



A Word from the Mayor

There's nothing like a New Year to help everyone start off on the right foot. I am very excited about my second year (in my second term) as Mayor. There were so many wonderful accomplishments in 2008. You can read about them in my [State of the City](#) address posted on the City website. I am also happy to share the announcement of the City Council's January 6 appointment of [Kip Padgett](#) as City Manager. Kip has been involved in City government most of his career and has proven to us he is an able and capable leader of our City. Please extend your congratulations to him when you see him.

2009 promises to be another successful year for our community. We will deal with the challenges of tough economic times and continue to practice sound fiscal responsibility. Please know that we are always looking for ways to maintain our City of Excellence designation.

Find out more about what's happening in our community by joining me this Saturday, January 10 for our 'One Community Organization' meeting (formerly known as the Citizens Involvement Advisory Roundtable) from 9:00am-11:00am at the [Fair Street Neighborhood Center](#). Hall County Commissioner [Ashley D. Bell](#), and School Board Members [Kelvin Simmons](#) and [Willie Mitchell](#) will be joining me to host the meetings this year. If you would like to talk with me please call 770-535-6865 or e-mail citycouncil@gainesville.org.



Demolition Begins on the GMC Deck

Demolition will begin Monday, January 19 on the [Georgia Mountains Center](#) Parking Deck. The deck will close Thursday, January 15 at 6:00pm. All cars must be removed by this time. The existing deck will be completely removed and replaced with a four-story, 419 space deck. [Optum](#)

[Construction Group, Inc.](#) will serve as the project contractor. The project is expected to take six months. The Georgia Mountains Center will remain open during construction and [alternate parking](#) will be available at the Hall County Parking Deck, the Main Street lot, and the new parking lot at the corner of Jesse Jewell and Maple.

We Want You!

The Gainesville City Council is always looking for citizens who want to become involved in City government. If you live in the City of Gainesville and would like to serve on a City board or committee email City Clerk [Denise Jordan](#). Examples of boards and committees include; Airport Advisory Board, Planning and Appeals Board, Cemetery Committee, Parks and Recreation Agency, and the Historic Preservation Committee.



Christmas Flower Removal

The staff of [Alta Vista Cemetery](#) will begin removing Christmas flowers Sunday, February 1. Please pick up your flowers before then and remind your friends to do the same. Alta Vista is a perpetual care cemetery that has been in continuous operation for over 140 years. If you would like more information on Alta Vista or the new Mausoleum contact Cemetery Superintendent [Vince Evans](#).

Little League Sign Up Begins

Wouldn't it be great to be a Georgia Little League Champion in 2009? The 10 and 11 year olds did it in 2008 and you could be part of their winning team in 2009. Friday, February 20 is the registration deadline for [Gainesville Parks and Recreation's](#) Little League Baseball and Softball programs. New players must attend spring training camps in February and March. Opening Day is scheduled Saturday, April 18 at 10:00am at City Park. Save time, [register online](#).



If you're interested in coaching, plan to attend the Youth Baseball Coaches meeting Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00pm at the Civic Center or call 770-531-2680. All volunteer coaches are certified by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association and have passed background checks.



Eye on Gainesville

The January edition of *Eye on Gainesville* features the Gainesville City Council and their plans for the New Year. *Eye on Gainesville* can be seen every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm and 11:30pm on TV18. And don't miss *Good Morning Gainesville* when TV18 broadcasts from Interactive Neighborhood for Kids January 21-26. You'll find out all about the latest, greatest things for kids to do in Gainesville and more about the business of the City.

Calendar of Events

Friends of Gainesville Parks 1-8-09

5:30pm Civic Center

One Community Organization 1-10-09

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

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 1-12-09

5:30pm Civic Center Board Room

Children's Musical Theatre Workshop Auditions 1-12-09

4:00pm-6:00pm Ages 8-12 (Seussical Jr.) Gainesville Civic Center

Auditions for Summer Community Theatre 1-12-09

6:00pm-9:00pm Ages 16 and older (Annie Warbucks) Gainesville Civic Center

Callbacks for Children's Workshop 1-13-09

4:00pm-5:30pm

Callbacks for Summer Community Theatre 1-13-09

6:00pm-8:00pm

Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 1-13-09

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation Inc. 1-14-09

4:30pm Carol Lunday Center

City Council Work Session 1-15-09

9:00am Henry Ward Way, suite 303

City Schools Early Release 1-16-09

City Offices Closed 1-19-09

MLK Holiday

City Council Meeting 1-20-09

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

Good Morning Gainesville Broadcast 1-21-09

7:00am and 9:00am on TV18

17th Annual Bridal Expo 1-27-09

1:00pm-4:00pm Gainesville Civic Center

City Council Work Session 1-29-09

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

City Council Meeting 2-3-09

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

Daddy-Daughter Dance (Pre-Registration ends) 2-13-09

February 17, 19, 20

Register online at www.gainesville.org/recreation



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