



## A Word from Mayor Pro-Tem Myrtle W. Figueras

Aging ... Growing older ... Birthdays and Birthdays! Our time on this Earth is valuable. Just think of how much better we are getting as our contributions become even more vital to our world... We are the thread that is woven into another person's tapestry of life! We are valuable in service to others. May is Older Americans Month and we are celebrating in Gainesville! The Gainesville-Hall County Sr. Center offers daily programs, activities, and field trips for men and women over 60. If you're an older American looking for a family atmosphere during the day try the Sr. Center.



The Northeast Georgia Golden Olympics take place May 14-18. Golden Olympics provides an opportunity for all men and women 50 and over to participate in social, competitive, recreational and athletic events. For more information contact [Deidra Mays](#) at the Sr. Center.

Find out more about what's happening in our community by joining me May 12 at 10:00am for our Second Saturday meeting at the Sr. Center on Pryor Street or email [citycouncil@gainesville.org](mailto:citycouncil@gainesville.org).



## No Outdoor Burning in Gainesville Beginning May 1

Residents of Gainesville-Hall County must abide by [Georgia's Outdoor Burn](#) ban effective May 1–September 30. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division imposes the ban on outdoor burning to comply with Federal Clean Air Regulations. During the summer months in Georgia, the ozone in the air we breathe can reach unhealthy levels. Georgia EPD has identified open burning as a significant contributor of the pollutants that

form ozone. Consequently, open burning in metro Atlanta and larger counties must be restricted during summer months. According to [Gainesville Fire Chief Dick Taylor](#), there is one exception. "People who are using fires for cooking, such as campfires, are exempt," Taylor said. Hall is one of 54 counties under the outdoor ban.

## What's It Like to Be a Gainesville Police Officer?

Register now for the eighth annual Summer Citizen Police Academy sponsored by the [Gainesville Police Department](#). You'll get a first hand look into the day-to-day operation of the Police Department and the opportunity to ride-a-long with an officer. This was the first class of its kind several years ago and the class people can't stop talking about! Classes are taught by officers who serve in the field every day. Registration ends May 11. The nine week course begins May 22 and is open to all residents of Gainesville-Hall County 21 years or older. For more information contact [Officer Charles Newman](#).



## Learn to Swim

If you talk to almost anyone who grew up in Gainesville they'll tell you they learned to swim at [Green Street Pool](#). Registration is underway now through [Gainesville Parks and Recreation](#) for all classes from waterbabies age 6months-3years to Lifeguard training for ages 15 and older. Classes run June 4 - July 26. Register for Parks and Recreation programs daily from 7:00am -6:00pm at the [Gainesville Civic Center](#).

## Support Historic Downtown Gainesville

The [Main Street Gainesville](#) Association is a non-profit organization that promotes historic preservation, economic development, and civic life in Gainesville. If you're a business owner, downtown worker, or just someone interested in being a part of the success of downtown please consider becoming a member of Main Street. Now in its 12th year, Main Street Gainesville sponsors several events annually including: Blue Sky Concerts, [The Spring Chicken Festival](#), Art in the Square, and Downtown by Candlelight. In addition to the many events that bring visitors to our City, Main Street promotes short and long term investment in Gainesville. Find out more about membership benefits/privileges by contacting Executive Director [Joe Burnett](#).



## Gainesville Celebrates National Preservation Month

Gainesville will join thousands of individuals around the country in May as part of a nationwide celebration of 2007 [National Preservation Month](#). "Making Preservation Work!" is the theme of the month-long celebration, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Make plans now to attend the following events in Gainesville in recognition of

National Preservation Month.

- Tuesday, May 1- 5:30pm: Signing and presentation of a Proclamation during the City Council Meeting at the Georgia Mountains Center
- Thursday, May 10 - 12:00pm: Special presentation to the City's first locally designated landmark at the Big Bear Café in the Midtown area
- Thursday, May 10 - 5:30pm: Community meeting on the City's Phase One Historic Resources Survey project at the Gainesville Civic Center
- Tuesday, May 22 - 4:00pm-6:00pm: Open House at the newly restored Green Street Station at the Gainesville Planning and Inspection Services offices located at 311 Henry Ward Way, 2nd Floor

## Eye on Gainesville

Don't miss the May edition of Eye on Gainesville on TV18. We'll take you all over the City as we re-cap the Ga. Cities Week celebration. Highlights include fingerprinting at First Presbyterian Church Child Development Center, Car Seat Safety Checks at First Methodist Church and a fashion show featuring downtown merchants. We'll also hear from some of the winners of the Sister City Art Exchange whose drawings will be sent to Gainesville's Sister Cities in Japan and Hungary. 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.



And be sure to tune in to TV18 for Good Morning Gainesville May 16-21 at 7:00am and 9:00am. Host Catiel Felts will be broadcasting from The Happy Pickle, one of Gainesville's newest downtown restaurants. Special guests include Mayor Pro-Tem Myrtle Figueras on city business, Jessica Dempsey Tullar and Kathy Amos will talk about Historic Preservation Month and Stacey Dickson will talk about what's happening at the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Several Gainesville residents come together to share their experiences at the Sr. Center during "Older Americans Month" and Gwen Trimmer from the Hall County Humane Society will do her best to help some puppies find a good home.

## Calendar of Events

### **City Council Work Session 4.26.07**

9:00 am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

### **Ga. Cities Week Fashion Show 4.27.07**

11:30pm Gainesville Square

### **3rd Annual Spring Chicken City Cook-Off 4.28.07**

10:00am-5:00pm Roosevelt Square

### **City Council Meeting 5.01.07**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

### **Blue Sky Concert Sponsored by Main Street Gainesville 5.02.07**

Featured Artist - Windjammer

12:00pm Downtown Square

**City Council Work Session 5.03.07**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**Friends of Gainesville Parks and Greenways 5.03.07**

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center

**Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 5.08.07**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

**Blue Sky Concert Sponsored by Main Street Gainesville 5.09.07**

Featured Artist – Brian Sullivan

12:00pm Downtown Square

**Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation, Inc 5.09.07**

4:30pm Carol Lunday Center

**City Council Work Session 5.10.07**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**Citizens Involvement Advisory Roundtable 5.12.07**

10:00am Community Service Center

**Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 5.14.07**

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

**City Council Meeting 5.15.07**

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

**Blue Sky Concert Sponsored by Main Street Gainesville 5.16.07**

Featured Artist – Phillip Rogers

Blue Sky and Apple Pie co-sponsored by the Gainesville-Hall CVB as part of Tourism Week

12:00pm Downtown Square

**City Council Work Session 5.17.07**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**Last Day for City Schools 5.18.07**

**Green Street Pool Opens 5.19.07**

**Community Council on Aging 5.21.07**

12:30pm Community Service Center

**Gainesville City School Board Meeting 5.21.07**

7:00pm Oak Street School Board Office

**Blue Sky Concert Sponsored by Main Street Gainesville 5.23.07**

Featured Artist – King Daddy Polecats

12:00pm Downtown Square

**City Council Work Session 5.24.07**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**City Offices Closed for Memorial Day 5.28.07**

**Memorial Day Parade 5.28.07**

10:00 am Green Street

**Blue Sky Concert Sponsored by Main Street Gainesville 5.30.07**

Featured Artist - Jazzcronic

12:00pm Downtown Square

**City Council Work Session 5.31.07**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303



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