

South Fulton Service Center

South Fulton Service Center, 6600 Stonewall Toll Road, College Park

*Senior Citizens Requiring Assistance or Pick-Up Service
Contact Anthony Spencer at 404-612-7437*

Acceptable Bulky Trash Items: Appliances, Furniture, Electronics, Televisions, Computers, Keyboards, Monitors, Printers, Auto Tires (4 unmounted)

Unacceptable Bulky Trash Items: Paints, Household Chemicals, Household Batteries, Construction Waste, Demolition Debris, Yard Waste



For more information, please contact
Fulton County Public Works Department
404-612-7437 Laurette.Evora@fultoncountyga.gov



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summer
OF THE ARTS

VISUAL
SATURDAYS 9AM - NOON
Serenbe Farmers' & Artists' Markets

JUNE 11
Serenbe Photography Center Open Competition & Scavenger Hunt

JULY 16
Serenbe "Drive-In" (or walk-in-with-a-blanket) featuring *GROW!* - A movie about young Georgia farmers.

ALL SUMMER LONG
Serenbe Shops & Galleries Exhibitions & Promotions

CULINARY

PERFORMING

JUNE 2 - AUGUST 28
Serenbe Playhouse Season Two, Presenting *The Ugly Duckling*, *Ordinary Days*, *Shipwrecked*

JUNE 4 & 18, JULY 9 & 23, AUGUST 6 & 20
Late Night Cabarets, *Gershwin to Gaga*

6 WEEKS IN JUNE & JULY
Camp Serenbe: Outdoor Adventures, Photography, Performing Arts, Fun on the Farm for Kids ages 3 through 12

WEEKS OF JUNE 20 & 27
Serenbe Playhouse High School Theater Camp

SERENBECOMMUNITY.COM & SERENBE ON FACEBOOK

INFO

PROJECT HEAD CHEF, a team project for kids 8 - 12

Returning for a 4th Summer at Serenbe!

COME JOIN THE TEAM! If you are between the ages 8 - 12, you can join *Project Head Chef* and become Head Chef at your house...

This Year's Topic: BLUEBERRIES

- Learn why blueberries are one of the healthiest foods you can eat.
- Pick your own blueberries at a local blueberry farm (optional)
- Cook, Plate, and Serve blueberry recipes
- Make blueberry preserves and take home a jar
- Learn professional kitchen techniques
- Sample Chef Marie's blueberry cobbler and learn how she makes it.

PROJECT HEAD CHEF 2011

When: Thursday and Friday, July 28
and 29.

Where: Little Green House (9052
Selborne Lane)

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cost: \$40 per student per day_
Pre-registration by July 20, 2011



(Community partners: Chef Marie, Fairy Wood Thicket, Boe Blueberry Farm)

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, and your favorite beverage or a bottle of wine if you like (no glass containers).
- ✔ 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

