



# CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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## FEATURE STORY - VOTING MATTERS HERE IN CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS

By: Laurie Searle

It seems like only yesterday when our fledgling city held its first municipal election. Spirits were still high as we came off the June 2007 vote to incorporate as a city, and 19 candidates ran competitive campaigns, eager to serve as the first elected officials of Chattahoochee Hills.

Since then our small town has returned to its easygoing pace. Folks go to work each day, take care of their families, and mostly trust the running of the city to their elected officials. But it will soon be time to elect our next mayor and city council and many folks have asked if the incumbents will run again, or if not, who will step forward to represent their communities?



Our first municipal election was held at the Rico Recreation Center, now Chatt Hills City Hall.

### Introducing Voting Matters – A civic committee in Chatt Hills

A group of civic-minded residents has formed a committee called *Voting Matters* to bring focus to the upcoming municipal election. Their goals are to help educate citizens about the upcoming election, recruit and provide mentoring to potential candidates, host surveys and public forums to publically address important issues, and run a voting drive to increase participation in the municipal election.

As members of the Chatt Hills Civic Association, the committee has received permission to publish a special edition of the Weekly Reader, which will be called the *Voting Matters Newsletter*, and will be emailed separately from the Weekly Reader. The newsletter will provide updates about training opportunities for citizens interested in running for office or learning more about the operations of municipal government. Similar workshops were offered prior to our city's first election and between 30-40 citizens attended. The newsletter will also include topics on important local and regional issues, an editorial column so residents can voice their opinion, responses from a survey of questions sent to the candidates, and more.

If you would like to serve on *Voting Matters*, would like additional information, or are interested in running for office in the upcoming election, please contact the committee at: [votingmatters@chatthills.org](mailto:votingmatters@chatthills.org).

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## Questions & Answers

*Voting Matters* thanks Chattahoochee Hills Elections Superintendent Dana Wicher for helping to answer some of the following questions.

### 1. What are the qualifications to run for office?

**Residency:** Candidates for Mayor and City Council must have been a resident of the City for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of election; and each such person shall continue to reside within the City during said period of service and shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections in the City. In addition, candidates for each of the Council Districts must have been a resident of such district for a continuous period of at least six months immediately prior to the date of election for councilmember and continues to reside in such district during that person's period of service.

**Age:** No person shall be eligible to serve as Mayor or Councilmember unless that person is at least 21 years of age. See: <http://www.chatthillsga.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=380>

### 2. When is the qualifying period?

The qualifying period is between the dates of Aug 29-Sept 2. The law states that it shall be no less than 3 days and no more than 5 days. Based on current discussions, the city will likely have the maximum 5-day qualifying period. Qualifying opening and closing dates and hours of operation will be published two weeks prior to qualifying.

### 3. When will the qualifying forms be available?

They are available online now at the Secretary of State's office.

[http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/elections/candidate\\_information/notice%20cand%20county.pdf](http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/elections/candidate_information/notice%20cand%20county.pdf)

### 4. How much does it cost to qualify?

**Fees:** Each candidate shall pay a fee of 3 percent of the total salary of the office sought. The qualifying fee for Mayor is \$495.00 and the qualifying fee for Councilmember is \$375.00.

### 5. Where should candidates go to qualify?

Candidates should go to Chattahoochee Hills City Hall to qualify.

### 6. What offices are up for election and what are their terms?

The offices of Mayor and the Five City Councilmembers are all up for election. Mayor, District 2 Council, and District 4 Council will be a 2-year term for this election and will revert back to 4-year term with the term that starts January 2014; District 1 Council, District 3 Council, and District 5 Council remain at 4-year terms.



**VOTING MATTERS** in **CHATT HILLS**

**Aug 1-28:** Candidate recruitment, training, and mentoring

**Aug 29-Sept 2:** Qualifying period for candidates

**Oct 11:** Voter Registration Deadline

**Nov 8:** Chatt Hills Municipal Election

### 7. If I want to run for city council, how do I tell which district I'm in?

The current city council district map is available at City Hall and on the Chatt Hills Civic Association's Website at [www.chatthills.org](http://www.chatthills.org). Your district should also be listed on your voter registration card.

The City has submitted a request to the Department of Justice for City Council District re-apportionment pre-clearance. The proposed new city council district map is available at City Hall and on the Chatt Hills Civic Association's Website. The city hopes to have a status about its redistricting by early August.

### 8. What happens if no candidate runs for an open position?

The City must continue to hold an election on each Special Election date(s) until the office is filled.

### 9. How can I learn more about the election process in Chattahoochee Hills?

Contact the Chattahoochee Hills Elections Superintendent, Dana Wicher at (770) 463-8881 or [dana.wicher@chatthillsga.us](mailto:dana.wicher@chatthillsga.us).

### 10. How will the candidate recruitment process work?

Since citizens will not know which, if any, incumbents plan on running for office until the qualifying period, there is a potential that one or more offices would not have a candidate running. Additionally, *Voting Matters* believes that encouraging citizens to participate in their local government can strengthen the community.

*Voting Matters* will begin the recruitment process by contacting residents who have been recommended by neighbors, have contacted the committee to express an interest, or who regularly attend council meetings and participate in civic initiatives. Those interested in running for office will be invited to meet with *Voting Matters* to learn more about local issues, sign up for pre-qualifying workshops, and receive information resources that may help with their campaign. This is a free service to the community and is in no way required for any person who wants to run for office. The committee's goal is to ensure there are strong candidates for all of the open positions.

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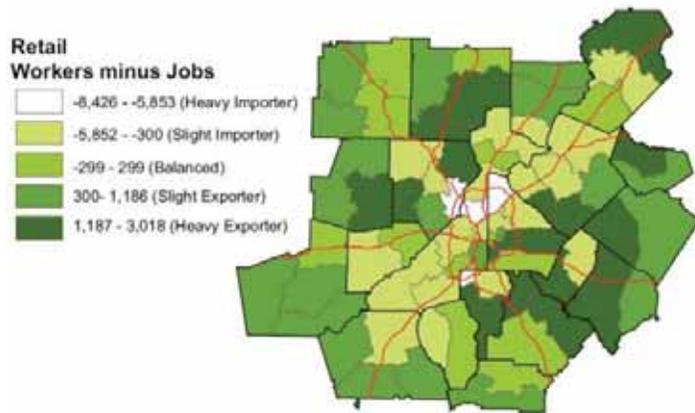
## What's Next?

Stay tuned for the first edition of the *Voting Matters Newsletter* where the discussion will begin on what makes a good candidate.

### Disclaimer

*Voting Matters* is a committee of the Chatt Hills Civic Association and is not acting on behalf of the City of Chattahoochee Hills. Its members include: Melea Brett, Margaret Clime, Bonnie Goode, Nancey Green Leigh, Sylvia Redic, and Laurie Searle. For more info, or to join *Voting Matters* contact [votingmatters@chatthills.org](mailto:votingmatters@chatthills.org).

**CIVIC UPDATES**



**Retail Employment in the Atlanta Region**

This Month’s Regional Snapshot from the ARC

The Retail Sector employs approximately 240,000 people in the Atlanta region, making it the largest employment sector. This Regional Snapshot explores trends in the Retail Trade sector and finds that this sector has seen a 13 percent decline in total employment since 2007, which is greater than the decline in overall employment. The decline in Retail Trade employment, of course, drove vacancy rates for

retail space to 10.3 percent, among the highest rates observed this decade. There are, however, industries within the Retail Trade sector that have at least stabilized of late.

Map 1 shows those areas that have a surplus of workers in the Retail Trade sector, meaning these workers have to commute to work at their Retail Trade job. Conversely, the map also shows those areas that have an abundance of Retail Trade jobs and serve as destinations for Retail Trade workers. The areas that surround the Interstates – particularly those along the I-85 North, I-75 North and GA 400 corridors, import Retail workers from other areas of the region. The heaviest "import" areas are concentrated north of the I-75/I-85 split near Buckhead, Perimeter Center, Cumberland and the Airport.

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**Beach Safety**

USA.gov Updates

(Ed. With so many folks headed off to the beach for vacation, this seemed topical.)

The beaches located across the United States have many different rules and regulations related to beach safety. However, several guidelines are universal at many beaches, such as:

- Stay out of rip currents that can carry unsuspecting swimmers out to sea. If you are unable to swim out of a strong current, signal for help.
- Swim in lifeguarded areas.
- Ask a lifeguard about beach and surf conditions before swimming.
- Never swim alone.
- Follow regulations and lifeguard directions.
- Report hazardous conditions to lifeguards or other beach management personnel.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts.
- Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.
- You may also wish to check local water temperatures.
- Watch out for the dangerous "too's"-- too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, and too much strenuous activity.

- Parents should keep track of their children at all times, in or out of the water.
- Be watchful for broken glass on the beach.
- Do not drink alcohol and swim.

Please note that many beaches also have rules banning glass containers, alcohol, and fires. Contact the beach(es) you plan to visit to find out their rules and regulations.

In addition, please contact the local lifeguards, beach management personnel, or the appropriate state or local government office for information on current beach conditions, warnings, and/or closures.

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### **Lightning Safety**

Lightning has been seen in volcanic eruptions, extremely intense forest fires, surface nuclear detonations, heavy snowstorms, and in large hurricanes. However, you can see it most often in thunderstorms. In fact, lightning (and the thunder that results) is what makes a thunderstorm. Lightning can occur from cloud-to-cloud, cloud-to-ground, cloud-to-air, or within a cloud.

Thunderstorms and lightning are most likely to develop on hot, humid days but can occur in any storm, even snowstorms. If you see lightning or hear thunder, take shelter immediately. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), the best shelters are safe buildings (ones that have a roof, walls, and a floor, such as a home, school, office building, or a shopping center). In addition, a shelter can be an enclosed metal vehicle, such as an automobile, van, or school bus. If you cannot get to shelter, please review the guidance from the NWS here ([lightning safety tips](#)) on what to do when no shelter is available.

Please note: All lightning victims should have a medical examination. Call the local emergency department for help. Get to the victim as quickly as possible; it is not dangerous to touch someone hit by lightning. Check for injuries, but do not move a suspected spinal injury victim.

Lightning Safety Awareness Week takes place annually in June. The week emphasizes indoor safety and outdoor risk reduction tips, lightning medical facts, and the science of lightning. In 2011, it took place from June 19 through June 25. More information may be found at the following links:

[Lightning Safety Website](#)

[Lightning: What You Need to Know](#) (PDF document) - includes information on what to do if you are caught outside without a safe shelter.

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## **NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR**

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### **Library Activities Update**

From Judy, Gladys and Big Dave

Please let me know if you or your children are coming for a class so I will be prepared with enough materials, etc. (ricolibrary@yahoo.com or call 770-463-6600) Also if you would like an evening or Saturday class - it can be arranged in most cases.

**Schedule of Activities (all at the Library – at Chattahoochee Hills’ City Hall)**

- Mondays at 1 pm: Mosaic Stepping Stone Cost: \$10 for 2 classes and includes materials
- Thursdays at 1 pm: Macramé - plant hanger, necklaces, etc. Bring your own materials or buy from us. Cost of materials \$10.
- Birding Club - July 18 at 7 pm - Come learn about the birds in and around Chatt Hills. It will amaze you! Did you know we have bald eagles? Great Blue herons? Pileated Woodpecker - the largest woodpecker in North America! All are welcome - beginners and devoted birders.
- Christmas Cards in July (Gives you time to get enough done to send out) - July 19 at 10 am. Cost \$10
- Paper Making for a book or a painting - July 26 at 1 pm Cost of materials \$3
- Shabby Sh-eeek Flower Pots - July 27 at 1 pm - bring your flower pot and let's have some fun! Cost of materials \$5
- Gate Photo Scrapbook - a big, fun, project that will be a fought over family treasure. August 3 at 5 pm Cost will be \$15 and well worth the price!
- Chattahoochee Hills Library Spirit Night at Rockback Cafe! August 6 from 9 pm till 11 pm - Fundraiser for the Library! More to come about this so watch for it!!
- Rico Readers Book Club meets August 8 at 6:30 pm. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks named by more than 60 critics as one of the best books of 2010 - author: Rebecca Skloot (Sorry, we do not have it in the Library right now.)

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**Will You Volunteer At Snake Day?**

From Melissa Laughner

**Snake Day Volunteers Needed**

Are you available August 27th, 2011 for a great time that will make you feel great too? Well, if you said yes then let us know! We are in need of helpful folks just like you to pull off one of the most popular events of the year... Snake Day Family Festival at Cochran Mill Nature Center! We need admissions folks, arts and crafters, face painters, popcorn poppers, food servers, bathrooms cleaners, and moon bounce watchers. If nothing on here sounds like the right job for you then tell us what is!

Volunteers will receive a free meal and a whole lot of gratitude! If you are available please let us know the hours that you plan to be here. We need as many of you as possible to be here from 9:00 AM - clean-up. The festival runs from 10 - 3. If you can only be here for a portion of the day that’s ok too. Don't forget to invite your friends!

RSVP by emailing us at [cmnc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cmnc@bellsouth.net) or give us a ring at 770-306-0914.

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**Serenbe Playhouse Creates Theatre Using the Available Landscape**

By: Kenny Norton

Birds chirp and ducks quack. The leaves dance in the breeze. Gentle waves lap against the shore. Sounds like the perfect, relaxing hideaway doesn't it? Yet, instead of a reclusive spot to take a nap, this scene provides the backdrop for Serenbe Playhouse’s summer production of The Ugly Duckling.



The Ugly Duckling cast performs the opening of the show.  
 Photos by Loran Hygema

Driving to the “theatre,” I pass through idyllic Serenbe neighborhoods down to a gravel road where modern society seems to end, and the majesty of time passed by greets me. Goats graze next to the road and a stable looms in the distance. If it weren’t for signs directing me to the spot, I would have thought I drove too far. Nestled in a meadow, a rustic pavilion overlooks a small lake, and it is here that I sit down with Brian Clowdus, founder and Artistic Director of Serenbe Playhouse, and speak to the cast members performing that day.

While live theatre in a park or an amphitheater is nothing new, what makes Serenbe’s production different is the fact that there isn’t a traditional performance space. Last season, *The Jungle Book*’s set was built around a tree house in the woods, and for this season’s *The Ugly Duckling*, the stage has been built inside a lake.

“Every production is a one-of-a-kind experience; something unique,” he states, his face beaming as he speaks of the productions. For *The Ugly Duckling*, there isn’t modern lighting, nor do the actors use microphones. All of this reminds me of how it must have been watching one of theatre’s original plays on a Greek hillside.

To help the audience, who is mostly used to air conditioned theaters, the staff has gone out of its way to make it comfortable. “We want to provide a good experience, and since people are not used to seeing a play outside, we want to make it as comfortable as possible,” he mentions. A tarp covers the seating area. Bug spray and sun block are also offered to audience members as they arrive.

**A Novel Approach to a Familiar Story**

While it is technically a children’s play, it contains enough wit and heart to keep adults entertained. Discussing the mixed age groups in the audience, he states, “The play has a level of humor for any age group, and it has an element of humor and fun for adults. I feel it is important to have theatre that everyone, adults and children can enjoy.”



From cultural references such as “Brangelina” to poking fun of celebrity baby names with Chicken and Cat calling Ted, the “ugly” duckling, “Bookcase,” the witty sophistication of the dialogue keeps the parents happy while child friendly “potty humor” as Ted attempts to lay an egg and passes gas instead keeps the children laughing.

Meanwhile, the deeper themes of the story are not watered down. “There is no need to dumb it down for children,” he mentions. The story resonates. From what I saw, children get it and like it. Likewise, adults appreciate the reminder of the simple, yet powerful message.

What makes the story powerful is the significance of realizing self-worth. Born out of an idea to address the rash of teen suicides last year, *The Ugly Duckling* helps children (and reminds adults) to see themselves in a different light. "The beauty of theatre is that it can impact people," he mentions.

As we discuss the origins of the play, the question arises: which concept was first, the story or the staging. "The story was first," he says. "When I was talking with Joanna [Joanna Brooks, the choreographer], we walked by the lake and thought what if we built the stage in the water."



### **Creating the Water-Side Adventure**

Upon arriving to watch *The Ugly Duckling*, nature's splendor gives a powerful performance. A tranquil lake, surrounded by trees and a meadow, sits, watched over by a willow tree and a small bridge. Bisecting the lake, a stage can be seen, submerged underwater; however, the whole area eventually becomes the stage, immersing the whole landscape into the play. While we discuss the backdrop, he comments, "We could never create fake scenery that looked that good." Without this scenery, the production would definitely not be the same experience.

Building the stage took a new approach to stagecraft. Traditional set building was out and construction

contractors were brought in to build it. The stage was built over the water, like a dock, and then lowered a few inches under the surface. With this type of staging, everyone from the actors to the costume designer needed to adapt.

Actor Will Shuler states, "It is a completely different world, not like normal theater." Agreeing, Andrew Crigler, the show's star adds, "Once the stage was built, we had an hour or two to get to it before we began rehearsals." Even with the adaptation period, the unsettled weather pattern of summer often has its final say.

### **Working with Mother Nature Isn't Always Easy**

Having such a unique stage and "set" presents several challenges. The obvious obstacles are heat, lightning, rain and wind. "Lighting is not good with actors in the water," Clowdus states as he studies the sky with thunder rumbling in the distance. Luckily for this performance, the storm will stay in the distance, but as the actors comment, storms have already toyed with the performance.

"After the storms a few weeks ago [late June], the stage went from two inches deep to eight inches deep, and now it is a little less," states Shuler. The water's depth adds an interesting dynamic since the height of the water affects how easily the actors are able to move. Emma Jackson mentions, "Dancing in the water is a unique challenge. There is resistance; you have to push through the water with more force."

In addition, as Crigler points out, just having the stage in water of any depth creates a challenge. "The stage is slick, and it is interesting with the quick shifts during the play. I run around the lake at full speed and then, go into the water." He works to seamlessly make the transitions.



None of these performances would be possible without the support of the local community. Clowdus is the first to give the community its due praise. "The community is super supportive. They are constantly giving, giving, giving," he comments. Just as he is proud of the community, the community is proud of Serenbe Playhouse. I could see the pride gleaming from the faces of a few residents sitting in front of me at the show.

While he gets approval to perform in each of his locations, it seems more like a formality than a drawn out decision process. He tells us that his main directive is to, "leave it like you found it," and, staying true to the community's ideals, he does.

Both the playhouse and the community have a respect for the environment. This quaint village is extremely green. Residents have a community garden that supplies fresh vegetables, and their houses are energy efficient. To keep with this ideal, Serenbe Playhouse works to reduce its carbon footprint by using nature as the stage and set.

"We utilize what we have to have a small carbon footprint. Everything we do is as minimal as possible to be green as possible," he states. "For Shipwrecked!, we will use 80% LED lights that use a fraction of the typical energy of theatrical lights."

### Future Looks Bright for Serenbe Playhouse

Using the available scenery is nothing new for Clowdus and the Serenbe Playhouse. When they produced *The Jungle Book*, the woods around Serenbe became the jungle, and for *Ordinary Days*, the courtyard behind the shops was used. The musical made use of a fountain and the back of the shops to create its set. The upcoming production of *Shipwrecked!* will do the same as it will be performed in Serenbe's Farmer's Market.

There, the venue will become a street market for the production with actors moving around and interacting with the audience in a way that seems reminiscent of street theatre. Like *The Ugly Duckling*, *Shipwrecked!* will provide a distinctive viewing experience. "By integrating the audience and breaking the fourth wall, the audience becomes another character," he comments.

While the past season was a labor of love as he worked to complete graduate school at the University of South Carolina, Clowdus, with the MFA program complete, can now put more focus on expanding Serenbe Playhouse's production schedule. In addition to wanting to use other spaces within the community, he also hopes to produce a Halloween and Christmas production.

Atlanta's theatre community hosts a variety of diverse theatrical experiences from experimental theatre and black box productions to traditional Broadway musicals and original productions. Not many, though, have the opportunity or the landscape to provide the one-of-a-kind theatrical experience that Serenbe Playhouse offers. *The Ugly Duckling* runs weekends until August 28, 2011. *Shipwrecked!* will run August 4-27. For specific times and tickets, please visit the Serenbe Playhouse website or call the box office at 770-463-1110.

**Reviews**

*"In staging theater on a canvas of water, sky and land, Serenbe Playhouse finds surprise and whimsy at every turn. Nature is a generous and accommodating collaborator. Cloudus can't tame her, but he sure is wise to claim her."* - **Wendell Brock for ArtsCriticATL**

*"With the picturesque backdrop of Serenbe, the inspired staging and top-notch performances, The Ugly Duckling is a delightful way to spend a summer afternoon."* - **Andrew Wesley for Atlanta Theater Fans**

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**Atlanta chefs hold potluck dinner for charity**

From Atlanta Business Chronicle - by Lisa R. Schoolcraft: Date: Friday, June 24, 2011, 6:00 am EDT

**Some of metro Atlanta's top chefs are getting together in July for a potluck dinner.**

The second annual Southern Chefs Potluck will be held July 31 at the Inn at Serenbe Pavilion in Chattahoochee Hills, and will benefit Wholesome Wave Georgia, a program that helps provide produce to lower-income families and helps local farmers.

The potluck is a collaboration among Serenbe's Marie Nygren, Restaurant Eugene chef Linton Hopkins, Gina Hopkins and The Southern Foodways Alliance Skillet Brigade. Participating chefs include Anne Quatrano, Billy Allin, Dan Latham, Ford Fry, Hilary White, Hugh Acheson, Joe Truex, Kevin Gillespie, Linton Hopkins, Michel Nischan, Shaun Doty, Steven Satterfield and Todd Ginsberg.

"The group of chefs that supported the event last year are close friends of ours," said Gina Hopkins, who founded Wholesome Wave Georgia in 2009 and is the director of operations at Restaurant Eugene.

The chefs "take what is local and in season now and bring their best dish."

Last year the event raised \$20,000 for the program, but Hopkins feels this year the event should raise \$30,000.

Wholesome Wave not only benefits low-income families, but also local farmers, because Wholesome Wave works with 13 local farmer's markets, including the Decatur Farmers Market, the Peachtree Road Farmers Market, the East Atlanta Village Farmers Market, and the Grant Park Farmers Market, Hopkins said.

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**Photography Competition Celebrates Local Winners**

A few of the winners from the 2011 Serenbe Open Photography Competition are shown in the accompanying photo.

To see the winning photos (and to find out who the winners are), please visit: <http://serenbephotographycenter.com/image/tid/7>

**LOCAL POSTS / BUSINESS NEWS**



**Homes:** *Do you have a house or apartment to rent and would like to bring in some extra income? Got something you need to sell? A service to offer? Consider advertising your extra space, stuff, or service in the Community Bulletin! You may have neighbors who are interested in what you have to offer!*

**Rental Space Needed:** If you have a small house or apartment available for rent, there is a hardworking, nonsmoker with no pets wanting to move to this area to be closer to her work. Contact Maria Hanson at 770-463-8544 or 770-846-8544. (And yes, the little blue house has just been rented out...)

**PET NEWS**

**Missing Dog:** Everyone please be on the lookout for a female black and white Lhasa Apso with a leash, loose and lost around Hopkins Rd. Contact Sarah Ann Alford at 770-463-3164.

**LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS**

**New Physical Fitness Boot Camp**

From Derrick & Mellissa Rosser

Our New Physical Fitness Boot Camp will begin Monday, August 15 and run through Friday, September 23. We will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 6:30 am at the steps between the Hil Restaurant and the Montessori school. The duration of the sessions is approximately one hour. The registration fee is \$225 for anyone enrolling by August 8. After August 8, the enrollment fee will increase to \$270. Anyone interested and/or for further info, please contact Mellissa Rosser at 678-480-0487 ([mathmajik@hotmail.com](mailto:mathmajik@hotmail.com)) or Derrick Rosser at 678-472-6031 ([razorcutfitness@hotmail.com](mailto:razorcutfitness@hotmail.com)).

**Bios:** Derrick Rosser and Mellissa Rosser are both certified fitness coaches. They have a combined total of 10+ years in the fitness industry. They have worked with Gold's Gym, LA Fitness, and many other health clubs. Derrick is a professional bodybuilder and Mellissa is a professional figure competitor with the WNBFF, NGA, and SNBF organizations. They have in-depth knowledge and experience both one-on-one and group training in the areas of strength, conditioning, muscle toning, and weight loss.

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**Notice: Me..Jane Opening Hours**

**Me..Jane**, our own local wine shop (with great wine at all price points, fine wine accessories, and wine-appropriate snacks) is proud to announce our new summer hours! Be sure to stop in and buy lots of wine and chocolates!

- **Wednesdays:** 11 am – 1 pm & 4 pm – 6 pm
- **Thursdays:** 11 am – 1 pm & 4 pm – 6 pm
- **Fridays:** 11 am – 1 pm & 4 pm – 6 pm
- **Saturdays:** 10 am – 6 pm

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**COMMUNITY SCHEDULE**


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<b>COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	
<b>Sat. July 16<sup>th</sup></b> ; 9:00 am	<b>City Council Work Session</b> regarding Comprehensive Plan
<b>Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup></b> all day @ Serenbe	<p><b>EXPERIENCES SUNRISE TO SUNDOWN AT SERENBE ON SATURDAY:</b> Allow us to paint the possibilities of your day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>9:30 am: Tour Serenbe Farms</b> with Paige Witherington</li> <li>– <b>10:15 am: Shop for farm-fresh produce and other local goods at the Serenbe Farmers' Market</b> (build your picnic for tonight!)</li> <li>– <b>11:30 am: Enjoy brunch at The Hil or "Fried Chicken Saturday" at The Farmhouse</b></li> <li>– <b>2 pm:</b> Take a leisurely walk to the lake for Serenbe Playhouse's spectacular performance of <b>The Ugly Duckling</b></li> <li>– <b>4 - 7 pm: Shop in the Serenbe boutiques and galleries</b>, for special promotions, art exhibitions and even a "Pop Up" mixed media gallery. <a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS.</a></li> <li>– <b>7 - 9 pm: Serenbe Drive-in (or Walk-In) begins in our meadow.</b> (or Walk-In) begins in the wildflower meadow. Bring-your-own picnic and enjoy live music from Little Country Giants bluegrass band, ice cream from the Westside Creamery truck, and grilled fare from the Blue Eyed Daisy. Foodie Raffles include 2 tickets to the Killer Tomato Festival at JCT! \$10 admission (\$5 for kids age 9 and younger) benefits the Emergency Farmers Fund.</li> <li>– <b>9 pm: GROW! The Movie:</b> A Film about Young Georgia Farmers shows on the big screen. Listen via a transponder in your car, or simply from your blanket or camp chairs. A benefit showing to support Georgia's Organic Farms.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here for details on Serenbe's Summer of the Arts</a></p>
<b>Wed. July 20<sup>th</sup></b> 1:00 pm at the Library	<b>Macrame Plant Hanger Class:</b> \$10 covers 2 lessons and materials or bring your own and the cost is \$5. At the Library.
<p><b>Opening Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays: July 21, 22, 23, 24 July 29, 30, 31 August 5, 6, 7</b></p> <p>Performances are at 8:00 pm, Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Southside Theatre Guild in historic, downtown Fairburn, presents the musical comedy <b>"Seussical"</b>. Based on the beloved characters and stories of Dr. Seuss, Seussical incorporates elements from more than 15 Dr. Seuss books and includes appearances by many of his most famous characters. Seussical follows the adventures of Horton the elephant, who is ridiculed for hearing voices coming from a speck of dust, and JoJo, the smallest child in the city of Who, whose journey parallels Horton's as she is ostracized for the unpopular act of thinking. The citizens of the Jungle of Nool are attempting to have Horton put away for his hearing voices and the citizens of Who are having adventures of their own, including a war over which side of the bread gets buttered. Will Horton save the Whos? Will the Whos be heard? Join us to find out! Tickets \$12 - \$15. For more info, to buy tickets, or to reserve, visit <a href="http://www.STGplays.com">www.STGplays.com</a> or call 770-969-0956.</p>
<b>Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29</b> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<b>PROJECT HEAD CHEF</b> , a team project for kids 8 – 12! 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... At the Little Green House (9052 Selborne Lane n Serenbe) / \$40 per student per day / Pre-registration by July 20, 2011. <b>There are still a few places left, so book now!</b>
<b>Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup></b> ...between 9:00 and 4:00	<b>Fulton Co. Bulk Trash / Recycling / Shredding day:</b> Got a stack of sensitive documents you need to get rid of? Old appliances and other large junk? Bring them to the Stonewall Tell Service Center at 6500 Stonewall Tell Rd. in College Park and dump them for free. For more details, please call Fulton Co. Public Works at 404-612-7437

**COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>August 4<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup></b> 8:30 pm weekend evenings, Thursdays through Saturday	<b>The Serenbe Playhouse 2011 Summer Series Continues with Shipwrecked: The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself)</b> by Pulitzer Prize Winner Donald Margulies Tickets: \$20 / adults, \$15 / students. To buy tickets or to become a member, please visit <a href="http://www.serenbeplayhouse.com">www.serenbeplayhouse.com</a> call 770.463.1110.
<b>Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9 pm 'til 11 pm	<b>Chattahoochee Hills Library Spirit Night at Rockback Cafe!</b> - Fundraiser for the Library! More to come about this so watch for it!!
<b>Saturday Aug 6 &amp; 20</b> 10:30 pm at The Hil	<b>Late Night Cabaret Series – from Gershwin to Gaga:</b> 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 - <a href="http://www.serenbeplayhouse.com">www.serenbeplayhouse.com</a> .
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00 am – 12:00	<b>Rain Barrel Workshop @ Cochran Mill Nature Center.</b> Members: \$40.00 / Non-members: \$45.00 (must pre-register at <a href="http://www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org">www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org</a> )
<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Annual Snake Day Festival at Cochran Mill Nature Center:</b> Cochran Mill Nature Center's annual Snake Day Festival educates the public on the wonders of reptiles and dispels the myths associated with these incredible creatures. Exciting reptile exhibits and educational talks help visitors get better acquainted with these often misunderstood 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. <b>Members: \$5.00 / Non-members: \$6.00 / CMNC annual membership: \$45.00</b>
<b>September 8-11</b>	Save the Date for the <b>2011 USEA American Eventing Championships</b> , 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**

**Horseback Trail Riding:** Experience the trails at Serenbe on horseback. Read more here: [www.serenbehorsebackriding.com](http://www.serenbehorsebackriding.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, City Hall Thursday nights at 7:30 pm. 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

**Chattahoochee Hills Eventing Cross Country Schooling (weather permitting):** June 1st - June 19th & July 18th - July 31st. Please call every time for an appointment: 803.257.8144 - Happy schooling!

**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](mailto:info@serenbefarms.com) to let us know to expect you.

**Serenbe Photography Center workshops & lectures:** for coming events see: [www.serenbephotographycenter.com](http://www.serenbephotographycenter.com).

- **July 16 – 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.
- **July 30 – Preparing for a Portfolio Review with Donna Rosser**
- **August 6 – A Day with Tom England**, who shares some of his secrets from years of assignments for People Magazine, The New York Times, Newsweek Magazine and others in these two workshops: Morning - Train Your Vision for Better Photographs / Afternoon - How to Photograph People
- **August 13 – More from Michael West:** Make beautiful vintage hand coated pigmented Vandyke Brown prints of your digital images – Michael returns with more alternative processing
- **August 27 – How to Publish Your Photography Book** with Laurie Shock
- **Oct 25-29 – Altamaha River Tour** with Peter Essick and Kathryn Kolb: Spend 5 days & 4 nights kayaking, camping, and making photographs with renowned environmental photojournalist Peter Essick & 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!**

- **The World Premiere of: *The Ugly Duckling, An Original Adaptation*:** through Aug 27<sup>th</sup>; 2:00 pm (every Friday and Sat.)
- **Shipwrecked! An Entertainment of the Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself)** by Pulitzer Prize Winner Donald Margulies: August 4-27 / 8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday)

**Zumba at Providence Baptist Church;** email [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 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](http://www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org)

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# Rain Barrel Workshop!

**Saturday  
August 13, 2011  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

## Cochran Mill Nature Center

**6300 Cochran Mill Road  
Palmetto, GA 30268**

**\$40 for members  
\$45 for non-members**

**Must PRE-PAY by August 5, 2011**

**Rain or Shine**

Must pre-register by August 5, 2011

The fee includes all material needed to take home a complete rain barrel





Make Check out to:  
Cochran Mill Nature Center



Information Contact:  
Melissa Laughner  
Environmental Education Coordinator  
Cochran Mill Nature Center  
770-306-0914  
cmnc@bellsouth.net  
www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org



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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**  
**JULY 17 & 18**  
Serenbe Southern Chefs Series with Chef Anne Quatrano

**JULY 31**  
Southern Chefs Potluck benefitting Wholesome Wave

**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

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