



A Word from Council Member Danny Dunagan

The last few months have been busy and exciting. I've participated in training classes through the Georgia Municipal Association, attended weekly work sessions, bi-monthly Council meetings, and numerous special events. The Council has been working very closely with Hall County Government on the South Hall Sewer project and on a Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) for Flat Creek. This study will serve as a "master plan" for stream restoration activities which will help improve the water quality and in-stream habitat. I'm seeing Gainesville in a whole new light and I'm prouder than ever to be a resident of this community.



I am also proud to bring you the news that our Police Department has been named a Flagship Agency by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA.) We hope to receive news of re-accreditation in mid March.

Let me encourage you to sign up for our annual Citizens' Government Academy. You'll find more details on this later in the newsletter. The door to City Hall is always open. If you would like more information on city services or current projects in Gainesville contact me at citycouncil@gainesville.org.



March is Meals on Wheels Month

[Meals on Wheels](#) is about more than just delivering a hot meal at lunch to someone in need. It's about sharing your time and at times....a listening ear. The Gainesville–Hall County Community Service Center serves Meals on Wheels to more than 360 clients every week. The program survives through the generosity of 202 volunteers and they need more! March is Meals on Wheels month. If you're interested in how you can be a volunteer or purchasing a hot meal for a loved one or friend at a cost of \$3.05 contact Meals on Wheels Coordinator [Milon Christman](#). And don't be surprised if you see the Mayor of Gainesville delivering meals. March 21 is "Mayors for Meals"

day across the nation.

HOPE Foreclosure Prevention Campaign

There's [HOPE](#) for Georgia residents at risk of losing their homes. The Housing and Neighborhood Development office for the City of Gainesville joins the state and the Homeownership Preservation Foundation in announcing the launch of a new hotline number to help prevent foreclosures. Calls to 1-888-995-HOPE will be routed to an Atlanta-based call center where expert counselors offer free, confidential counseling for those facing foreclosure.



What will you gain by calling 1-888-995-HOPE?

- Objective advice and information from nonprofit agencies.
- Assistance in developing a realistic budget and financial action plan.
- Access to additional local resources in your community in areas such as housing, legal aid, employment and more.

For more information contact [Frances Williams](#) at 770-531-2693.



Citizens' Government Academy Registration Continues

If you would like to find out more about the services offered by the City of Gainesville then consider registering for the Citizens' Government Academy. The 10 week course begins March 15. Find out what it's like to put on fire gear and/or how the City determines where to put sidewalks/stop signs/speed bumps. The first class will be held on Thursday. All other classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6pm-9pm including dinner. Registration forms are available at www.gainesville.org or by calling 770-297-5499. Registration ends March 2.

Summer Jobs for Teens

[Gainesville Parks and Recreation](#) will be holding summer job fairs for lifeguards and summer day camp counselors at the Gainesville Civic Center on March 22 and April 19 from 5:30pm-6:30 pm.

Interested persons must be at least 16 years of age to apply and should bring a resume and a completed application. Applications are available at the Civic Center at 830 Green Street or downloaded at www.gainesville.org. For more information, please contact [Andi Harmon](#) at Gainesville Parks and Recreation at (770) 531-2680.



Calendar of Events

City Council Work Session | 3.01.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Friends of Gainesville Parks and Greenways | 3.01.07

5:30 pm Civic Center Board Room

Summer Community Theatre Auditions | 3.06.07

4:00pm Children / 6:00pm Adults

Civic Center – Sponsored by Gainesville Parks and Recreation Agency

City Council Meeting | 3.06.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session | 3.08.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Citizens Involvement Advisory Roundtable | 3.10.07

10:00am Community Service Center

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting | 3.12.07

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board Meeting | 3.13.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation, Inc. | 3.14.07

4:30pm Carol Lunday Center Conference Room 200

City Council Work Session | 3.15.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Community Council on Aging | 3.19.07

12:30pm-1:30pm Community Service Center

Gainesville City School Board Meeting | 3.19.07

7:00pm Oak Street School Board Office

City Council Meeting | 3.20.07

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting | 3.20.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session | 3.22.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Summer Job Fair | 3.22.07

5:30pm Civic Center

Bark in the Park | 3.24.07

11:30am-1:30pm Martha Hope Cabin



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