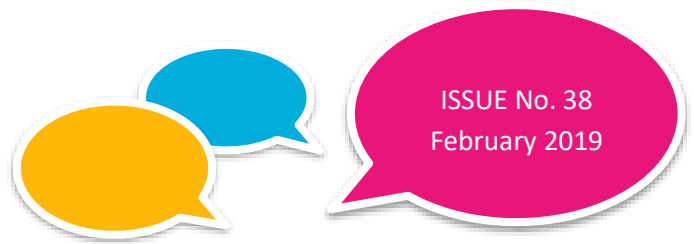


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A monthly publication of the Chatt Hills Community, a citizen-run news service that connects, informs, and engages friends & neighbors of Chattahoochee Hills, GA.

Chatt Hills Farmers: A Special Breed

By: Laurie Searle

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a snapshot of our local farms is enough to sum up the reasons why we live here.

Farms are the essence of our ruralness here in Chatt Hills. They speak to the generations of heritage families that founded this area and farmed to sustain their families. They speak to a new generation seeking a more holistic way of life. And for those who don't farm, they speak to the natural unspoiled beauty of the land, a land we all wish to protect and preserve.

In this month's issue, we introduce you to a special breed of farmers in Chatt Hills:



- James Gullatt, a third- generation farmer, raises cattle and hay on his ancestral homeplace on Jones Ferry Rd.
- Peter & Kristin Davenport have expanded their Woodsong Farm, offering pasture-raised pork, chicken & duck eggs, and raw grass-fed Jersey milk.
- The White family of the Rico Community have served the surrounding farm communities for 23 years with their Fairburn Farm Supply store.

If you are interested in starting a farm, our local farmers offer this advice: mentor with another farmer first to see if you're suited to farming, educate yourself by joining farm associations (Georgia Farm Bureau or Georgia Young Farmers Association), start small with just a few animals or row crops, and purchase good used equipment to stretch your budget. If you would like to support agribusiness in Chatt Hills, see the list of local farmers included on page 8.

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James Gullatt: Third-Generation Farmer



Third-generation farmer James Gullatt raises cattle and hay on his ancestral homeplace on Jones Ferry Rd in Chattahoochee Hills, GA.

On a bitterly cold January afternoon, the sun colors the sky a deep shade of azure blue while highlighting golden bales of hay in a faded barn. In a nearby pasture, grazing cows begin to trail out toward the feeding area when they hear James Gullatt approach on his Gator.

Day in and day out, 365 days a year, James tends to his 60 head of cattle and keeps his farm equipment, buildings, and fences in repair. He also manages his hay crops, which he has harvested twice a year primarily to feed the cattle.

Although James has help from a few trusted farm hands when needed, running the farm is pretty much a one-man operation. But James doesn't mind. As a third-generation farmer, James considers the work a Labor of Love.

Grandfather's Farm – Dow Gullatt

What we know about the beginnings of the Gullatt Farm, we learned from James' uncle Tom D. Gullatt when we interviewed him in 2008.

(See: <http://www.chatthillshistory.com/gullatt.html>).

R.J. Smith build the farmhouse on Jones Ferry Rd around 1885-1890 and lived in it for a while before selling it to Dow Gullatt (James' grandfather) and his wife Maie in 1904. The two eldest children, Horace (James' father) and Rena were already born and moved into the house then. The family eventually had ten children.

Tom Gullatt said, "Growing up on the farm was a lot of hard work. Cotton was the main cash crop. We'd get out of school, stop by the house to change clothes, grab a baked potato, and eat it on the way to the fields. Then they'd pick cotton until dark. In the summer time, Daddy did a lot of truck farming. We raised watermelon and cantaloupes and all kinds of vegetables. And we gathered those vegetables and fruits and he took them to the farmers market in West End.

"In the winter time every week he'd kill a hog. We'd grind up the whole hog in sausage. We had a mill and we'd grind up the meat three times to get it fine enough, then he'd take the sausage to West End to sell it to the customers he had. And so that's how he made a living for us during the depression. We didn't have any money to spend, but we had good food to eat and clean air to breath and did lots of hard work. We'd all work together."



The Gullatt homeplace was built in the late 1800s by R.J. Smith.

Father's Farm – Horace Gullatt

Horace Gullatt married Grace Duncan and made their home in West End (Southwest Atlanta, GA) where they raised their only son, James. The family visited the Gullatt farm on the weekends and often helped out, but for the most part James had an urban upbringing, attending the Brown School in West End, and playing guitar and dobro in a band for several years. After school, James entered the printing trade. His 30-year-career in printing including working for Treasure Chest Advertising, a leading U.S. supplier of advertising products and services for publishers and advertisers.

When grandparents Maie and Dow passed away (1961 and 1969), Horace purchased the family farm with the idea that he would farm it, and James would move with him and help farm part-time while still working in West End.

“Dad purchased the first 100 acres from grandmother’s estate for \$97/acre,” James said. “By the time grandfather passed away about 10 years later, his 100 acres went for \$500/acre. It took us 20 long years of hard work to pay for the farm.”

Over the next many years, James’ flexible work schedule allowed him several free days each week to devote to farming. He enjoyed the work so much, he took it up full time when he retired at age 59. After his father passed away, James purchased the property in 1997 and has devoted his time to farming ever since.

Son's Farm – James Gullatt

James’ farming routine has remained pretty consistent over the years, thanks to his decades of well-practiced farming.

He tends his livestock until they mature to about 600-700 lbs. Then once a year he takes them to the Carroll County Livestock Sale Barn in Carrollton, where auctions are held every Monday.

He used to harvest his hay twice a year, taking about 10 days to cut and bale the hay in June and September. But now another person harvests his hay in exchange for receiving half of the crop. This deal gives James enough hay to feed his livestock, while reducing his workload.

James spends the rest of his time maintaining the farm: working on tractors and hay equipment, mending fences and gates, and helping other farming neighbors when needed. After the chores are done, James heads out to visit at Smith’s Store in Rico, which he jokingly calls his home office.

We asked James to reflect on his decades of farming on his family’s homeplace, and whether all of the hard work has been worth it.

James said, “The good you get out of the labor is worth more than the money you make.”



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Peter & Kristin Davenport: Woodsong Farm

Less than a country mile from the Gullatt Farm, the vista opens up on Jones Ferry Rd to reveal acres and acres of rolling pastures dotted with ponds, barns, and livestock. Here and there and across the road are a few old farmhouses, weather-beaten and past their prime but still functional.

Peter & Kristen Davenport dreamed about moving their fledgling farm to this area one day. That dream finally came true when they moved into their new (old) house last June. But the best part of their story isn't in the destination, it's in their journey.

Nurturing an interest in farming

Peter and Kristin both grew up in Fayetteville Georgia and attended the same high school, but they didn't strike up a friendship until years later during a college break.

Peter became interested in farming during his teens, when he visited the Amish in Pennsylvania. The Amish traditionally maintain a scale of farming that enables each farm to be worked by the family. They are also known for their discipline, hard work and love of the soil which is essential to farming.

When Peter was 16 years old, his mother sent him to work on a farm in South Carolina for the summer. There he learned to drive tractors, tend animals, and speak Spanish (most of the farm workers were Hispanic.) After graduating high school, he attended Southern Polytech in Marietta and studied International Studies and Business Management.

While on a break from school, Peter met up with Kristin who was on a break from the University of Georgia. They became fast friends, bonding over many mutual interests including travel, animals, and ranching out west. Shortly after the couple finished school and married, they received an offer to work in India to establish a horse therapy program for victims of human trafficking and the disabled. It was while living in India that the couple was exposed to good food. "We could really taste the difference in food that wasn't over processed or chemically treated," Peter said. The couple became keenly interested in raising animals in a way that is healthy and beneficial for the animal, the land, the people, and the community.

Working a farm in Chatt Hills

After the couple returned to Georgia, Peter secured a position as a Spanish teacher; however, he quickly realized teaching wasn't his calling. Meanwhile, Kirsten applied for a job at Many Fold Farm in Chatt Hills. She was offered the position but the commute was too long, so the couple offered to both work for Many Fold and move to Chatt Hills. It was a win-win proposition.

The couple worked at Many Fold for three years, receiving valuable experience in dairy farming and animal husbandry (with sheep, chickens, and guardian dogs). Peter said it was an invaluable experience, and after a time the couple decided they wanted to try their hands at their own farm so they began looking for land to lease.



Peter & Kristin Davenport of Woodsong Farm are building a legacy for their family and community.

Staring up Woodsong Farm

By this time, Peter & Kristin had bought a home on Henry Mill Rd and set up their farm operations there. They soon met two friends at church who offered to lease them 10 acres in exchange for them fencing in the area. With their first bit of farmland, the couple was eager to begin farming. They bought chickens and ducks for eggs, a dairy cow named Mona for raw milk, and later added pigs.

For the next two years, the couple's life seemed a whirlwind as they ran their farm and started their family. "It seemed like all I did was drive, drive, drive," Peter said. "I'd drive to feed the animals and milk the cow, then I'd drive back to the house to store the milk, then back to the animals – back and forth – then do it all at least three times a day. On the weekend, I was up at 4:30 a.m. doing farm chores before heading to the farmers market to sell our products." Meanwhile, Kristin stayed busy with their two young children, while she helped with the farm.

A new (old) home for Woodsong Farm



This historic farmhouse, built in the 1800s, is home to the Davenports and their Woodsong Farm.

When asked why the couple named their farm Woodsong, Kristin gave a poetic response:

"We live in a place surrounded by dark, dense forest. It's not the loveliest wood to behold. It's wild, dark, and full of nasties, such as thick underbrush and ticks. Sometimes the world feels like that to me. Dark, wild, full of nasties...."

"And then, if I wake up early enough and listen sometime in early spring, I hear it. Amidst the wild. Piercing the darkness. Rising with the dawn, a song."

"Despite the crazy world we live in, there is beauty here that would pierce your heart and break it, if you would but listen. Can you hear it? It's the woodsong."

Peter and Kristin were able to purchase their dream farmhouse with 15 acres right across the street from an additional 12 acres of family owned pasture, which they lease for their cows and chickens.

Today, Woodsong Farm offers raw grass-fed Jersey milk, pasture/forest raised pork, and pasture raised chicken and duck eggs.

This year they also have plans to offer cut flowers and update their farm store.



Peter tends his pasture raised milking cows at Woodsong Farm.

For more information about Woodsong Farm, visit www.woodsongfarm.net or call (678) 787-5181.

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Fairburn Farm Supply: Locally owned and operated by the White family



Fairburn Farm Supply, at 338 SE Broad St in Fairburn, is owned and operated by Bill, Russell and Alan White of Chatt Hills.

Located about two miles south from downtown Fairburn on the other side of the train tracks, Fairburn Farm Supply could be easily missed if you've never been there. Look for a large green building surrounded by trailers full of pine straw, bales of hay, farm gates and an assortment of farm supplies.

Once inside you'll likely find Russell White behind the counter, dressed in bib overalls, extending a warm country welcome.

Russell said the Farm Supply has been a staple in Fairburn as long as he remembers. His family purchased the store in 1995, and he's seen some changes over the past 23 years.

"There used to be more large farms in this area," Russell said, "but now I can pretty much count the large ones on one hand. There also used to be more cattle farms, but these days we mostly see customers with dogs, cats and horses, or those looking for lawn and garden supplies."

Russell and his father and brothers live in the Rico Community of Chatt Hills on land that has been in his family for generations. He said the old store on his property across from city hall was the Barns store (the Barns family is on his mother's side of the family). There was also a grist mill on his property back in the day. His family also donated the land where the Chatt Hills fire house is today, as well as where two earlier firehouses were located.

Back in the heyday when nearly every family in Chatt Hills owned their own farm or worked for a crop share on another, farming supplies were aplenty. If you needed some laying hens or vegetable seeds for spring planting, chances are you'd find them at the crossroad store or by trading with your neighbor.

While the tradition of farming is alive and well in Chatt Hills, finding farm supplies can be a challenge. If you're not in the know, you'll wind up driving half a day to one of those big box tractor supply stores along the interstate.

But if you are in the know – and all Chatt Hills farmers are – you'll head on over to the Fairburn Farm Supply, locally owned and operated by Bill, Russell and Alan White.



Russell White greets customers with a country smile.

A Snapshot of Farm Supplies

Fairburn Farm Supplies carries a variety of farm building supplies including fencing, gates, and landscape timbers; animal feed and accessories; planting seeds and bird seeds; farming and garden tools; laying hens and roosters; and a whole lot more.



Fairburn Farm Supply

338 SE Broad St
Fairburn GA 30213
Phone: (770) 964-6658



Store Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed



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Chattahoochee Hills Farm List

The following list includes Chatt Hills farmers who have given permission to be listed or who have listed their contact information online. If you are a farmer who would like to be listed, please contact Laurie at Lsearle@bellsouth.net

Bouckaert Farms, LLC – *Horses for sale, boarding, events*

Contact Ashley Keller, 9445 Browns Lake Rd, Fairburn, GA 30213

T: 770- 892-2117 | E: ashleykeller@chatthillseventing.com | W: <https://chatthillseventing.com>

Fairywood Thicket Farms – *Local and wild harvest jams and jellies*

4545 Cochran Mill Rd, Fairburn, GA 30213

T: 770-306-6187 | W: www.facebook.com/fairywood.thicket.farm

Farr Away Farms – *Beef cattle, miniature donkeys, pigs, chickens; assorted vegetables and eggs; firewood for sale*

Stephen Farr, 10340 Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 678-850-8597 | E: SRFTLF17yahoo.com

Frog Hollow Farm – *Beef cattle and Hay*

Sarah Kinser, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

Gullatt Farm - *Beef cattle and Hay*

James Gullatt, 7805 Jones Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

Hillside Farm of Chatt Hills, LLC - *Honey, jams & jellies, blueberries & blackberries, seasonal vegetables*

Lawrence & Marie Pepin, 12240 Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 678-857-8710 | E: hillsidefarm2014@gmail.com | W: <https://hillside.farm>

Hillside Orchard – *Beef cattle and Hay*

Wayne Stradling, Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 770-463-1408

Huffmaster Farm – *Meat Goats*

Hal Huffmaster, 7485 Old Phillips Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

Jay Victory Farm, LLC - *Horse training & sales*

Liza Muñoz, 8655 Sardis Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 404-431-5437 | W: www.jayvictoryfarm.com

Many Fold Farm, LLC - *Chicken eggs*

Ross & Rebecca Williams, 7850 Rico Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 770-463-0677 | E: info@manyfoldfarm.com | W: www.manyfoldfarm.com

Mount Vernon Thoroughbreds, LLC - *Thoroughbred race horses and angus beef cattle*

George & Bettina Brown, 8095 Vernon Grove Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

Serenbe Organic Farms Inc. - Vegetables, herbs & flowers

Farm Managers Ian & Alishia Giustoley, Serenbe, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

W: <https://serenbefarms.com>

Tangled Vines Muscadine Vineyard - Muscadine grapes - Seasonal

Susan Edmondson, 8450 Watkins Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 678-469-5649 | F: www.facebook.com/people/Tangled-Vines-Muscadine-Vineyard/100006204914776

White Horse Farm (of Chattahoochee Hills GA) Inc. - Horse rehabilitation

Julie White, 9120 Wilkerson Mill Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

E: juliewhite@integrity.com

Wild Fern Ranch - Offering EAL, EAA & EEE with our herd to enhance lives; Riding lessons, and Pick Your own Blueberries

12000 Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 404-545-4171 | F: @wildfernranch

Wilkerson Mill Gardens - Plant Nursery specializing in hydrangeas – Open seasonally and anytime by appointment

Gene Griffith and Elizabeth Dean, 9595 Wilkerson Mill Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 770-463-2400 | E: edean007@gmail.com | W: www.hydrangea.com

Woodsong Farm, LLC - Raw milk, chicken & duck eggs, pork, (and cut flowers – seasonal)

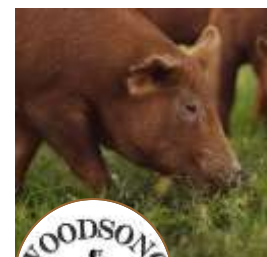
Peter and Kristin Davenport, 7770 Jones Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 678-787-5181 | E: info@woodsongfarm.net | W: <https://www.woodsongfarm.net>

Worth It Farms, LLC - An educational homestead dedicated to preserving endangered livestock through utilization and on-farm demonstration

Chris & Kristy Smith, 9700 Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

T: 678- 806-6884 | E: WorthItFarms@gmail.com | W: <http://worthitfarms.com>



Community Announcements

Community Luncheons – The Talk of the Town

By: Laurie Searle

The popular community luncheons, co-hosted by Community Brickworks and a different faith-based organization each month, started-up again in January after a short break for the holidays. Friendship Baptist Church co-hosted the January event.

Judy Henderson from Community Brickworks welcomed neighbors with good cheer and happy news that thanks to the many volunteers and other giving organizations, they were able to give 59 food boxes to families and 102 children gifts to make it through the December holidays.

Approximately 50-80 residents, friends, and city staff joined in the fellowship during January's luncheon.

The luncheons are free and open to the public. The next luncheon will be co-hosted by Sardis Baptist Church, on February 13 at noon, at City Hall.



Residents, friends, and staff enjoy the good food and fellowship at the Community Brickworks community luncheons.



When Judy Henderson asked for a volunteer, this young fellow offered to lead the blessing.



A few good neighbors were busy stocking the Community Brickworks food pantry, but we're glad they got to enjoy a bite to eat. Chatt Hills is so lucky to have Community Brickworks and all of its volunteers. To volunteer, stop by the library at City Hall.

Chattahoochee Hills Charter School – News

By: Chester Asher, CEO/Executive Director

Rainbow Questions

Learning at Chattahoochee Hills Charter School is about a lot more than facts and figures. Learning is also about purpose and character. Our scholars work on purpose and character in addition to gaining knowledge in different content areas by exploring their rainbow questions. These are the purposeful questions our scholars are seeking to find answers to as they work throughout this trimester:

- How do we shed light on environmental issues and give voice to the desired change?
- What natural and unnatural environmental problems threaten our closest water source(s) and how can we thwart the negative consequences of these problems?
- How does economic expansion impact nature and people nationally?
- How can the K-Crew collect & recycle lunch items to reduce the amount of trash here at CHCS and in our community?
- How does pollution impact different communities historically and today?
- How can we be better stewards of the environment to decrease financial instability and devastation?
- How does governmental regulation and geography affect water and wildlife?
- What are the environmental, social, and economic impacts of revolutions?

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Roots, Soil, & Water

Roots, Soil, and Water will be hosted at CHCS on Saturday, March 2nd from 2 to 4PM. The purpose of this event is to honor those who have planted the roots, provided nourishment, and watered the seed we call CHCS. We will honor those who helped to found the school as well as those who helped in the most recent campaign to furnish the new Lovett Building. Come join us for this celebration and a tour of the facility.

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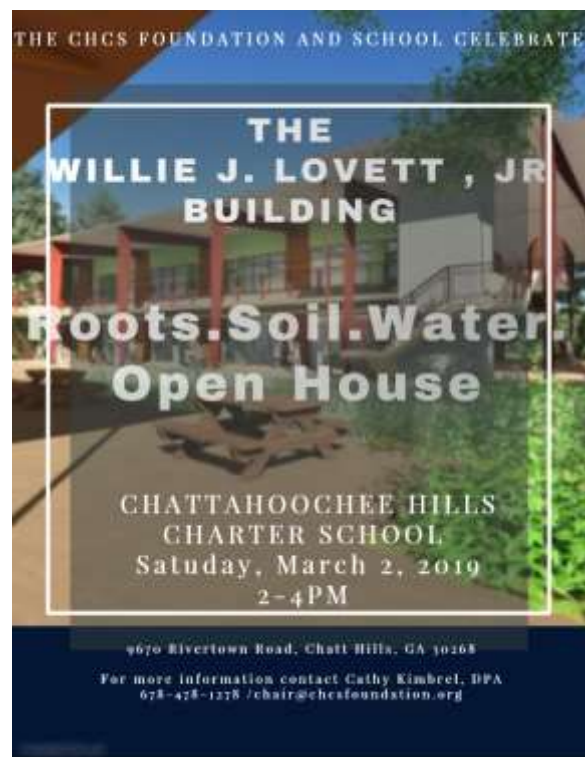
Reading Volunteers



If you have one hour a week to spare, then you have an hour to help a child read. Our reading volunteers work with two scholars, each for 30 minutes a week on specific reading skills. We provide the training and then will introduce you to your little reader.

If interested please email our

Director of Curriculum and Instruction for ELA, Katy at Katy.ulrich@chatthillscharter.org.



Community Events

What's Next ATL presents . . .

Podcast Listening Party Focused on Responsible Development, Greenspace in Aerotropolis Area

Date/Time: Thursday, January 31 / 6:30 p.m.
Location: Gladys S. Dennard Library at South Fulton
4055 Flat Shoals Rd
Union City, GA 30291
Phone: 404-613-3092
Websites: <https://findingtheflint.org>
<https://whatsnextatl.org>

This **podcast listening party** for the [What's Next ATL podcast](#)—focuses on an episode that looks at the **Finding the Flint** campaign. Finding the Flint's Hannah Palmer and ARC's Katherine Zitsch will do a Q&A after we listen to the episode.

About Finding the Flint

Finding the Flint is a campaign dedicated to promoting responsible development and greenspace in Atlanta's Aerotropolis by focusing on Georgia's second-longest river, the Flint.

This project was created by American Rivers, The Conservation Fund, and the Atlanta Regional Commission. All three organizations have been leading initiatives to restore rivers and revitalize communities in metro Atlanta. Finding the Flint builds off years of research, planning, coalition building, and big ideas for the Flint's headwaters in the airport area.

In **2013**, the Flint River was ranked on the America's Most Endangered Rivers® list. That same year, American Rivers published [RUNNING DRY: Restoring Healthy Flows in Georgia's Upper Flint River Basin](#). That same year, they began convening the [Upper Flint River Working Group](#), a group that includes several south metro water utilities, to begin examining and addressing low-flow problems in the upper Flint River basin. They have been making good progress on their [Upper Flint River Resiliency Action Plan](#).

In **2015**, recognizing the impact of the airport on the headwaters, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport partnered with American Rivers to study stormwater management at the airport and identify areas suitability for green infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the ARC was building a coalition that would become the Aerotropolis Alliance, a non-profit membership organization and a coalition of leading business and community leaders committed to revitalizing the airport area. In **2016**, they released the Aerotropolis Blueprint, "a first of its kind strategy for the Atlanta region—providing the framework and impetus to transform metro Atlanta's Southside."

In **2017**, these three organizations hired Atlanta Beltline visionary Ryan Gravel's firm [Sixpitch](#) to bring these ideas together in an aerotropolis-wide vision for the Flint River headwaters. With the support of Southside native and author [Hannah Palmer](#), the Finding the Flint was born.



Chatt Hills Gallery at Serenbe presents . . .

2019 New Exhibit

Date/Time: January 26-March 11

Location: 9057 Selborne Lane, Serenbe

Tickets: Free

Website: <https://www.chatthillsgalleryserenbe.com>

NEW EXHIBIT

January 26 - March 11



Come see our new artists Mary Hollis, Mike Ottensmeyer & Mitchell Wilson



CHATT HILLS GALLERY

AT SERENBE

9057 Selborne Lane | Chatt Hills GA 30268 | 818.434.5436 | www.chatthillsgalleryserenbe.com

Sat. 10:00-5:00 | Sun. 11:00-3:00 | Or by Appointment

Chatt Hills Music presents . . .

Concert: Ken Bales Trio

Date/Time: February 9 / 8:00 p.m.

Location: Private Home, address revealed after tickets are purchased

Tickets: \$25

Website: www.chatthillsmusic.com

Kevin Bales latest cd "Beyond the Neighborhood" The songs of Fred Rogers has been nominated for a Grammy! He and vocalist Keri Johnsrud have illustrated the versatility and depth of Jazz in this album

Kevin has amassed a long list of awards that include being the Winner of the Jazz Piano Association pianist of the year. He toured and recorded for 10 years with Grammy Nominee Rene Marie and continues to be the first call pianist for the likes of Marcus Printup, Gordon Vernick, Joe Gransden Big Band and many others. He is widely recognized as one of the finest jazz pianists on the planet.



- KEYBOARD: Kevin Bales
- BASS: Kevin Smith
- DRUMS: Marlon Patton
- SPECIAL GUEST (VOCALS): Devon Gates

La Hacienda Bed and Breakfast presents . . .

Wedding Expo 2019

Hosted by: Stanton and Tera

Date/Time: February 10 / 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: 5411 Cochran Mill Rd, Chatt Hills, GA

Website: <https://www.lahaciendaatlanta.com>

We are hosting this event to assist you in making your day an, "Occasion to Remember."

Photographers Caterers, Prop rentals. Wedding planners, Officiants, jewelry, photo booth and much more will be here.

Come out and join us.

We are a B&B. An intimate place WITH many options, Rehearsal dinners, Elopement Weddings or events up to 50 guest, Bridal Showers, Anniversary, Birthday parties, corporate meetings or other small events. We call it, "A little piece of Mexico without having to use your passport" We are just minutes from the Airport and Serenbe.

We hope you will come out and tour our grounds and find those Vendors that will assist you to complete your special day.



Community Care Network presents . . .

Program: One more chance to discover your functional ability.

Date/Time: February 9 / 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Grange Hall

Website: <http://communitycarenetwork.info>



People wanting to schedule an appointment only need to click on this link and they will be taken to a Google doc with all of the times listed. See:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qmP3njspVXF48Rz-Shc7vE8BJk5N-m5SwjZmXr6qxko/edit?usp=sharing>

One more chance to discover your functional ability.

February 9th, 9am to 1pm, at Grange Hall



Kristin Somerville, DPT of PT Solutions, returns to Serenbe to test functional ability through activities such as grip, sit/stand, and balance exercises. It's all fun and done on an individual basis. Kristin will recommend an exercise protocol just for you. Derrick and Melissa will be eager to work with you at Elite Fitness and soon at the Serenbe Fitness Center at One MADO! The goal is to help us age gracefully and add to the life in our years. All adults are welcome.

Community Brickworks and Sardis Baptist Church presents . . .

Chatt Hills Community Luncheon

Date/Time: February 13 / Noon
 Location: Chatt Hills City Hall Meeting Room
 6505 Rico Rd, Chatt Hills
 Cost: Free

Come share a meal and get to know your neighbors. Community Brickworks will provide the main dish, Sardis Baptist Church will provide the sides, and you can add to the side or desert if you like. If you bring something special, bring a copy of the recipe to share.

We will have hand knitted scarves by Judy along with beautiful poured canvas selections for folks for a donation toward Brickworks available that day as well.



Serenbe Playhouse presents . . .

Theater Classes for Kids

Date/Time: Registration is open now for spring classes
 Location: Serenbe
 Registration: <http://www.serenbeplayhouse.com/education/classes>

Calling All Theatre Kids! Spring Classes at Serenbe Playhouse are open for registration. We had a very successful first-ever round of fall classes and we hope you'll join us again for a class series featuring stars from HAMILTON and the hit 2018 film, LOVE, SIMON.

Classes include:

- Broadway Bound: A Musical Theater Intensive (Grades: 9th – 12th)
- Shake the Nerves: Auditioning 101 (Grades: 6th – 8th)
- Become a Triple Threat! (Grades: 3rd – 5th)
- Jungle Book in the Jungle! (Grades: K – 2nd)
- Private Coaching



The Farmhouse at Serenbe presents . . .**Menu****Valentine's Day**

Date/Time: Thursday, February 14
 Location: 10950 Hutcheson Ferry Rd in Serenbe
 Reservations: 770-463-2622
 Website: serenbefarmhouse.com



Valentine's Day

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Beau Soleil Oyster
smoked trout caviar

Potato Leek Panna Cotta
truffle crème fraîche

first

Roasted Farm Beets
lil moo cheese, farro, baby lettuces, pistachio

Yellowfin Tuna Tartar
pickled cucumbers, yuzu vinaigrette, crispy rice

second

Coldwater Lobster Bisque
armagnac cream

Foie Gras Terrine
rose champagne gelée, huckleberry compote

third

24-Hour Beef Short Rib
roasted baby carrots & turnips, spiced yogurt

Pan Roasted Halibut
curried cauliflower, sunchoke, napa cabbage, romesco

fourth

Jeffery's Dessert

\$95
wine pairings \$35

The Hill Restaurant presents . . .**Menu****Valentine's Day**

Date/Time: Thursday, February 14
 Location: 9110 Selborne Lane in Serenbe
 Reservations: 770-463-6040
 Website: <https://thehillserenbe.com>



Valentine's Day Menu

Smallers

Herb Cured Hamachi
lemon, chili oil, radish, fennel, cucumber

Fried Arancini Cakes
*2 ways: fontina and herb/ mushroom and chèvre red sauce
 parmesan cheese / balsamic reduction*

Salads

Endive & Frissee
apple, radish, chèvre, cider vinaigrette

Kolhrabi
citrus, Arugula, poppy seed and creme fraiche

Largers

Braised Beef Short Ribs
Pate a Choux dumps, Sugo, roasted shallot

Pan-seared Swordfish
Couscous & Gremolata, caper and olive tapenade

Pheasant spatchcock (grilled)
honey shallot BBQ sauce, cornbread, greens

Heirlooms Grains
herbs, flowers, radish, shaved veggies, farm egg (vegetarian)

Dessert

To be announced

\$75
Wine pairing \$25

Action Academy at Serenbe presents . . .

Open House

Date/Time: February 16 / Noon – 3:00 p.m.
 Location: 10636 Serenbe Lane in Serenbe, Chatt Hills, GA
 Website: <http://actonacademyatserenbe.com>

Calling all parents of rising pre k -5th graders! We are having an open house just for you on Saturday, February 16th from 12AM-3PM. Come to tour our campus, and connect with administration, teachers & parents.



The Other Night School presents . . .

Lecture Series: Life on Mars in the 1830s

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 19 / 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Location: Inn at Serenbe – Hawthorne Room
 10950 Hutcheson Ferry Rd, Chatt Hills
 Website: <https://serenbe.com/events>
 RSVP Required



Life on Mars in the 1830s: The Other Night School

Mark Schoon, Associate Prof. of Art, University of West Georgia

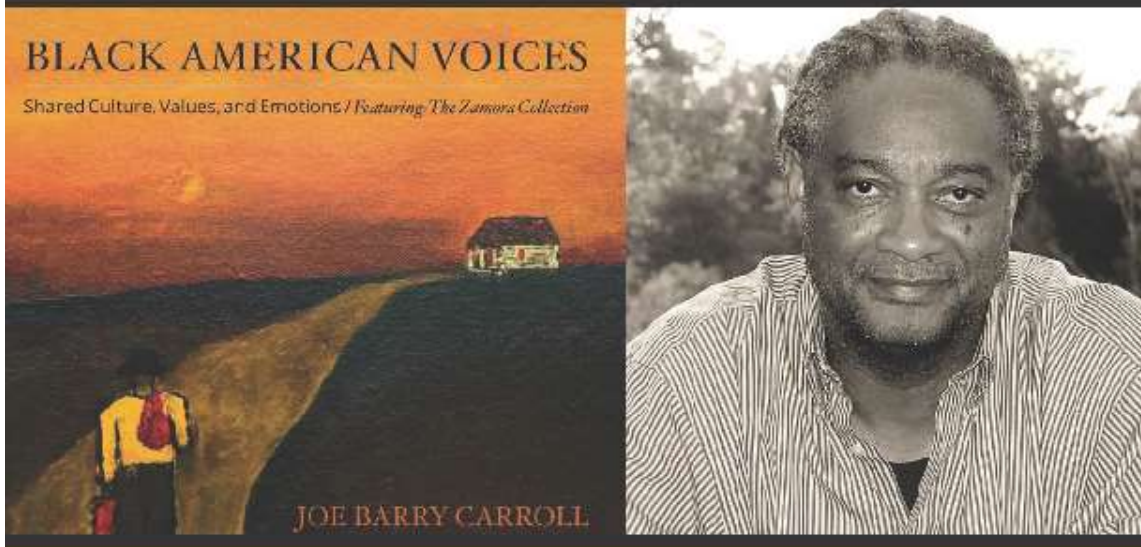
For centuries the moon had remained an unattainable subject of speculation and desire. Through a series of illustrated newspaper articles in 1835, however, much of this speculation was to be set straight, as claims of exotic landscapes, flora, and fauna were attributed to the famed astronomer Sir John Herchel. Join us for a look at this and other instances when scientific representation competes with our desires and basic reasoning.

THE OTHER NIGHT SCHOOL

The Other Night School is a lecture series in partnership with Hills & Hamlets Bookshop, the University of West Georgia College of the Arts and Humanities, UWG School of the Arts, and AIR Serenbe. University professors give talks on topics of interest—historical, intriguing, and curious—in a setting relaxed and dynamic. Following the lecture is a conversation with the speaker, a question-and-answer discussion paired with wine and cheese.

Hills & Hamlets Bookshop presents

Joe Barry Carroll *Black American Voices: Shared Culture, Values, and Emotions*



What: a multi-media author talk and presentation which is at times powerful, funny, and profoundly moving.

Where: Grange Hall in Serenbe
10640 Serenbe Lane
Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268

When: Thursday February 28th, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Cost: Free option or \$30 (includes book). Tickets are required and seating is limited.



More info at:

hillsandhamletsbookshop.com/event

Tickets are available:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joe-barry-carroll-black-american-voices-shared-culture-values-and-emotions-tickets-5445049>



Serenbe Playhouse presents . . .

Play: **Shenandoah**
Date/Time: March 13 – April 7
Location: Serenbe
Tickets: Starting as low as \$30
Website: www.serenbeplayhouse.com

From Serenbe Playhouse, our Tenth Anniversary begins on March 13 with our first show of the season, Shenandoah.

The musical follows the story of one family's struggle living in the Shenandoah Valley during the American Civil War leaps to life in a hidden field in Serenbe transporting you to the rolling hills of Virginia. A theatrical journey of heartbreak and ultimately hope in a fight for human rights will erupt out of an actual Civil War reenactment with over 100 soldiers, canons, horses and with an all-star cast of singer/musicians in a fight for Freedom and Love.



Serenbe Playhouse presents . . .

Play: **Rag Time**
Date/Time: May 8 – June 9
Location: Serenbe
Tickets: Starting as low as \$30
Website: www.serenbeplayhouse.com

The Tony Award-winning musical based on E.L. Doctorow's acclaimed novel of the same name, it is a picture of this nation's hopes and pains as we entered the twentieth century. Telling the diverse stories of African Americans, immigrants, and the elite upper-class, with a mix of real-life historical figures, it paints a canvas of a country on the verge of a new era. In a concept never seen before, this version will be reimagined in the style of Vaudeville under a giant Atlantic City tent!



Peak Racing Events presents . . .

Race: Cochran Mill Trail Race (Half Marathon & 6.5 Mile)
Date/Time: March 2
Location: Cochran Mill Park
 6875 Cochran Mill Rd, Chatt Hills, GA
Register: <https://peakracingevents.com/races/cochran-mill-trail-race-spring/>



We invite you to come race with us, experience the beauty of Cochran Mill Park, and enjoy your own adventure. We have two race distances so there is something for everyone, and plenty of opportunities for great volunteers.

3.7 Mile & 10.7 Mile

Packet pick-up, course detail and maps are on website.

Serenbe presents . . .

Race: Serenbe Spring Trail Race (5K + 15K)
Date/Time: April 13 / 9:00 a.m.
Location: Selborne Green in Serenbe
 9110 Selborne Lane, Serenbe, Chatt Hills
Register: <http://serenbetrailrace.com>
Cost: 5K \$40; 15K \$50
 Early Bird Registration Ends March 10



Registration is now open!

Experience your first taste of Spring this season running through Serenbe's green spaces and preserved nature trails.

Church Bulletin

New Hope United Methodist Church Announcements

Location: 7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd, Chatt Hills, Ga



Please join us for

Wednesday Night Supper

New Hope United Methodist Church

7875 Atlanta Newnan Road

6 pm

All plates are \$5.00. Proceeds are donated to support local missions.

Come hungry, leave happy!



GET OUT & GROW THIS SUMMER



grow
day camps

SITE New Hope UMC DATE June 3-7
TIME 9-5:30 (Mon-Thu), 9-12:30 (Fri) COST \$145
AGE Rising 1st-6th Grades

ADDRESS
7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd.
Palmetto, GA 30268

CONTACT
Rev. Sean Kilpatrick
770-463-4076
sean.kilpatrick@ngumc.net

WATER DAY
Special water play day on
site or at local park

NOTE
Free climbing for rising 5-6th
pending tree availability

Register Online · growdaycamps.org

Providence Baptist Church Announcements

Location: 6402 Campbellton Redwine Rd, Chatt Hills, Ga

Website: www.pbcrico.org

Ladies' Day at Providence

Sunday, Feb. 3 / 11:00 a.m. service

Ladies' Choir will sing.

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Keenagers' Valentine Banquet

Saturday, Feb. 9 / 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Center

Entertainment by Jon McDonald, vocalist

Reservations: Contact Linda Rigney at lrigney2012@yahoo.com

Cost: \$9 per plate

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Soup Luncheon for Senior Adults

Saturday, Feb. 23 / 11:00 a.m.

Providence Fellowship Center



Memorials

James Wesley Wall

January 26, 1932 ~ January 9, 2019



James Wesley Wall, age 86, of Fairburn, Georgia, passed away on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. He was born in Statham, Georgia, on January 26, 1932. He served in the US Air Force and retired from Delta Airlines after 37 years as an Aircraft Mechanic and Inspector.

Pawpaw Wall was a loving daddy, grandfather and great grandfather and devoted his life to caring for his family. He gave of himself unselfishly to whoever was in need and considered everyone he met to be family. He loved nature, being in the woods, gardening and deer hunting.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Patricia (Hamilton) Wall; sisters, Alice Patton and Nell Bailey; brothers, Judge, Sammie and Leon Wall and daughter-in-law, Darlene Wall.

He is survived by: daughters, Carolyn Colburn of Fairburn, Trudy Wall of Monroe and Faith Rodgers of Villa Rica; sons, Ronnie Wall of Union City, Greg Wall of Palmetto, Gary Wall and his wife, Cynthia, of Newnan, Peter Wall and his wife, Sharon, of Chattahoochee Hills and Neal Wall and his wife, Julie, of Chattahoochee Hills; special sister-in-law, Polly; grandchildren, Allison, Lindsey, Kyle, Madelyn, Ashley, Kelsie, Cody, Alex, Tonya, Erica, Clint, Dakota, Ashley, Jenna, Jared, Jackson, Kassie, Kaitlan, Ryder and Bristol; and great grandchildren, Harley, Coleman, Brayden, Brantley, Brooklyn, Christopher, Kyndal, Andrew, Sydney, Harley and David.

Those wishing may sign the online guest book at: www.hollyhillfuneralhome.com

Beckie Peek

May 25, 1931 - January 18, 2019



Mrs. Mary Rebecca (Beckie) Peek, age 87, of Palmetto, passed away Friday, January 18, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Billy Peek; son, Johnny Peek; grandson, Matthew Peek. She is survived by her daughters, Beckie Jo Wallace and her husband, Ray of Newnan; Theresa Moore and her husband, Rick of Newnan; sons, Charles Peek of Newnan, Michael Hale and his wife, Ann of Newnan; 10 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Hosea of Atlanta; many sister in-laws and brother in-laws; many nieces and nephews.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Providence Baptist Church Youth Program, 6402 Campbellton Redwine Rd., Palmetto, GA 30268.

City Government

City Staff Reports Staff & Commission reports are available on the City's Website: www.chatthillsga.us
The following information is compiled by the newsletter editors.

Community Meeting: Hutcheson Ferry Rd Master Plan

Date/Time: Saturday, February 2 / 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 6505 Rico Rd, Chatt Hills

Website: www.chatthillsga.us

The Parks Commission will host a community meeting to begin the master planning process for Hutcheson Ferry Park. Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting will be facilitated by Professor Donnie Longenecker and his students from the UGA College of Environment and Design. They will be working with the City this semester to complete this Master Plan. Their goal is to have it ready to present to the City Council at the May 2, 2019 Work Session.



Come and give us your ideas.

All are welcome to a community meeting
to begin the master planning process for Hutcheson Ferry Park.

Saturday, February 2, 2019, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Chattahoochee Hills City Hall, 6505 Rico Rd.

hosted by the City of Chattahoochee Parks Commission

Join us

to imagine what this 100-acre greenspace can become.

Community Meeting: Gravel Roads in Chatt Hills

Date/Time: February 12 / 6:30 p.m.
 Location: City Hall, 6505 Rico Rd, Chatt Hills
 Website: www.chatthillsga.us

Dear Chatt Hills Gravel Road Resident,

We would like to invite you to a community meeting to hear from City Staff about our progress to date on Gravel Road maintenance, our plans going forward, our budgetary realities, and some thoughts we're exploring.

We'd also like to hear your thoughts on what can do to make our Gravel Road efforts work better for you, so please come and share your thoughts.

Mayor Tom Reed
 City Manager Robbie Rokovitz
 Public Works Director Darold Wendlandt

Chattahoochee Hills Remains Committed and Vigilant to its Roadway Maintenance Program

By: Robbie Rokovitz, City Manager

The City of Chattahoochee Hills has taken a very proactive approach to its TSPLOST projects. The City is using the allocation as fast as it is being generated by sales tax dollars – mostly from outside the City limits. The Mayor and Council have also allocated Capital funds to these paving projects.

The first TSPLOST project was Rico Road which was completed in November of 2017. This was a 1.4 mile stretch of roadway that was completed with 100% TSPLOST funds in the amount of \$304,770.55.

The latest two TSPLOST projects are Wilkerson Mill Road and Atlanta Newnan Road. Wilkerson Mill Road is about 2.1 miles long and Atlanta Newnan is about 1.5 miles long. For Wilkerson Mill, the City is spending \$549,699 of which \$167,398 is from TSPLOST and \$382,301 is from Capital Fund. On Atlanta Newnan, which stretches from Hutcheson Ferry to the Coweta County Line, the City is spending \$626,946, \$209,248 from TSPLOST and \$417,699 from Capital Funds. Both roadways were bid out as one project and awarded to Atlanta Paving for a total amount of \$1,176,645.

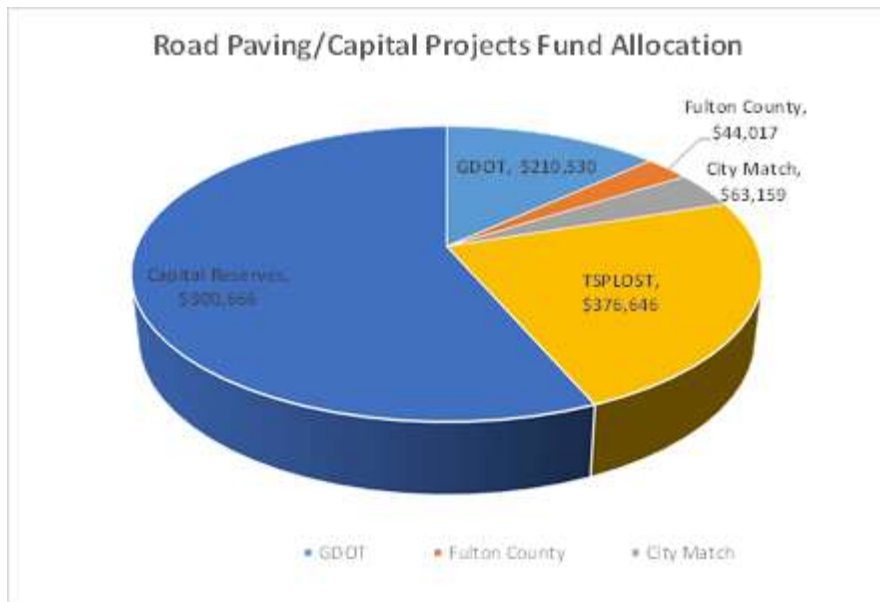
In addition to these roadways, the City partnered with Fulton County to pave a significant portion of Rivertown Road from Cochran Mill Road into the City of South Fulton. The City is only responsible for a portion (\$242,554). The great thing about this contract is that Fulton County is funding \$44,017 and the State is funding \$106,745 from the 2018 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) and \$103,785 from the 2019 LMIG. This means that the City is only using \$32,024 of its money from the General Fund for this \$286,571 road paving project.

Atlanta Paving is applying the final coat of asphalt to Atlanta Newnan Road along with the lane striping and shoulder grading. They should be complete by Friday, January 25th pending the weather. Then, they will move onto Wilkerson Mill Road where the final coat of asphalt will be applied along with the permanent striping. Currently, what many are seeing is the base layer of asphalt and temporary striping. It is our understanding that Rivertown is functionally complete by the contractor, C.W. Mathews.

Below is a report we submitted at the end on the calendar year for 2018:

Tier 1 Purpose/Programs	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Amount Expended in Prior Years	Amount Contracted in 2018-2019	Amount expended in 2019
Maintenance and Safety Enhancements	\$2,082,377	\$2,232,351	\$897,038	\$1,176,646	\$0
Quick Response Projects	\$45,024	\$45,024	\$0	\$0	\$0
Project Management	\$112,561	\$111,618	\$80,205	\$58,832	\$7,695
Countywide Oversight	\$11,256	\$11,256	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tier 1 Total Costs	\$2,251,218	\$2,400,249	\$977,243	\$1,234,478	\$7,695

So, since the availability of TSPLOST and over the last two years, the City has spent over \$1,650,840 on the repair and maintenance of paved roadways. What's more, only 59% has come directly from the City's General Fund while the other 41% has come from sales tax dollars generated on all of Fulton County (with the exception of the City of Atlanta).



In regards to our thirty-eight miles of gravel and dirt roads that we also repair and maintain as part of municipal operations, we incur expenditures for contract labor and materials such as gravel in addition to the personnel (Salaries and benefits) and equipment cost (lease, fuel, repair and maintenance). For this specific fiscal year which began July 1st, 2018, we have spent \$46,185 for contract services to Southgrade, LLC and approximately \$45,242 for the gravel which includes the hauling from the provider. The gravel roads completed from these expenditures include Jones Ferry Road, Barnes Road, Kite Road and Upper Wooten Road. There have also been some intermittent pot hole repairs in other roads using these same expenditures. Prior to this fiscal year and since the acquisition of the heavy equipment in February of 2017, staff has also completed full service repair to Steed Road, Hamilton Rod, Hopkins Road, Henry Mill Road, Garretts Ferry Road and Whiteside Road.

We appreciate everyone's support and patience during these paving projects especially given the record amount of rainfall our State experienced last year and into this year which has presented many delays.

Save the Date – February 15

Arbor Day Tree Planting at Rico Park

More information to come

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

Public Works has removed the deteriorating playground behind City Hall as a safety measure. This has been a huge undertaking and very labor intensive for the staff. While the playground was not utilized much if at all, the city has observed children playing on the dilapidated and very aged equipment during court days. The area will be filled in and used for parking until another use is designated.



PARKS COMMISSION UPDATE:

2019 Parking Passes are now available at City Hall for use at Cochran Mill Park and Hutcheson Ferry Park. The parking passes are free to residents of Chattahoochee Hills, and are available for non-residents for a fee of \$25. Displaying the pass in your vehicle means you will not have to pay the Daily Fee of \$5.00.

The City website (<http://www.chatthillsga.us>) has the application form for you to fill out under the Parks and Recreation Department. Your decal will be mailed to you once your form, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and payment are received or you may pick up your decal at City Hall!

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Campbellton Park Update:

- The Beavers House has had a thorough home inspection at no cost to the city. Resident Bob McDonough, of National Property Inspections, donated his service and will submit his report to the City. He estimates the necessary repairs to the Beavers House could cost between \$100,000 - \$200,000.
- The Boat Ramp Lease Agreement and Operation and Maintenance Agreement have been fully executed, and the Department of Natural Resources is working on the permits for the boat ramp.
- The next *Sweep the Hooch* clean-up event is scheduled for April 6.



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PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORTS

• Goal Setting for Design Guidelines – (From staff reports)

Mike Morton, city planner, said the city had applied for three Atlanta Regional Commission planning assistance projects earlier in the year and was awarded a stormwater project. Although the city did not receive the design guidelines project, Southface, an organization that promotes sustainable development, would like to work with the city on developing design guidelines.

After discussion among Commission members, the following goals/ focused priorities for the process were determined:

1. Conduct a historical architectural survey for the city
2. Consider using an overlay district for applying design guidelines
3. A visual preference survey is not needed at the start of the process
4. Determine what the city wants to promote

- **Livable Centers Initiative Study**

Mike Morton reported there are conversations with Allison Duncan at the Atlanta Regional Commission, the City of South Fulton, and Douglas County about doing a joint application for a study similar to the Livable Centers Initiative study.

- **Serenbe Conservation**

Mike Morton gave an update on the 100 acres that Serenbe is placing into conservation per a condition of the rezoning. It is anticipated to be completed by January.

NEW DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY IN AND AROUND CHATT HILLS

Heatherwood Manor – Glacial Lane at Cedar Grove Rd in Chatt Hills.

This neighborhood, made up of 60 lots on 99.57 acres, was final platted by Fulton County in 2007 before Chatt Hills became a city. All streets and curbs have been constructed, and the water supply pipes are in. The neighborhood was approved by the health department for individual on-site septic systems.



Jeff Lindsey Communities, on behalf of Chatt Hills LLC, the owner of the property, is building the neighborhood. Homes are advertised in the low 300s.

The City has received six building permits.

www.jefflindseycommunities.com

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Palmetto Oaks: Located just outside of Chatt Hills on Hutcheson Ferry Rd across from the GA Baptist Children's Home. This new subdivision offers homes in the \$200s.

www.libertycommunities.com/communities/palmetto-oaks



City Events

For more community events, check out these Chattahoochee Hills Websites:

City of Chatt Hills: www.chatthillsga.us

Chatt Hills Charter School: <http://www.chatthillscharter.org/calendar>

Community Brickworks: www.communitybrickworks.org

Serenbe Community: www.serenbe.com

Action Academy at Serenbe (Montessori School): <http://actonacademyatserenbe.com>

Date	Event
Saturday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.	Community Meeting – Hutcheson Ferry Park Master Planning City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Tuesday, February 5, 6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.	Community Meeting – Gravel Roads in Chatt Hills City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Friday, February 15, TBA	Arbor Day – Tree Planting Rico Park
Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.	Parks Commission Meeting City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Thursday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Thursday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.	City Council Work Session City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

Communication is Key

Not every neighbor in Chatt Hills has Internet Service.

Help keep your neighbors informed by
printing & delivering this newsletter.

If you have a story or suggestions
for future articles we'd like to hear
from you.

Email: chatthillscommunity@gmail.com

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