

City of Gainesville Newsletter

10.25.06



A Word from Mayor Bob Hamrick

As a member of the Gainesville City Council for more than 30 years I have seen tremendous changes in our city. The ability to speak with you one-on-one in this newsletter is one of the greatest. With the invention of camera phones, instant messaging, and blogs we are all constantly in touch. This newsletter will enable us to share timely information with you on city projects, meetings, and events. If you have any questions or ideas email citycouncil@gainesville.org or call me at 770-535-6865. I hope you will find this information useful and take advantage of the opportunity to get involved in your city government.



Save the Date

The finishing touches are taking place on the \$2.8 million renovation of Chattahoochee Golf Course. Course Crafters and architect Kevin Hargrave have teamed up to renovate this classic Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed layout. The renovation consists of 20 new green complexes, new tee complexes, extensive drainage, concrete cart paths, new irrigation pump station, teaching facility and many other projects to update the 50 year old facility.

Grand opening ceremonies will be held the week of November 28 with the official grand opening on Friday, December 1. The golfing action begins each day at 12:30pm for the following guests:

- Tuesday, November 28 - Advisory Committee, Employees and Press
- Wednesday, November 29 - Men's and Ladies Associations
- Thursday, November 30 - Cooperate and Annual Members
- Friday, December 1 - Official Grand Opening for the public



During the winter, the golf course will be open daily from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM.



Tickets on Demand

Remember the days when you had to get dressed and go to the Georgia Mountains Center to purchase tickets for your favorite concert or event? Those days are over! By mid-November you will be able to purchase tickets online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the comfort of your own home. Simply go to our website [Georgia Mountains Center](#) and follow the link. Handling fees will apply for online purchases or you may continue to purchase on-site at the box office with no handling fees.

It's Our Birthday and You're Invited

Happy Birthday Gainesville! On November 30, 2006 Gainesville will celebrate 185 years of excellence. From the early days of Mule Camp Springs to the economic center of Northeast Georgia, Gainesville's heritage is rich and vibrant. In honor of this special occasion, 185 local citizens will be honored for their contributions to our community. The party will be held in the Georgia Mountains Center Arena beginning at 6:00pm. The evening will include the lighting of the official birthday cake and the recognition of the special honorees. Don't miss the "Biggest Birthday Party in Northeast Georgia."

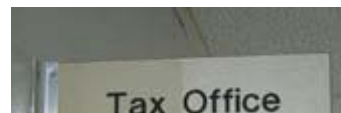


Thanks for Slowing Down

The new sidewalk being installed from Smoky Springs Retirement Community to Takeda Road is a welcome addition for people living on Enota Drive. Safety is always a priority for us. We appreciate your cooperation during this time. The three-quarter mile project is on target to be completed by early December.

What's in the Mail?

More than 10,000 tax bills have been mailed to Gainesville



property owners. The bills are due December 20, 2006. Each year, the city's tax office answers questions like the ones below.

Why didn't I get the exemption I signed up for?

Answer: If you do not get an exemption you applied for, you need to contact the Hall County Assessors Office. We get our information from them and they have to approve all exemptions. The Hall County Assessors Office number is (770) 531-6720.

Why didn't you send the bill to the mortgage company?

Answer: Some mortgage companies ask for and receive tax bill information from the City, but not all. We bill the property owner and it is their responsibility to forward the bill to their mortgage company.



Only 22% of the City's bills for general government operations are paid by property tax collections. Residential taxpayers pay 30% of the total property tax billed.

Industrial/Commercial businesses pay 70%. If you have questions about your tax bill call the Gainesville Tax Coordinator's office at (770) 535-5639.



Under the Lights on Bobby Gruhn Field

If you're a Gainesville Red Elephant fan you know how great the field looks when the Elephants hit the grass on Friday Nights. Have you ever thought about what's involved in getting the field ready? According to long time parks and recreation employee, Jimmy Savage, it takes about 3 days to paint the yard lines, hash marks, numbers, and coaches boxes. The big red "G" is painted with a special latex paint from Smyrna, Georgia that won't harm the grass or clog the machine. The turf is cut three times a week and is regularly fertilized, top dressed with sand and over seeded with winter rye to maintain its pristine condition.

Calendar of Events

Main Street Gainesville Blue Sky Concert | 10.25.06

Enjoy lunch and the sounds of the Truett- McConnell Jazz Ensemble Noon-1pm

Community Clean Up | 10.28.06

9:00am Keep Hall Beautiful Office, 604 Green Street NE. Volunteers will clean up the areas of Summit, High, and Hunter Streets. Details: 770-531-1102

Trick or Treat on the Square | 10.31.06

3:00pm-5:00pm Gainesville Square

City Council Meeting | 11.07.06

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Non Profit Foundation Meeting | 11.08.06

4:30pm Carol Lunday Center

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting | 11.13.06

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board Meeting | 11.14.06

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting | 11.15.06

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Gainesville City Council Meeting | 11.21.06

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

City of Gainesville Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday | 11.23.06 and 11.24.06**City of Gainesville Newsletter****gainesville.org | 770-297-5499**

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