



A Word from Council Member Ruth Bruner

First, let me say congratulations to the Citizens' Government Academy Class of 2007. They graduated in a ceremony May 15 at the [Chattahoochee Golf Course](#). I was really impressed by their involvement in each class and their level of commitment to Gainesville.



I am very excited about my work as Chairman of the self assessment committee for the accreditation of the [Gainesville-Hall County Sr. Center](#). The accreditation committee consists of 17 community volunteers and two staff members and will submit an application for accreditation by September. According to the U. S. Census Bureau, our elderly population will double between now and the year 2050 to an estimated 80 million seniors. Becoming an accredited agency will insure the policies, procedures, and activities we have in place today will meet the national standards and allow us to plan for the future. The accreditation will come from the National Council on Aging Inc. and its constituent group, the [National Institute of Sr. Centers](#). The announcement will be made in January.

If you have any questions about accreditation or any topics involving the City of Gainesville email citycouncil@gainesville.org or call me at 770-535-6865.



oversee the project.

Midtown Update

The City of Gainesville is expected to close on the purchase of the CSX railroad property in Midtown July 1st following a complete environmental evaluation of the area. Gainesville Interim [Planning Director, Rusty Ligon](#), said construction will begin after the closing. "Construction will include the overall clean-up of removing all the old cross ties and other debris left in the right-of-way. We will be putting in a 10-foot wide concrete pathway (greenway) throughout the property. In some instances, the greenway will follow the exact path of the railroad and in other areas it will deviate from the path of the rail tracks. We will also be installing road crossings where the greenway crosses existing streets as well as landscaping, benches, signs and trash cans," Ligon said. In addition, the City is considering adding parking for the greenway in the old CSX maintenance area.



Memorial Day Parade

Bring your lawn chairs and your American Flags for the 5th annual Memorial Day Parade on Green Street. The parade will feature veterans, local dignitaries, the Gainesville Twirlers, Chestatee High School Marching Band, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Gainesville Fire Department, and a host of performers. The fun starts at 10am. The biggest parade of the year is being organized by the American Legion under the direction of [Cheryl](#)

[Vandiver](#) and [Teresa Laird](#). For more information call 770-536-8656.

Football Fever

The Gainesville Parks and Recreation Agency is teaming up with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County to form the Gainesville Youth Football League. Under the new partnership Park and Rec will administer the Rookie Flag League for ages 6-8 as well as the Tackle League for ages 9-12 and cheerleading for all groups. The Boys and Girls Club will administer the Tackle League for ages 7-8. For more information contact [Beth Morris](#) at Gainesville Parks and Recreation or Ken Huffman at the Boys and Girls Club. Registration ends July 20 and the season begins September 4.



Win a Chevy and Help Youth Athletics in Gainesville

Tickets are on sale now for your chance to win a Chevy Tahoe! Chevrolet, a supporter of Little League Baseball across the nation, is sponsoring the raffle in the metro-Atlanta area, including Gainesville. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the [Gainesville Civic Center](#). All proceeds from the Gainesville ticket sales go to the Youth Athletic Program at Gainesville Parks and Recreation. Ticket sales end June 30 and the drawing will take place July 15. You do not have to be present to win.

Eye on Gainesville

According to a study by the United States Army, one in eight soldiers returning from war in Iraq suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In the June edition of Eye on Gainesville [Catiel Felts](#) talks with [Dr. Bill Carr](#), the newest member of the counseling and psychotherapy services division of the Community Service Center, about special services being offered to veterans and their families. Dr. Carr is a former Army Chaplain and a Veteran of Vietnam and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Eye on Gainesville can be seen every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:30pm on TV 18, The Government Channel for Gainesville-Hall County.



And be sure to tune in to TV18 for Good Morning Gainesville June 20-25. Host Catiel Felts will be broadcasting from the Gainesville Square.

Calendar of Events

City Council Work Session 5.24.07

9:00 am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Blue Sky Concert Sponsored by Main Street Gainesville 5.30.07

Featured Artist - Jazzcronic

12:00 pm Downtown Square

City Council Meeting 6.05.07

5:30 pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session 6.07.07

9:00 am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Friends of Gainesville Parks and Greenways 6.07.07

5:30 pm Gainesville Civic Center

Citizens Involvement Advisory Roundtable 6.09.07

10:00 am Community Service Center

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 6.11.07

5:30 pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 6.12.07

5:30 pm Georgia Mountains Center

Ga. Games Tennis Tournament 6.12/17.07

Longwood Park

Children's Theatre Workshop 6.13.07

Now Showing: Frog and Toad

10:00am and 7:00pm

GHS Warehouse

Tickets: 770-531-2680

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City Council Work Session 6.14.07

9:00 am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

City Council Meeting 6.19.07

9:00 am Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session 6.21.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

City Council Work Session 6.28.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303



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