



CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS WEEKLY READER

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CIVIC UPDATES

City Elections are Coming Up

From Dana Wicher, City Clerk, City of Chattahoochee Hills

The City of Chattahoochee Hills will hold an election on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 to elect a Mayor and fill five (5) Council seats. Those persons wishing to qualify to run in this City Election may do so beginning August 29, 2011 through September 2, 2011, at the Chattahoochee Hills City Hall, 6505 Rico Road, Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

The qualifying fee for the position of Mayor has been set at \$495.00. The qualifying fee for the position of Council has been set at \$375.00.

The polling place will be the Chattahoochee Hills Fire Station, 6515 Rico Road, Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia 30268. As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992, the City of Chattahoochee Hills does not discriminate on the basis of disability and will assist citizens with special needs, as allowed by law.

Absentee ballots will be made available to any absentee elector, per O.C.G.A. §21-2-381. The final day for voter registration for this election will be October 11, 2011, per O.C.G.A. §21-2-224(a).

Follow this link for a [Candidate Information Packet](#). Copies of these packets are also available in the City Clerk's office.

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A Letter from the Mayor

July 12, 2011

Dear Citizens of Chattahoochee Hills,

As Mayor and on behalf of the City Council and the city's management and staff, I am writing this letter to communicate with you some very difficult decisions made this week in response to receiving notification of a severe decline in the city's property tax revenue.

Property taxes are the city's largest source of revenue and the 2011 collection of property tax is estimated to be 15-18% less than 2010. The Mayor and City Council chose not to increase the millage rate to offset the loss of revenue so what this means for me, our city council and our staff is a reduction in the expenses incurred in order to balance with the revenue decline. The percentage reduction equates to approximately \$250,000.

In late June, the city received property tax estimates from Fulton County. The calculated decline in assessments coupled with the volume of assessment appeals meant that significant changes to the budget would be necessary. Last week, Carol Wolfe, our City Manager, convened a meeting with her department directors, five employee representatives from the police and fire departments, as well as myself and two council members. The purpose of the meeting was to review our approved 2011-2012 budget of \$2,700,480, already 4% less than the previous year, and reduce it by an additional \$250,000.

In almost unanimous agreement, the group voluntarily agreed to the following cuts in salaries, benefits and programs.

- Line item operating expenses reduced by \$100,000.
- The entire city council volunteered elimination of their salary as well as reductions offered from appointed officials.
- In an effort to avoid an across-the-board salary reduction for employees, the city manager, fire chief, police chief and public works director each volunteered a reduction in pay equaling 10% of their salary. In addition, the city manager recommended a Phase 2 additional reduction in the manager's salary for a total reduction of 25% beginning January 2012.

After these voluntary reductions, the target number to cut became \$72,000. All employee benefits that could legally be changed and the cost associated with them were presented to the group. The City Manager asked the group to prioritize the options.

The following represents the categories the group chose in order to reduce the remaining \$72,000. The reduction of these expenses and benefits will certainly affect our workforce but with the input of employee representatives, the feeling is that cuts were made that have the least amount of impact on our staff and their families. These are sacrifices our employees are making in order to maintain the viability of our infant city and show the unbelievable loyalty these public servants have to the city.

- Elimination of overtime in the fire department: \$ 8,916
- Elimination of 80% of overtime in the police department: \$ 4,870
- Elimination of the city's match to the employee's retirement accounts \$ 32,938
- Elimination of short-term disability coverage: \$ 5,582
- Decrease in health insurance costs accomplished by requiring an additional 10% employee contribution for health insurance coverage: \$ 8,103
- Decrease in paid holidays by 50%: \$ 13,450

Despite the tough decisions we had to make, our commitment to you is to continue to provide quality services. City Council members and I are available to talk with you regarding these decisions and answer your questions. Thank you for all you do as citizens to continue to support the city and its efforts to maintain the Chatt Hills way of life.

Respectfully,

Don Hayes, Mayor

For Our Neighbors in the 7000 Acres

From Jack Liles of the Clifftondale Community Club

Fulton County is proposing a new Solid Waste Plan for **Unincorporated Fulton County ONLY** (This does not affect those of us in the City of Chattahoochee Hills). The cost of the plan will be added to your yearly property tax bill and every property owner will be charged. No longer will you have the option of using a private collector or taking your trash to the Merk/Miles dump, all collections will be by Fulton County or a firm they hire. There have been several meetings and much discussion concerning this plan and the impact on residents.

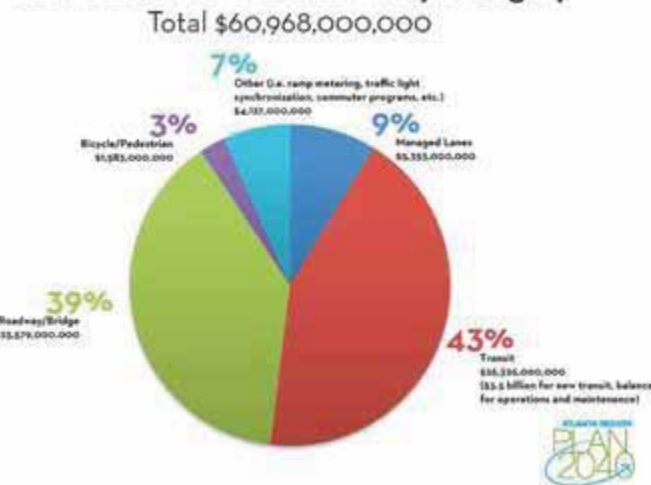
To find out more, you may want to attend the Monday, August 8th meeting of the Clifftondale Community Club meeting at 7:00 PM, at the Clifftondale Clubhouse at 4645 Butner Road (behind the tennis courts). This will probably be one of their most important meetings of the year and you can come out and have your questions and concerns be heard. The special speaker at Monday's meeting will be Mr. Anthony Spencer, Fulton County Public Works Department. Mr. Spencer has requested time to meet with the Community and discuss the proposed Solid Waste Plan and address your questions.

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ARC Adopts PLAN 2040, Blueprint for Region's Future

At its board meeting on Wednesday, July 27, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) adopted PLAN 2040, a 30-year blueprint to sustainably accommodate future growth in the Atlanta region. It consists of a Regional Agenda, which outlines future development priorities for the region; and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which invests \$61 billion in the region's transportation network over 30 years (see breakdown of RTP funding below).

PLAN 2040 RTP Breakdown By Category



The foundation for PLAN 2040 is the idea of sustaining the region's economy, environment and sense of community as the region adds an estimated three million residents in the coming decades. It is a blueprint for improving mobility, protecting natural resources, promoting balanced and sustainable development and growing the economy.

As ARC's centerpiece planning initiative, it includes input from all eight of ARC's planning divisions, as well as from local government planners, elected officials and thousands of regional residents, with

the goal of achieving a prosperous and sustainable future for metro Atlanta. ARC held more than 300 meetings with stakeholders and residents during the three-year PLAN 2040 development process.

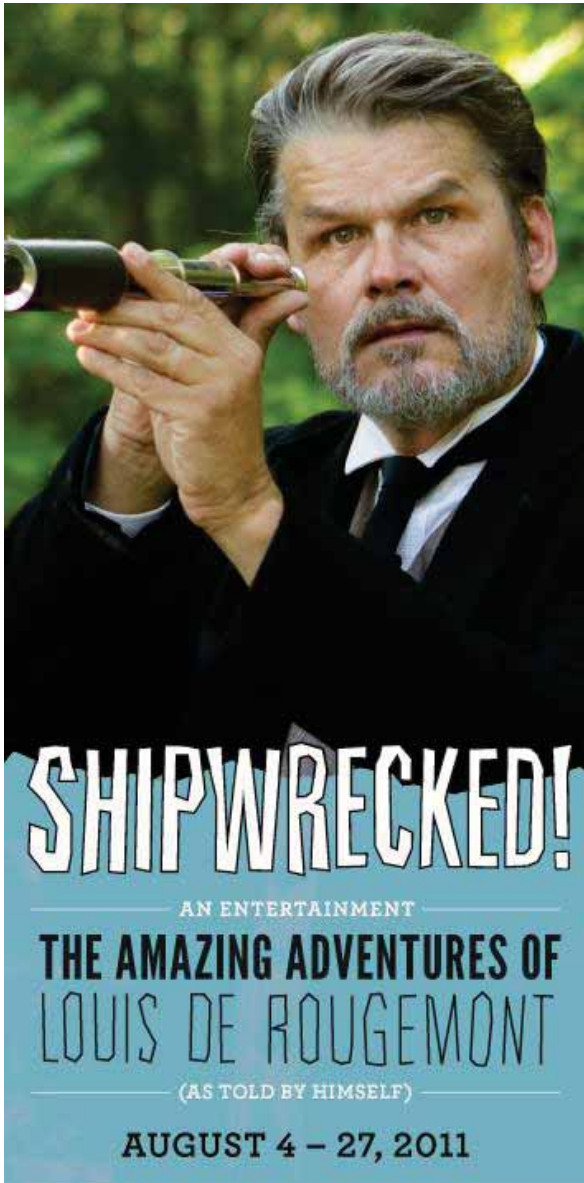
Now that PLAN 2040 has been adopted, ARC will collaborate with its regional partners to achieve higher levels of implementation for plan policy and performance. They will do this using principles and

performance measures developed during workshops with key stakeholders. Also in the short term, PLAN 2040's RTP includes a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of projects and programs to be funded over the first six years of the plan. The TIP totals approximately \$7.6 billion in transportation investments. For more information about PLAN 2040, and to hear from some of the young people who will benefit from the plan, visit www.atlantaregional.com/plan2040.

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Remember to keep an eye out for our Voting Matters Newsletter, which will report on the **recent city council district redistricting** and the **change in the city charter to reduce the council and mayor salaries** in their upcoming edition!

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



Don't Miss the Opening Weekend of Shipwrecked!

The adventurous Louis de Rougemont invites you to hear his amazing story of bravery, survival and celebrity that left nineteenth-century England spellbound. Dare to be whisked away in a story of the high seas, populated by exotic islanders, flying wombats, giant sea turtles and a monstrous man-eating octopus. SHIPWRECKED examines how far we're willing to blur the line between fact and fiction in order to leave our mark on the world.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Donald Margulies scampers to the defense of good old-fashioned yarn spinning with SHIPWRECKED. The breathless story of a Victorian gentleman [and] seafaring wanderer springs to life like a theatrical pop-up book. The audience is left to judge whether he is an inspirational figure touched by imaginative genius or a mere con man. We can also consider the possibility that the hero of this true story based on an untrue story is a little of each... -NY Times.

Directed by Brian Clowdus; **Starring:** Mark Kincaid; **Featuring:** Minka Wiltz and Will Shuler, Patrick Donohue, Renita James, and Mike Kutner; August 4th – 27th at 8:30 pm (Every Thursday-Saturday)

Tickets: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students; Shows on the Serenbe Farmers Market Stage!

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

New Hope Church Homecoming Announced!

From Paul Alford

Dear Members and Friends of New Hope United Methodist Church,

Our 2011 CHURCH HOMECOMING will be Sunday, August 21 at 11 o'clock a.m.

Our guest speaker will be the Reverend Doctor Hal Brady who this year retired from St. Luke United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ga. He pastured New Hope from 1962-64. Some of you will remember him. Whether you remember him or not you will be blessed to hear him preach.

Our church choir will be singing and perhaps one or two of them will be singing solo's. , also, THE GILMORE'S, a southern gospel group from Eufaula, Ala. who have been singing since they were teenagers will be here as well.

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Cochran Mill Nature Center Rain Barrel Workshop

From Melissa Laughner, Environmental Education Coordinator, Cochran Mill Nature Center

Hello CMNC friends! On Saturday the 13th, we will be holding a Rain Barrel Workshop. You have all probably gotten the emails. I would like to ask you personally to mention this workshop to your friends, family, and neighbors. Do you have a coffee shop, library, or place of business where you could hang the forms? Fulton County water works is presenting this workshop and bringing all supplies. They have a minimum number of participants required and we have had a hard time reaching this number. This workshop is such an amazing deal and fun too. In today's economy and weather conditions a rain barrel is an extremely good thing to have! Please, if you are able, pass this flyer that I have attached (at the end of the Reader) along to any who might be interested. Post it on your Facebook page or blog. We thank you, the community thanks you, and the environment thanks you!

Sincerely, the CMNC staff. 770-306-0914 / cmnc@bellsouth.net / www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org

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Robert Ray Returns to the Southside Theatre August 26 & 27

Former Broadway Performer and Award Winning NYC Cabaret Artist - Robert Ray - will perform for 2 nights only at The Southside Theatre in the heart of Historic Fairburn - August 26 and 27. Show times are 8 pm.

Ray is a native of Palmetto and an honor graduate from Campbell High School. After studying music at UGA Ray took a big leap of faith for a skinny kid from the farm and headed to New York City - where he landed a featured role in the Broadway Production of Oklahoma!

He later co-starred with John Davidson in the National Tour of the same show. Ray has also performed with such stars as Morgan Fairchild, Helen Hayes, Dick Cavett, Shirley Jones, Joel Grey, Sandy Duncan and Sarah Jessica Parker. After Oklahoma!, he started collecting rave reviews for his NYC Cabaret Show - "Robert Ray and the Rayettes" and received 4 New York Cabaret Nominations - winning 2.

"Robert Ray and the Rayettes" became one of Atlanta's top nightclub acts between 1980 and 1990, becoming the 1st local act to play the Hyatt Regency's Club Atlantis and moving on to The Ambassador on Roswell Road and Gene and Gabe's Upstairs.



His current show will feature 3 fabulous female singers, although he no longer refers to them as "Rayettes."

The show is called "Feeling Good" and will feature 5 of Atlanta's top Jazz Musicians.

The show will be performed in 2 Acts - with the 1st being a Sophisticated, New York Style set featuring some of the world's best-loved standards like Just in Time, Without a Song, Birth of the Blues, After You're Gone, Some Enchanted Evening and ..."Feeling Good."

The 2nd Act will open with a bass-thumping Disco Medley that will have you dancing in your seats - followed by some 70's goodies like Drift Away, Ain't Nobody and Carly Simon's Mockingbird.

But wait - the foot stomping and hand clapping will continue will some great old Gospel favorites like People get Ready, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, Just a Closer Walk, Precious Lord and his Eye is on the Sparrow.

"Feeling Good" will mark Ray's 3rd August to return to Fairburn. All his previous hometown shows have been complete sell-outs - so do not wait to get your tickets. General seats are \$22 and can be purchased by going to: www.stgplays.com. For more info call 404-284-0967

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The Living Soil, Our Most Precious Resource

From Paige Witherington, Farm Manager at Serenbe Farms

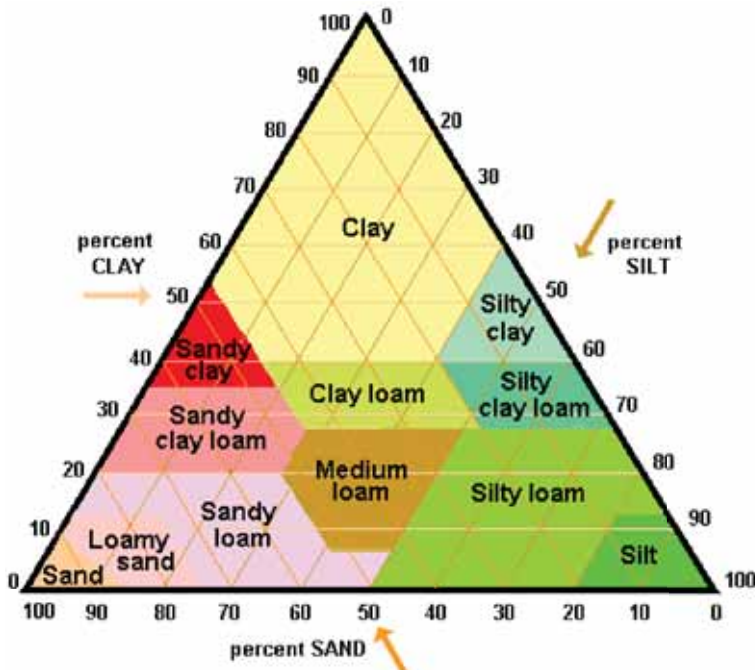
The soil offers us security and farm viability -- making or breaking our overall success. From an attra.org site: *"Individuals who study and pay close attention to their soils' structure and content will see far better results in cultivation and yield and will better be able to address negative issues encountered while growing on, and managing farmland."*

Our motto for soil management is "give back more than you take away." This generally helps us to maintain good soils teeming with microscopic activity. There's much, much more to this practice that includes soil amending, soil tillage, water management, organic matter, dealing with weeds, pests, and nutrient/mineral management. Each one of these things is related to the other and we continually strive to find these connections and further understand this complex organism.

While soil management is very important for how we run our business and farm, soil science is equally as valuable. So, I hope to over the next few paragraphs cover what we all probably learned at one time and perhaps forgot over the years.

Soil Basics -- Q+A

Where did soil come from? Soils are formed from 'parent' rock materials. The creation of soil is influenced by climate, organisms, topography, parent material, and time.



Since soil is transported by wind and water, soils vary greatly along different topographies (ridge vs. valleys). Glaciers played a role in our soil fertility across the country. During the last period of glaciation, the moving glaciers would grind up rocks and create rich and nutritious topsoils. The glaciers would mix many types of parent materials making for balanced soil.

What is soil made of? Approximately 50 % of a soil particle is made of mineral content and organic matter. Usually the organic matter in this area ranges from .5-5% depending on soil quality. Organic matter is the 'living or recently dead' portion of your soil. This includes fresh residues (grass clippings), living organisms (earthworms), or decomposed residues (the dead things in the soil).

The mineral content is the portion of soil created from the parent rock. Mostly around here, our parent rock material is granite. In parts of our farm, the granite bedrock is exposed and in many places just 3-4' below our soils! It's a wonder we can grow anything.

The mineral content can be made up of one or all three of these soil particles: sand (mostly quartz, large particle visible to naked eye), silt (smaller particles), or clay (the smallest particle). The quartz is made of silica and silicon is the most bountiful element other than oxygen in our planet. Clay is an oddball because it's made from a chemical change of the rock particle. Because it's so small it binds tightly with other clay particles and has the ability to hold onto nutrients and prevention of leaching of nutrients (good ole chemistry -- ions with positive and negative charges).

The last 50% of the soil particle is made up of water and air. This is known as pore space...it can be fully filled with water, or (almost) fully filled with air depending on the moisture of the soil. Porosity is very important to plant growth -- so the plants can access water and have space for roots to grow. Air is also vital so that plants can have adequate gas exchange.

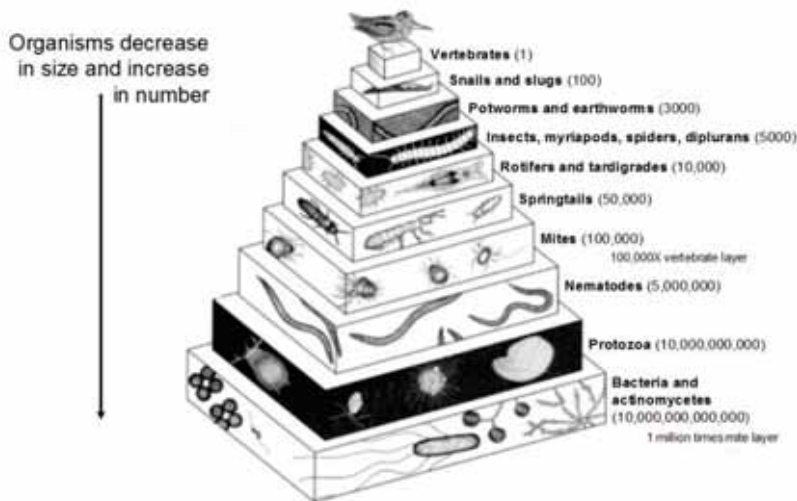
Tell me more about the soil texture. Sandy soils have low water and nutrient holding capacity and can be considered droughty because of quick drying. Clay soils have a high water and nutrient holding capacity, but low permeability and poor tilth. What's best? A loamy soil. This is a combo of all three types of soil. It can hold nutrients and water (but not to a fault) and also offers good soil structure.

Soil texture doesn't change with time or amendments. Soil texture can be changed by importing soil or removing soil. And that would be a big job on a large scale.

What is soil structure? The arrangement of soil particles into aggregates or 'peds' - the actual clumps that you see in your soil. In these, there are small pores and larger pores (for air and water movement) and are vital to a good structural soil. While soil texture cannot easily be changed, soil structure is a result of soil organisms, plants, and our management. Adding organic matter, keeping healthy soil organisms, reduced and proper tillage, freezing and thawing, and erosion control can all aid in better soil structure.

So what is meant by "The Living Soil"? Soil biology! There are many more individual life forms within the soil than live on the surface of the earth. This includes each individual plant, animal and insect living on the surface. There can be 1 to 4 billion single-celled bacteria per teaspoon of soil, and up to 1 million

In one square meter of soil....



fungi. Soil algae may run as high as 100,000 per teaspoon under favorable conditions.

The things that you'll find in that teaspoon of soil include all sorts of fun microscopic life: bacteria, protozoa, fungi, algae. And in a slightly larger piece of soil you may find animal life-nematodes, arthropods, rodents, earthworms, ants, snails, spiders, mites, worms. There are tons more small guys in the soil so those are the ones that make the biggest difference -- and we can't

even see them!

Well, what do all those things do? *Earthworms* - air & water penetration, high-nutrient castings, secretion of plant growth stimulant, natural soil tiller; *Arthropods* (sow bugs, centipedes, slugs, snails, springtails) - primary decomposers; *Bacteria* - make plant growth hormones, make nutrients and minerals available to plants, fix atmospheric nitrogen, fight root diseases, detoxify soils; *Fungi* - break down organic matter (OM) and release nutrients available to plants, produce plant hormones and antibiotics; mycorrhizal associations; *Actinomycetes* - (threadlike bacteria that look like fungi) decompose OM, produce root disease-fighting antibiotics, produce sweet, earthy" smell; *Algae* - upper ½ inch, fix nitrogen and enhance soil structure by

producing biologic glues; **Protozoa** - free-living organisms that swim in soil water, eating bacteria and speeding up the nutrient cycle; **Nematodes** - eat decaying plant litter, bacteria, algae, protozoa, and other nematodes (most nematodes are good, just a couple are bad) (more info on www.attra.org)

To sum up, overall life in your soil does the following: 1. Builds soil structure (increasing drainage, holds soil conglomerates together); 2. Suppresses diseases; 3. Improves nitrogen and nutrient retention; 4. Increases crop quality and nutrition, and 5. Offers plant growth hormones.

What about soil nutrients? As you know our soils here don't offer a very well balanced soil nutrient spectrum. When I arrived here at Serenbe almost six years ago, our soil was a different beast than it is now. We've added many dollars of inputs to help our soils become valuable for growing vegetables.

There are major nutrients required for plant growth as well as micro nutrients and trace elements. Every element is needed for good plant growth...some in a much higher quantity. The major nutrients are nitrogen-N, phosphorus-P, and potassium-K. Secondary nutrients include: Sulfur-S, Calcium-Ca, and Magnesium-Mg. The micronutrients are boron (B), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), chloride (Cl), manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo) and zinc (Zn).

Since all plants use and are made up of these things, compost is a good source of all nutrients. Soil particles (especially those with lots of clay) can hold onto the positively charged nutrients (cations). These that are bound to soil particles include Calcium, Magnesium, and Potassium. This is important to realize because these nutrients in a properly managed soil will not move within your soil profile like the negatively charged soil nutrients (Nitrogen + Sulfur mobility and leaching). The soil's measure of ability to hold onto cations is known as your Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC). (Interested? Check out the Albrecht system of balancing these cations.)

Good organic sources for: **Nitrogen:** alfalfa meal, compost, feather meal; **Phosphorus:** bone meal, rock phosphates; **Potassium:** greensand, granite dust, potassium sulfate; **Calcium:** calcific lime, bone meal, gypsum; **Magnesium:** dolomitic lime, Epsom salt (usually our soils have plenty of magnesium); **Sulfur:** elemental sulfur, potassium sulfate.

And what about pH? PH is the measure of soil acidity. Application of lime is important in acidic soils (most of our soil). This will help to get your soil in balance (balancing the soil cations (Ca, Mg, K, Na) and acidity (H) makes way for a healthy soil with good texture).

So after all this information, how can I use it to make my soil better? Build soil organic matter. Use cover crops, field rotations, compost. Use wise and conservative (or no) tillage. Consider the cycling of nutrients and carbon. Test your soil to see what's going on with it. Soil tests are to be taken lightly because each lab can create different results. These are better to establish patterns and ability to learn by observation and trial and error. Most soil tests include: major, secondary, and minor nutrients, pH, and CEC. My favorite lab is A and L Laboratories in Richmond, VA because they are consistent and quick to return results. Always test your soil at the same time of year. And consider managing the air (by cultivation, not allowing crusting,

reducing compaction from walking, tools, or tractors) and the water (irrigation, compaction).

Any other tips? If possible keep soil covered with mulch (to prevent organic matter burn up, crusting, and erosion). Know your soil structure and how to improve it. Create a tillage plan and know when it's too wet or dry to till. Always fertilize with organic nutrients (utilizes and encourages soil biology, doesn't create salt buildups that kill organisms, and most don't affect soil pH unless containing calcium or magnesium). Know your soil profile (do texture test by feel...see feel method, also check the NRCS website to see your soil type and agricultural viability...

(Note that we're growing on an unsuitable location...so don't take this too seriously!)

HISTORICAL CHATT

From the Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society

The Story of the Civil War in Chattahoochee Hills and Surrounding Areas

...as Told by Resident James Robinson (Second in the biweekly series, as continued from July 22, 2011 issue)



The Union soldiers captured all the Confederate guards at Moore's bridge except one. That one man got back to Newnan to warn everyone.

There were four hospitals in Newnan around the square. There were a lot of wounded men, probably about 4000 men down there in those hospitals. Actually what they were, were big tent camps all around the square that were called hospitals. The bridge guard warned them and of course the soldiers that were still able to get up and move about got their guns and headed to Whitesburg to make the Union soldiers slow

down or stop. The rest of the town began to evacuate. People were scared to death.



What Union Major General Stoneman didn't know, when he came by Campbellton going west down the river, was that Brigadier General Armstrong of the Confederate cavalry followed them down this way. They were on this side of the river going right through Chattahoochee Hills until they got to Phillips Ferry (later called Hutcheson Ferry). He got down to Phillips Ferry where White Oak Creek is and there was a

bridge. The Confederate army crossed that bridge and at the same time Stoneman was on the other side of the river, but they couldn't see each other. Stoneman could hear them. He could hear the Confederate cavalry horses going across the bridge and it had him sort of scared. He finally decided that they weren't down in his area, but they were.

What happened when Union Major General Stoneman and Confederate Brigadier General Armstrong's men see each other? **To be continued.....**

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.

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS	
<p>Friday - Sunday: August 5, 6, 7</p> <p>Fri. & Sat. Performances are at 8:00 pm, Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Southside Theatre Guild in historic downtown Fairburn presents the musical comedy “Seussical”. Based on the beloved characters and stories of Dr. Seuss, Seussical follows the adventures of Horton the elephant; ridiculed for hearing voices from a speck of dust, and JoJo, the smallest child in the city of Who, who 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 www.STGplays.com or call 770-969-0956.</p>
<p>Now through August 27th 8:30 pm weekend evenings, Thursdays through Saturday</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Saturday August 6th 9 pm ‘til 11 pm</p>	<p>Chattahoochee Hills Library Spirit Night at Rockback Cafe! - Fundraiser for the Library! More to come about this so watch for it!!</p>
<p>Saturday Aug 6th & 20th 10:30 pm at The Hil</p>	<p>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.</p>

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<p>Homecoming: Sunday Aug. 7th – 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Revival: Mon. – Wed., Aug. 8th – 10th 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The Sardis Baptist Church 136th Homecoming, followed by dinner on the grounds. There will be a Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m. in memory of Mr. Clovis Peek and Mr. Henley Phillips.</p> <p>Revival Services will be Monday – Wednesday, August 8th – 10th at 7:00 p.m. with evangelist/missionary Matt Haddon. Everyone is invited and welcome! Sardis Baptist Church, 8400 Sardis Rd., Chatt Hills (Intersection of Hutcheson Ferry and Sardis Roads)</p>
<p>Tues. August 9th 10 pm ET</p>	 <p>Food, Inc. – PBS will show an encore presentation of Food, Inc. (check your local listings) tonight. The screening is part of a new season of PBS' award-winning documentary series POV (Point of View), which kicked off on Tuesday, June 21. In Food, Inc., filmmaker Robert Kenner lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing the highly mechanized underbelly that's been hidden from the American consumer. Our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit ahead of consumer health and the livelihood of the American farmer. We have bigger-breasted chickens, the perfect pork chop, insecticide-resistant soybean seeds, even tomatoes that won't go bad, but we also have new strains of E. coli — the harmful bacteria that causes illness for an estimated 73,000 Americans annually. , Food, Inc. reveals surprising and often shocking truths about what we eat, how it's produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here.</p>
<p>Saturday August 13th ...between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Fulton Co. Bulk Trash / Recycling / Shredding day: 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</p>
<p>August 13th 11:00 am – 12:00</p>	<p>Rain Barrel Workshop @ Cochran Mill Nature Center. Members: \$40.00 / Non-members: \$45.00 (must pre-register at www.cochranmillnaturecenter.org)</p>
<p>Sunday, August 21 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Hope United Methodist Church 2011 CHURCH HOMECOMING Our guest speaker will be the Reverend Doctor Hal Brady who this year retired from St. Luke United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ga. He pastored New Hope from 1962-64. Some of you will remember him. Whether you remember him or not you will be blessed to hear him preach. Our church choir will be singing and perhaps one or two of them will be singing solos, and THE GILMORE'S, a southern gospel group from Eufaula, Ala., who have been singing since they were teenagers, will be here as well.</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 23rd 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Park Tavern, 500 10th Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309</p>	<p>Indigo Girls, Shawn Mullins, Atlanta Braves, Culinary Fight Night All Support the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership! Iron Chef meets Chopped at Culinary Fight Night, where two teams of local chefs cook head to head inside a boxing ring, and vie for an array of prizes, the net proceeds of which will be donated to the winning team's charity of choice. The chefs, assisted by local culinary students, will be required to prepare a three-course meal for our panel of six celebrity judges, seated ringside, as well as our VIP guests. The event also includes "The Bartenders Bout," where local</p>

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE – UPCOMING EVENTS

	<p>mixologists will create cocktails to pair and complement each chef's menu! Click here for ticketing and additional information</p>
<p>August 27th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Annual Snake Day Festival at Cochran Mill Nature Center: 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. Members: \$5.00 / Non-members: \$6.00 / CMNC annual membership: \$45.00</p>
<p>September 8-11</p>	<p>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.</p>

ONGOING EVENTS

Horseback Trail Riding: Experience the trails at Serenbe on horseback. Read more here: 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

– Saturday Spotlight – monthly: interesting learning adventures for young and old!

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 Days 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.

- **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.

Newington Photography – Workshops: 5:45 – 8:45 pm Mon, Wed and Thus throughout August, focused on the beautiful evening light known as the “Golden Hour”. To reserve or for details, please email greg@newingtonphotography.com

Serenbe Southern Chefs Series with 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: 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)

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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11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Cochran Mill Nature Center

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Palmetto, GA 30268**

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

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Rain or Shine

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



Make Check out to:
Cochran Mill Nature Center



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