



A Word from Mayor Pro-Tem Ruth Bruner

Even in the heart of winter there's plenty of work taking place across Gainesville. Demolition of the [Georgia Mountains Center](#) parking deck is more than 70% complete. We have been very pleased with the minimal impact this work has had on the downtown traffic. We are also pleased that the crushed concrete is being recycled for backfill, thus reducing the number of trucks (and associated traffic) that would be needed to both haul the concrete off and haul fill material in. We are also excited about groundbreaking ceremonies planned for March 19 for the new Public Safety Facility located just off Queen City Parkway.

Every year at this time we invite you to learn about city government through our Citizens' Government Academy. The 10 week course is designed to answer questions on how the city spends money, the future of public safety in our community and letting growth pay for growth. The 2009 session begins Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00pm. Registration forms are available at www.gainesville.org or by calling the [Public Information Office](#) at 770-531-6598. The feedback from these classes has been tremendous and the knowledge you take away is more than you can imagine.

If you have any questions about the Citizens' Government Academy or the parking deck project email citycouncil@gainesville.org or call me at 770-535-6865.



March for Meals



March for Meals takes place during March to commemorate the enactment of the law that included senior meal programs in the Older Americans Act. On March 18, Mayors from across Hall County will gather to deliver [Meals on Wheels](#) and on March 21 members of First United Methodist Church will team up to deliver Chick-Fil-A to the shut in and elderly. The Meals on Wheels program at the [Gainesville-Hall County Community Service Center](#) serves 1350 hot meals and 1050 frozen meals weekly through the generosity of hundreds of volunteers. And more help is needed! If you are

interested in becoming a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and donating as little as one hour per week, call coordinator [Milon Christman](#) at 770-503-3339.

Tax Assistance



The Center for Family Prosperity is offering free tax preparation for working families who earn less than \$45,000 per year. The Center is located at the [Gainesville-Hall County Community Service Center](#) at 430 Prior Street. For more information on what to bring to an appointment call 770-503-3330.

Golfers Wanted

The [Chattahoochee Men's Golf Association](#) is looking for new members. The group plays every Wednesday at the [Chattahoochee Golf Course](#). According to Association President, Don Wells, all interested players are welcome. "We are looking for men who want to play golf, regardless of their skill level. All ages and handicaps are invited to join," said Wells. Application forms are available online at www.chattahoocheegolf.com and at the front desk of the golf course.



The Chattahoochee Ladies Golf Association plays every Tuesday morning, April through October, at the Chattahoochee Golf Course. All interested players are welcome, regardless of handicap level. The ladies also offer a special program for new golfers who may not be ready to play competitively with the group, but who want to get more playing experience before joining the league.

To find out more, email pauboo@charter.net or call 770 531-0334.

Summer Job Fair



Summer jobs are what memories are made of and they're a great way to save for College. [Gainesville Parks and Recreation](#) will be hosting four job fairs at the Frances Meadows Aquatic and Community Center located at 1545 Community Way.

Thursday, February 26 5:00pm-6:30pm

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Thursday, April 23 5:00pm-6:30pm

Saturday, May 2 10:00am-12:00pm

Available positions include: lifeguards, water safety instructors, front desk attendants, ticket booth staff,

specialty camp director, day camp assistant, camp counselors, bus drivers and more. Wages range from \$7.25 to \$13.00 per hour. For more information call 770-533-5850.

Food Gardens

With warmer weather just around the corner, it's a good time to review the local [water restrictions](#) for Gainesville-Hall County. Updated restrictions are always posted at www.gainesville.org. If you're thinking about starting a Food Garden remember they are exempt from the water restrictions and a great way to feed your family in these tough economic times. Look for more information on Food Gardens this spring on TV18, The Government Channel.



Eye on Gainesville



The rippling effects of tough economic times are being felt like never before, but there's still plenty of optimism out there. In this edition of Eye on Gainesville, host [Catiel Felts](#) talks with some long time business owners to find out what they're doing to keep their doors open. Guests include; Shelley Davis of the [Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce](#), Mark Winters of the [Georgia Department of Labor Career Center](#), Bobby Shoemaker, Owner-Operator of [Chick- Fil- A](#) and Debbie Lawson Davis of [Lawson Air Conditioning and Plumbing, Inc.](#) Eye on Gainesville can be seen every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:30pm on TV18, the Government Channel for Gainesville-Hall County. And don't miss Good Morning Gainesville March 18-23 broadcasting from the landmark Collegiate Grill on the square.

Calendar of Events

City Council Meeting 3-3-09

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Friends of Gainesville Parks 3-5-09

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 3-9-09

5:30pm Civic Center Board Room

Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 3-10-09

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session 3-12-09

9:00am Henry Ward Way, suite 303

One Community Organization 3-14-09

9:00am-11:00am Fair Street Neighborhood Center

City Council Meeting 3-17-09

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

Citizens' Government Academy 3-17-09

6:00pm Civic Center

SPLOST Vote 3-17-09

Polls open 7am-7pm

Good Morning Gainesville Broadcast 3-18/23-09

7:00am and 9:00am on TV18

City Council Work Session 4-2-09

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

City Council Meeting 4-7-09

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center



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