

City of Gainesville Newsletter

03.28.07



A Word from Mayor Hamrick

This is always an exciting time of year in Gainesville. On March 17 the [Police Department](#) was officially re-accredited for three years by the [Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies](#). In addition to being re-accredited, the department was named a Flagship Agency. We are very proud of our police and their continued efforts to exceed the standards set forth by CALEA. The Gainesville Police Department was first accredited in March 1993.

Our downtown square is getting a spring facelift. The installation of dozens of new trees and plants should be completed by April 1. The city will also be adding new benches and painting existing benches and light poles. We appreciate the patience of our downtown merchants and visitors during this upgrade.

If you would like more information on city services or current projects in Gainesville contact me at citycouncil@gainesville.org or call 770-535-6865.



Georgia Cities Week April 22-28

Gainesville joins the [Georgia Municipal Association](#) every year in the celebration of Georgia Cities Week. The week is designed to call attention to the work of cities. This year's theme is Service, Style, Soul. Gainesville will celebrate each aspect of the theme. Special events will include fingerprinting and car seat safety checks for children throughout the week. On Friday, the City will host a fashion show at 11:30am on the square featuring downtown merchants. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fashions and the sounds of saxophonist [Brian Ulrich](#). On Saturday, the [2007 Spring Chicken Festival](#) will be held in Roosevelt Square from 10:00am-5:00pm. This annual favorite includes a chicken cook-off and a ChickEkiden relay race. In addition to the festivities, all sixth graders at Gainesville Middle School wrote an essay entitled "If I Were Mayor ..." The essays are being judged at the state level and will also be judged at the local level. The

local winner will be announced in the May newsletter. Stay tuned!

Free City Compost and Mulch

The City of Gainesville will be giving away compost and mulch during the Spring 2007 [Hall County Master Gardeners](#) Expo April 20 and 21st. The expo runs from 8:00am to 6:00pm each day at the Chicopee Agricultural Center. Admission is free just like the mulch and compost! Mulch and compost are also available free throughout the year while supplies last at Gainesville's Alta Vista Complex at 263 Alta Vista Road.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

We're not sure who has more fun during little league season....the players... or the dads who work the Chicken-Que! April 14 is Opening Day of Little League Baseball and Softball for [Gainesville Parks and Recreation](#). The parade of players begins at 10:00 am on the lower City Park baseball field. The annual Chicken-Que is a major fundraiser for the season. Lunch tickets are \$5 per box and can be purchased at the [Gainesville Civic Center](#) during regular business hours or

at Green Street Pool at 12:00 noon (while supplies last) on Opening Day. For more information call 770-531-2680.

Continuing Education Classes

The Inspection Services Department will be holding three Continuing Education Classes in the next month. C.E.U's will be given for attendance, to those in need, for Certification or License renewals coming due with the State of Georgia. For more information call [Gainesville Inspection Services](#) at 770-531-6570.



March 29, Gainesville Civic Center, 6:00pm-10:00pm
2006 Edition of the International Residential Code, with Georgia Amendments

April 12th, Gainesville Civic Center, 9:00am-4:00pm
Life Safety Code 101

April 12th, Gainesville Civic Center, 6:00pm-10:00pm
2006 Edition of the [International Mechanical Code](#), with Georgia Amendments.



Eye on Gainesville

Don't miss the April edition of Eye on Gainesville on TV18. Host Catiel Felts talks with Parks and Recreation Director Melvin Cooper and Recreation Services Division Manager Jone Taylor. Highlights include updates on the Frances Meadows Center, the Fair Street Neighborhood Center, Summer Camps, and lots of wagging tales from the annual "Bark in the Park." Eye on Gainesville airs every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:30pm on TV18, The Government Channel for Gainesville/Hall County.

Calendar of Events

Great American Clean Up | 3.31.07

9:00am-12:00pm Downtown Flowery Branch

City Schools Spring Break | 4.02.07 – 4.06.07

City Council Meeting | 4.03.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Friends of Gainesville Parks and Greenways | 4.05.07

5:30 pm Civic Center Board Room

City Council Work Session | 4.05.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting | 4.09.07

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board Meeting | 4.10.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session | 4.12.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Citizens Involvement Advisory Roundtable | 4.14.07

10:00am Community Service Center

Opening Day of Little League Baseball/Softball | 4.14.07

10:00am City Park

Gainesville City School Board Meeting | 4.16.07

7:00pm Oak Street School Board Office

City Council Meeting | 4.17.07

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting | 4.17.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Sister City Art Show | 4.19.07

6:30pm Civic Center

City Council Work Session | 4.19.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

City Council Work Session | 4.26.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

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