



## A Word from Council Member Bob Hamrick

Higher gas prices and the recent shortage have the City doing business a little differently these days and the change is paying off. For the first two months of the fiscal year, which started July 1, 2008, overall, the City reduced gas consumption by 12%. City employees have been asked to defer routine activities like business license checks and fire hydrant maintenance that can be handled when gas is more readily available.

Gainesville Public Utility customers can now pay their bills and track their water usage on-line. According to our Public Utilities staff, the new way to pay is catching on. In the first month, more than 300 accounts were created and 201 payments were processed totaling more than \$10,000. Customers can help by opting for an email notification of their bill at [www.ubpayments.com](http://www.ubpayments.com).



The City of Gainesville recently opened a wellness center to help keep health care costs down among city employees. The center is located just off Queen City Parkway at Ridge Road. The clinic, operated by CareHere®, will be staffed a few days a week by a doctor and an administrator. The clinic will provide primary health care service.



And I'd like to congratulate our [Finance Department](#) for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The award was announced by the Government Finance Officers Association.

If you have any questions about any of the stories in this newsletter email [citycouncil@gainesville.org](mailto:citycouncil@gainesville.org) or call 770-535-6865.

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## Sr. Life Center Nationally Accredited

Gainesville-Hall County Community Service Center Director, [Phillippa Lewis Moss](#), announced today that National Accreditation status has been granted to the [Senior Life Center](#). The center, which has served the community since 1971, is the first Sr. Center in Georgia to receive National Accreditation. "The National Institute of Senior Centers' National Accreditation process began in February 2007. Since then, our staff and several community leaders have been working around the clock to make this happen. Accreditation is based on compliance with nine standards of senior center operations developed by the National Institute of Senior Centers," Moss said.



The Senior Life Center is open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to persons 60 years of age or older who reside in Hall County. As a wellness and nutrition site, the Senior Life Center features a cardio fitness room, weekly exercise classes, Tai Chi, blood pressure screenings, and a nutritional hot lunch... all at no cost to the participant. The Sr. Life Center is located at 430 Prior Street in Gainesville.



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## Mapping Project Nearing Completion

The Gainesville [Public Works Department](#) is nearing completion on a storm water outfall and channel mapping project required by the State municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) program. The program, which requires municipalities to map the storm sewer system, started in the summer of 2003.

The City also decided to map the channels leading to live streams in order to identify "outfalls" into state waters. The data will be used by the [Public Utilities Department](#) as part of the outfall screening program in hopes of reducing the adverse effects of storm water on water quality, thus improving the general health of water bodies. The projected completion date is October 31, 2008.

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## Leaf Pick Up Begins

Leaf and limb pick up begins October 6 in the City of Gainesville. Leaves should be placed in piles along the back of the curb and will be removed by vacuum machines. For the purpose of leaf collection Gainesville is divided into two zones.



ZONE (1) ONE: Contains all portions of the City west of a line down Thompson Bridge Road (SR60), along Green Street and south along E.E. Butler (US 129).

ZONE (2) TWO: Contains all portions of the City east and north of a line down Thompson Bridge Road (SR60), along Green Street and south along E.E. Butler (US129).

Leaf collection will alternate between the two zones:

**ZONE 1: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week of month**

**ZONE 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week of month**

For more information contact [Dorothy Moulder](#), Senior Secretary, [Public Works](#), Street Maintenance Division, 770-532-0379.



## 5th Annual Art in the Square

Fall Festival season begins in downtown Gainesville Saturday, October 4 from 10:00am-4:00pm during the 5th [Annual Art in the Square Festival](#) sponsored by Main Street Gainesville. Professional and amateur artists from the region will be displaying and selling original art work in all media.

The day will include a children's artist market, arts and crafts for kids, live music and performers. Many participating artists will donate one small painting to be displayed at Frames You-Nique through October 4 for a special art show and silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit [Challenged Child and Friends](#). Art in the Square is free and open to the public. For more information contact [Joe Burnett](#), Main Street Gainesville or [Anne Brodie Hill](#), event coordinator.

## Mule Camp Market

There's nothing like the smell and the taste of a Phoenix Society Funnel Cake to get you downtown for [Mule Camp Market](#). TV18 will be **broadcasting live** Friday, October 10 from 11:00am-1:00pm to kick off the festival. The City of Gainesville will also



be participating in the event with booths sponsored by Fire, Police, City Marshal, Community Service Center and Environmental Services. Mule Camp runs Friday through Sunday with music, arts and crafts, and lots of good food! The event is sponsored by the Gainesville Jaycees. For more information go to [www.gainesvillejaycees.org](http://www.gainesvillejaycees.org).

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## Eye on Gainesville

Blue recycling bins take center stage in the October edition of *Eye on Gainesville*. Host [Catiel Felts](#) is joined by Keep Hall Beautiful Director [Cindy Reed](#) and Gainesville Solid Waste Superintendent [Danny Owen](#). You'll find out all about [America Recycles Day](#) November 15 at the Hall County Farmers Market and how you can do your part. *Eye on Gainesville* can be seen every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm and 11:30pm on TV18. And don't miss *Good Morning Gainesville* when TV18 broadcasts from the downtown square October 15-20.

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## Calendar of Events

### **Blue Sky Concert 10.1.08**

12:00pm Gainesville Square  
Featuring: Danny Ray Cole (Celtic-Country)

### **5th Annual Art in the Square 10.4.08**

10:00am Downtown

### **City Council Work Session 10.2.08**

9:00am Henry Ward Way, suite 303

### **City Council Meeting 10.07.08**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

### **Blue Sky Concert 10.8.08**

12:00pm Gainesville Square  
Featuring: Shades of Gray from Lawrenceville

### **Friends of Gainesville Parks 10.9.08**

5:30pm Civic Center

### **City Schools Early Release 10.10.08**

### **City Schools Holiday 10.10.08 thru 10.14.08**

### **Mule Camp Market Festival 10.10.08 thru 10.12.08**

Gainesville Square

### **Second Saturday Meeting 10.11.08**

10:00am Community Service Center

### **Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 10.13.08**

5:30pm Civic Center Board Room

**Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 10.14.08**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

**Blue Sky Concert 10.15.08**

12:00pm Gainesville Square

Featuring: Red Dirt Band (Country Blues)

**City Council Work Session 10.16.08**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**Mother and Son Dance 10.21.08**

5:30pm-8:00pm Gainesville Civic Center

**Historic Preservation Commission 10.21.08**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

**Blue Sky Concert 10.22.08**

12:00pm Gainesville Square

Featuring: Riverside Drive (Nostalgic)

**Blue Sky Concert 10.29.08**

12:00pm Gainesville Square

Featuring: Jelly Roll (Country)

**Trick or Treat on the Square 10.31.08**

3:00pm-5:00pm Gainesville Square



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