



Chattahoochee Hills Reader

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Chattahoochee Hills Charter School Hires Principal

submitted by CHCS Board

The CHCS Board announces today in a unanimous vote it selected Chad A. Webb as Principal. Webb comes from the Breakthrough School's Village Preparatory School: Woodland Campus in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was Founder and Head of School. In that role, Webb successfully created and operated a startup elementary charter school modeled after the nation's highest performing charter schools. Prior to his time in Cleveland, Webb served as a PK-8 Principal and Administrator in New Orleans Hurricane Katrina Recovery District.

"I've followed CHCS and the progress made in bringing the Board's vision to fruition over the past three years, and I am honored to have this opportunity to serve as the educational leader for our community-based academic initiative. Children learn and grow through varied experiences, and the mission of CHCS allows our educators the autonomy to meet the needs of all learners. We will work daily to provide a rigorous, hands-on / minds-on educational environment that not only engages our scholars, but taps into each individual's growth potential," shares Chad.

Willie Lovett, CHCS Board Chairman, states "Our Board interviewed top Principal candidates from across the United States and Georgia, and agreed that Chad's executive experience will quickly propel CHCS to achieve our academic goals and provide an exceptional, innovative and rigorous educational experience to our Fulton County constituents. We are excited that Chad accepted our offer, and look forward to making the dream of this wonderful school, focusing on arts, agriculture and the environment, a reality."

Webb has more than 16 years of professional experience in education, including roles as a Title I Intervention Specialist, Mentor Teacher, School Director, as well as Principal.

Webb is a graduate of Ashland University in Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Education, and a Master of Education in Educational Administration. He also holds certifications in Georgia and Ohio as Principal, Educational Administration and Educational Leadership, English/Language, Elementary Education PK-8 and Reading. He currently resides in Atlanta, GA.



CHCS Principal Chad Webb

Friends of Chatt Hills Parks Votes to Dissolve Organization

submitted by Laurie Searle, FOCHP

It's been an amazing year for Friends of Chatt Hills Parks. Old Friends have reached out to New Friends and even formed new clubs such as EACHC – Equestrian Association of Chattahoochee Hill Country. We rallied volunteers for monthly trail maintenance projects and to support the city's GATEway project to plant 400 bushes and trees at South Fulton Parkway and Rivertown Road. And we finished on a very high note with Chatt Fest, a celebration of Parks in Chatt Hills that brought nearly 300 visitors to an event that featured mostly local talent, organizations, and volunteers. For more details of our year's work, see the [2013 FOCHP Year-End Report](#).

Year End Analysis

But believe it or not, we did all of this with a very small volunteer base. In our year-end analysis, we learned that we have a newsletter subscriber base of about 100, but of those only 50 subscribers opened the emails, and of those only 22 clicked on the link to read the newsletter. As for volunteers, we had a total of 56 different Friends who volunteered in some capacity for an event, trail maintenance, project, or other activity. Of those, 37 volunteered one time only, 19 volunteered more than once, and 5 people volunteered on average per work day. This analysis left us wondering if we really needed a Friends of Parks group at this time.

FOCHP Board Votes to Dissolve Organization

Our FOCHP Board of Directors met on December 4 to celebrate our year's accomplishments and to review the analysis report. Considering the low volunteer base and the fact that our city has appointed a Parks Commission, we determined that having a Friends of Parks group is an additional layer of organization that is not needed at this time. A motion was made and passed to dissolve Friends of Chatt Hills Parks, make a designated gift of our remaining Park Fund pledges to the City of Chattahoochee Hills for park enhancements, and designate our remaining cash for future Chat Fests events.

Meeting a Greater Need through a Community Foundation

As part of our discussion, our board talked about the greater need for community-wide support of local non-profits, initiatives, and activities that would strengthen and grow our community. Over the years, several people have floated the idea of a Community Foundation that would serve as such a resource. It would give residents who want to volunteer an opportunity to register their skills and contribute their talents on an as-needed basis, and it would offer those organizations and our city a way to fill its needs.

Our FOCHP Board fully supports this idea and thinks local facilitator John Graham would be the ideal person to get the initiative off the ground. We'll forward our recommendation and hopefully this idea will get some traction.

Lyle Announces Retirement

Chattahoochee Hills Fire Department Ronnie Lyle announced his retirement in January effective February 28, 2014.. Lyle's retirement marks nearly 32 years of Fire and Rescue Service with the last six being in Chattahoochee Hills. In April 2011, Lyle was named Department Chief.

He led the CHFHD through some difficult fiscal times while maintaining a commitment to honesty, compassion and service. Rarely has there been a time during his tenure where he turned down an opportunity for the CHFHD to be a part of a community event. His laughter will certainly be missed in Chattahoochee Hills....the Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association wishes him well!

Enjoy a few photos of a day in the life of Chief Lyle...



Parks Commission Ushered in Christmas Season for Chatt Hills

submitted by Maribeth Wansley

Chatt Hill residents celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season Thursday December 5 at City Hall. Carols were sung, hot chocolate was sipped and a jolly ol' elf arrived by fire truck.

The Parks Commission headed up the organizing of this year's Christmas Festival with a welcome from Mayor Tom Reed, a prayer offered by Rick Todd of Sardis Baptist Church and a community choir from 5 different churches, led by Nancy Whittenberger, singing some favorite Christmas songs. As the Christmas tree lit up, a Chatt Hills Fire truck following a Chatt Hills police car headed down Rico Road to City Hall carrying the most popular guests of the event: Mr. and Mrs. Claus along with their helper, Rose the Elf.

The Clauses received visitors in the lobby of City Hall that had been decorated by volunteers. Approximately 75 citizens then retreated to the Council Room to visit, enjoy homemade sweets and shop at craft tables for gifts for those on their Christmas list. Proceeds from the sale of those crafts benefitted Community Brickworks which offers many services to the community.

I'd like to thank the following and others who contributed to making this evening so successful: Mayor Reed, Greg and Melea Brett, Judy and Ernie Henderson, Dave and Maria Hanson, Nancy Whittenberger, Elaine Bryant, Cindy Hanson, Susan and Molly Tillander, Lamar Toole, Laura Richards, Rick Todd, our great Chatt Hills Public Works Department, those who contributed homemade sweets, the community choir and Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

A huge "thank you" goes out to everyone who helped and attended. Happy New Year!

A Cure for Cabin Fever Let's play basketball!

Everyone Welcome for a day of fun!

**Children ages 5-18 are invited for a day of
instruction, games and lots of fun.**

**Concessions will be provided and lunch break will
be from 11:45 to 12:15.**

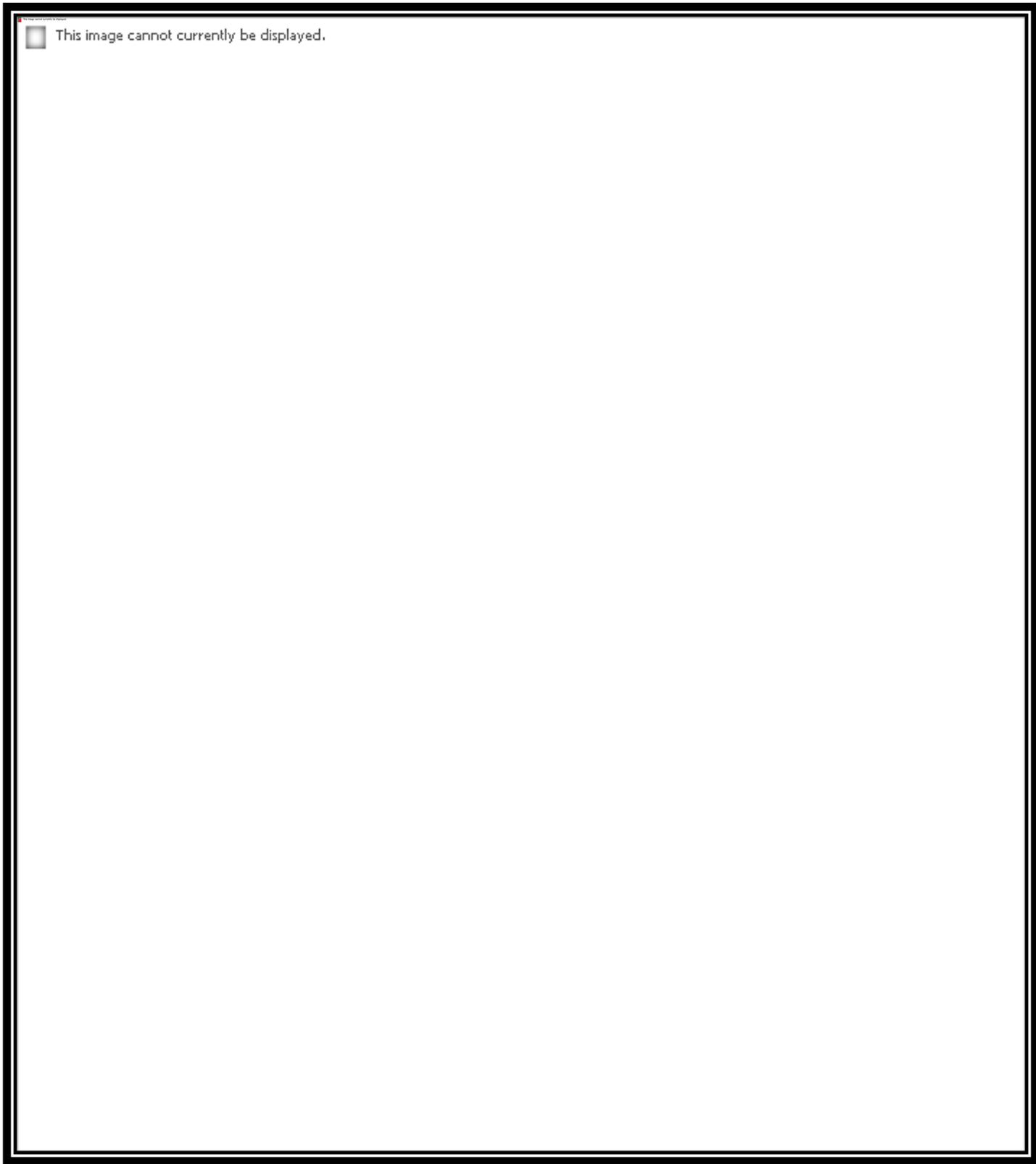
Parents are welcome

Saturday, January 18th

10am – 2pm

Fellowship Center.

For more info: 770-463-2003 or www.pbcrico.org



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