

# City of Gainesville E-Newsletter

11.27.07



## A Word from Council Member Danny Dunagan

Since I last wrote to you in August we have had 7.57 inches of rain in Gainesville. We are acutely aware of the seriousness of this drought. If you were ever going to do your part to conserve water, the time is now. Some of the measures seem small, but go a long way. Check the City's website for an update on our Frequently Asked Questions concerning the use of water.

Now, for the good news. The City recently made several announcements concerning personnel. [Rusty Ligon](#) was promoted to Planning Director after serving in an interim position for seven months. [Tim Collins](#), Construction Administrative Services Division Manager for Gainesville, was named Assistant Public Utilities Director. And Gainesville Fire Captain [Jon Canada](#) was named Interim Fire Chief. Each of these men have proven themselves to be dedicated servants of our City government. Please feel free to call on them at any time.



I hope you'll share this newsletter with your family and friends and if you have any questions about city services please call me at 770-535-6865 or email [citycouncil@gainesville.org](mailto:citycouncil@gainesville.org).



## Drought Management Forum TONIGHT

The [Gainesville Public Utilities Department](#) will be participating in a Drought Management Forum tonight, November 27. The public information meeting is being sponsored by [Keep Hall Beautiful](#), [Elachee Nature Science Center](#) and the [Hall County Cooperative Extension Service](#). A panel of speakers from the [Environmental Protection Division](#), [U. S. Army Corps of Engineers](#), [U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#), [Gainesville Public Utilities](#), [Hall County Public Works](#) and [Gainesville State College](#) will be on hand to discuss the current status of the drought and what you can do to conserve and protect our water. The meeting will run from 7:00pm -9:00pm at the Georgia Mountains Center, Meeting Rooms A, B,

and C. For more information call [Marsha Fletcher](#), Executive Director, Keep Hall Beautiful, 770-531-1102.

## Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Fires occurring during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause over \$930 million in damage every year. The [United States Fire Administration](#) offers some simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday.



**Trees** — If you purchase a live Christmas Tree make sure the tree is green and hard to pull back from the branches. Water the tree daily and keep it away from a fireplace or heat vent.

**Lights** — Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.

**Holiday Decorations** — Use Only Nonflammable Decorations and never put wrapping paper in a fireplace. If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

For more information on holiday safety tips or fire prevention call the [Gainesville Fire Marshal](#) at 770-534-3612. And don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke alarm.



## Mayors' Motorcade

The City of Gainesville will be doing its part to make the holiday season special for patients of Georgia's behavioral health hospitals. Gifts are currently being collected for the 49th annual Mayors' Motorcade sponsored by the [Georgia Municipal Association](#). Donated items will be delivered to residents at [Northwest Regional Hospital](#) in Rome on December 7. Gifts are needed for all ages, but mostly adults. A complete list of items can be found at [www.gainesville.org](http://www.gainesville.org). For more information on how groups can participate call [Carol LaMonica](#) at the [Community Service Center](#) at 770-503-3330. You can also drop off unwrapped gifts by December 4th at the following locations:

**Gainesville-Hall County Community Service Center** – 430 Prior Street S.E.

**Fire Station 1** – 118 Jesse Jewell Parkway

**Fire Station 2** – 310 Piedmont Road

**Fire Station 3** – 3335 Nancy Creek Road

**Fire Station 4** – 2163 Memorial Park Road

## Camp Holiday-A-Lotta and Camp Cold-A-Lotta

What better way to spend Christmas break than having Breakfast with Santa at Lake Lanier Islands or riding the world famous Pink Pig? These are just two of the field trips campers will get to participate in December



21-28 during Camp Holiday-A-Lotta. Camp Cold-A-Lotta will be held January 2-7 featuring ice skating at Centennial Olympic Park, the Jump Zone, bowling, and a holiday movie. Each camp is \$134. All trips leave from the Martha Hope Campfire Cabin. For more information, call [Andi Harmon](#) at [Gainesville Parks and Recreation](#), 770-531-2682.



### Eye on Gainesville

Don't miss the December edition of Eye on Gainesville, Host Catiel Felts will revisit the stories that made news in 2007. And be sure to watch the Good Morning Gainesville Christmas Special from Luna's featuring the sounds of Pianist Steve Jade and several guests who only appear in December. Good Morning Gainesville can be seen December 19-24 at 7am and 9am on TV 18, the Government Channel for Gainesville-Hall County.

## Calendar of Events

### City Council Work Session 11.29.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

### Downtown by Candlelight 11-29-07

5:30pm Gainesville Square

### Great Candy Cane Hunt 12.01.07

10:30am and 2:00pm Martha Hope Cabin  
Pre-registration required

### City Council Work Session 12.06.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

### Downtown by Candlelight 12.06.07

5:30pm Gainesville Square

### Citizen's Involvement Advisory Roundtable 12.08.07

10:00am Community Service Center

### Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 12.10.07

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

### City Council Work Session 12.13.07

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**Downtown by Candlelight 12.13.07**

5:30pm Gainesville Square

**City Council Meeting 12.18.07**

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

**City Council Work Session 12.20.07**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**Downtown By Candlelight 12.20.07**

5:30pm Gainesville Square

**Christmas Holidays 12.24/25.07**

City Offices Closed

**City Council Work Session 12.27.07**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303



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