



A Word from Council Member George Wangemann

As we approach the Labor Day Holiday I want to thank the thousands of people who work to make Gainesville the special city that it is: teachers, bankers, garbage men, police officers, firefighters, doctors and small business owners. I salute you.

I would like to encourage business owners to sign up for the annual Business Police Academy sponsored by the [Gainesville Police Department](#). The 11 week course begins September 9. Classes are held each Tuesday from 7pm-9pm. The course is open to business owners, managers and employees and will include instruction on shoplifting prevention, D.U.I., identity theft and self defense tactics. For more information contact Crime Prevention Officer [Joe Britte](#).



I'd also like to invite you to take part in the 20th annual [Shore Sweep](#) September 27 from 8:00am-1:00pm on Lake Lanier. Volunteers will be able to pick up trash bags at participating marinas and parks and return filled bags to designated dumpsters. In return for a full bag of trash, volunteers will receive a T-shirt or a scouting patch. Volunteers are also invited to a volunteer appreciation party beginning at 1 pm at Lanier Park on Buford Dam Road.

If you have any questions about the Business Police Academy or Shore Sweep email citycouncil@gainesville.org or call me at 770-535-6865.

Watershed Improvement Plan Meeting Tonight



The ultimate plan for watershed improvements for [Gainesville](#) and [Hall County](#) governments will be presented at a public meeting tonight at 6:30pm at the Gainesville Civic Center. Based on input from the public, and on the potential benefits from various watershed improvement alternatives, Gainesville and Hall County will finalize the plan for watershed improvement in Flat Creek. The plan was designed to comply with requirements from the Metropolitan

North Georgia Water Planning District. As part of this project, activities have been conducted to describe the current conditions in the Flat Creek Watershed, identify priority areas for potential watershed improvement projects, develop conceptual designs for high priority areas, and discuss implementation considerations such as feasibility, funding, and timing. For more information, contact [David Dockery](#) at 770-535-6882.

Rain Barrel Workshop

If you've been thinking about attending the rain barrel workshop all year it's time to just do it. A rain barrel is an excellent way to combat another long dry summer. The next rain barrel workshop will be held Thursday, September 4 at Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility located at 2641 Old Flowery Branch Road. The class runs from 6:30pm-8:00pm and costs \$25. All attendees will receive a white, 35 gallon rain barrel. The registration deadline is Friday, August 29.

For more information contact [Scarlett Fuller](#), Gainesville Public Utilities or [Billy Skaggs](#), Hall County Extension Service.



What Kind of Marriage Do You Want to Have?



It's not too late to register to be part of the Healthy Marriage Initiative in Gainesville and surrounding cities. The marriage coaching classes are funded by the State of Georgia and offered through the Gainesville-Hall County Community Service Center free of charge. Classes include one-on-one coaching Monday-Friday and group

coaching sessions on Saturday. In 2006, 1119 couples were married in Hall County and 872 filed for divorce. Couples who participate in at least six hours of premarital instruction will receive a discount on their marriage license. The program ends September 30. For more information call the Community Service Center at 770-503-3330 or email [Jenise A. Proctor](#), Coordinator of Family Services.

Splish Splash Year Round

What better way to relax on Labor Day Weekend than to spend an afternoon or an evening at the [Frances Meadows Aquatic and Community Center](#)? The grand opening celebration lasts three days.

Saturday, August 30 – 10am-9pm
Sunday, August 31, 12pm-9pm
Labor Day, 10am-7pm

General admission is \$4 with a free



children's admission with each paid adult admission on August 30 only. The center includes body slides, spray pool and spray jets, party rooms, 4400 square feet of meeting space, a 4-lane indoor instructional pool and a 10-lane indoor competition pool. The center will be officially dedicated Wednesday, September 17. For more information call 770-533-5850.



Eye on Gainesville

According to the newly released 2007-2008 annual report the Gainesville-Hall County Economic Development Council reported their best single year investment in the history of the council. In this edition of Eye on Gainesville host [Catiel Felts](#) talks with [Tim Evans](#) of the [Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce](#) about economic development efforts in Gainesville-Hall County. 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 be sure to tune in to TV18 for Good Morning Gainesville September 17-22. Host Catiel Felts will be broadcasting from the Gainesville Square.

Calendar of Events

City Council Work Session 8.28.08

9:00am Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

City Offices Closed 9.1.08

Labor Day

City Council Meeting 9.2.08

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Friends of Gainesville Parks 9.4.08

5:30pm Civic Center

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 9.8.08

5:30pm Civic Center Board Room

Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 9.9.08

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Gainesville Non-Profit Development Board Meeting 9.10.08

4:30pm Carol Lunday Center

City Council Work Session 9.11.08

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

Second Saturday Meeting 9.13.08

10:00am Community Service Center

City Council Meeting 9.16.08

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

City Schools Early Release 9.19.08

Women and Children Expo 9.24.08

10:00am Civic Center

Shore Sweep 9.27.08

8:00am-1:00pm Lake Lanier Marinas



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