

City of Gainesville E-Newsletter

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A Word from Council Member Ruth Bruner

As a Council we are very concerned about the current water shortage and what we can do to help. The first word that comes to my mind is conservation. Believe it or not, even the small changes we make at home add up. For a list of ways you can conserve go to conservewatergeorgia.net.

Earlier this week, the City established a special email address and phone number to deal with an extremely high volume of calls from concerned citizens. Please report violations at waterviolators@gainesville.org or call 770-533-5871. On November 6 citizens in Ward 5 are being asked to vote in the Gainesville City School Board Election. Having served on the School Board for nine years, I know what a privilege it is to help guide the future of education for our children. Even though there is only one contested race your vote is very important. If you have any questions about elections or voting please contact City Clerk [Denise Jordan](mailto:Denise.Jordan@cityofgainesville.org) at 770-535-6862.



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



Coming Soon ... Additional Parking

The City of Gainesville recently closed on the purchase of the Greater South property located at 320 Maple Street. Current plans are for the building to be demolished and the site to be utilized for a parking lot similar to the one at the corner of Main Street and Jesse Jewell. The area will provide patrons of the [Georgia Mountains Center](http://www.gamc.org), as well

as our downtown merchants, an alternate parking source while the Mountains Center deck is being rebuilt. The City plans to begin working on the property in early spring.

Tax Bills

More than 12,000 tax bills have been mailed to



Gainesville property owners. The bills are due December 20, 2007. Each year, the City's tax office answers questions like the ones below.



Why didn't I get the exemption I signed up for?

If you do not get an exemption you applied for, you need to contact the [Hall County Assessors Office](#). We get our information from them and they have to approve all exemptions. The Hall County Assessors Office number is 770-531-6720.

Why didn't you send the bill to the mortgage company?

Some mortgage companies ask for and receive tax bill information from the City, but not all. We bill the property owner and it is their responsibility to forward the bill to their mortgage company.

If you have a question about your tax bill please call the [City Tax Office](#) at 770-535-5639.



Trick or Treat on the Square

Where can you find a thousand pounds of candy? Answer: 11th annual Trick or Treat on the Square Wednesday, October 31 from 3:00-5:00pm. The event is sponsored each year by [Main Street Gainesville](#) and 40 downtown businesses. This year will be even larger with a moonwalk, train ride, face painting, and other games sponsored by Family First Magazine. Look for Captain Conservation with his candy bag on Main Street!

Scarecrow on the Square

Downtown Gainesville takes on a whole new look this month for the 6th annual Scarecrow on the Square contest. The scarecrows are sponsored by local businesses, non-profits, schools, scout groups and individuals as a fundraiser for INK ([Interactive Neighborhood for Kids](#).) They will be on display through November 1. Be sure to look for the City's Water Scarecrow and his conservation tips!



Eye on Gainesville

The water crisis has everyone wondering if and when it's okay to water. Host Catiel Felts talks with Gainesville Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall and staff members Tina Wetherford and Brian Wiley about the Drought Response Level 4 implemented September 28 for our region. 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.

Be sure to tune in to TV18 for Good Morning Gainesville November 20-26 at 7:00am and 9:00am as Catiel broadcasts live from Home Sweet Georgia just in time for the holiday season. Special

guests include Cinderella and Prince Charming who will be appearing in Cinderella at The Warehouse December 11-13.

Calendar of Events

Trick or Treat on the Square 10.31.07

3:00pm-5:00pm

City Council Work Session 11.01.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

City Council Meeting 11.06.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

City Council Work Session 11.08.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Citizen's Involvement Advisory Roundtable 11.10.07

10:00am Community Service Center

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 11.12.07

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 11.13.07

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Gainesville Non-Profit Housing 11.14.07

4:30pm Carol Lunday Center

City Council Work Session 11.15.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Upstairs-Downtown Holiday Open House 11.15.07

5:00pm Register at Main Street Market

Community Council on Aging 11.19.07

12:30-1:30pm Carol Lunday Center

City Council Meeting 11.20.07

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

Thanksgiving Holidays 11.21-23.07

City Schools closed

Thanksgiving Holidays 11.22-23.07

City offices closed

Downtown by Candlelight 11.29.07

5:30pm Gainesville Square

City Council Work Session 11.29.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Happy 186th Birthday Gainesville 11.30.07



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