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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.

Celebrating the Merry, Merry Month of May

By: Laurie Searle

Stephen Foster, known as "the father of American music", might have been dreaming of Chattahoochee Hills when he composed, *The Merry, Merry, Month of May*:

*We roamed the fields and river sides,
When we are young and gay;
We chased the bees and plucked the flowers,
In the merry, merry month of May.*

Refrain:

*Oh, yes, with ever changing sports,
We whiled the hours away;
The skies were bright,
Our hearts were light,
In the merry, merry month of May*



To help celebrate this glorious month, this edition is packed full of fun activities including the Serenbe May Day Festival, the Farmers Market & Farm Bike Tour at the Charter School, and the Rico Park Ball league; news stories about your friends and neighbors and how they're living life large in Chatt Hills; and three feature stories that celebrate the heart.

- The Serenbe Institute for Art, Culture & the Environment, now in its 14th year of service, has grown by leaps and bounds and has expanded its mission to include service beyond its immediate community.
- In honor of Memorial Day, gold star sister Eliza Bacot shares the story of her beloved brother, Marine Lance Cpl. Stephen Johnson, who was killed by a roadside bomb in 2006 while on deployment in Iraq.
- To celebrate Mother's Day, we share poems that honor the love and strong bond of mother and child.

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In Full Bloom

The Serenbe Institute for Art, Culture, & the Environment

By: Jennifer Bauer-Lyons, Acting Managing Director



The Institute kicked off its street art program with an exterior mural on the Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop, shown from its first bud to its full bloom.

The story of the creation of The Serenbe Institute for Art, Culture, & the Environment is magical. In this idyllic community set in the woods of Georgia, a concept was born by founder Steve Nygren to create a non-profit, funded by a small percentage of the sale of each property, to support art, culture, & the environment. As The Institute enters into its 14th year of service, there is much to celebrate and much work still to be done.

The mission of The Serenbe Institute is to serve as the steward of a sustainable and thriving arts, culture, and environmentally conscious community. We believe that the arts, along with diverse cultural experiences and regular interaction with our natural environment, have the unique ability to bind us together in our humanity and allow us to live healthier and more interconnected lives. Through our programming Units that include a world-class outdoor site-specific theatre company, an unparalleled artist residency program and a highly acclaimed dance company, the Institute has helped to propel Serenbe into a position of national prominence in intentional development and design with the artistic, cultural, and environmental experiences in mind.

Our oldest programming unit, **AIR Serenbe** (artists-in-residence), was founded in 2007. Driven to cultivate Serenbe as a place where art is created and connections between artists, people and nature would be nurtured, a group of Serenbe volunteers built a residency program out of a patchwork of rooms in private homes and a donated storefront studio. This humble beginning helped to distinguish and define AIR Serenbe as a program that gives artists the ability to engage with the larger community and share their creative process.

In 2019, AIR Serenbe is hosting 14 Focus Fellowships, our core program where we provide the opportunity to directly support artists and their influence on building healthy communities. CoEsistere Focus Fellowship recipient Robbie Q. Telfer – environmentalist, poet, and member of Project V.O.I.C.E. – spent the first half of his residency in April with Serenbe's Biophilic Leadership Summit, the "annual gathering of nature-centered change-makers, urbanists, architects and environmental trailblazers." This year, AIR Serenbe is crafting its next strategic plan to focus on building and moving the program to new heights artistically and structurally, led by our new Executive Director Lucio Petroccione. Lucio's extensive tenure in Atlanta for- and non-profit organizations has featured key leadership positions at Delta, McKinsey & Company, and the Woodruff Arts Center with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

The Serenbe Playhouse is celebrating 10 years of bringing Broadway-scale musicals and world premiere plays to the woods!

The Playhouse just concluded its first show this season, the musical *Shenandoah*, starring American Idol Winner Taylor Hicks and Broadway and The X Factor finalist Rachel Potter. Next up, the Playhouse will present the Tony Award-winning musical *Ragtime*. This immersive, new production will reimagine this important story under a giant tent, set in Atlantic City during the early twentieth century.

Artistic Director Brian Clowdus has reimaged this entire show in the classic style of vaudeville. Later this season Hair will return to the Wild Flower Meadow!

Our newest programming unit, **Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre**, began as an idea and conversation back in 2016 between 5 of Atlanta's most prominent classical dancers: Tara Lee, Christian Clark, Rachel Van Buskirk, Heath Gill, and John Welker. Everyone, at the time, was dancing with the Atlanta Ballet and noticed a shift in artistic direction back to a more traditional aesthetic and programming. This spurred the artists to brainstorm on a new modern ballet company that spoke to the contemporary themes and times of today rather than the traditional ballet stories of yesteryear. In this year's Serenbe "Celebration" season, Terminus will honor its exciting ground breaking partnership with the Institute, first with this May's performances of *Roam* and due to its critical and popular success, this coming fall TMBT will bring back *Lore* to Deer Hollow.

Although our programming units produce most of the Institute's programming, The Institute produces three major programming efforts: Environmental conservation, Serenbe Fellows, and the South Fulton Area Initiative.

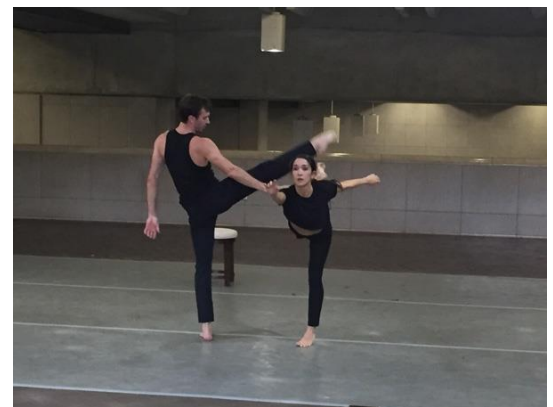
This past Fall eleven **Environmental conservation** easements (CEs) were finalized bringing the open space now under conservation totals 108+ acres. We also established a long-term partnership with The University of Georgia College of Environment & Design under the direction of Professor Alfie Vick. The project involves university students in the ongoing planning, design, management and monitoring of the Serenbe community and associated natural areas. Graduate students and interns were present at Serenbe during two semesters in 2018, expanded to three semesters in 2019. Their work to date has included field work and mapping for the baseline documentation supporting the CEs, GIS mapping of the Serenbe trail system (19 miles), and the initial work on developing a Natural Areas Management Plan for Serenbe.

The **Serenbe Fellows** program brings world class experts to Serenbe to host Conversations that Matter. 2019 Fellows include:

- Alessandra Borchini (May 12) UNESCO World Heritage, Threatened Sites
- UGA Special Collections (July 20) Original Colony of Georgia and Native American Documents
- Juliet Cutler (September 14) Author, Educator" Among the Maasai: Lessons on Poverty and the Power of Education"



Big Brothers, Big Sisters attend Peter Pan by Serenbe Playhouse at an outdoor stage Summer, 2018



Terminus performing excerpt from the World Premiere *Confronting Genius* choreographed by Heath Gill at the Five Points MARTA station Summer, 2018

- Dr. Pamela and Malcolm Childers (October 12) Author, Public Speaker, Artist "Writing to See and Seeing to Write"
- John Lanier (November 2) Executive Director, "From the Prototypical Company to the Prototypical Economy of the 21st Century"
- Amy Trauger (December 7) Author Food Sovereignty

In 2016, The Serenbe Institute began addressing the need in South Fulton County by taking programming to people where they live through our **South Fulton Area Initiative**.

Our goals for 2019 are to continue the expansion of this initiative to include partnerships with Fulton County Juvenile Court and Georgia Baptist Children's Home; to add more nature focused programming, such as equine-assisted learning sessions; and to increase the number of Fulton County artists we are employing.

Both Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Chattahoochee Hills Charter School (CHCS) are key partners in Chattahoochee Hills for the Initiative.

Our programming with Georgia Baptist Children's Home has primarily involved inviting their youth and staff to Serenbe Playhouse performances but we plan to expand our relationship to involve theatre and visual arts workshops.

CHCS has already proven to be an excellent partner this year, as we have already had approximately 50 students for our production of *Peter Pan* and will have a 3-day Spoken Word Workshop series, led by professional spoken word artist Ray Christian, in May. We are thrilled to partner with AIR Serenbe for this series of workshops. We look forward to providing much more programming for the CHCS youth this year.

The South Fulton Area Initiative is fully funded by grants and private donations. Without the support provided by the **National Endowment for the Arts, Wells Fargo, The Livingston Foundation, Imlay Foundation, Fulton County Arts and Culture, and Greystone Power**, this impactful program that touches the lives of thousands of South Fulton residents and communities would not be possible.

Through all of these efforts we hope to bring the magic of Serenbe to those who live here, those who live in Chattahoochee Hills, and those who make up our greater community.



Honoring the Fallen on Memorial Day

A Gold Star Sister Honors her fallen Hero. . . Marine Lance Cpl. Stephen F. Johnson

By: Laurie Searle

A visit to Eliza Bacot's home in Serenbe is a welcoming experience. Her bright white kitchen overlooking a treelined backyard seems more like a vacation cottage than a year-round home; the aroma of essential oils misting in the air enhances the sense of serenity.

But on this spring day, there's something else in the air. Call it anxiety or a premonition of sadness, because we know the ending to the story she has offered to share about her beloved brother. *On October 6, 2006, Marine Lance Cpl. Stephen F. Johnson was killed by a roadside bomb, 10 weeks into his first deployment in Iraq.*



Eliza Bacot shares the story of her brother, Marine Lance Cpl. Stephen Johnson, a fallen hero with a patriot's heart.

Seated at her kitchen table, Eliza removes the contents from her storage box, readying herself to tell the story. She reads from the precious letters Stephen wrote while serving his country – she has saved them all. He talks about a soldier's life, of serving his country with the pride of a patriot, of the small things that helped to keep his humanity in check, such as giving a piece of candy to a child and receiving a flower in turn. A favorite photo shows Stephen and Eliza together for the last time before his deployment in 2006. She holds the photo, and her brother, close to her heart.

The Making of a Patriot

Stephen was born on August 10, 1986, the youngest of four siblings in a closely-knit family. Like many young boys, he took a fascination with camouflage gear and asked for military-style clothing for Christmas when he was 8 or 9. As he matured, he developed other characteristics that would one day serve him well in the military.

Stephen's parents remember him as a very kind and giving person; shy and quiet and very loyal to his friends, with a determination to do the right thing at all costs. Eliza remembers him as her baby brother, "Who always kept everything light when we kids were at each other's throats."

While there were subtle indications that Stephen would one day join the military, it took the catastrophe of 9/11 to galvanize him into action. The attacks inspired him to write an essay on patriotism for a composition class in 2003. In it, Stephen stated, "I believe patriotism is one of the most important laws of life. If I was eighteen, I would enlist in the Marines to help prevent our country from being threatened again." Less than three years later, he did just that.

Eliza recalls, "We didn't know what was in his heart until his senior year of high school, when he told us he didn't want to go to college, he wanted to join the Marines. I remember telling him, 'This is real! We're at war. If you join, you'll most likely go to war too!' My mom even offered to give him \$1,000 towards his education if he would enroll in an officer training program. But his mind was made up. He wanted to serve his country."

Stephen's Military Service

Once Stephen joined the Marines, the family rallied their support. They vacationed together before he reported for duty and took family videos, a practice which Stephen would continue during his military service, and they visited him at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before his deployment.

Unbeknown to his family, before Stephen left for Iraq, he got his affairs in order. He spent private time on the computer, composing the letter that would be delivered to his family in case of his death. He also went to a photography studio to have a portrait made of him in uniform, something he could leave for his parents. (See next page.)

At his duty station in the Al Anbar province in Iraq, Stephen captured light moments and times of boredom with his camcorder. He introduced members of his unit "the Regulators" sometimes provoking profane responses, when they did not want to be photographed. He showed members of the squad passing out soccer balls and candy to Iraqi children.

In one letter to Eliza, he wrote "This one time we were patrolling through the city and we did a security stop outside a hospital. So I took a knee and looked around for threats. A kid came up to me and asked for candy, or "Sweets" as they liked to say. I gave him a couple of pieces, he ate one in front of me and then grew this great big smile. He then ran back to his house. He came back to me a couple minutes later and gave me a pink flower. I took it and stuck it in the front of my flak jacket. That really made me feel good. I patrolled the rest of the day with a pink flower on my chest."

Ten weeks into Stephen's tour, the military delivered bad news to his family: Stephen was missing in action. Eliza remembers the whirlwind of emotions that followed. "My mom (who seldom swears) said, 'What the F*ck?' I repeated, 'What the F*ck?' In stunned confusion we wondered was he still alive? Had he been captured and tortured because of his tattoos of the USMC symbol and of the Christian Cross? Or was he dead?" Within days, they learned the full story.



On the morning of October 6, 2006, Stephen was preparing for patrol. Typically, his was the first Humvee out, but on this morning his SAW gun (*Squad Automatic Weapon*) misfired during inspection and so he held back to have it checked out. Once it was cleared, he caught up with his squad and was the last Humvee in line.

As the squad crossed a bridge, a road-side bomb exploded injuring and killing members of his squad. Stephen had been blown out of his Humvee, the force of the bomb carrying him a distance away into a nearby canal. The military reports later indicated he most likely died on impact. Eliza said it was some comfort to learn that while Stephen's helmet was missing, he died wearing his bandana, imprinted with the biblical promises of God's protection in Psalm 91, also known as the Soldier's Prayer.



Stephen Johnson pictured above on patrol in his Humvee. Below is the canal where Stephen was found, a fallen hero.

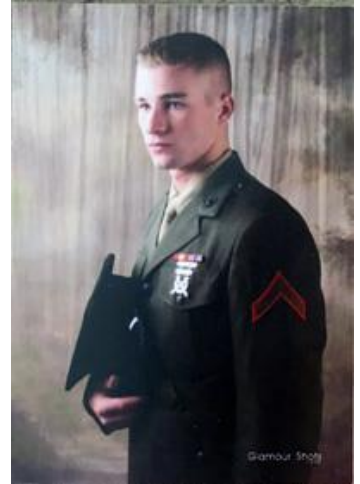
About American Gold Star Families

Gold Star families are immediate relatives of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been killed in combat or in support of certain military activities. In a 2015 proclamation, President Barack Obama said, "Most Americans can't fully comprehend the price Gold Star family members have paid: Their sleepless nights allow for our peaceful rest, and the folded flags they hold dear are what enable ours to wave. The depth of their sorrow is immeasurable, and we are forever indebted to them for all they have given us."

FOLLOWING is the letter and photo Stephen left to his family, written during his pre-deployment leave, June 2006.

Family, What's up? You're reading this cause I'm not coming back from Iraq. I signed into the Marines because I felt I had a job to do, more or less a duty that I felt I needed to do for our country. After September 11th, I felt I needed to go to war to protect our country but more importantly, for my family and friends. It's a dangerous thing to go into war and fight for something that is 8,000 miles away.

But I felt it was something I needed to do. I choose not to further my education by going to college or getting a good-paying job, but I felt that it was more important to risk my life in defending the country that I love so much. You must always remember the boys that have died for our country. Old men start the wars but teenagers fight them. Always remember that. The average Marine is 19 years old, right out of high school. Never forget us and the sacrifices that we have made to sustain our great amount of liberty. We have been away from home for a great amount of time, not seeing our family and friends, and giving up our own liberties.



We, as Marines, know what we have to do for our country and to keep it safe. We know the cost of war and that Marines will die in combat. We are trained very well but are not invincible. All I ask is that you NOT forget me and my fellow Marines. When you think every now and then about your freedom, know that Marines and other military branches are there to protect that from anyone else trying to take it away.

This is the greatest country on the planet Earth and I'll be damned before I let any terrorist take it [America] away from my family or friends. I did not think about myself when I signed into the Marines. I was thinking about my friends and family and their freedoms. If it takes my life to protect them then that's what I have to do. People make sacrifices all the time, but it is the ones that make that ultimate sacrifice for their country that are the most honorable. It is the selflessness that makes a US Marine great. Do not forget your fallen Marines.

I love all you so much. You all know why I did this and why I made the choice. I wanted to keep my country free from terrorists and to help keep ya'll safe. If it took my life to protect anyone's life in the family then I would do it. If anyone's life was to be taken, I would have stepped in and substituted mine for theirs. It is an ultimate sacrifice that I was willing to make and I made it. I was destined to do this and do not regret any part of it.

All I wanted was for ya'll to be safe... and to live a carefree life without any worries of terrorists in the community. I may have not showed it all the time, but I love all you so much. I'm going to miss all you so much but will see all of you again in time.

I am looking down from Heaven... so be good! Hahaha.

By the way ... Mom ... remember when I was on pre-deployment leave at Mur's... that's why I was always on the computer... I was writing this. But, I don't want any of ya'll to grieve over me but be happy because your son gave his life for his country that he loved so very much.

Mom, Dad, Philip, Eliza, Olivia, Mark, David, little Benjamin, and little Joanna... I love all you so much!!!! All of you meant the world to me. All I ask is to tell our story of us in battle fighting for our country... and that we did not die for nothing.

REMEMBER us.

Love ya'll...

Mother's Day Poems



To a Child

By: Sophie Jewett

The leaves talked in the twilight, dear;
Hearken the tale they told:
How in some far-off place and year,
Before the world grew old,

I was a dreaming forest tree,
You were a wild, sweet bird
Who sheltered at the heart of me
Because the north wind stirred;

How, when the chiding gale was still,
When peace fell soft on fear,
You stayed one golden hour to fill
My dream with singing, dear.

To-night the self-same songs are sung
The first green forest heard;
My heart and the gray world grow young-
To shelter you, my bird.

My Mother Kept A Garden

By: Unknown

My Mother kept a garden,
a garden of the heart,
She planted all the good things
that gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine
and encouraged me to dream,
Fostering and nurturing
the seeds of self-esteem...

And when the winds and rain came,
she protected me enough-
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example
always taught me right from wrong-
Markers for my pathway
that will last a lifetime long.

I am my Mother's garden.
I am her legacy-
And I hope today she feels the love
reflected back from me.

Community News

Volunteers “Sweep the Hooch” at Campbellton Park

By: Laurie Searle



Thirteen volunteers picked up 75 bags of trash and 4 tires at Campbellton Park.

Left: Emmeline Reed, Luci Kade, Cassandra Muhammad.

Middle back: Jett Hattaway, Roland Alston, Joe Schoofs

Middle front: Tera Hattaway, Karen Hattaway, Diana Wilson

Right: Hadiyyah Muhammad, Tom Reed, Laurie Searle, Tom Blum

Thirteen volunteers met at Campbellton Park in Chatt Hills on April 6 to participate in Sweep the Hooch, an annual day of service to clean up the Chattahoochee River, hosted by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper.

Chatt Hills Parks Commission Chair Diana Wilson, coordinated the event for the second year in a row. During the orientation at the historic Beavers House, she said that thanks to the previous year's Sweep the Hooch, and the City of Chatt Hill's parks department's efforts, the area around Campbellton Park has stayed fairly clean.

The volunteers split into three groups to extend their clean-up efforts, with two groups picking up trash along the Chattahoochee River and the third group picking-up trash along the Campbellton town center roads. With their combined efforts, they collected 75 bags of trash and 4 tires.

After the event, volunteers were treated to a picnic lunch in the grassy area near the river. Diana invited the volunteers to come back next year and said with a little bit of luck, the new Department of Natural Resources boat ramp at Campbellton Park may be completed by then.



Community Luncheon – Favorite Recipes

The Community Luncheon hosted by Community Brickworks and New Hope United Methodist Church on April 10 was another success. In honor of spring and the upcoming Easter holiday, special Easter baskets were made for guests and each table was decorated in spring colors.

As usual, the hosts provide a wonderful selection main dishes and sides. The dessert table features an assortment of pies, cakes, cookies, and a few cafeteria favorites from the Rico Elementary School. But the dessert that stole the show was the wonderful strawberry cake contributed by Becky Hollis.

Strawberry Refrigerator Cake

INGREDIENTS

Cake:

- 1 pkg Duncan Hines® Moist Deluxe® White Cake Mix
- 2 (10 oz) pkgs sweetened, frozen sliced strawberries, thawed

Topping:

- 1 (3.4 oz) pkg vanilla instant pudding and pie filling
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups frozen non-dairy whipped topping
- fresh strawberries



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 °F. Grease and flour 13x9-inch pan.
2. For cake, prepare, bake and cool according to package directions.
3. Poke holes 1 inch apart in top of cake using handle from wooden spoon.
4. Puree thawed strawberries with juice in blender. Spoon evenly over top of cake allowing mixture to soak into holes.
5. For topping, prepare pudding mix according to package directions using 1 cup milk. Fold whipped topping into pudding mixture. Spread over cake. Garnish with fresh strawberries. Refrigerate at least 4 hours.

Congo Squares – from the Rico Elementary School, Tempting and Tasty Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

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| • ¾ cup margarine | • ½ teaspoon salt |
| • 1 box light brown sugar | • 1 teaspoon baking powder |
| • 3 eggs | • 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| • 2 ¾ cups sifted flour | • 1 small package chocolate chips |
| | • 1 cup chopped pecans |

DIRECTIONS

Cream margarine with sugar, add eggs one at a time, sift salt and baking powder with flour and add to mixture. Stir in the flavoring, chocolate chips and nuts. Pour into greased, long shallow pan. Cook in 300° oven for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly before cutting into squares.

Self-Publishing Seminar – Lessons in Book Design & Production

By: Laurie Searle



Judy Walker led a free Self-Publishing Seminar last month for a group of 10 aspiring writers and illustrators. The seminar included check lists to help guide participants through the process of writing, designing, publishing, and promoting their books.

To help illustrate her topics, Judy brought several of the books she has designed and illustrated. She also covered resources such as desktop publishing software and recommended books: *How to Self-Publish Your Book* and *Self-Publishing Boot camp*, both by Carla King.

Judy has a full-service graphic design studio specializing in corporate marketing, branding, book design, fine art and illustration. See: www.judywalkerdesign.com

Pro Bike Repair is moving to Serenbe



Glen Slater, a life-long cyclist and a well-known bicycle mechanic, is moving his Pro Bike Repair (PBR) shop to Serenbe.

PBR is focused on serving the needs of all types of cyclists. Whether you're looking to service an old school road bike with down tube shifting, a new carbon road bike, a commuter, or a new mountain bike, the PBR team is happy to service them.

Look for PBR to open in Serenbe the first of May.

Bradley's New Deli – Serving up hot food with a smile



You know what they say. . . Never grocery shop while you're hungry, else you might buy everything in sight.

Bradley's Piggly Wiggly Express, located at 506 Center Street in Palmetto, now offers a tasty solution to that little problem.

The home-town favorite grocery store now offers hot breakfast and lunch in a new deli station located in the back-left corner of the store.

Reasonably priced, and with a selection of Southern favorite foods, the new deli is a great place to stop for a quick snack or a hearty meal.

Shop Serenbe Farmers Market April 13-November 23, 2019

Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm.

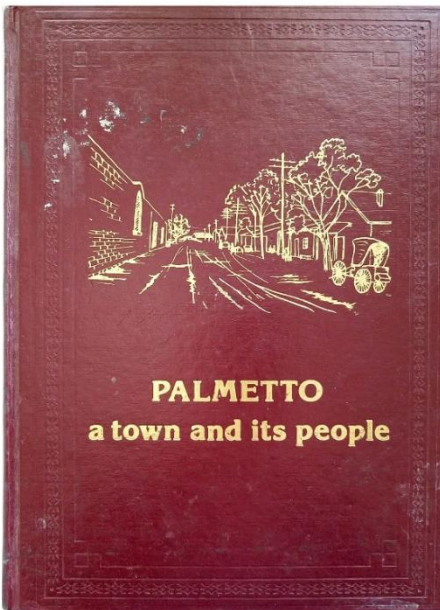
The Serenbe Farmers Market is an eclectic market comprised of small local and sustainable growers, artisans, and craftsmen. A broad spectrum of vendors and customers meet each Saturday to share in their passion for sustainable food and local art.

Our established market is held in a unique outdoor environment in the Selborne village green of the Serenbe community, surrounded by retail shops, restaurants, and art galleries.

Each Saturday, we highlight exciting events and programming geared to educate and entertain our ever-growing customer base. We have monthly chef demos, canning and preserving demos seasonally, and activities for children. In addition, we have farm tours available to the public every Saturday after market at 1:30pm, for \$10.



Palmetto a Town and its people, now online



The book "Palmetto: A Town and its People" is now available as a PDF on the Internet Archive Website. The download links have been added to the Chatt Hills History website at:

<http://www.chatthillshistory.com/publications.html>

Before the City of Chattahoochee incorporated in 2007, it was a part of unincorporated Fulton County. Residents identified with the neighboring cities where they received their mail which was Fairburn to the north, and Palmetto to the south.

This book is dedicated to the people of Palmetto Georgia and surrounding communities, past and present, who wrote this history with their lives. Covering a period of almost 150 years, the local researchers provide a rich history of Palmetto and also the area that would one day become Chatt Hills. The book also includes stories submitted by families in the area, so it is the "go-to" book as the first resource when researching family names.

Originally produced in 1980, the book has been re-printed and copied many times over the years, until in later copies, the photos were of poor quality. This online PDF version is a pristine and very legible copy, with crisp photos that are beautifully reproduced. The large file (76 MB) is no deterrent for those who love local history.

The online versions were made available by The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, whose is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Many thanks for this monumental effort.

Chatt Hills Music Featured in Throomers

Congratulations to Chatt Hills Music for being featured in Throomers, a national publication. For the full story by Jim Rooney, see <https://throomers.com/chatt-hills/>. Excerpts from the story follow.

About a year ago, I noticed that Mike Farris was playing a solo acoustic show at Chatt Hills Music on the outskirts of Atlanta. The flight would be a breeze, so I made the plans, purchased the show tickets, and with my daughter along for the ride we were soon leaving Atlanta's bustling airport with the GPS set for a most unique experience.

After grabbing some deliciously appropriate barbecue nearby, we were soon traversing the rolling and winding back roads until arriving in a quaint community nestled among countless acres of forests and nature trails. The sign said 'Welcome to Chattahoochee Hill Country.'

With our bag of goodies in tow, we were soon walking up a steep hill (note: in South Florida, a wheelchair ramp is considered steep) in the direction of what looked to be someone's very attractive home. When we reached the crest of the hill, we turned to notice that instead of a public street, we'd been walking up a private driveway. That's the moment we understood that Chatt Hills Music was not a typical music club, not in the least, but instead was located in intimate settings such as this isolated, thickly-wooded private home.

I had to know more about Chatt Hills, so I asked owner, Ron Simblist, an otherwise successful entrepreneur and jazz-lover, to please fill in the details. He did, saying, "I didn't know squat about the music business, I just liked to listen to music." It was ten years earlier that he brought the Brubeck Brothers Band and Colonel Bruce Hampton to Chattahoochee Hills because of his desire to build the local music community. The show was a hit and soon after, Simblist founded and became artistic director of Chatt Hills Music.

The musicians love playing Chatt Hills due to both Simblist's generous hospitality and the unique atmosphere he presents for their shows. He typically hosts them in his gorgeous home in Serenbe and while insisting on keeping ticket prices affordable, he pays the bands well. If you check out their website (www.chatthillsmusic.com), you'll see the amazing lineup of artists he has presented in past years, and what's on the upcoming schedule.

In the past few years, Chatt Hills has been one of the locations for the Atlanta Jazz Festival's satellite program known as "31 Days of Jazz." Simblist was also invited to produce a show for the 2017 Atlanta Jazz Festival, which he did in typically meticulous style. In addition, Chatt Hills Music offers a "Music for the Kids" program in conjunction with the Children's House of Serenbe, a local elementary school.

Importantly, Chatt Hills Music is a non-profit organization, committed to bringing a diverse array of musicians to the hill country region, ranging from Americana to jazz to rock and to classical. So on any given night, music fans of all genres have their chance at this delightful, one-of-a-kind experience. To keep their dream alive, they gratefully accept donations via their website (www.chatthillsmusic.com).



Mike Farris on this Chatt Hills stage



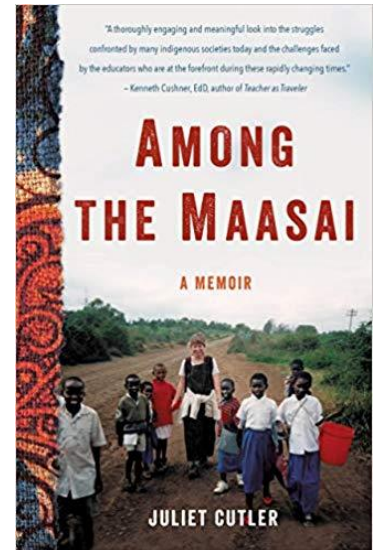
Ron Simblist of Chatt Hills music dances with kids.

Among the Maasai: A Memoir by Juliet Cutler

Congratulations to Chatt Hills/Serenbe resident Juliet Cutler on her new book, available September 10, 2019, and available for pre-order on Amazon.com.

In 1999, Juliet Cutler leaves the United States to teach at the first school for Maasai girls in East Africa. Captivated by the stories of young Maasai women determined to get an education in the midst of a culture caught between the past and the future, she seeks to empower and support her students as they struggle to define their own fates.

Cutler soon learns that behind their shy smiles and timid facades, her Maasai students are much stronger than they appear. For them, adolescence requires navigating a risky world of forced marriages, rape, and genital cutting, all in the midst of a culture grappling with globalization. In the face of these challenges, these young women believe education offers hope, and so, against all odds, they set off alone—traveling hundreds of miles and even forsaking their families—simply to go to school.



Twenty years of involvement with this school and its students reveal to Cutler the important impacts of education across time, as well as the challenges inherent in tackling issues of human rights and extreme poverty across vastly different cultures. Working alongside local educators, Cutler emerges transformed by the community she finds in Tanzania and by witnessing the life-changing impact of education on her students.

Proceeds from the sale of this book support education for at-risk Maasai girls.

About Juliet Cutler



Juliet Cutler is a writer, an educator, and an activist. Her teaching career began in Tanzania in 1999, and since that time, she has been an advocate for empowering at-risk girls through education.

"Among the Maasai" is Juliet's first book, though her literary and professional publications number more than two dozen. She has taught writing in many settings including as adjunct faculty for the College of St. Scholastica in Minnesota. She holds an MA in English from Colorado State University and a BS in education from the University of North Dakota.

Juliet currently lives with her husband, Mark, in the Serenbe Hamlet in Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia. When she's not writing, Juliet consults as an education and exhibition specialist for museums, parks, and cultural centers throughout the world.

She regularly returns to Tanzania and remains a supporter of causes that uplift Maasai women and girls.

Chattahoochee Hills Charter School

CHCS Family and Friends, (April 15, 2019)

The Governing Board would like to inform you that Chester Asher, our school's Executive Director, has accepted a position in St. Louis, Missouri, with another charter school.

Although we will not see Mr. Asher around campus on a go-forward basis, he will work closely with the Governing Board on his transition plan. At this time, the Board will not fill the Executive Director position, and we look forward to working with our leadership team to prepare for the 2019/2020 school year.

Please join us in wishing Mr. Asher well in his future endeavors. If you have any questions regarding academics, finance, or day-to-day operations, please reach out to Principal Muhammad or Chaz Patterson. Any other questions or concerns, please send them to board@chatthillscharter.org.

Chattahoochee Hills Charter School – Save the Date

The CHCS 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony is scheduled for May 22 at 6pm in the Multipurpose Room on CHCS Campus.



The 2018 CHCS Bridging Ceremony

Chatt Hills Music



Chatt Hills Music has expanded its Music in the Schools program to include Rising Star Montessori in Fayetteville and Chatt Hills Charter School.

Community Events

Chatt Hills T-Ball & Coach Pitch League May Schedule

Location: Rico Park
6920 Rico Rd, (at corner of Upper Wooten Rd) Chatt Hills

Contact: Community Brickwork & Lila Rhyne

Join in the community tradition of watching the Rico Ball League.
Trophy Presentations follow each game on May 18.

T-Ball Schedule (Game Time 9:30 a.m. Practice Time 9:00 a.m.)				
Date	Time	Home		Visitor
May 4	9:30 a.m.	Robins	vs.	Owls
May 11	9:30 a.m.	Owls	vs.	Robins
* May 18	9:30 a.m.	Robins	vs.	Owls

Younger Coach Pitch Schedule (Game Time 10:30 a.m. Practice Time 10:00 a.m.)				
Date	Time	Home		Visitor
May 4	10:30 a.m.	Blue Jays	vs.	Cardinals
May 11	10:30 a.m.	Cardinals	vs.	Blue Jays
* May 18	10:30 a.m.	Blue Jays	vs.	Cardinals

Older Coach Pitch Schedule (Game Time 12:00 p.m. Practice Time 11:30 a.m.)				
Date	Time	Home		Visitor
May 4	12:00 p.m.	Eagles	vs.	Orioles
May 11	12:00 p.m.	Orioles	vs.	Eagles
* May 18	12:00 p.m.	Eagles	vs.	Orioles

*Trophy presentations following game



Spanish Wine Dinner

Date/Time: May 3 / 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. and
May 5 / 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Location: The Inn at Serenbe Gainey Lawn
(moved to Oak Room if inclement weather)
Tickets: \$150
Website: <https://serenbe.com/events#comm-directory>

Enjoy a multi course dinner that will take you on a journey through the beautiful country of Spain. Traditional Spanish cuisine prepared by Chef Nic Bour and David Martin-Garcia with wines curated by The Wine Shop at Serenbe.

For more information, contact Joni@Serenbe.com. Tickets are non-refundable.



Serenbe May Day Festival

Date/Time: May 5 / 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Selborne Neighborhood, Serenbe
Roads will be closed all day to thru traffic.
Parking: Wildflower Meadow off Hutcheson Ferry Rd
Tickets: \$5/person (children 3 and under are free)
Website: www.serenbe.com/events

May Day is a celebration of arts and culture. The streets of our Selborne neighborhood are lined with local and regional makers, food trucks and live music, while other visual and performing artists stroll throughout the community sharing their work and whimsy. Each year, the children of Serenbe perform a traditional May Pole dance in the middle of the festival.

We also have a children's area - sponsored this year by Acton Academy and Chatt Hills Charter School - which includes games, crafts and food.



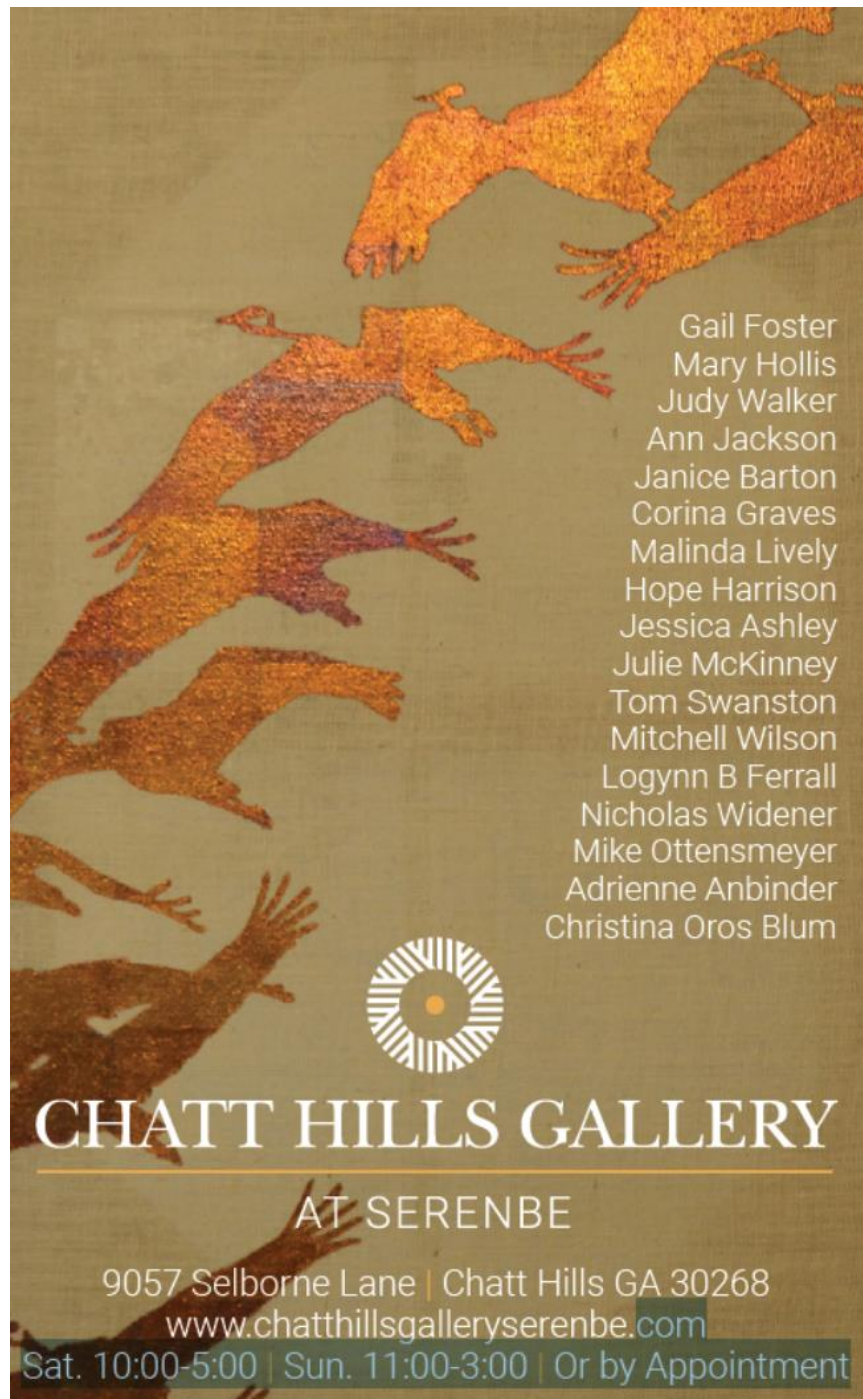
Volunteer to get in for free! We need people to do at least 2-hour shifts and in return will give you and your family free entry. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4FAFA62BA4FB6-serenbe1>

Spa at Serenbe has Moved

The Spa at Serenbe has moved and expanded. It went from two treatment rooms to eight, now located in the One Mado building in the Mado neighborhood. They offer facial treatments, body treatments, massage therapy, reflexology & reiki, skin & beauty products, plus an infrared sauna.

Chatt Hills Gallery New Exhibit

Date/Time: May 5 / 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. During May Day at Serenbe
 Location: Chatt Hills Gallery
 9057 Selborne Lane, Serenbe
 Parking: Wildflower Meadow off Hutcheson Ferry Road
 Discount: 10% off during May Day
 Website: www.chatthillsgalleryserenbe.com



Chatt Hills Community Luncheon

Date/Time: May 8 / Noon
 Location: Chatt Hills City Hall Meeting Room
 6505 Rico Rd, Chatt Hills
 Admission: Free
 Contact: Community Brickworks

Come share a meal and get to know your neighbors. Community Brickworks will provide the main dish, a local 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.



Ragtime (Musical)

Date/Time: May 8 – June 16
 Location: Serenbe
 Tickets: Starting at \$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!



Serenbe Restaurants Open for Mother's Day (May 12)

Looking for a special place to celebrate Mother's Day? Check out the following Serenbe Restaurants for their menus:

The Farmhouse, open 12-6pm on Mother's Day.
 10950 Hutcheson Ferry Rd. 770-463-2622. <https://serenbefarmhouse.com>

The Hill, open 11am-6pm on Mother's Day.
 9110 Selborne Lane. 770-463-6040 <https://thehillserenbe.com>

Chattahoochee Hills Farm Market and Farm Bike Tour

Date: May 11 / Times:

- Farmers Market: 9am-12pm
- Kids Bike Rodeo: 9:30 a.m.
- Farm Bike Tour: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Chatt Hills Charter School, 9670 Rivertown Rd, Chatt Hills, GA

Taproot, Georgia Farmers Market Association (GFMA), and Civil Bikes worked collaboratively with the diverse community members of Chattahoochee Hills to create an event that highlights two of its greatest assets. On May 11, we will host a farmer's market, kids bike rodeo and parade, and farm bike tour.

All events will either be located or begin and end at the Chattahoochee Hills Charter School.

Farmers Market

GFMA will be hosting its first Just Food Pop Up Market of the 2019 season from 9am - 12 pm. Just Food Markets link local small to mid-scale farmers to insecure communities seeking reliable, consistent access to fresh, high-quality produce. Families will be able to pre-purchase and reserve a "share" of produce prior to the market. Each share consists of a variety of 10 items of local produce. There will be a limited number of shares available on market day, so pre-purchase of shares is strongly encouraged. Prices vary between \$6 and \$40, depending on income, based on a sliding scale. All families receive the same amount of produce, regardless of what is paid.



A blacksmith demo will be conducted by Smithworks Iron & Design.

A storyboard will be set up to collect local history and stories- come and share yours with us!

Kids Bike Event

A kid's bike rodeo will begin at 9:30 AM for ages 6-14 years of age. This will equip those who participate with basic bicycle safety skills. Each participant is required to bring a bicycle. After the bike rodeo where there are 6-8 stations of skill building, each participant will ride the bike parade on a trail that circles the school's campus. Lots of fun!

Farm Bike Tour

The Farm Bike Tour will begin and end at the school and travel a circuit of about 11.5 miles. On the route we will stop at Wilkerson Mill Plant Nursery, Worth it Farm, and Hard Way Farm. At each stop, the host will give a brief discussion about its history and information about their current operations.

For more information on the Chattahoochee Hills Farmers Market and Farm Bike Tour, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chattahoochee-hills-farmers-market-and-farm-bike-tour-tickets-60424751057>.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Date: May 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9, 10, 11, 12 / times see website
 Location: Southside Theater Guild. 20 West Campbellton Street, Fairburn, GA
 Tickets: \$20 adults / \$12 children
 Website: <https://www.stgplays.com/current-production>

A new and shocking version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of depravity, lust, love and horror. On the fog-bound streets of Victorian-era London, Henry Jekyll's experiments with exotic "powders and tinctures" have brought forth his other self—Edward Hyde, a sensualist and villain free to commit the sins Jekyll is too civilized to comprehend. When Hyde meets a woman who stirs his interest, Jekyll fears for her life and decides to end his experiments. But Hyde has other ideas, and so the two sides battle each other in a deadly game of cat-and-mouse to determine who shall be the master and who his slave. With multiple Hydes portrayed by members of the cast.



Laura Trey Duo in Concert.

Date/Time: May 11 / 8:00 p.m.
 Location: 9016 Selborne Lane Chattahoochee Hills
 Tickets: \$25
 Website: www.chatthillsmusic.com

Over the past decade, guitarist Trey Wright and vocalist Laura Coyle have established themselves as first-call musicians on the Atlanta jazz scene. They joined forces in 2017 to form the Laura Coyle and Trey Wright Duo. United by their love of classic jazz pairings including Joe Pass and Ella Fitzgerald and Tuck and Patti, the duo performs a unique repertoire of jazz standards, Brazilian music and contemporary songs by their favorite songwriters. On any given night, the duo plays an entertaining and eclectic mix of music by Cole Porter, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Hoagy Carmichael, Dolly Parton and Joni Mitchell. The duo has performed at the Athens Jazz Festival, the Roswell Arts Festival, Morgan Hall at Kennesaw State University, and Agnes Scott College.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Date/Time: May 13 / 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Acton Academy
 10636 Serenbe Lane, (Serenbe), Chatt Hills, GA
 Registration: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Acton Academy and Community Care Network are hosting a Blood Drive. To register, follow the link above, enter Serenbe (or the zip code 30268) as the zip or sponsor code, and click on "Serenbe Community Fights Leukemia" to reserve a time.



Alessandra Borchì of UNESCO

to Present a Fellows Talk on

Rebuilding the Social Fabric of Communities after a Crisis

Date/Time: May 11 / 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Gainey Hall (Serenbe)
10640 Serenbe Lane, (Serenbe), Chatt Hills, GA

Cost: Free, open to the public, complimentary refreshments will be provided

RSVP: https://si.theatrisoft.com/#/Serenbe_Fellows_Presents_Alessandra_Borchì

The Serenbe Fellows program of The Serenbe Institute proudly presents a timely Conversation That Matters with **Alessandra Borchì**. Borchì has years of experience as a global monitoring agent and advisor to international governments on the preservation of threatened, culturally significant sites. She is currently the Chief of Operations of the Heritage Emergency Fund and Coordinator of the Rapid Response Mechanism for the Culture Sector of UNESCO.

Having most recently been on the ground after the tragic burning of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Alessandra will discuss new approaches to protect heritage from the increasing number of threats it is exposed to, and explore its role in rebuilding the social fabric of communities after a crisis, while fostering resilience, reconciliation, and promoting economic and social development.



ROAM, Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre

Date/Time: May 18 / 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

May 19 / 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

May 25 / 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

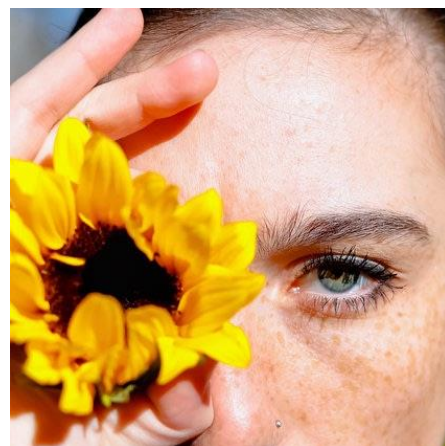
Location: Deer Hollow at Serenbe (8455 Atlanta Newnan Rd)

Cost: \$15/Student; \$35 General; \$60 VIP

Tickets: <https://www.terminus-serenbe.com/events/roam>

Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre returns to the natural beauty of Serenbe with “Roam”, an outdoor celebration of dance. Wander with us through innovative dance works, live entertainment, and festivities. Join the incredible artists of TMBT in exploring Deer Hollow on and off the stage.

Email info@terminus-serenbe.com for more information.





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Kids Area, Prizes & more!

Adults \$15, Kids (4-12) \$10 • Kids 3 & Under Free Admission

6pm: Gates open

8pm: Grand Entrance & Anthem

Fri: Kids ½ Price (4-12 for \$5)

Sat: "Tough Enough to Wear Pink"









Serenbe Playhouse 2019 Summer Camps

<http://www.serenbeplayhouse.com/education/camps>

Out of the Woods

A One-Week Outdoor Theatre Adventure Camp

Grades: K – 12th

Dates: June 3 – 8, June 10 – 14, June 17 – 21,
June 24 – 28

Times: 9am – 3pm

Tuition: \$250 (Flash Sale April 27-28: \$125)

Out of the Woods campers will be guided by professional actors and teaching artists to create their own theatrical productions inspired by the great outdoors!

Students in this one-week camp can expect to take part in some or all of the following: hiking, canoeing, feeding the Serenbe animals, participating in water-based activities, as well as taking classes in acting, singing, and dancing.

Shrek The Musical Jr.

A Two-Week Professional Theatre Experience

Grades: K – 12th

Dates: July 8 – 20

Time: Monday– Friday / 9:00am – 4:00pm

Final Performances: July 20 / 2:00pm & 5:00pm

Tuition: \$750 (Flash Sale April 27-28: \$450)

In this two-week camp, students will have the opportunity to gain valuable skills in audition technique, improv, acting and scene work, ensemble building, voice and dance from professional working actors, artists and designers. Their experience culminates in a professional rehearsal process and two fully realized performances.

“And We’re Rolling!”

A Film & TV Production Camp

Grades: 6th – 12th

Dates: July 22 – 26

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuition: \$350 (Flash Sale April 27-28: \$250)

Students interested in film and television production and on-camera performance will love this movie-making camp. Students can expect to create, audition, and perform in their own short film. Serenbe Playhouse is bringing in Atlanta Film & TV professionals and agents to meet and discuss the industry with the students.

Showstoppers: A Broadway Musical Theatre Training Camp

with Terrence Mann and Charlotte D’Amboise

Ages: 15 – 22

Dates: August 5 – 10

Tuition: \$1300.00

(includes lunch + dinner each day of camp)

Max Students: 40 (will sell out quickly)

Location: Georgia State University Perimeter College
Clarkston Campus

3735 Memorial College Ave., Clarkston, 30021

This 5-day training camp will push you to your limits, help you hone your skills in acting, singing, and dancing, and teach you what it means to be a Broadway professional. Study alongside Tony Nominees, Terrence Mann (*Les Miserables*, *Pippin*, *Beauty & the Beast*, *Tuck Everlasting*) & Charlotte D’Amboise (*Pippin*, *Chicago*, *A Chorus Line*, *Sweet Charity*) and other Broadway friends as they help you take your talents to the next level. Their personalized one-on-one training is guaranteed to help you grow as a performer. Take voice lessons, learn show stopping choreography, and professional acting technique from Broadway’s best. The final day of camp includes a performance for parents and peers. Don’t miss out on this Broadway experience in the heart of the ATL!

Church Bulletins

Faith-Based Organizations in Chatt Hills

Campbellton Baptist Church

8660 Campbellton Fairburn Rd

Campbellton United Methodist Church

8650 Campbellton Fairburn Rd. (GA Hwy 92)

www.cumc1830.com

Friendship Baptist Church

6090 Cochran Mill Rd

Interfaith Fellowship at Serenbe

www.facebook.com/groups/1964824926878340/

New Hope United Methodist Church

7875 Atlanta Newnan Rd

Providence Baptist Church

6402 Campbellton Redwine Rd

www.pbcrico.org

Rico United Methodist Church

6475 Rico Rd

Rivertown United Methodist Church

9325 Rivertown Rd

Sardis Baptist Church

8400 Sardis Rd

www.sardisbaptistch.com

Southern Crescent Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

www.facebook.com/SouthernCrescentUUFellowship/

Vernon Grove Baptist Church

8440 Vernon Grove Rd



Providence Baptist Church in honor of Memorial Day. Contributed by Kay Long.

Scholarships are Available

Please contact Sean Kilpatrick sean.kilpatrick@ngumc.org or
Jessica London jessicaplondon@hotmail.com

GET OUT & GROW THIS SUMMER



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

WATER DAY

Special water play day on
site or at local park

CONTACT

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

NOTE

Tree climbing for rising 5-6th
pending tree availability. Lunch
provided.

Register Online · growdaycamps.org

Friendship Baptist Church

6090 Cochran Mill Rd

Vacation Bible School – Save the date

June 23-27, 5:00-8:00

Theme: Farm Fresh Faith “Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.” Psalm 36:5

Classes for all Ages.



Providence Baptist Church

Location: 6402 Campbellton Redwine Rd, Chatt Hills, Ga

Website: www.pbcrico.org

Vacation Bible School – Save the date

June 10 – 14 / 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Theme: In the Wild: “Amazing Encounters with Jesus” John 20:31

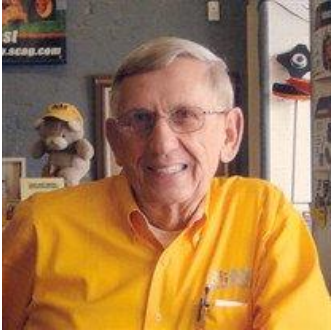
Ages 4 years old through 6th grade



Memorials

Jack Peek

July 11, 1934 - April 7, 2019



Mr. Jack B. Peek of Palmetto passed away April 7, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Ann Winkles Peek of Palmetto; son, Jeff Peek and his wife Carole of Newnan; daughter, Jennifer Jones and her husband Brian of Newnan; sisters, Hilda Cochran of Peachtree City; Alice Barge of Palmetto; Lynda Harris and her husband Monty of Palmetto; brothers, Ned Peek and his wife Janice of Palmetto; James Peek and his wife Barbara of Palmetto; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Peek of Union City and Tootsie Peek of Palmetto; grandchildren, Courtney Gable and her husband Ross; Kyle Peek and his wife Sydney and great grandchildren, Ellis and Palmer Gable.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 11 o'clock at Sardis Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Wilbur officiating. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Donald "Don" Mattingly

March 25, 1937 - April 18, 2019



Donald Ross Mattingly was a resident of Newnan, GA. After a decline in health, Don passed away peacefully at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. Don was born and raised in Dorton, KY and attended Dorton High School. He began his career in the beverage industry with Pepsi Cola in Newport News, VA. He relocated to Georgia in 1970 to take a position with South East Atlanta Corporation where he retired as plant manager.

He was one of ten children born to the late Joseph Paul Mattingly and Delphia Ann Osborne and was the beloved husband of Ruth Millard Mattingly for over 61 years. Don was predeceased by brothers Joe Mattingly, Greg Mattingly, and Danny Mattingly as well as a sisters Madeline Parsons and Irene Carlton. He is survived by his son Donald Ross Mattingly, Jr. as well as his sisters Linda Mattingly, Pauline Branham, Shirley Wright (husband Donald Lee) and Adoree Stanley along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him.

Don loved music and many say he missed his calling and should have ventured to Nashville. He faithfully attended and played at Hollinville and Cedar Grove Music Halls (in Chattahoochee Hills) , as well as many events in the area. He had quite a wit about him, you could not be around him very long without laughing. He loved to make people laugh especially with his songs such as Puttin' on the Dog.

Don touched the lives of many people with his smile and generosity, and maintained his trademark sense of humor all the way to the end.

Iris Rebecca “Becky” Martin

February 28, 1950 - April 16, 2019



Mrs. Iris Rebecca “Becky” Martin, age 69, of Chattahoochee Hills, passed away April 16, 2019.

Mrs. Martin was born in Hogansville on February 28, 1950 to the late T.J. and Colie Flournoy. She grew up in the Hogansville area alongside her two brothers, Tom and Tim. Mrs. Martin graduated from Hogansville High School in 1968.

Mrs. Martin began her career with Georgia Power working in customer service. She worked her way up in the electric industry over many years and eventually earned the position of Human Relations Coordinator for Southern Company Services. After 35 years of service, Mrs. Martin retired in 2004. She spent many happy years of retirement with her beloved husband by her side. Mrs. Martin spent her days cooking, reading and gardening. She enjoyed cooking for her family, particularly her pound cakes and traditional Christmas lasagna. Mrs. Martin enjoyed spending time

outdoors, tending to her garden. She grew fruits and vegetables that she canned and beautiful flowers. Mrs. Martin loved her animals as well. She kept dogs, cats and chickens.

Mrs. Martin gave much of herself to her church home, Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a faithful member and active in the church’s Circle of Friends group. She was always willing to help by preparing meals and volunteering in church activities. She also volunteered at Clothes Less Traveled. She believed in the sanctity of life and was a supporter of the Pregnancy Aid Clinic.

Mrs. Martin was a loving wife, mother and Grandmom to her family. She was kind, sweet and the most loving person one would ever meet. She will be remembered for her devotion to her family and faith. Mrs. Martin will be dearly missed by all of those who knew her.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her husband of 33 years: John H. Martin, Sr. of Chattahoochee Hills; daughters and son-in-law: Leslie and Todd Bianchi of Peachtree City, Amanda Simmons of Canton; sons and daughters-in-law: John and Kari Martin of Springtown, TX, Joel and Brandy Martin of Logansville; grandchildren: Sebastian, MacKenzie, Cody, Sarai, Rebekah, Madison, Coty, Avery, Andrew, Skyler and Logan; brothers and sisters-in-law: Thomas and Jill Flournoy of Memphis, TN, Timothy and Charlene Flournoy of Huntsville, AL.

A memorial mass will be held in Mrs. Martin’s honor at 1:30 PM on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 101 Walt Banks Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269. A visitation will begin at 12:00 PM, prior to the service. Friends are invited to join the Martin family for a reception following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pregnancy Aid Clinic, 281 S. Atlanta Street, Roswell GA, <http://www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/donate.html>. The Martin family is being assisted by Georgia Cremation, 1086 Hwy 54 W, Fayetteville. Condolences may be left at www.GeorgiaCremation.com.

Ted Pepin

February 29, 1944 - April 25, 2019



Mr. Theodore (Ted) Pepin of Palmetto passed away April 25, 2019. He is survived by his wife Carolyn G. Pepin of Palmetto; sons, Lance Pepin and his wife Marie of Palmetto; Eric Pepin and his wife Jamie of Panama City Beach, FL; sister, Lynne Bates and her husband Carey of Winter Park, FL; grandchildren, Ethan Pepin and his wife Carly, Sydney Bethune and her husband Taylor; Katie Pepin, Kason Pepin and great grandson, Peyton Pepin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 1, 2019 2 o'clock at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Dr. Gene Tyre officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 12:30 until time of service. Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory in Fairburn. 770-964-4800

David Garland

April 14, 1939 - April 25, 2019



Mr. David Gregg Garland, Jr., 80, of Palmetto passed away on April 25, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, David Garland Sr. and Lula Mae Garland.

David was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather & friend who is going to be missed by everyone who knew him. David is survived by his wife of 57 years, Glenda; daughter, Wendy (Tony) Gearhart; son, Rusty (Joleen) Garland; sister, Patricia (Raymond) Wilkes; grandchildren, Tiffany (Jonathan) Wood, Kayla (Kyle) Pope, Buck (Stormie) Forsyth, Bailie Garland & Clint Garland; great grandchildren, Harley Garland, Shelby Wood & Harper Wood; and sister in law, Ann Garland.

A funeral service will be held Monday, April 29, 2019 at 11 o'clock at the chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Dr. Gene Tyre officiating. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. The family will receive friends Sunday from 5:00 until 8:00. Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory in Fairburn. 770-964-4800.

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.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

The City of Chatt Hills invites you to two special ribbon cutting ceremonies.

- Tuesday, May 7 – 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate the completion of several TSPLOST projects at the intersection of Wilkerson Mill Rd & Cochran Mill Rd.
- Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate the City's new Gateway Sign at the intersection of South Fulton Parkway and Rivertown Rd.

A flyer for a ribbon cutting ceremony. At the top, it says "Ribbon Cutting" in a cursive font with a pair of red scissors cutting a red ribbon. Below this, there are three columns of information: "WHEN" (Tuesday, May 7th 5:30 PM), "The Mayor and Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills Cordially Invite You", and "WHERE" (Wilkerson Mill Road at its intersection with Cochran Mill Road). Below these columns, it says "to a special ceremony to celebrate the completion of two more TSPLOST projects". Then, it lists two projects: "Wilkerson Mill Road (from Cochran Mill Rd to State Route 154) \$549,699.20" and "Atlanta Newnan Road (from Hutcheson Ferry Rd to Coweta County Line) \$626,946.90". At the bottom, the total cost "\$1,176,646.10" is displayed in large green text.

WHEN
Tuesday, May 7th
5:30 PM

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Wilkerson Mill Road (from Cochran Mill Rd to State Route 154) \$549,699.20
Atlanta Newnan Road (from Hutcheson Ferry Rd to Coweta County Line) \$626,946.90

\$1,176,646.10

Summer Bun Ban (May 1 – September 30)

By: Fire Chief Greg Brett

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division website explains the "Summer Burn Ban" (May 1 – September 30) as follows:

"Air quality can deteriorate in the summer due to the formation of ground-level ozone. The Summer Burn Ban reduces ozone by prohibiting certain open burning activities from May 1 through September 30 in specific counties. During this period, the following open burning activities are prohibited in 54 counties: reduction of leaves on premises, acquired structure burns, vegetative debris from storms, weed abatement, disease, and pest prevention, land clearing, construction, and right-of-way maintenance, and land clearing with air curtain destructors. Prescribed burning is also prohibited in 19 counties that include Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton." For more information about burn bans and/or open burning see: <https://epd.georgia.gov/air/summer-open-burning-ban>

The city of Chattahoochee Hills has adopted its own ordinance defining requirements for meeting Federal and State of Georgia "open burning" requirements, as follows:

Vegetative Debris Burn Permits for Residences

(Burning of vegetative debris is not allowed May 1 – September 30)

Burning of hand-piled, vegetative debris at a residence is limited in the manner defined below. Burning of debris on non-residential or agricultural properties or properties cleared using commercial (heavy) equipment is subject to requirements defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Georgia Forestry Commission and the City of Chattahoochee Hills.

Phone Chattahoochee Hills Fire Department, Station 51 (770-463-8177) daily to request authorization:

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ...

1. FIRST NAME, LAST NAME of permit recipient
2. Address where burning will be conducted
3. Phone number of person(s) on site attending fire

FOLLOW THESE RULES ...

1. Vegetative debris only may be burned (burning household trash, construction materials, household trash, tires, plastics, wiring, petroleum distillate is illegal).
2. Burn piles cannot be larger than 10x10x10 ft.
3. No more than one (large) pile may be burned at a time.
4. Limit debris to what can be fully burned before one hour after sunset. Fire and all embers must be fully extinguished.
5. Fires must be attended at all times by an adult.
6. A "ready" water supply or grading equipment must be on-hand for rapid extinguishment.
7. Permits are for one day only... phone Fire Dept daily for permits.

Permits and burn activity may be terminated at any time by the Fire Department.

The requirements listed above are defined in an official ordinance (#17-06-169) by the City of Chattahoochee Hills. Failure to comply may result in fines or penalties.

City Boards and Commissions

Chattahoochee Hills appoints resident volunteers to a number of boards and commissions to:

- Provide a valuable link to the community and to the various interests that make up the community
- Assist in the development of policy recommendations to the City Council
- Provide leadership and support to City staff
- Promote the City and its programs
- Provide expertise in specialized areas

The following residents were appointed/re-appointed at the April 9 city council meeting:

PARKS COMMISSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diana Wilson (chair)• Roland Alston (vice chair)• Clifford Blizzard• Kay Long• Tom Blum	Makes recommendations to the City Council on the development, uses, improvements and rules and regulations for the City’s parks. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at City Hall.
PLANNING COMMISSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bob Simpson (chair)• Jim Hancock (vice chair)• Jett Hattaway• Patrick Johnson• Mark Prater	Operates as an advisory board to the City Council. Hears requests for re-zonings, variances, and use permits and proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations. Meets the Thursday following the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM at City Hall.
HISTORIC COMMISSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allison Duncan• Brian Gross• Carole Harper• Kim Taylor Cloud• Laurie Searle• Lila Rhyne• Sarah Love	Members of this newly formed committee will be sworn in at their first meeting on May 28, at 6pm at City Hall. They will then elect a committee chair, set their schedule, and receive suggested goals from the mayor.
TREE BOARD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hugh Tyer (chair)• Dorsey Earnest• Fuller Anderson• Ken Hearn	Administers a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas, and presents such plan to the City Council for their approval. At the request of the City Council, the board shall consider, investigate, make finding, report and recommend upon any special matter of question coming within the scope of its work. Meets quarterly at City Hall.

Municipal Election Update

Dana Wicher, City Clerk and Municipal Superintendent

The City of Chattahoochee Hills will hold a municipal election on November 5, 2019. Run-off election, if needed, will be December 3, 2019. The following city council districts will be up for election: Districts 1, 3, and 5.

Qualification will be held the 3rd week of August per state law. The actual dates have not been set yet. The qualifying fee is \$36.00.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- Ch.12, Article II, Sec 12-29(a) of the City Code: Residency: In accordance with Section 2.02 of the Charter, candidates for Mayor and City Council must have been a resident of the City for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of the elections; and each person shall continue to reside within the City during said period of service and shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this City. In addition, candidates for each of the Council districts must have been a resident of such district for a continuous period of at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of the election for council member and continue to reside in such district during that period's period of service.
- Ch.12, Article II, Sec 12-29(b) of the City Code: Age: No person shall be eligible to serve as Mayor or Councilmember unless that person is at least 21 years of age.

GEORGIA LAW AND CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS:

- Shall not have been convicted of violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude or conviction of domestic violence.
- Must be a registered voter.
- Shall not be the holder of any public funds illegally.

POLL WORKERS

A call for poll workers will be announced a couple of months before the elections.

Poll worker qualifications are as follows:

- Must possess the qualifications set out in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-92
- Must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Fulton County
- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be able to read, write, and speak the English language
- Shall not be a nominee for public office or a candidate or close relative (parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law) of a candidate
- Shall not hold public office, other than a political party office
- Shall not have any felony convictions

Community 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
Thursday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.	City Council Work Session City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Tuesday, May 7 5:00 p.m. TSPLOST Projects 5:30 p.m. GATEWAY SIGN	Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies TSPLOST ceremony at intersection of Wilkerson Mill Rd & Cochran Mill Rd. Gateway Sign ceremony at intersection of SF Parkway and Rivertown Rd.
Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting Public Hearing – Special Use Permit for Small Craft Brewery Public Hearing – Variance for Small Craft Brewery City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m.	Parks Commission Meeting City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Thursday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268
Thursday, May 30, 6:00 p.m.	City Council Work Session City Hall - 6505 Rico Road, Chatt Hills, GA 30268

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