

City of Gainesville E-Newsletter

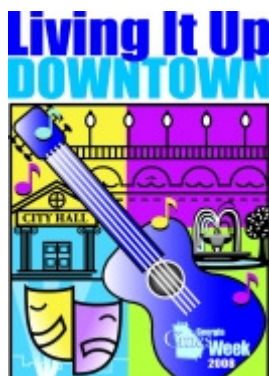
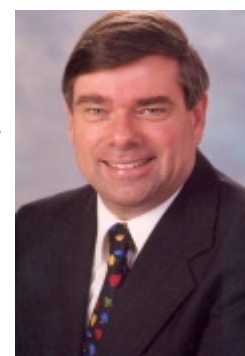
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A Word from Council Member George Wangemann

It's hard to believe spring is already here. You can feel it in the air and see it all around as Gainesville starts to bounce back from the winter. If you are looking for a fresh start you're in the right place. Cities across the state will celebrate Ga. Cities Week April 20-26. The theme for this year's event is **"Living It Up Downtown."** Downtown is the heart of our City and we are fortunate to have one

of the most recognized cities in the state. Some of the activities for the week will include a Sister City Art Show, Car Seat Safety checks and a community Superhero party. Ga. Cities Week is sponsored by the [Georgia Municipal Association](#).



We are also fortunate to have the [Tour de Georgia](#) Stage 3 Finish in Gainesville this year. Bicyclists should arrive at the Martha Hope Cabin Wednesday, April 23 around 2:30pm. And one of my favorite events each spring is the opening of Little League season at City Park. The parade of athletes begins at 10am on April 19 followed by the chicken-que at Green Street Pool and a day full of baseball.

And we're not the only ones who think Gainesville is great. In [Forbes'](#) 10th annual ranking of the Best Places for Business and Careers, Gainesville was one of the top three cities in Georgia on the list. Gainesville was ranked #57 in "Best Smaller Metros." Factors in ranking include the cost of doing business, job growth and educational attainment. Athens ranked #13 and Warner Robins #42.

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

Rain Barrel Workshops



The drought of 2007 called attention to the importance of water conservation and water-smart landscape and gardening practices. If you're looking for a way to minimize your water use, yet maintain an attractive landscape a rain barrel may be the solution. [Gainesville Public](#)



[Utilities](#) and the [Hall County Extension Service](#) have teamed up to offer a rain barrel workshop so you can build a working rain barrel for use at home. The next workshop will be Monday, April 14, at the Hall County Extension Office at 734 East Crescent Drive. Each workshop is \$25 per person. For more information call [Scarlett Fuller](#), Gainesville Public Utilities at 770-532-7462 or [Billy Skaggs](#), Hall County Extension Service at 770-535-8293.

Spring Chicken Festival April 22-26

Yes, it's true. There really is an ordinance that says it's illegal to eat chicken with a fork in Gainesville and you can bet it will be enforced during the 2008 Spring Chicken Festival.



The week will also include the following: April 22 – Dinner & A Movie with Your Peeps at the Georgia Mountains Center; April 23 – [Tour de Georgia](#) Stage 3 Finish, Martha Hope Cabin, 2:30pm.



Three-time Grand Champion Winner of Chicken City Spring Chicken Cook-off, "Team Hirneisen:" - Jackie West, David Hirneisen, Holly Hirneisen, Brian Ferguson.

April 24 – Stage 4 Team Trials, Road Atlanta;
April 26 – Spring Chicken Festival culminates downtown on Roosevelt Square with a chicken nugget eating contest, a LEGO building contest, petting zoo, pony rides, a sweet tea challenge, the ChickEkiden road race and the Chicken Feathers quilt show. The event that started it all four years ago, the Chicken City Spring chicken Cook-Off, will include nearly 1400 pounds of wings, whole chicken and specialty chicken. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. For more information visit www.chickencitycookoff.com or call Keep Hall Beautiful at 770-531-1102. All proceeds benefit the Keep Hall Beautiful Tree Replacement Fund.

Critter Camp April 7-11



Children between the ages of 6 and 12 can see bears, kangaroos, trout, reptiles and sharks all in the same week if they sign up for the Spring Break Critter Camp sponsored by [Gainesville Parks and Recreation](#). Campers meet at the Martha Hope Cabin then travel to [Anna Ruby Falls](#), [Black Forest Bear Park](#), [Unicoi State Park](#), the [Kangaroo Conservation Center](#), the [Georgia Aquarium](#), [Zoo Atlanta](#), and Georgia's only miniature farm, [Tanglewood Farm](#). The cost for the entire week and all the activities is \$150.00. City residents receive a \$10 discount. Campers must bring a lunch, snack and water bottle

everyday. Registration for this exciting week ends Friday, March 28. Call 770-531-2682 for details.

TV 18 Line Up for April

Don't miss the April edition of Eye on Gainesville. You'll meet Jon Canada, the new Fire Chief for the City of Gainesville and see the department in action fighting fires and training for confined spaces, and high angle rescue. Lieutenant David Stringer from the Fire Marshal's office will talk about juvenile fire safety. Eye on Gainesville airs every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm and 11:30pm.



And be sure to tune in to Good Morning Gainesville April 16-21 at 7:00am and 9:00am. Host [Catiel Felts](#) will be broadcasting from downtown. Highlights include Council Member Danny Dunagan on City business, details on the Spring Chicken Festival and coverage of Bark in the Park.

Calendar of Events

Fair Street Neighborhood Center Grand Opening 3.30.08

2:00pm, Fair Street

City Council Meeting 4.1.08

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Schools Spring Break 4.07.08 – 4.11.08

Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 4.08.08

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session 4.10.08

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Citizens' Involvement Advisory Roundtable 4.12.08

Gainesville Hall County Sr. Center

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 4.14.08

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

City Council Meeting 4.15.08

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 4.15.08

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Spring Swing Tennis Tournament 4.15.08- 4.20.08

Longwood Tennis Center

Little League Opening Day and 30th Annual Chicken Que 4.19.08

10:00am City Park

Tour De Georgia Finish and Festival 4.23.08

2:30pm Martha Hope Cabin

City Council Work Session 4.24.08

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Spring Chicken Festival 4.26.08

10:00am-5:00pm Roosevelt Square



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